

Prairieland Talk

Not Spying, Just Nostalgia

Retired, Former Editor, The Frontier

LINCOLN—During a recent visit to O'Neill Prairieland Talker was indebted to M. H. Horiskey for the pleasure of a visit to the scene of air force operations. Entrance to the grounds flaunts a warning to keep out but two guys who had been homestead kids out that way disregarded the "no admittance" sign and Mike drove in.

A pleasant guy in a pickup came to meet us and when he saw that we were neither red spies nor potential brigands we were not placed under arrest and after at least silently wishing heaven's blessing and that no further tragedy would overtake the undertaking, we drove to another section of the J. B. Ryan estate, crawled through a four-wire fence and set foot once more upon the spot made sacred to memory where my father and mother in the long ago braved the vicissitudes of frontier life and established their home.



Romaine Saunders

Two mulberry trees planted by my father's hand are all that remain as a monument to the dreams of a courageous soul.

A long and somewhat tiresome bus ride returning from O'Neill last week was brightened by the unanticipated glow when Miss Helen Hagensick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hagensick, boarded the bus and became a fellow passenger to the end of the journey, after two bus changes and one-half hour in the hot sun by the side of the highway while the bus driver summoned help and replaced a wheel that had gone flat. Miss Hagensick was returning to Lincoln after a week spent with her parents. She is engaged in the important work of teaching and will teach this year in the commercial department of Lincoln high. She and her brother, Elmer, who is taking dentistry at the university, have taken summer school work and maintain an apartment on North Thirtieth street. In addition to Miss Hagensick's work in the high school, she teaches classes two nights a week at the university. She is one of a group of teachers who leave Sunday for Chicago, Ill., where they will be guests at the Northwestern university at a teachers' lecture period. Another charming lady, a native of O'Neill who has met life's problems in the same spirit that actuated the patriots that put O'Neill on the map.

A funeral director—believe that's what the last legislature determined they should be known as—says their firm is being called upon from time to time to bury one of the foreigners accounted for as a "displaced person" and who accounted for as a "displaced person" and who had died. Friends and relatives of the dead from the same European country make an affair of the funeral, all join in singing at the grave, go through with certain rites and insist on filling the grave after the casket is lowered. They take pictures of the American way of burying the dead.

Think you know something about raising a head of cabbage, a red ripe tomato or an ear of Stowell's Evergreen? Go to Bob Schulz's back yard on Everett street between Fourth and Fifth and take a look. I did that in company with a friend while in O'Neill recently and the look was prolonged to an admiring inspection of what must be the nearest approach to mankind's first garden of which we read in Holy Writ. Mr. Schulz explains to visitors that he prepares the ground for planting by spading that somewhat extensive back yard and supplying fertilizer, when the planting is done apparently on geometrical design. There is about everything but watermelons in the garden but Mr. Schulz explains the absence of these on the basis of his kindly consideration of the youth of the community, not wanting to encourage the practice of raids on melon patches. He learned the art of garden raising in Florida and says the soil in O'Neill is especially adapted for the growth of vegetables. And the back yard at the Schulz home produces in a season fresh garden products to the value of \$600.

Editorial

Ord Globe-Trotter Sums It Up

(Editor's note: The following editorial was written by Publisher James M. Cornwell of the Stanton Register and was published last week. The article concerns the observations of E. L. Vogelanz, prominent Ord attorney, who recently returned from an extensive tour of Europe. While The Frontier does not fully agree with some of the sweeping generalities and indictments, we have considerable respect for Mr. Vogelanz's observations and for that reason we are reprinting the Register article.)

The Marshall plan may have been timely and beneficial at its beginning. But it has outgrown its usefulness without accomplishing its purpose! That's the opinion of our father-in-law, E. L. Vogelanz of Ord. He returned last week from a two-month tour of Europe. An observant man who visits a great deal with natives of the area he is in, we believe he has straight dope.

Germany, particularly, incurred Mr. Vogelanz's wrath. He insists there is no sign of poverty, starvation or degradation—no appearance of war's desolation, left there. Further—and this is an important point, he says: "Communism could never take over Germany." He means, of course, the reds could control German actions, but never German opinions. The overall reaction after visiting England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France was simply this: "We have bought nothing with our billions spent in Europe. We may have helped those nations to rebuild after their war damages, but we do not have their friendship or their respect."

A military leader whose name will not be used for obvious reasons, told Mr. Vogelanz that Germany would be back to its former stature within 15 years—and ready, as ever, to invade the world in another war!

There is "tremendous building activity" in Germany. Mr. Vogelanz believes it overdoes any boom-area in this nation. He is an extensive traveler hence his opinion is no groundless one. This building is being done with money from our nation. Our military bases in Germany are luxurious beyond anything in World War II. Officer's clubs which rival mansions are not the exception but the rule.

Germany has not changed, he believes. It was yesterday and is today a nation devoted entirely to Germany, with prevalent "to hell with the world" feeling.

Belgium, Mr. Vogelanz believes, has made the major recovery from World War II. Its people have gained maximum benefit from their aid-money. Its government, somewhat labor minded, has encouraged and financed building. The nation is in good financial condition and could exist without further help.

Italy, he fears, is virtually lost to the communist cause. That nation has a deep and undy-

Prairieland Talker is a native American born of native Americans who pioneered a spot on Nebraska prairies that had known only the hoof-beat of buffalo and antelope and the foot-print of beaded moccasin. With this background there is cause for resentment over the outbursts of any endeavoring to belittle the work of the senate committee dealing with disloyal citizens.

Nothing those brought before the committee after investigation by the FBI might say would be so convincing of connection with the red scourge as the insulting, arrogant attitude of some of the committee has to deal with. A simple denial of any sympathy for the communist movement with courteous consideration of the work of the committee is accepted as sufficient to establish loyalty of the one questioned to American institutions while those who refuse to answer questions as to connection with the communists, defy federal authority and sneer over the processes of our government, leave the witness stand under a shadow of suspicion, go about their affairs enjoying the blessings vouchsafed in a free country they scheme to destroy.

And the critics of Senator McCarthy's activities to hunt down disloyal citizens place themselves under a shadow of suspicion.

Knowing little or nothing of the farm price support program, I see where farm representatives of New England are for cutting the support props. I come in contact with a few farmers. They are fat if not sassy. Drive the latest makes of cars, live in style, live in modern homes lighted by electricity and heated by oil heating plants, buy not milk a cow but buy butter and milk, buy more land, complain about high taxes, have tractors and all the modern machines. And I recall, too, before the era of youth movements, panel discussions, dog shows and government price supports and men had whiskers, if a patriot had a hundred dollar span of horses and a 15-dollar breaking plow he was a farmer. And somehow those fellows made a go of it, sent no delegations to the statehouse or on to Washington. Of course it's nice to know that when you raise a pumpkin Uncle Sam is on hand with the "price support," but those who have known what life was like when prices were determined by supply and demand also know there is very little difference on the score of human happiness from one generation to another.

During the war that subdued Japan there were 1,000 officers and 10,000 SPARS serving in the woman's branch of the coast guard. Today there is said to be only 31 in this organization, 24 of these being in Washington, D.C. The Korean war cost the United States 20 billions of dollars to say nothing of lives lost. Late figures place the dead caused by highway crackups at 58,000 and injured 1,500,000.

hot and dry—maybe Texas democrats attribute it to the state going republican last election. A party of four United States soldiers has penetrated into hitherto unexplored regions of Siberia, and to cheer them on the way one guy was accompanied by his wife. The editors of northeast Nebraska met in Neligh and robbed the hen-roosts, getting away with 35 chickens. No arrests.

Washington, D.C., newspapers had half-column stories of the air force helicopter crash near O'Neill that killed the German scientist, Dr. Guenter Loeser, and five others. Many undertakings that have marked the beginning of scientific discovery have been clouded with tragedy. The Washington newspaper account has it that the 14-year-old son of Doctor Loeser was at the testing grounds when his father was killed. The Frontier had the full gruesome details and pictures.

While enjoying the hospitality in the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leidy as their guest for supper, I learned that they are planning to leave soon for northwest Arkansas with the view of possibly locating there. Mr. Leidy has until about six months ago been one of the progressive businessmen of O'Neill and the many friends of the family will regret to see them permanently leave.

ing hatred of the United States. Its people have proclaimed Mussolini a national hero whose only mistake was entering World War II. Despite billions of American dollars for aid-purposes, the people distrust Americans and dislike those things which reflect American aid.

France, peopled by a "lazy, dishonest, tricky" race, is interested only in grabbing every possible dollar from the United States whether it comes through Marshall plan aid or the tourist pocket. The French, a spineless people, would bow to communism tomorrow as quickly as they bowed to nazism in 1939, he feels, despite our billions spent to halt the onward march of the communists.

England, a downtrodden third-rate power burdened by heavy taxation and a sad experience with socialistic government, is not an ally of power in Europe. The British are "soured on the world," unhappy with their lot and envious of American prestige.

All in all, Mr. Vogelanz believes this nation has poured its money into Europe in an effort to be a "big brother" to those countries and has failed miserably. We are generally disliked except by those who have become rich from Marshall plan money. We have not sold democracy. We have not, in fact, gotten anywhere near the results we might have expected from our tremendous investment. As a result, the defeat of communism in Europe is no nearer today than it was in 1945.

What a sad commentary on the situation we've sought to alleviate at the expense of sending abroad the dollars we might have used to improve our own nation. We certainly have not proved our own nation. We certainly have not averted another war—we've only postponed it playing it would seem, into the very scheme of communist aggression.

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When You and I Were Young . . .

Tierney, LaRue

New Blacksmiths

Unemployed Census

Being Taken

50 Years Ago

A new blacksmith's shop has been opened across the street from Mellor & Quilty's livery barn by Ed Tierney and George LaRue. A new Densmore typewriter has been installed at the office of the county clerk. The result of the convention between the democrats and populists is as follows: D. J. Cronin, treasurer; L. A. Jilson of Atkinson, clerk; John A. Harmon, clerk court; Will Purdy of Inman, sheriff; R. E. Slaymaker of Stuart, superintendent; W. B. Cooper of Chambers, assessor; Dr. B. T. Trumblood, coroner, and M. F. Norton, surveyor. The republican ticket named from the convention is as follows: E. S. Gilmour, clerk; John Skirving, clerk court; C. E. Hall, sheriff; C. J. Maloney of Inman, superintendent; W. F. Clevis of Rock Falls, judge; Tyler Scriven of Chambers, assessor; Dr. W. J. Douglas of Atkinson, coroner, and R. E. Boudin of Aget, surveyor. Mrs. J. L. Mack went to Inman to visit her son, E. J. Mack, and family. Ed Smith returned from a three months stay at Bloomfield. Pete Donohoe started to the South Omaha market with a car of fat cattle. E. L. Fuller of Meek and Beulah Will of Superior obtained a marriage license from Judge Morgan and were married by Reverend Fetzer at the Methodist church. Street Commissioner Martin has been making changes for the better in the drainage pipes at some of the crossings.

20 Years Ago

Sheriff Pete Duffy is holding a salesman, Ray Freeson, in the county jail for obtaining money under false pretenses. He is also wanted at McCook and Culbertson. The U.S. department of labor has requested a census be made in Holt county of the unemployed. Anyone out of employment is to register with one of the following: John C. Gallagher of O'Neill, N. F. Crowell of Stuart, T. F. Campbell of Atkinson, D. W. Gemill of Ewing, W. A. Smith of Chambers. George Fox and William Beha made a trade by which Fox becomes owner of the Beha hotel and Beha becomes owner of the Fox farm southeast of here. Charles Rudy and Mary Clausen attended the rodeo at Burwell. Archie Bowen returned from a 10-day visit to the Chicago exposition. Carl Lorenz and Fred Lorenz, sr., started haying. Dr. H. L. Benner and Enard Leach, having returned from a trip to South Dakota, told of the drought conditions and grasshoppers that had bared the fields.

10 Years Ago

The 1943 legislature passed a law permitting women jurors in Nebraska. Kathleen Flood submitted to a tonsilectomy on August 17. The allies have captured Sicily. Fred Halva passed the examinations for the entrance in aviation cadet school. Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Ickes, sr., of Page became the parents of a son on August 16. Miss Della Bartos submitted to a tonsilectomy on August 18 at Orchard. Marvin Johnson returned to his duties at the Gamble store after a week's vacation. Miss Donna Gallagher entertained at a slumber party in honor of Misses Alvera Ramm and Mary Jewel Walker, both of Stuart. Miss Nadine McNally of Schuyler spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson.

One Year Ago

The members of the Chambers high school class of 1932 held a reunion in the Methodist church basement on August 14. Mr. and Mrs. Don Lyons and family spent a week's vacation at Elbow Lake, Minn. Mrs. H. J. Lohaus and Mrs. C. J. Gatz were hostesses at a mother-daughter luncheon at the M&M cafe. Miss Joann Burgess left for Denver, Colo., where she will teach school. Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Langan vacationed at the Black Hills, S.D.

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Sergeant Batenhorst builds vital access road.

'Copter Tragedy in German Press

(Editor's note: A Monow soldier, Pfc. Dwayne Pikelapp, a cook with the Seventh armored division stationed near Munich, Germany, lifted a clipping from a Munich newspaper which told of the July 30 air force helicopter crash near here in which Dr. Guenter Loeser, ranking German scientist, and five air force people were killed. He sent the clipping to his sisters, Mrs. Phyllis Rowles of Bristow and Miss Elsie Pikelapp of Bristow. He noted it was the only U.S. dispatch in the Munich paper that day. The diacritical markings customarily used in the German language necessarily are omitted here.)

In America Vecunglückt V2-SPECIALIST GETOTET

Bekanntester deutscher Techniker O'Neill (Nebraska), 1. Aug. (up)

Unter den sechs Opfern eines Hubschrauberunglücks, das sich am Donnerstag bei O'Neill in Nebraska ereignete, befindet sich der deutsche Techniker Dr. Gunter Loser. Loser ist einer der Wissenschaftler, die an der Entwicklung der V-2 gearbeitet hatten.

Er kam nach dem Kriege nach den Vereinigten Staaten und arbeitete dort bei Forschungsarbeiten der amerikanischen Luftstreitkräfte. In Deutschland galt er als ein bedeutender Wetzersachverständiger. In Leipzig hatte er Windkanalversuche angestellt. Während des zweiten Weltkrieges war er auch zeitweise in der Versuchsabteilung der Munitionswerke von Krupp tätig. Das Unglück ereignete sich, als sich ein Flügel der Tragschraube des Hubschraubers löste und mit unüblicher Wucht gegen den Rumpf des Flugzeuges geschleudert wurde. Hierbei wurde die Maschine in zwei Teile zerschnitten und stürzte ab.

70 Attend Golf Breakfast at Club

Seventy persons attended the Sunday morning golf breakfast at the Country club in which the men entertained the women. Nineteen couples competed in golf with Miss Mary Faulhaber and J. L. McCarville, jr., winning couple's tourney honors. Second place laurels went to Mrs. William Artus and M. J. Golden. Veteran golfers report the Country club fairways in best condition ever for this season of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Dawes and family of Osceola came Monday to spend several days here visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dawes, and family.



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