

PrairieLand Talk

\$5-Millions to Be Dumped

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN — Five million of government dough for a new postoffice for Lincoln. To the patriots who have survived the homestead shanty days the present federal building occupying a half-block on North Tenth street seems wholly adequate to the needs of the postal service and other federal functions therein having their headquarters.



Romain Saunders

If congress has five million to drop in the lap of our capital city there are citizens who are inadequately housed and some with no home who can call their own for whom cottages might be built rather than laying tile floors, erecting ornate walls and furnishing soft plush quarters for public officials who are now amply provided a spot to perform government service.

It was on August 11, 1904, Ed Whelan, O'Neill superintendent and later an aggressive lawyer, received a wire from Lincoln that he had been nominated as candidate for attorney general by the democratic convention and the nomination endorsed by the populist convention. . . Rev. M. F. Cassidy, pastor of St. Patrick's parish and active in his church work in other communities, reported that summer that sufficient funds had been raised for the building of a church in Clearwater. . . The marriage of Grant Smith to Grace Emma Noll was solemnized at Grinnell, Ia., August 11 that year. Mr. Smith was station agent for the Great Northern (now the Burlington) in O'Neill. . . September 13 that year was a busy day in Judge Morgan's court-room performing official duties thrust upon the court by Dan Cupid. That little rascal brought in five couples that day, four from Brunswick, and Robert Roy of O'Neill became the husband of Miss Minnie Pierce of Amelia.

That night they slew him on his father's throne. The deed unnoticed and the hand unknown: Crownless and scerpertless Belshazzar lay, A robe of purple round a form of clay.

Sir Edwin Arnold put into verse the story of the last of the Babylonian monarchs. Potentates marching down the centuries haven't fared too well. Alexander died at the age of 33. Jezebel was eaten by dogs. Herod by worms. Caesar was assassinated. Brutus killed himself. Napoleon died in exile. Kaiser Bill took to his heels. Hitler was cremated. Mussolini was beaten to death, two American presidents were murdered and it is suspected Stalin met a like end. Stick to it out on prairieland; your name will not adorn the pages of history but you will live to see your children and your children's children.

Could father, could mother, could anyone in whose soul throbbled a single human impulse have been so pitiless as to abandon that little boy to become bait for the fish? Unbelievable savagery.

Too bad it could not have been in the days of John Harmon. But no doubt some survive in O'Neill who thrill over the story that the Irish Free State will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Robert Emmet by issuing postage stamps bearing the likeness of the great Irish patriot. The demand for these stamps among Americans with an Irish background may be met by sending 65 cents to the Irish Cachet Cover Service at 947 East 32d street, Brooklyn, N.Y. The stamps are issued in two series, red and green.

With 220 quarts of good Nebraska tomatoes in glass jars now on the shelves, four bushels of peaches in a similar setting, a few bushels of sweet corn and dressed chicken in the locker and other products of garden and field in storage, Alice feels "relief" measures for her household are taken care of for another season.

By the consolidation of school districts 10 school buildings with the school properties were recently sold at auction in a southeast county, the sale resulting in a little over \$500 for each separate school property.

The state university provides for a few scholarships from time to time. Through the efforts of an influential Lincoln woman, one of these scholarships has been made available to a woman from the Philippine Islands. In a great church gathering recently this woman told her life's story from the time she was 7 years of age. It was freighted with human emotions and tears stained the cheeks of the speaker as she recounted the tragedies that beset her pathway from childhood. The overwhelming sorrow was laid upon her heart while the Japanese were on the warpath, took her husband a prisoner and tortured him to death. How much heartache has come to mankind because of the revolting deeds of evil men! While this woman from those far Pacific islands was taking life's beatings she acquired an education and is at our university to get her master's degree and then return to her home land as an instructor in a similar institution there. And the large congregation that heard her story contributed funds to sustain her while here.

Senator Knowland threatens to introduce in congress a measure authorizing our withdrawal from the United Nations in the event red China is to become a member. Maybe if they were taken into the UN they would turn yellow again. . . "I like soldiering," a member of the Nebraska state militia is quoted as saying at the outing in a camp over in Wisconsin. He should have had a chance at the pleasure our men have had on the frost-bitten slopes of the Korean battle zone. . . The upper Platte river country has robbed the center section of its natural heritage. Only the white dry sand of the bed of the river shows at Grand Island, The Loup, the Cedar and the Elk-horn wash otherwise dry shores of a thirsty Platte between Columbus and Fremont. . . White cottages, green lawns and shaded nooks characterize the dwelling places of patriots that make up the substantial citizenship of prairieland's towns and villages.

A Nebraska boy survived the prison camps and Korean war only to come home and be killed on the highway. Are the public thoroughfares more dangerous to life and limb than battlefields?

I take it Editor Cal has been reading editorials of his predecessors at the editorial desk in the long ago when they wrote in longhand and we fellows at the cases had to figure it out. Those were the days if you were on the public payroll you were legitimate meat for the editorial cleaver. Editor Cal says O'Neill has had enough of Big Joe who guards the peace and dignity of the community at the corner of Fourth and Douglas. I have been a little amused when visiting my former haunts where the Irish melodies and the wearing of the green were popular in days now gone to note that the emblem of law and order looked me over maybe with the view of identifying a big shot the FBI was after. Trust the editor has not been too harsh with an otherwise swell guy who seems to overrate his importance in this lawless age.

From away up in Vermont comes the word that four Nebraska cows have topped all records in milk and butterfat production. Three of these dairy queens are down at Norfolk, the property of the state hospital. The other is at Curtis under the management of the Nebraska school of agriculture. The record for butterfat production for a year of one cow at the Norfolk institution is given at 3,750 pounds, with 108,065 pounds of milk produced by another cow. The cow at Curtis produced 140,136 pounds of milk and 4,723 pounds of butterfat. These figures were given to the public by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

We not only lost the war, but the Nebraska corn crop is a failure. The corn fodder makes feed but little or nothing in the corn belt of the state to eat it. Farms are void of most everything in the way of livestock in the section of the state devoted to raising grain. But there are thousands of bushels of corn left over from previous seasons, though that does not help the fellow on a rented farm who must depend upon this season's crop.



Back from Korea
Pfc. Harlan E. Petersen (above) arrived home from Korea Tuesday, September 22. He was separated at Camp Carson, Colo., after having been in the army for two years. He spent 16 months with a military police unit. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petersen of O'Neill. Snapsot was taken on a street in Petersen's military post in Korea.

Old Copy Tennessee Newspaper Found
Mrs. Della Eby recently submitted to The Frontier office a copy of The Union Herald, published at Fayetteville, Lincoln county, Tenn., June 18, 1862. The paper was found while perusing some family effects. Front page first person stories dwell at length with the Civil war battle of Richmond, the attack on Charleston and the capture of Memphis. A "filler" story was entitled "Indian Sagacity" and was an indictment of the Chickasaw Indians. Regarding the Richmond battle, The Herald said: "Napoleon never was received by his enthusiastic troops with greater manifestations of delight than was General McClellan (North general)," said the paper "McClellan mounted his horse and rode along the line of his troops, back-and-forth, until all the soldiers had a good opportunity of seeing him. This scene showed that he possessed the confidence as well as the hearts of his men. They feel that they must be ever victorious under his guidance."

Frontier for printing!

Many Long-Married Couples at Page 10 Couples Wedded Over 50 Years

PAGE—Page, a village which had a population of 275 when the 1950 census was taken, claims the distinction of having more elderly married couples "per square mile" than any other town in the state.

Since September 19, four couples have observed wedding anniversaries ranging from their 55th to 61st.

There are six other couples in Page who have been married 50 years or longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Snell started the current series. Their 58th anniversary was September 19. They have spent most of their lives here. Relatives gathered Sunday, September 20, at their home to help them celebrate.

The 61st anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer was observed September 21.

Their observance was a quiet one, since Mr. Stauffer has been confined to his home two years by failing health.

The same day Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder observed their 55th anniversary. Both are in good health.

This year they raised a large garden and canned or put into freezers several hundred quarts of fruit and vegetables. A group of friends honored them Monday evening, September 21.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Downey had their 55th anniversary September 22. Mr. Downey, 88, is Page's oldest resident. He is most active.

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Stuart News

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shearer of Perce, Ia., came Friday, September 25, and Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Shearer accompanied them on a vacation trip to the Black Hills and points West. Claude Shearer is a cousin of Mahlon Shearer.

Mrs. Mary Henning of Atkinson visited at the G. L. Obermire home and helped her granddaughter, Brenda Obermire, celebrate her third birthday anniversary on Friday, September 25. Mr. and Mrs. John Henning of Atkinson were evening visitors.

Pvt. Fred Mitchell is now stationed in Korea. His address: Pvt. Fred Mitchell, US55374393, Btry. B 1st FA Obsr. Bn., APO 8, % P. M. San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Alvina Smith of Bartlett spent the weekend at the Arthur Runnells home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nachtman and son went to Verdell on Tuesday, September 22, to attend the funeral rites for John Svatos. Mr. Svatos was an uncle of Mr. Nachtman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Juaracek and son, Archie, of Star were Sunday, September 20, visitors at the James Nachtman home. Mrs. Juaracek and Mrs. Nachtman are cousins.

Edwin Sweet, son of Mrs. Elsie Sweet, entered the University of Nebraska college of medicine this week as a freshman.

Mrs. Berlin Mitchell and daughter, Lucille, were in O'Neill Saturday, September 26, on business.

Miss Faye Moses, student in Wayne State Teachers college spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moses and family.

Miss Barbara Moses, who teaches in Omaha, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moses and family.

Miss Doris Pettijohn, who is employed in Omaha, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Clara Pettijohn.

Miss Marge Chaney, employed at the Mutual Insurance company in Omaha, visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Earl Chaney this weekend.

Miss Marcia Bigelow, student in St. Joseph's school of nursing at Omaha, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Bigelow and family over the weekend.

To Hear Story—Betty Perry will tell a story at the Golden Keys club meeting Friday at Emmet. Last week riders formed the entertainment. Kathleen Grothe, reporter.

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AINSWORTH MONUMENT WORKS

Editorial Anti-Farm Legislation Ahead?

American farmers, like other occupational groups, may some day suffer public disfavor and cause the enactment of legislation to curb them. If they do not play fair with the public, according to Elmo Roper, nationally known public opinion authority.

Mr. Roper points out in the September issue of Successful Farming magazine that with the trend toward fewer and bigger farms, the farmer is becoming a "big operator." The farmer may fall into the same public relations "hot seat" occupied by the unions in the forties, when they were curbed by the Taft-Hartley act, and by big business at the turn of the century and in 1929, when it was hit by the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust acts.

Roper stresses that American farmers have enjoyed much general good will and have been favored with more congressional legislation than any other group in two decades. Farmers have made great political gains as their numbers have slumped from one-fourth to one-sixth of the national population.

Roper does not think that comparable legislation for agriculture need ever be passed, if farmers do not act against the public interest as big businesses and unions sometimes gave the appearance of doing.

So far, there has been no important farm legislation of which the majority of farmers did not approve, Roper reports. He said that the "potato scandal," for one thing, might have had far more serious implications than it did. The butter subsidy may give the farmer an even worse beating in a public relations sense. Seventy-six percent of the American people applauded when the dairy farmers took a legislative beating by way of margin-tax repeal.

Roper attributes the political gains of American agriculture to these reasons:

- (1) Since farming is our most essential industry, people feel that they must assure the wellbeing of those who grow our food.
- (2) The agriculture community has had a disproportionately high representation in congress.
- (3) Since farmers generally did not share in the prosperity of the twenties, the public, during the last two decades, felt that farmers needed a break.

Editor Jack Lough of the Albion News raises a question most editors probably ask at various times. He writes: "Doesn't it beat all how those who want their paper to be fair and unbiased always think up a million excuses why stories reflecting discredit upon themselves should be ditched? Newspapers don't make the facts; they only print them."

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Pioneer Woman

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Milked the cows and led them bay;
Slopped the hogs, saddled the mule
And got the children off to school;
Did a washing, mopped the floors,
Washed the windows, and did some chores;
Cooked a dish of home dried fruit,
Pressed her husband's Sunday suit.

Swept the parlor, made the bed,
Baked a dozen loaves of bread;
Split some wood and lugged it in,
Enough to fill the kitchen bin;

Cleaned the lamps and put in oil,
Stewed some apples she thought would spoil,
Cooked a supper that was delicious
And afterward washed up all the dishes,
Fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes,
Mended a basket full of hose;
Then opened the organ and began to play
"When you come to the end of a perfect day."

In the interests of national civil defense, which he supervises, Val Peterson flew to London to see how the British are managing in this respect. A strange state of affairs has come to a supposed enlightened race of men, every nation feeling the need of self defense.

The concrete paving fever is catching a-hold and before snow flies the old town will have taken on a right smart dressed up appearance.

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