

Prairieland Talk . . .

Army Is Running Things

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LINCOLN—A writer quotes this bit of prairie imagery I find in the latest number of Nebraska History magazine:

"Above their receding horizons forever broods a pathetic solemnity, born of distance, silence and solitude."

Seventy years have cast their anchor on the scroll of time since I plucked my first prairie rose, gazed in boyish wonder across the sweep of open country, tall grass waving in the winds of May, saw for the first time the flaming gold of prairieland sunsets. I recall neither pathetic solemnity, silence or solitude. The prairie was alive with animated things, the swish of the prairie birds in flight, the soft dark eyes of the antelope fawn looking in wonder at the strange human creature invading their grass-growth domain, the "oo-oo-oo" of the prairie rooster at daybreak and the thunderpumper's bugle note at twilight, the night call of a lone coyote to his mate: flashing lightning and crashing thunder, sweeping winds and raging blizzards inspired neither pathetic solemnity nor the silence of solitude. And if there is any music in the world, the prairie has it in the song of the meadow lark and the throbbing of the harpstrings of nature when summer breezes blow across the land.

The writer quoted tells the story of prairie inventions. As necessity was the mother of inventions, labor-saving methods and things were thought up. Why not put the prairie wind to work? B. F. Cole, an O'Neill watch and clock repair man, contrived a sailing rig on wheels. Guy Green, who acquired the printing craftsmanship in O'Neill plants and later was a "Kinkaid" homesteader, built a windmill out of common lumber that pumped the water for his herd of Shorthorns. A sod cutter which enabled one to cut the sod even thickness for building the sod-house was another prairieland invention.

John F. Byrne, 84, was brought from Colfax county by the sheriff and begins a life term in the penitentiary for the murder of his brother a day in January. He is probably the oldest to be convicted of murder in this state.

By effecting some changes in the highway patrol setup, Gov. Robert Crosby hopes to reduce the toll of highway deaths. . . A number of dispensers of firewater are charged with selling their potent goods to minors. If the stuff is OK for the 21's, why not for those at 20 or under? . . . Last year there were 11,575 marriages in Nebraska and 2,287 divorces. . . A baby girl born into a New Jersey household is the 27th an 89-year-old patriot has fathered. . . One of Lincoln's educational institutions, Union college, has 18 students from other lands, these coming from South America, Africa, Asia, Europe and the islands of the Caribbean sea. . . Prejudice is merely ignoring facts. . . "Drive to arrive alive." . . Columbus, down in Platte county, grows old in a spirit of youthful enterprise—1956 is their 100th anniversary and plans are already shaping to observe it. . . The federal geological survey was represented in Lincoln recently by a delegation that microfilmed data concerning flood conditions. Too late—the dry weather man has taken over.

Editor Cal took pencil, pad, photo and radio equipment with him that 40 miles or so over to Ft. Randall and did a good job of it in story and pictures. If South Dakota demands the bulk of what the Randall setup is designed to produce, maybe they should be reminded that there is such a place called South Dakota only because Nebraska gave it to them. As organized into a territory Nebraska originally included everything north to the Canada line.

From the little that can be made out of muddled broadcasts and published stories it seems that all that is involved in the Pvt. David Schine affair is that he had been recommended to the army brass as qualified for certain military service for which there was a shortage of available recruits. What's wrong with that—nothing only military guys want it known that they are running things.

The poor man is happy; he expects no change for the worst.—Demetrius.

Editorial . . .

Editors Not Good Press Agents

One of the saddest mistakes that can be made by any organization is to make a newspaperman its publicity chairman. Almost anyone else, if he can read and write, will do a better job. Thus, if you have any ideas about asking this corner to be your tub-thumper, you can forget it.

This may sound somewhat ridiculous, but it isn't. A newspaperman inherently distrusts the word "publicity" and shies away from it. To him it means someone trying to chisel free space in the paper for his own benefit. It means the scores of letters received daily from all parts of the country containing "news releases" which belong in the advertising columns.

Give a newspaperman the job of publicity chairman, and you create at once a conflict within his soul. He becomes a schizophrenic, to use a description of the editor's predicament as stated by Arch W. Jerrell of the Grand Island Independent. Jerrell had a few things to say along these same lines a few weeks ago.

If the editor takes seriously both his desire as a publicity agent to get stuff in the paper and his reluctance as a newspaperman to be had, he may end up biting his fingernails and popping his knuckles, and muttering unintelligible gibberish. After all, the editor or publisher (combined in this case) has administrative worries and responsibilities no matter what is accepted or rejected for publication.

Organizations have a legitimate right to news. They have a legitimate right to name someone as their liaison officer with the newspaper. The paper is happy to have someone take the responsibility of reporting meetings and important happenings. But make the reporter of these events someone other than a newspaperman, and everyone will be happier.

And, while we're lecturing, we'll go on to say that organization reporters will do well to file their stories promptly. Stale club news is the first thing fired into the wastebasket. Further, reporters should remember that whether or not the club meeting was ever called to order or the minutes were ever read is not the least

Joe Miller, a resident of O'Neill and connected with the Barnet lumber yard before moving to a farm in Paddock precinct, returned a day in August, 1901, from his boyhood home in Iowa where he had gone to see his mother on her death bed. And beside that death bed he clasped the hand of his brother whom he had not seen in 20 years. . . George Blinco, a fireman on the FE&MV railroad, had a few days layoff on the job at the home of his mother in O'Neill. His brother, Bert, on the short line from Sioux City to O'Neill, where he started railroading, was at that time bumping over the rails in Montana. . . Will Mullen had been over in Boyd county loafing among friends and returned home to tell us that Boyd was the garden spot of Nebraska with bumper crops that year. . . D. Clem Deaver replaced R. H. Jeaneas as receiver at the O'Neill government land office. . . Az Perry had given up the stagecoach line from O'Neill to Butte and was promoting a railroad from Atkinson to South Dakota points.

Asked how they managed in a food market that occupied about a block in a Southern California city to prevent thieving, was told there were some things stolen every day, "but we make it up on those who pay."

What the present day son of the soil does to prevent his denuded fields from being swept away when winds rage across the land I have not yet asked a prairieland farmer; perhaps he has methods of his own. A former generation of pioneer homesteaders, when wind assaulted a bare field, loaded hay or straw into a rack, drove out to the field and tossed the hay with a fork over the land. Just hoist a fork load of hay up for the wind to blow it out across the land, move on a few feet and repeat the process and by the time the load of hay or straw was unloaded a sizeable field was saved from wind destruction. The country may as well face the probabilities of what now is in agricultural areas to the south and west and plan accordingly. And at such a time the Nebraska sandhills grass lands are affected little or none.

During my absence from the state this past winter, Sam Thompson has gone the way of all the earth. His home for 81 years had been in the O'Neill community, while others came and went. Before there was a village of O'Neill, Sam as a young stripling was one of the first group to settle in the upper Elkhorn valley and I do not recall that he was ever farther way than Sioux City. Sam's first business venture financed with a loan from Pat Hagerty's bank, was a lunch serving counter three doors south of The Frontier. Because of enlarged business requirements Sam needed more space so he moved to the frame building that stood where the Odd Fellows building now is. And as the time for retirement approached he was still serving sandwiches on the other side of Fourth street from where he had started. And so we bid farewell to the last of the McEwenoy colony.

In view of many communities voting bonds that mean still higher assessments, the yapping over high taxes doesn't mean anything.

This is a year of special religious significance. One large religious body devotes the year to the Virgin Mary. In May a world conference of another growing religious organization meets in San Francisco, Calif., with delegates from all lands. In August the World Council of Churches will meet in Evanston, Ill., maybe to see if the various creeds can be merged into one. Later in the year a world conference of Buddhists convenes in Burma when the leadership of 500,000,000 devotees who are to observe the 2,500th anniversary of the death of Gautama are expected to develop plans for a missionary movement to counteract what is being done among the countless millions in the East by Christian missions.

The state university is an important institution but it is not the most important thing in Nebraska, though one newspaper gives it a four-column double deck headline. Only a small percentage of the citizens and taxpayers of the state ever have contact with the university or know anything about its workings. Sure, a competent educator is needed as chancellor, but only a comparatively small group is interested in the chancellorship.

bit important or interesting to read. It goes without saying the meeting was called to order, there was a roll call, minutes were read, and the thing adjourned.

If you cannot find something else to report on the notes are not worthy of a reader's time, much less the cost and expense of publishing.

As long as I am rich reputed With solemn voice I am saluted, But wealth away once worn, Not one will say good morn.

Astronomers report a thick layer of dust on the moon, so we're canceling our reservation on the first rocket ship and will go a little later after they get it tidied up.

Tests indicate that the safest place to be in an atomic blast may be inside a motor car. This, at least, holds out hope that most of our teenagers would survive.

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When You and I Were Young . . .

Russian-Born Count O'Neill Visitor

Mayor Harrington Is Seeking Reelection

50 Years Ago The Easter ball was held at the rink following a banquet at the Hotel Evans. . . Count Puskaski of Omaha, former subject of the czar of Russia but now a United States citizen, was in O'Neill as a representative of the Fidelity Insurance company of Philadelphia, Pa. He was entertained royally by many and made many admiring friends. . . The Chicago & Northwestern railroad is now offering one-way excursion rate tickets to Portland, Ore., Seattle and Vancouver, Wash., at \$28.75. . . Mayor Harrington is a candidate for reelection with no active or passive opposition. It looks like the election will be a tame affair.

20 Years Ago By mistake, an Omaha store recently shipped Mr. and Mrs. James Barnes of Albion two baby mattresses and the following day the Barnes' were the proud parents of twins. . . Hugh A. Butler of Omaha, head of the Butler-Welsh Grain company, is being prominently mentioned as a candidate for the republican nomination for the post of U. S. senator. . . A surprise party honoring Marvin Young on his birthday anniversary was given for him in the I. L. Watson home in Inman following worship. . . Vance Begthol, editor of the Kearney Daily newspaper, and his wife and children were visitors here for several days at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter. . . John Grutsch and Neil Aylworth were causing much confusion in town. Not even relatives could tell the difference between the two men they look so much alike.

10 Years Ago Gertrude Schollmeyer enlisted in the WAC and was inducted into service on March 21 at Ft. Des Moines, Ia. . . A surprise party honoring the birthday anniversary of Rosemary Ryan was held. . . Mary Carney left for a month's vacation at Hot Springs, Ark. . . Children's shoes in the size ranges from 8½-12 and 12½—3 may now be sold to the consumer ration free at a maximum cost of \$1.60 per pair.

One Year Ago Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Blinkerd of Neligh celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home. . . At Atkinson, Craig Swoboda of Norfolk high won the Legion-sponsored oratorical contest for the second consecutive year. . . Duane Weier, St. Mary's junior, was selected by the Chamber of Commerce as O'Neill's boys state delegate. . . Two hundred persons attended the Saddle club membership banquet at the American Legion auditorium.

Tune in . . . "Voice of The Frontier."

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— also — SAGINAW TRAIL Gene Autry and Champion with Connie Marshall and Smiley Burnette. Family night \$1; adult 50c; children 12c; tax incl.

Fri.-Sat. Apr. 2-3 They had a date with destiny in the powder keg of the west BORDER RIVER Color by technicolor. Joel McCrea, Yvonne DeCarlo, Pedro Armendariz. Matinee Saturday 2:30

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Make Plans to Attend Wakefield Meeting—STUART—The Women's Society of the Community church met at the home of Mrs. Walt Dyer on Thursday afternoon March 25, Mrs. Walter Quart lead the devotionals and the lesson review on the book of Colossians was given by Mrs. Z. X. Marshall and Mrs. Fred Tasler. Plans were discussed to attend the spring Presbyterial to be held at Wakefield, April 19-20. Following the business session, lunch was served by Mrs. Dyer assisted by Mrs. Jack McGraw and Miss Minnie Haskins.



To Girls' State

Gets Transfer to Ft. Bragg, N.C.

SPENCER—Army Pfc. Loren G. Whetham, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Whetham of Spencer will move to the Ft. Bragg, N. C. maneuver area with the 37th Infantry division early in April for "exercise flash burn." More than 60,000 ground and airborne troops will test the Army's newest weapons and tactics during the two-month training maneuver. Whetham, whose wife, Adeline, lives in route 2, Leesville, La., has been serving as a clerk in headquarters company of the 37th division's 147 regiment at Camp Polk, La. He has been in the Army since January, 1953.

At Johnson Home—Sunday evening, March 21, visitors at the Hiram Johnson home were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson, Larry and Sue and Walt and Maggie Egger.

Ewing will be represented in June at Cornhusker girls' state at the University of Nebraska by Miss Diana Baum (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baum, sr. She will be sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary unit 214. Miss Baum is a straight "A" student in the junior class of the Ewing high school, carrying five subjects, including chemistry by extension course from the university. She is a member of the Future Homemakers of America and holds the office of publicity chairman of district six. Other activities include being pianist for various musical groups in high school and being a member of the Pep club and being a cheer leader.

Visits at Spencer—Miss Bonnie Johnson stayed with her aunt, Mrs. Emil Tejral of Spencer, on Saturday, March 20, and spent until Monday night, March 22, there. Mrs. Olive Dexter was a Sunday, March 21, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lorenz.

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS CONTRARY to reports being circulated, this notice is to inform farmers in the area that the Continental Oil Co., of Ewing, Nebr., will have harvest terms this coming season. In fact, we are out looking for new business. Anyone interested get in touch with R. G. ROCKEY, Agent, Continental Oil Co., and he will be very glad to explain their policies to you. R. G. ROCKEY Phone 82 — Ewing, Nebr.

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