

Prairieland Talk

Wanna Buy Pickstown?

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN—Pickstown, S.D., the home of the creators of the Ft. Randall dam, has been put up for sale.

That Missouri river community just across our border in South Dakota, has witnessed much of historic interest and is rich in pioneer lore. For many years federal troops were stationed there to protect settlers from the scalping knives of Spotted Tail's warriors and to discourage outlaws.



Romaine Saunders

O'Neill at an early day was the trading post for soldiers and others at Randall and one of the first graves in the east cemetery just to the northwest of the village called O'Neill was that of Captain Hooker, who had been in command at Ft. Randall, Mrs. Hooker, the widow of the captain, had the body of her husband exhumed and taken to his former home in the East for permanent burial.

It doth appear that the cards have been stacked against Senator McCarthy. Must we conclude that the senator's associates in the halls of congress have been touched with envy because of what one of their number has brought to light? The committee set up to "investigate" the Wisconsin senator start their investigation by a unanimous vote to bar McCarthy and his counsel from presenting their evidence. Maybe the senate committee should now be investigated.

A friend sends me a copy of the Washington, D.C., Evening Star, an 80-page edition of an early September date, which pictures the recent parade of the American Legion men and women and says editorially it was the greatest and most colorful event that has appeared in the nation's capitol since General Grant's troops and officers came down Pennsylvania avenue after the close of the war between the Northern and Southern states. The Legion, as a patriotic organization, has taken over since the Grand Army of the Republic has become extinct. Colonel Towle, the hair-raising orator of O'Neill's Grand Army post, comrades Mack, Skirving, Slattery and all who wore the GAR badge hereabout are in their graves up on the hill. Legion patriots must now unfurl their banners of freedom until they, too, have gone the way of the Roman legions and those who followed after.

Material substance sustains human life. Daily bread is a fundamental fact of life. But we need not revel in riches. Not many have millions, but the sunlight, the blue above and the green beneath are yours; you have the budding rose and the nodding goldenrod, the slanting rain and the smell of clean earth, the glow of early dawn and the gold of sunset; hours rich with love and days jeweled with joy, the thrill of contact in the hand-clasp of a friend, the privilege and the pleasure along life's way of giving a lift now and then—all this that the tax collector doesn't list on his schedules.

So we are equipping a German army with the tools for battle? What next? It was German world dreamers who involved the nations of the earth in two hell-torn blood baths. With the German people armed for war something will again set the world aflame. Russia, who claims everything but has contributed nothing to civilization, will probably be the first victim.

Editorial . . .

Eisenhower and 1956

A considerable amount of speculation has already risen over the course President Dwight D. Eisenhower will follow at the 1956 republican national convention. Visitors to the Denver white house lately have reported that the president does not intend to run again, and this has set off a chain of comments.

Only about one thing is certain at this stage of the political speculation. That is that the president, and every other republican official, has no knowledge of conditions which will prevail in the summer of 1956. If the country is at war, we are willing to go on record as predicting that Mr. Eisenhower will offer his services again.

If other circumstances arise which tend to make the president feel that he has a job to finish, we believe Mr. Eisenhower will decide to run again, even if there is no war. If there is some particular candidate who seems assured of the nomination if Mr. Eisenhower does not run, we believe this would have a considerable bearing on his decision.

Only if the country is in relatively sound financial condition and if there are several strong candidates for the republican nomination, in which situation the president's weight could swing the convention to his choice, the president might step down. There is no doubt that being president of the United States is no picnic and that President Eisenhower is tired of the great game of politics.

However, it seems to be easier for presidents to conclude that they may not run for reelection two years before the time comes than it is the year of the nominations. In Mr. Eisenhower's case, we are willing to go on record that the president still maintains a high degree of personal popularity throughout the country, and that he is the strongest single personality in the party, and able to draw the largest number of votes.

Thus, if for any reason the president declines to offer his services in 1956, the republican party will suffer at the polls as the result. So far, few top republican officials are willing to believe that the president will not run, but then we remember a day in the spring of 1952.

We hadn't thought President Truman could step down either, but he did.

Crimes Decrease in England

Sir John Nott-Bower, metropolitan London police commissioner, revealed recently that the crime rate in London is on the decline. Contrary to the trend in the United States, and in our largest city, New York, the crime rate in London is now at a record low since World War II.

This is an interesting development in view of the arguments of some Americans that British bobbies should carry guns. The fact that they still do not carry pistols and that the crime rate is going down in London—whereas it is going up in America—creates hearty doubts whether arming the bobbies is necessary.

One of the most surprising developments in

With the passing of the Ewing Advocate "30" has been called for another Holt county newspaper. From a total of 20 newspapers that have been published in Holt county, the number is now reduced to four. Ewing had an item, published by Clarence Selah, who later moved it to O'Neill. Clyde King, the gifted author of "Noman's Colmah" and joint publisher of The Frontier in the early '90's, started his printing and newspaper career in the Ewing Item plant and boasted to us fellows that he had "fed" 10,000 envelopes through the Gordon job press in one day and had run the press by foot power. John Trommershauser was another early day lawyer-politician who published a paper in Ewing. About every lawyer and politician thought he had to have a personal organ in the way of a weekly paper. It made jobs for a score of hand compositors, if nothing else.

Michael Mullen, one of the firm of Mullen Bros., contractors in O'Neill, died in an Omaha hospital July 10, 1903, and the body was brought here for burial. . . Rev. M. F. Cassidy departed early in July that year for Buffalo, N.Y., to be gone three weeks. . . Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mack and little daughter were up from Inman to spend a day in July that year with friends in O'Neill. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meredith were entertaining in their home at First and Everett streets a niece of Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Bird Butcher, and her two daughters. . . A 9-pound girl was reported arriving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McManus a day in July, 1903. . . Lightning killed five horses at the John Wrede ranch in northern Holt county.

Our democratic friends have been so long deprived of control at the statehouse that they had about given up hope, but National Committeeman Boyle over at Omaha sees a ray of light in what he concludes was indifference on the part of Nebraska patriots upon the occasion of the president's visit. When a town the size of McCook furnishes a crowd of 30,000 to greet President Ike maybe Mr. Boyle should revise his estimate.

A care-encumbered lonely soul a few blocks up the street felt that she could no longer encounter the storms of life and she was making her escape from it all by the hangman's noose, but was out of luck again—the rope broke when her 200 pounds came down. Damage was repaired at a hospital where they all go now, from a guy with a sore toe to a matron who gives birth to a new citizen.

A little town in Saunders county was the scene and had the excitement of a bank robbery, a lone bandit making away with \$800. A 17-year-old school kid was arrested and admits the crime, some of the money has been recovered. If the court will now sentence the youth to get a job and go to work and pay off the fine and what is yet due the bank, it will meet general approval.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, jr., is campaigning for the job of governor of New York. His brother, Jimmy, is campaigning for a seat in congress from a southern California congressional district. Prairieland patriots are not concerned over the political ambitions of the Roosevelts, but they may have the chance to vote for or against a Roosevelt for president at no distant date.

Schools are said to be crowded as another year of schooling begins. Prairieland parents have been productive and a lot of youngsters have become of school age the past year.

News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

Presidential Draft

A silver-haired grandfather was tugged out of his comfy bed last Thursday evening and drafted to become president of the newly-created O'Neill Community Concerts association.

F. E. ("Parky") Parkins, Consumers Public Power merchandising chief in the 13-county O'Neill district with one eye cocked on a retirement date a couple of years hence, was buried in a mystery yarn when the SOS was sounded. About 30 people, many of whom were meeting for the second time within four days in hurryup organizational sessions, jumped on the Parkins suggestion with both feet. At the moment he became president of C.C.C.A. By that time he was fully clothed and joined the crowd.

Some one has said the organizer could not have done better than picking "Parky" for the presidency. Parkins has had considerable experience in the entertainment field, particularly when headquarters at Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha. He was in a black-and-white piano and dance team, did vaudeville and some straight-laced entertaining. In late years, "Parky" occasionally puts aside his livelihood chores and mystery mags and grinds out lyrics and music to "pieces." His score to date: Three phonograph records and four sheets of music.

Each time a Parkins piece is put on a disc the "Voice of the Frontier" premieres it on the air. "Parky's" son, the late Robert ("Bob") Parkins, was a popular Nebraska radio announcer until his untimely death in 1947. Young Parkins had been in fragile health for a number of years, but his airplane fiascos never were aware of it.

When Alec Templeton, Mr. Rubinoff or Gladys Swarthroat comes to town O'Neill's "Parky" will be on the reception committee by virtue of his yield to the presidential draft. In addition, he's a good administrator and an able organizer.

Last week was an eventful one for Parkins. A day or two before he forcibly was rooted from his bed to become C.C.C.A. president, he was buzzing along the road near Bloomfield. He seldom listens to the radio show, "Queen for a Day," originating from Hollywood. This day the program was introduced and Parkins zoomed along dreaming up merchandising ideas for 100-watt light bulbs, contentedly leaving the dial as was. Presently, the emcee asked a young woman her name and her home address. "My name is Mrs. Charles Yarnall of Riverside, My name before I was married was Jane Parkins of O'Neill, Nebr." Jane is Frank's daughter.

Miscellany

Finest tribute yet paid to our "Voice of the Frontier" program: William W. McIntosh of McIntosh Jewelry ordered the telephone company to install a direct phone wire, linking our studios with his store with the result the "Voice" comes into his store crystal clear, thrice weekly. Dean Sireter of Dean's Barber Shop, our nextdoor neighbor, likewise wanted a special wire and Dean reports business picks up before the broadcast hour. . . Paul Elam, the Gold Range, Inc., organizer, expects to come to town today. Gold Range operates in the Weld, Colo., district. Elam's wife, Margaret, and their daughter, Patty, have been visiting the Victor Halvas for several weeks. . . The University of Nebraska 1954 football season already is a successively received our complimentary press tickets. Ever try driving from Redbird to the Spencer dam, hugging the Niobrara river as closely as possible? It's scenic and enjoyable. Be sure to allocate at least a half-day to the project. That's the time it took us. —CAL STEWART

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

QCD—Avis Jean Dickerson, et al to Albert J Frost 8-4-54 \$1-Lot 5 Blk 22-Bitney's Add-Atkinson
WD—Elizabeth Heiser to Katherine Wadsworth 8-26-54 \$1- 1/2 of 1/2 Interest in All Sec 28-32-14-Reserves life estate
WD—Henry F Heiser to Katherine Wadsworth 8-26-54 \$1- 1/2 of 1/2 Int in All Sec 28-32-14-Reserves life estate
WD—Albert J Frost to Milford Juracek 9-15-54 \$8,300-Lot 5 Blk 22-Bitney's Add-Atkinson
WD—Cleo Sawyer to Harold T McGraw 3-31-51 \$800- West 60 ft lot 8 Blk 10- Inman
WD—John I Gray to Robert Gray & wf 9-16-54 \$1- Part of SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4- Part of SW 1/4 NE 1/4 13-28-10
QCD—Mildred Wright to Emmett E Wright 12-9-46 \$1- Lot 1 Blk 9- Ewing

Public Farm Sale

One-half mile west of Ewing, Nebr., one-half mile south, on—

Friday, September 24th

47 Head of Cattle—Including 18 good milk cows, roan bull, 5 whiteface cows, blue-roan cow, 3 mixed yearlings, 14 calves. TWO HORSES, 5 HOGS. Lineup of machinery, Hay, Poultry. Some HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

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Installation of New Pastor Held

CHAMBERS—Around 200 persons gathered at St. Paul's Lutheran church Sunday evening, September 12, for the installation service of the new pastor, Rev. Howard Claycombe, jr. Rev. W. H. Roth was in charge of the installation.

Following the service the group adjourned to the church parlors where tables were prepared and decorated for the occasion. Merlin Grossnicklaus acted as toastmaster. The program consisted of talks and vocal selections by a quartette.

Reverend Claycombe and his wife have an infant son.

Atkinson Slates Playcation Day

ATKINSON—Farm and ranch families of the Atkinson area will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce at the rural playcation day Friday.

A committee directed by Lawrence Lange is preparing a free program for all members of the family.

Starting at 9 a.m., there will be a tour of the Coxhill bluegrass plant. There will be free movies for the children at the Miller theater, style show for the women, panel discussion for men on bluegrass, free watermelon feed at noon and girls' tractor driving contest.

Guest Here—

Mrs. D. Willm of Lincoln was a Tuesday, September 14, luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Resel.

When You and I Were Young . . .

2 Groups Want Holt Reduced

Factions Suggest 3 Counties

50 Years Ago The republicans of the 13th senatorial district in convention in O'Neill nominated Dr. J. P. Gilligan of this city for state senator. . . Miss Margaret Hall is attending Boyle college in Omaha. . . P. J. Kinney was injured seriously when a stacker rope broke causing the stacker to fall on him while he was removing an obstruction beneath it. . . Atkinson and Ewing have filed with the county board petitions for the division of Holt county into three counties, the new counties to be known as Meadow and Elkhorn.

20 Years Ago

Miss Gertrude Connolly became the bride of John Daley at a ceremony held in the chapel of St. Mary's academy. . . Richard Clark, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clark of Emmet, was injured when struck and knocked down by a car on the intersection of Fourth and Everett. . . Mrs. Emma B. Jones, Holt county pioneer, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dave Loy, at the age of 83. She had been a resident of Holt county for 55 years. . . Mrs. Guy Young was injured in an auto accident northeast of the city when the car in which she and her husband were riding was hit and thrown into a ditch.

10 Years Ago

Bobby Walters, son of Patrolman and Mrs. Robert Walters, and Donald McKenny, son of Mrs. Nell McKenny, received first degree burns when a gasoline can exploded. . . Catherine Elizabeth Finley, daughter of Dr. W. F. Finley, and Lt. (j.g.) James Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller of Duluth, Minn., were united in marriage at St. Luke's Catholic church in St. Paul, Minn. . . St. Mary's Cardinals will play the opening football game at Lynch. Nine letter men are back this year. . . Holt county will load a freight car of waste paper. All Holt county schools are asked help fill the car. . . A 32-player football squad reported to Coach Howard Dean at the O'Neill high school. Seven letter men are returning.

One Year Ago

The first anniversary of the dedication and formal opening of the half-million-dollar St. Anthony's hospital came to pass. The first year was busy: 1,439 patients admitted, 177 babies born, 173 major surgery operations, and 59 blood transfusions. The Sisters of St. Francis, owners and operators of the hospital, and the St. Anthony's hospital auxiliary held an open-house tea for the public in appreciation of what the people of the area have done and contributed to the hospital. . . Twin daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey—big news any day, but their birthday coincided with the nationally advertised "twins for twins" sponsored by Westinghouse in cooperation with Consumers Public Power district. . . Carl Asimus, prominent O'Neill businessman, died at St. Anthony's hospital. . . Serafin Ergler, veteran hardware dealer in Stuart, closed out his stock of hardware at public auction after 13 years in the hardware business there.

Church Notices

WCSO Observes Birthday Anniversary—

CHAMBERS—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church observed its annual birthday party last Thursday afternoon with 35 attending. The program was given in the sanctuary of the church and the lunch was served in the church parlors. Mrs. Clair Grimes presented the history of the Woman's society which was organized at the home of Mrs. Alma Farrier 14 years ago. The prayer was given by the president.

A quartette consisting of Mrs. Darrel Gillette, Mrs. Keith Sexton, Mrs. Bernard Hoffman and Mrs. Van Robertson sang "He Will Hold Me Fast," with Mrs. Elwyn Robertson at the piano. Mrs. Ned Alderson gave a reading; instrumental duet by Mrs. Elwyn Robertson and Mrs. Bernard Hoffman; Mrs. Hodgkin spoke on "Therefore Choose Life," as she told of the life of a missionary in India.

The gift offering is to go to India this time. Mrs. Van Robertson also gave a talk on missions. Mrs. Hodgkin gave the closing prayer. A lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be on September 30 at the church.

METHODIST (Page-Inman)

Rev. Lisle E. Mewshaw, pastor. Thursday, September 23: Inman WCSO meeting at 2:30 p.m.; choir practice in each church this evening followed by MYF meeting and party at Inman, also Inman first quarterly conference at 8 p.m. All official board members, please plan to be present. September 24 and 25: Demonstration school in O'Neill Methodist church for church school teachers.

Sunday, September 26: Inman worship service at 9:45 a.m., followed by church school at 10:45; Page church school at 10 a.m.; Dale Stauffer, superintendent; Page worship service at 11 a.m.; Page MYF party at 8 p.m. West half district stewardship meeting at Atkinson, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, September 30: Page WCSO meeting at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, October 2: Inman fall festival. We welcome you.

METHODIST (O'Neill)

Rev. W. B. Smith, pastor. Thursday, September 23: WCSO prayer cell, 10 a.m. Friday, September 24: Demonstration school, 2 p.m. Saturday, September 25: Demonstration school, 2 p.m. Sunday, September 26: Cherub and junior choirs, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; promotion Sunday; worship, 11 a.m.; stewardship training meeting at Atkinson. Monday, September 27: Official board meets, 8 p.m.; finance commission meets, 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 28: Worship commission, 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 29: Choir, 7 p.m.; MYF, 8 p.m. Thursday, September 30: Prayer cell, 10 a.m. Sunday, October 3: Rally day.

COMMUNITY (Stuart)

Rev. D. D. Su, pastor. Sunday, September 26: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Intermediate youth fellowship meets Wednesday, 7 p.m. High school youth fellowship convenes on Thursday, 7 p.m. Choir practice tonight (Thursday), 8:15 o'clock. Sunday, September 26, is promotion Sunday in the Sunday-school classes. Parents are urged to be present. A family dinner will be held following the worship hour to entertain the teachers of the Stuart public school. Frontier for printing! Prompt deliveries.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)

Corner of Sixth and Grant John Thomas, minister Bible school, 10 a.m.; communion and preaching, 11 a.m.; Christian youth fellowship, 7 p.m.; evening worship at 8 o'clock. Bible study and prayer session Wednesday, 8 p.m. The Christian youth fellowship hour is under the direction of two students from Nebraska Christian college. In the name of Jesus Christ we bid you a sincere welcome to these services.

METHODIST (Emmet)

Rev. W. B. Smith, pastor. Friday, September 24: Demonstration school at O'Neill, 2 p.m.

Saturday, September 25: Demonstration school, O'Neill, 2 p.m. Sunday, September 26: Church school and worship service, 9:45 a.m.; adult-youth church school, 10:45 a.m.; stewardship training meeting at Atkinson.

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