Prairieland Talk . . .

Trip to Prairieland a Tonic

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O'NEILL - "The death of the world seems imminent." I wonder. But a world observer of note feels that way. What he needs is a trip to prairieland.

Enfolded within the walls of a great city jungle you may wish it were so. I've been to prai-

rieland and sometimes wonder why I left it. Oh, we have a little of it within sight of our towering capitol dome. But for the green robed miles of open country where contented people dwell unafraid of the world threatened tragedies, take a drive through the flowing well land of southwest Holt county. This pilgrim enjoyed such a trip last week in company with Miss Elizabeth O'Malley and M. H. Horiskey, life-time friends in O'-



Saunders

Neill. We had intended to stop on the way out from Atkinson at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. George Meals, but found the highway so torn up there seemed no way to drive into the Meals dooryard.

Our first stop was with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Baker, who operate and make their home on the only cattle ranch in the county that has operated continuously since about the year 1882, known as the Riley Bros. Shorthorn ranch, Mrs. Baker is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Riley.

Just now Mrs. Baker is having a tussle with arthritis but gets about and greets her friends with a smile. Tom seemed to be stowing away in the refrigerator some beefsteaks. Maybe he had just butchered as he had acquired proficiency as a meat carver in his native England. Tom informed me he and Fred Watson had

gotten their hay into stacks, something like 500 or 600 tons each, ahead of the late August rains. Time was limited, so we drove away after a

pleasant hour's visit. The next stop was in Amelia, the village famed for its flowing wells of unexcelled pure water. Met The Frontier's representative and other friends. Strange how these newspaper gals and gents are everywhere. They could not find a more delightful region in which to hang their harp and woo the fickle literary muse. From Amelia we

saw again the lovely landscape as we rolled toward Chambers and then on to O'Neill, the capital city of green gowned and velvet tinted prairieland where countless herds of slick cattle graze and hay stacks dot the meadows. Celebrations and rodeos are over for this year.

Maybe some friends of Prairieland Talk would like to look back at prize winners of 51 years ago at a blowout in O'Neill on the Fourth. A nag of hn McNichols' entered the first place winnerwp Jack McAllister's won the half mile running race and John McNichols entered the first place winner in the trotting event, while a pony of Frank Leahy's came in ahead of the other entries. John Mc-Greevy won the running jump and R. E. Gallagher the standing jump. The five-mile race was won by James F. O'Donnell, at that time holing up in Atkinson. John Nolan won a foot race and Fred Ward the kids' race, while D. A. Doyle took the first prize in the fat man's race. The tug-o'war was won by the huskies from Rock Falls and a team entered by J. B. Mellor was awarded the winner's ribbon in the horse pulling event.

Great men have had a sad ending. Julius Caesar bit the dust of Rome at the hands of assassins at the age of 52. Alexander expired over the Herculean bowl at the age of 33 years, Napoleon died in exile with the memories of Waterloo. Lincoln, America's greatest, freed a million enslaved human beings and died a martyr. William Jennings Bryan, Nebraska's most notable citizen, met defeat at the hands of a noted agnostic with a Jewish rabbi in the background, and died shortly after. Jesse James, the country's greatest outlaw, bit the dust with a bullet hole through his hide fired by one of his gang. North Nebraska's greatest horse thief died a confirmed alcoholic on a jail cot.

On a recent Sunday promoters and builders of new houses in a cluster at the outskirts but still within Lincoln city limits invited the public to look their architectural creations over and something like 15,000 citizens responded. Homes are being built with all the modern frills and if you ever get one it will take a lifetime to pay for it. And I wonder if the owner will experience the domestic tranquility experienced by the Holt county patriot of the long ago who wrote about his "Little Old Sod Shanty on My Claim."

This new gadget, radar, caught a Lancaster county district court judge in the act of swooping down the highway at excessive speed. Instead of his honor stepping up and forking over whatever pecuniary penalty was involved like the rest of us he jockeyed around to see if there was a miscalculation on the part of radar.

The time for the flight of the wild goose is near. In stately military formation they pass high above the earth and the picture is too grand to spoil by a shot from a rifle in the hands of a guy out to kill. He might break a wing of the mate of a lordly male of the flock, who then would be a mourner to the end of his days. Unlike many of the human race, those great wildlings on the wing mate for life. A call has gone out to the hunting fraternity to spare the great birds we once knew as sandhill cranes, now reduced to a small flock. I would include the wild goose.

This is morning glory time. Looking out of the window I see climbing over the hedgerow vines laden with blue and purple bloom that cause you to pause and look. The morning glories take you away from the florists' artificial clusters and lead you down the cathedral halls of nature. Velvet petals of tinted beauties greet each autumn dawn until frost lays a withering hand upon them.

The Dallas (Tex.) News is said to be responsible for three great chain stores in that city, Wyatt Food Stores, Skillern Drugstores and shelves and counters the comic and crime and sex publications flooding the country. As one of them expressed it, "We don't want to sell that

Vice-President Nixon has been looking us over out on prairieland. Probably most of us will agree with what he said in an address at Grand Island that if the people are given all the facts relating to public affairs that they can be relied upon to do the right thing with respect thereto.

When You and I Were Young ... | as queen for a day at the world Bareheads Will

Kinkaid Will Seek will embark for the Far East. . . now stationed in England with an air reconnaisance squadron.

Alfredo Cavaleri, internationally an air reconnaisance squadron. Reelection

Michael Gallagher had two head of catle killed by the train just east of town. . The Frontier degree burns on his face and predicts that the barehead fashion among the graceful dames will go out of fashion about the east of Atkinson. He was burned the barehead fashion about the east of Atkinson. He was burned the predict of the first blind the product of the fashion about the east of Atkinson. He was burned to the first blind the product of date of the first blizzard. . . The rising feminine generation in O'- from the danger scene. . . Chuck Neill is taking to horseback rid- Cheney was elected to serve as They hang a foot on each president of the ex-Holt countyside of the horse just like the boys, which is the latest and best at a picnic held in Griffith park method of meeting the bumps of there recently. the saddle regularly. . . Hon. M. P. Kinkaid, M.C., is a candidate for reelection. . . Miss Hanna Morrison and Peter Donohoe were united in marriage at St. cone brown gelding strayed or stolen from his place two miles south of O'Neill. . . The bunch of 24 head of stolen or stray horses rounded up by Sheriff Hall recorded to have all been already and Sanday in Jincoln. They went to see Mrs. Edgar Wood of Lincoln, who had spent a week in a hospital there and had returned to her home Saturday and Sanday in Jincoln. the owners.

20 Years Ago

Several local business men gave a dinner at the Golden hotel honoring Dwight Griswold, republican nominee for governor. Tickets were sold for 50c each. . . A letter to the readers of The Frontier from the first editor of this paper was published in this er.
paper. 'Twas 54 years ago last Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Ickes, sr.,
May W. D. "Doc" Matthews esstamps must be obtained at the postoffice. . . Leonore Shoemaker made her final vows into the sisterhood of St. Francis at Stella Glenda. Niagara, N.Y. Her father, George Shoemaker, made the trip east to witness the event. Besides having weekend with his brother, C. E. Niagara, N.Y. Her father, George a nice trip he reports that business seems to be on the up-grade in the eastern states.

10 Years Ago

Miss Patricia Sullivan, daugh ter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Sullison of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dono- hostess. hoe, were united in marriage at St. Andrew's cathedral, Little Rock, Ark. . . Fourteen Holt county men went into the armed 48-0 victory at Lynch. Ed Camp- refreshments. bell and John Baker sprinted 50 and 40 yards, respectively, for the third and sixth touchdowns. The quarter. Future Farmers of America held their first meeting of the year at the O'Neill high school. Larry Schaffer, president of the local chapter, led the discussion on this year's program following the regular business meeting. Ronald Borg and Raythe entertainment. . Miss Ann guests. A no-host lunch was serv-Harty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ed. P. B. Harty, was injured fatally in a fall from the rear of a pick-

One Year Ago parents,
Mrs. Larry Schaffer will reign Braddock

2 Holt Youths

Vanish Come Snow Miss Mary Louise Birmingham Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Walters, and A2/c Delbert Rouse, son of and A2/c Delbert Rouse, son of course. Later in the month she Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse, are now stationed in England with United Kingdom to be shortlived - perhaps only two or three

> They are stationed near Oxford and are about 60 miles from London. The two entered the service together and have been together

Mabel Harmon Heads Farmerettes-

The Grattan Farmerette club Sent to England held a special meeting for the A/3c Allen H. Walters, son of Ir. and Mrs. Henry W. Walters, and A2/c Delbert Rouse, son of Lowell Johnson. Nine members

were present. Officers elected for the new year are as follows: Mabel Har-The two young men, who are nion, president; Hazel Clouse, cousins, expect their stay in the vice-president; Annie Ellingson, secretary-treasurer; Iris Eppenbach, news reporter, Ella Boelter, health reporter.

After a short business meeting the entertainment was furnished by Mrs. Floyd Sanders. Our next meeting will be October 13 at the

home of Mrs. Bill Hanley. - By Annie Ellingson, news reporter

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famous violin virtuoso, will head-

line the Cavalieri-Myers-Holmes

Patrick's Catholic church in O'-Neill. A liberal reward is being offered by Harry Weekes for the vin Harvey and Noel Wood spent recovery of one bay mare and Saturday and Sunday in Lincoln. cently have all been claimed by of Mrs. Edmisten and the mother of Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Asher and Noel Wood. They also visited the Jesse Bolin family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. West of Orchard visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dob-

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Asher and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ash-

May W. D. "Doc" Matthews es-tablished The Frontier. . . It will for their son, Nevin, jr., and his cost duck hunters an extra doilar daughter, Teri, whose birthday to hunt this fall. Federal hunting anniversaries occur the same day. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Ickes, jr., and Teri and Mr. and Mrs. Soren Sorensen, jr., and

Walker, and family

The Contract bridge club met last Thursday evening with Mrs. Dan Troshynski. Mrs. Herbert Steinberg won the high score prize; Mrs. C. E. Walker, all-cut, and Mrs. John Lamason, travelvan, and Pfc. Walter Donohoe, ing. Lunch was served by the

Mrs. Earl Parks was hostess to the Get-Together club Friday afternoon with 10 members and one guest, Mrs. Leonard Wright, services this month. . . St. Mary's present. The afternoon was spent Cardinals won over Lynch in a socially and Mrs. Parks served

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eby and two sons of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Angame was called in the third ton Nissen and Mr. and Mrs. Lor-

Mrs. Hester Edmisten entertained the Royal Neighbor Kensington on Wednesday afternoon, September 22, with nine members present, Mrs. Calvin Harvey mond Revell were in charge of and Mrs. Kenneth Asher were

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson of Lincoln spent the weekend with up truck in which she and a group of girls were returning from Emmet

One Year Age

Lincoln spett the weekend with the weeken parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton

Joe Gets Black Eye, More Friends group of girt from Emmet The celebrated Watkins committee, no doubt | value in good music that comes on records, on the

aided and abetted by left wing publications, commentators and politicians, has deemed it necessary to censure Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R), the redhunter from Wisconsin. Censure of a senator doesn't mean much, un-

Editorial . . .

less it can be likened to a carefully calculated black eye. Certainly it won't affect in any way McCarthy's congressional privileges. It's our guess it won't so much as slow down the Irishman with boundless guts and energy dedicated to making things tough for the communist conspiracy in the United States. All in the world the whole series of hearings and investigations has done is to slow down the red hunt and to give a measure of aid and comfort to the conspiracy it-

The Watkins committee, among other things, states that McCarthy, in six drama-packed years of red hunting, should be censured;

For his refusal in 1952 to testify before the Hendrickson subcommittee (which also was out to "investigate" McCarthy). For "abuse" of Brig.-Gen. Ralph Zwicker, the

Ft. Monmouth commandant. For making statements "clearly intemperate, in bad taste and unworthy a member of this body

... etc." Zwicker turns out to be a dual personality. He clammed up before the McCarthy inquisitors, presumably on authority from "higher up." At a later date, he answered the same questions which he refused to do before McCarthy.

The Pentagon crowd closed ranks on McCarthy on the Zwicker incident (it was an opportune time) and the details surrounding the honorable discharge of a Major Peress, a Fifth amendment guy, still are not known, although the army's loyalty board (one of Joe's targets) since has un-

dergone a complete change in personnel. Speaking of abuse, The Frontier cannot decide which has been worse: Attacks on McCarthy by the leftwing press and pinko politicians or McCarthy's attacks on known or Fifth amendment communist sympathizers and egg-heads.

Our guess is Joe will emerge with a wellblackened eye, but with a larger, solidified band of followers-folks who admire a guy with guts to go out and get 'em.

Community Concerts

Will there be a series of musical concerts for the O'Neill community this winter?

The answer, and it ought to be overwhelmingly favorable, will be known during the week of October 18-23 when the O'Neill Community Concerts association sponsors its first annual membership drive. The group seeks to enroll one thousand members to assure a successful concert

Those who value music for the schools, in their own lives and for the importance of a welladed community should join in this undertaking. Once established, we feel certain the O'-Neill association will live and prosper through a good many years.

O'Neill schools have a good record for their sponsorship of music in the schools. But music, like other phases of life that may be termed cultural, cannot reach fulfillment if the basic appreciation taught in school is not carried further and made a part of the living experience of the community as a whole. Of course, there is inestimable

radio and television airlanes, but this should only help, not supplant, a community's desire for worthwhile music. People residing within a considerable radius

of O'Neill will have an opportunity to hear artists of real stature. It will be particularly pleasant to become acquainted, face to face, with rising artists of the musical world. This is the almost inevitable result when your city or town signs up with the Community Concert Services, Inc.

What has been done so successfully in 1,500 other communities in the United States and Canada is on the verge of becoming a reality hereif everyone who loves music will come forward and subscribe. Moreover, there is bound to be a lot of latent

music appreciation in this or any other community. Appreciation is something that is to be cultivated and, the world around, is regarded as a rare international standard or language. We have heard through the grapevine a rank-

ing concert enthusiast at Valentine, which is now starting its second season of community concerts, is the town's blacksmith. It is said he attended the first concert out of curiosity. We predict curiosity will be transformed into real enthusiasm for a good many O'Neillites if the concert series becomes a reality here—and we're sure it will.

The Hayfever Outlook

The experts tell us that those among us who are bothered by havfever have a poor future ahead in the coming weeks. Dr. Leslie N. Gay of the Johns-Hopkins allergy clinic says that the pollen count in late September is very heavy.

Moreover, Gay says the hayfever season is late this year and that those who think they have escaped may be in for plenty of sneezes later on. Gay says the pollen count from one of the worst offenders - ragweed - has been very scanty be-

cause of the drought. The doctor says there are tree pollens, grass pollens and ragweed pollens, all of which cause hayfever sufferers much trouble. The ragweed pollen gets more publicity, as it is a fall pollen, but Gay says the tree pollens and grass pollens also cause considerable trouble to hayfever suf-

ferers in spring and summer. If you are a fall hayfever sufferer, Gay suggests you get ready for a healthy crop of sneezes and some bleary eyes in the near future.

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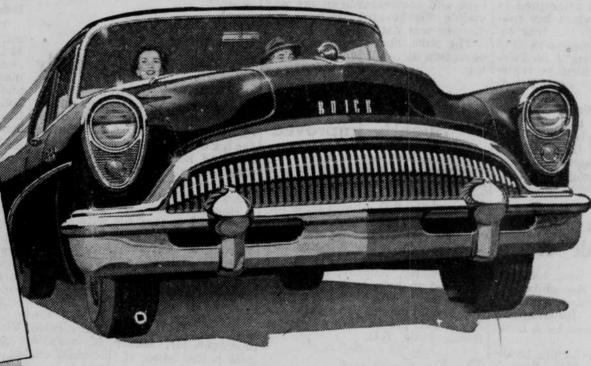


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