

Prairieland Talk

Only 3 Firms Survive Ebbtide

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MARION, IND.—The graveyard of time embraces another little trading post of long standing in Holt county. This time it's the Townsend store in Page. And I think Clint had something to do with the organization of the Townsend Bridge company before embarking on the long trail of a country town storekeeper.

Before there was a village of Page there were Minneola, Middle Branch, Dustin, Eagle Mills, Shamrock, Little—all now faded away, gone, forgotten.

The ebbtide has retreated from the full flowing tide of new life in the O'Neill community has left the First National bank, Biglin's and the Frontier as the only survivors of early pioneer life on prairieland. And others have taken over these three institutions that survive the wreck of time. Six scribes had graced the editorial functions of The Frontier previous to the present editor. Biglin's has undergone a few changes, as has the First National, since the days of Ed Kelly, the first cashier. And within the ebbtide that retreats before the onrush of new life there are those who will remember Father Cassidy, for long years pastor of St. Patrick's church. Today people marvel that he retained unflinching clerical dignity and warmhearted friendship with everybody while members of his parish were at throat-cutting war with each other over who and which were to hold down the jobs at the courthouse.



Romaine Saunders

There were fissionists and GOP's among the members of St. Patrick's and maybe their pastor, a native of Ireland, concluded that was the Yankee way in politics and let it go at that.

They are at it again in the legislative chamber down at Nebraska's famed statehouse—a state sales tax. Before coming East, Prairieland Talker bought a five-dollar traveling bag. The saleslady then asked me for four bits to cover the federal sales tax on that five-dollar purchase. Buy a light bulb—two cents tax. The proponents of the state sales tax say it will mean less property tax. The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. In the several states visited that have adopted the sales tax, American patriots still pay property tax and bellyache about the sales tax, while their tax dollars have been going abroad to "rehabilitate" lands where the natives laugh at tax collectors.

Nebraskans are riding high in federal affairs. Mr. Seaton, Hastings publisher, has been called to the white house as a consultant of the chief executive, C. A. Nelson, a native of Bristow, has been named to head the inspection division of the federal atomic energy setup. A number of others from this state have been previously called into important federal posts. Chief Justice Simmons of the state supreme court announces he is not available for a federal appointment and will continue his work as judge. A measure before the state legislature that has merit would amend the state constitution so terms of statehouse elected officials would be four years instead of two. The one elected for the two-year term is in most instances reelected. Capable officials have been elected through the years and a four-year term would eliminate the partisan hogwash every two years. Automobile crackups are getting under the hide of insurance companies. In nine months last year 507 million dollars were paid by life insurance companies as a result of highway deaths.

Advice to the business men of O'Neill: Don't overlook your advertising in 1955 and your customers won't overlook you.

Editorial

The Tax Hours

If you are the average working man, you are putting in about two and a half hours a day for the U.S. government. That's the average time required by the typical American to earn the money he must pay in taxes.

In other words, if you start work at 9 o'clock, you're working until about a half hour before noon for Uncle Sam. That's what the Kentucky Tax Research association found in a recent compilation.

The association also worked up figures showing what the average man uses the money earned from the rest of his day for.

Next in importance, in the time required to earn it, is food. The average working man spends an hour and 37 minutes of his working day to earn food for himself and his family. After that, in time required to provide it, is the problem of housing, and the average man spends an hour and 24 minutes each day for the shelter, rent or payment he is making on his living quarters.

Oddly enough, transportation is the next biggest item, requiring 42 minutes of the average man's working day, followed by clothing, which requires 36 minutes. Medical and personal care require only 23 minutes of the working day, in earnings, and reading and recreation represent 20 minutes of the average working days, in cost.

Finds Mummy on Alaskan Island

Theodore P. Bank, director of the Institute of Regional Exploration, reported recently he had discovered an ancient Aleut tomb on the Alaskan island of Kanaga. Mr. Bank has spent many years exploring in the Alaskan area, and his recent archeological discovery is interesting from several standpoints.

In the first place, the tomb discovered was thought to have been at the base of an active volcano and had been kept dry by the heat of lava beds beneath it. Inside the tomb was a mummy of an Aleut warrior chieftain. The mummy was placed in a skin boat and was sitting in an upright position.

Also discovered by Mr. Bank in his recent exploration were the remnants of a prehistoric forest on Atka island, in the Aleutian chain. Trees which had been buried in mud and lava beds for thousands of years were found where trees no longer grow, and some of them were as large as four feet in diameter.

It appears from these discoveries that mummies were used in burying chieftains many years ago in the Alaska area and that further knowledge and discoveries of this early Aleut life are yet to come.

Despite the troubles that afflict the world, the old human race goes along and, as one of our friends constantly remarks, there will always be people.

An orator is not usually a thinker.

At 7:30 last night 500 women of the city of Marion marched forth to ring doorbells where the glow of a porchlight seemed to beckon. It was the "march of dimes" for the polio fund. Raising of funds has become the great American sport. Marion householders responded last night with \$3,182. Everyone who it at all able contributes to a worthy cause such as the annual march of dimes represents. And this response is made although the donors do not see a published report of what is done with their money. It goes on all across and land and is in the hands of women. Faith, confidence in American womanhood and the universal sympathy for the suffering inspire all to give without requesting an accounting.

I sat at the end of the pew during the church service. Across the aisle sat two young girls. Hymn books were open and the songs of Zion poured forth. Those two girls saw that I had no hymn book. With the book open to the number being sung, one of those girls stepped over and handed it to me.

We hear a lot about juvenile shortcomings. Here was not an isolated instance of courtesy shown by a young girl to what she may have taken to be a "father in Israel." But that was in church!

Parental training and spiritual instruction have made her a charming and thoughtful young girl. "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

A bit of legislative news in the Lincoln Evening Journal that came today was of special interest to Prairieland Talker. Senator McGinley of Ogallala had introduced a bill that would provide a slogan or legend for auto license plates to read, "The Beef State." It was proposed to immortalize us as the best state. Senator McGinley seems to have reacted to it in harmony with a suggestion in this department and has done something about it.

The evening paper showed a little girl in tears. She had been with her father to a store and was fitted with new shoes. A happy child. Going home her father took her in his arms as they were to cross a street. An automobile hit them. Father was killed, the little girl unhurt. Unhurt? No. The thorns of life at such an early age had pierced her heart and she bled. From the cradle to the grave the sad refrain of sorrow sounds.

Lord Bacon defined us thusly: "Man — an extract or compendious image of the world." Do you qualify?

A Fifth avenue millionaire was knocked off by a killer and about all the detectives and police are on the hunt for the slayer. A near-penniless guy get it in a vital spot and a bluecoat or two give it the once-over and leave the scene. No clue.

An Indianapolis, Ind., boy was killed in a traffic smashup. A 7-year-old girl was caught in a burning house, much of her body scorched so that life could be assured her only by skin grafting. Where to get the human skin. "Take that from our dead boy," said the parents of the victim of another highway tragedy.

O'Neill represents a collection of people who believe that they can get along better in life by working together.

A little work, plus some responsibility, should be a part of the education of every boy and girl in O'Neill, regardless of what parents think.

When You and I Were Young...

Exposed All Night; Temp 38 Below

Train Engineer Is Unconscious

50 Years Ago
The engineer of the Great Northern lay unconscious for five hours in the waiting room of the depot after an all-night exposure in his cab to 38 below zero weather and the exhausting struggle of getting his train through adamant snowdrifts. Juvenile vandals took advantage of a cracked window pane at the rear of Bowen's Racket store recently by removing the pane of glass and reaching through to purloin a few tools lying on a bench. The cold weather has had its effects on the water works. A kettle of hot water is provided before going to the faucet each morning and most hydrants are found frozen. Mrs. McHugh and son, Frank, were dumped out of their bobsled at the First National bank corner. The team they were driving took an extra spurt at the corner and turned the bobsled over and the team became detached. Mrs. McHugh was caught under the box while Frank landed on his feet and started in pursuit of the team. Neither was hurt.

20 Years Ago
Mrs. Emmet Slaight suffered a skull fracture in a recent automobile accident. The Nebraska Bar association of the Fifteenth judicial district held its annual meeting and banquet at the Golden hotel. With large supplies of seed for spring planting being imported from other sections, Holt county farmers face a grave danger of smut infestation among small grains. While Tom Welsh was sleeping one night recently a neighbor awakened him to tell him his house was on fire. The fire resulted from a defective flue and it burned both the house and barn. Most of the household properties were destroyed. At present Tom is living in a house on wheels.

10 Years Ago
William Kelly and Theresa Bordeaux shared honors as king and queen of hearts at the St. Mary's academy valentine dance. Jennie Beth Mellor won second place in the district 4-H timely topics speech contest held at Bassett. Dorothy Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson of Clearwater, and Harold Mlinar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mlinar of Atkinson, were married at the Lutheran parsonage in O'Neill. A Neil Dawes will assume the duties of Holt county agricultural agent. He has for the past three years been agricultural agent in Boyd county.

One Year Ago
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker observed their golden wedding anniversary at an open-house held at their farm home northwest of the city. The O'Neill district of the Consumers Public Power company earned the 1953 safety award after completing 219,043 man-hours of work during that year without a single accident resulting in loss of working time. The grand opening of the Eby Conoco Service station was held over the weekend. The Chicago & North Western railroad filed application with the Nebraska railway commission to discontinue passenger trains 13 and 14 operating between Chadron and Rapid City, S.D.

O'Neill Student Candidate for Queen
The 22d Mardi Gras of Duchesne college, Omaha, will be held Friday, February 18, with the coronation at the college auditorium and the ball at the Blackstone hotel. The following Seniors were voted upon by the student body last spring; out of these nine princesses one will be queen. Her identity was made known to the president of the college and will be kept secret until the night of the ball. The student chosen does not know of her honor until the night of the coronation. Princesses include Miss Margaret (Marde) Birmingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Birmingham of O'Neill.

All Members Present for Club Meeting
The Pleasant Brook 4-H club held its meeting at district 46 schoolhouse on Tuesday, February 8. All members were present. Charlotte and Donna Wright joined the club. Mrs. Fern Stearns, the club leader, attended club leader activities in Lincoln recently. She gave a very interesting talk on what she had done while there. The sewing project received new books. The hostesses, Mrs. Stearns and Mrs. Schmiesser, served lunch—valentine style. Next meeting will be at district 131 schoolhouse, March 8.

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The atomic energy commission at Washington, D.C., has announced that a former Bristow resident, Curtis A. Nelson, has been named to head the AEC's inspection division. Nelson has been manager of the 3½-billion-dollar Savannah (S.C.) river operations installation—a part of the AEC. Nelson was a colonel in the army-engineers during World War II. Earlier he was graduated from the University of Nebraska.

Memorial Rite for Mrs. Minnie French

EWING—An Order of the Eastern Star school of instruction was held Tuesday afternoon, February 8, with Mrs. Doris Dawson, district 10 supervisor, in charge. A gift was presented Mrs. Dawson by Mrs. Wilbur Bennett, worthy matron, on behalf of the chapter.

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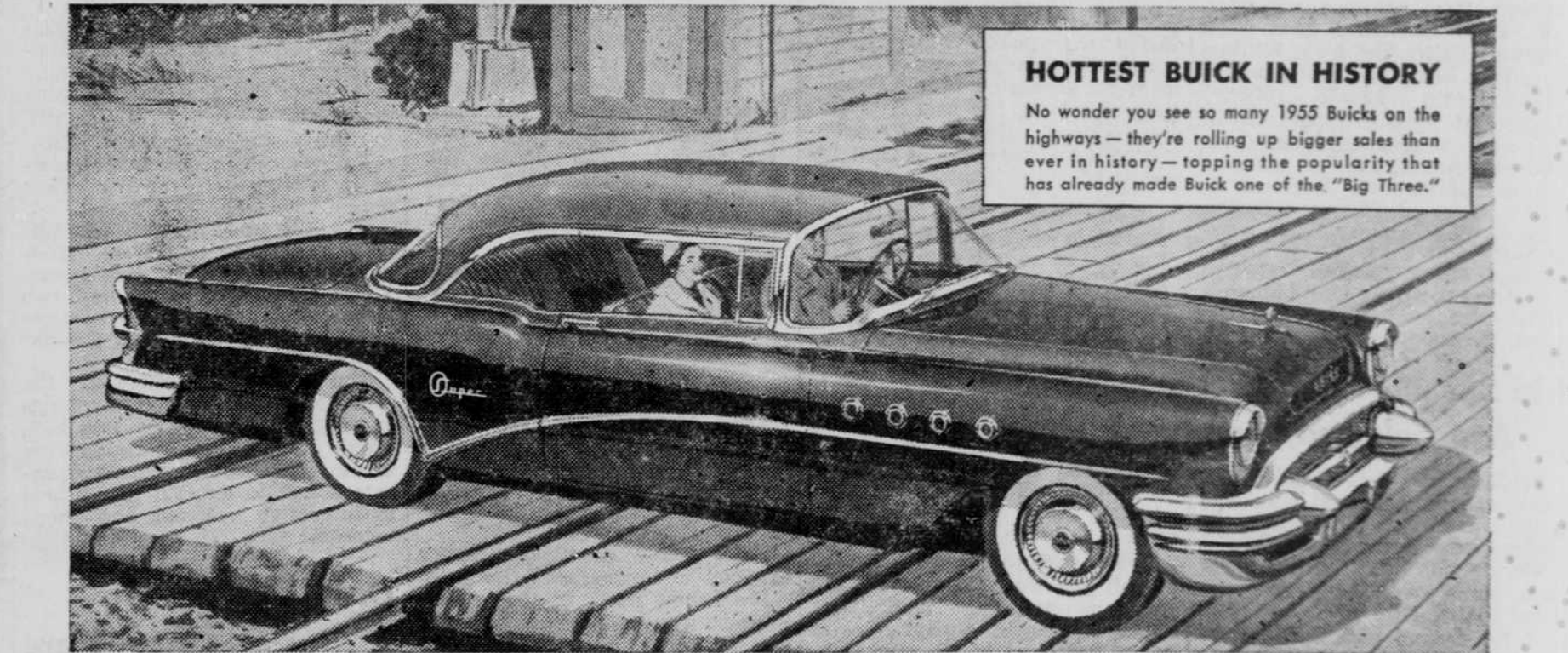
The O'Neill army recruiting office has announced the following recent enlistments from this area:
Martha American Horse of Gordon, for women's army corps (WAC).
For engineer corps: Robert M. Clevenger of Hay Springs, Albert M. Brandl of Orchard, William W. Morton of Merriman, Sammie L. Godkin of Neligh, Robert E. Hopkins of Neligh, Lyle J. Haake of Clearwater, Robert R. Irish of Creighton, Larry H. Waldron of Hay Springs, Merle D. Ford of Merriman, Delvin A. Rabass of Neligh, Jimmie E. Graham of Clearwater, Stephen M. Timm of Oakdale, Lee R. Rankin of Neligh.
For signal corps: Leroy W. Anderson of Wausa, John M. Moore of Bloomfield, Raymond R. Lange of Bloomfield.
For medical corps: David L. Eby of O'Neill, Gary L. Buckmaster of Fremont (formerly O'Neill).
For ordnance corps: Donald A. Balfany, of Chadron, Larry L. Haas of Valentine.
For quartermaster corps: Ray E. Passieux of O'Neill, Harold L. Johnson of O'Neill.
For 10th division: James A. Walnofer of Orchard, Calvin J. Donny of Niobrara.
For adjutant general corps: Robert L. Sorensen of Page.
For artillery corps: Robert D. Cline of Napier.
For military police corps: Frank A. Huston of Bassett.
For auto engine rebuild school:

James D. Stewart of Page. Regular army, unassigned (no choice): Fred W. Shores of Elgin; Jesse L. Morrison of Rushville. After these people have completed their basic they will be re-assigned according to their choices, except the regular army, unassigned, who will be re-assigned according to the needs of the service. The recruiting officer will be in O'Neill at the courthouse annex, on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Appointments can be made for any evening during the week or over the weekend by writing the O'Neill office or phoning O'Neill 18 or 424-J.
Mr. and Mrs. James Kurtz of Long Pine visited from last Thursday until Saturday at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kurtz, and family.

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