

Prairieland Talk

4 Oldsters Pledge Allegiance

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MARION, IND.—English-born, German-born, Holland-born, Poland-born—four women, for some time residents of this Indiana community, yesterday became American citizens as they stood together with raised right hand and pledged allegiance to the United States government, its laws, its institutions and its traditions.

American citizenship is not exclusively an inherited right, though we natives robe ourselves in the garments of pride over our national inheritance. The official administering the oath asked the four women a few questions, relating to our national history. "When did the United States declare its independence from Great Britain?" One good English voice, three in yet unmastered English, responded, "July 4, 1776." "What means most to you since you came to America?" Again one in clear, straight English, three in broken speech, "Why, the freedom!"



Saunders Romaine

Freedom has ever been the cry of human hearts. Out of the sinister shadows of other centuries came a band of exiles that moored their bark on the wild New England shore as breaking waves dashed high on the stern and rock-bound coast, "and the woods against a stormy sky their giant branches tossed." Our ancestors, the forerunners of what we know today as free America, the America where these four Indiana citizens from other lands that hold less hope of human freedom are made welcome to enjoy and uphold the honor of the freedom they love.

After 114 years service in the realm of journalism, the Brooklyn Eagle suspends publication because the publisher felt that the demands of the CIO for larger pay checks could not be met. So the announcement was made last week that the newspaper's presses have been "silenced forever." Organization, unions and guilds more and more are demanding the impossible of industry. Some of America's largest industrial plants are now faced with a demand from the working force for guaranteed yearly jobs and yearly pay checks. The possibility of bankruptcy seems not to be taken into consideration. The Eagle, established in 1841, had some notable at the masthead, has been a Pulitzer prize package and went daily into 150,000 homes. Now it becomes a victim of unreasonable demands.

The spring equinox dusted most of Hoosierland with a bit of snow. A forlorn little blooming plant out in the open that gave a touch of color to drab surroundings folded velvet petals this morning and may wink again when the sighing of north winds ceases and sunshine again comes out of the sky above. We are at quite a distance from the equator but just the same it can warn us not to be in a hurry to lay off the long-legged union suit.

A Frankfort, Ind., woman celebrated a day last week with her four children, 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, the occasion being her 105th birthday anniversary. . . . A dame up at Kalamazoo, Mich., was fined a total of \$386 on a charge of driving while intoxicated, ripping the uniforms of three police, battering the police car, damage to a jail cell and general unladylike behavior. . . . The Western Pacific railroad has placed an order with the Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing company for 320 freight cars. . . . The report for January, 1955, shows 586 persons on relief rolls in Grant county, Ind. . . . As an introduction to spring March 22 an 80-miles-an-hour wind unroofed houses and damaged business buildings in an Ohio town. . . . At a function at Purdue university put on by the Indiana Motor Truck association, a 40-year-old trucker was designated the "Indiana driver of the year." Verdane Reiff was the person so honored. . . . Mr. Truman reverts to his earlier love; heard of now in New York City as a music critic. . . . Two young couples, apparently guilty of nothing but disregarding the red light and pursued by Columbus, O., police, are dead—they collided with a moving railroad train.

Editorial

No Sales Tax, Please

The O'Neill Chamber of Commerce in session Monday night voted to stand four-square against the perennial sales tax legislation which is now in the mill in the state legislature. The legislation incorporates a state income tax, too.

Proponents of a state sales-income tax for Nebraska have difficulty, generally, explaining the history of such taxes in neighboring states. When a sales tax or income tax is adopted, the spenders use it as a device to rake in more dough, and find places to spend the extra money.

The do-gooders who want a Nebraska sales-income tax say this revenue can supplant real estate tax for state (not county or school) government.

The Frontier feels there's a day a-comin' when a state sales tax might be a good thing. Unfortunately, that day is being speeded by the spiraling of other taxes.

For the present, though, we feel a state sales tax is premature, and, like the Chamber of Commerce, we're "agin' it. We have the feeling the enthusiasts of a state sales-income tax have banded together this time on the past record which shows that each tax in itself would fail to pass.

However, there's a day a-comin' because the real estate tax load is getting progressively and alarmingly worse.

Most Beautiful Words

What are the three most beautiful words in the English language?

The single man said that in his estimation, the three words of beauty were, "I love you."

The second man, happily married, argued that "home, sweet home," took some beating.

The third man thought he took the cake—he was a business man and plumped for "enclosed find check."

Now that the big election is over, O'Neillites can turn to something else for conversation piece. Take fluoridation, for example. We think doctoring up municipal water is for the birds.

The person who smiles throughout the day doesn't have sense enough to know what's going on, or else too much to care.

God made the country, man made the city. Tired of whistles and bells and jostling crowds and walled in jungles, the city dweller takes a ride out into God's world. The country dweller goes to the city for a break in life's routine and a half day suffices. Doc Mathews, the gifted writer who gave birth to The Frontier 75 years ago, made prairie-land a lure for home seekers by his word pictures of "God's country." Thus the domain of the antelope, the prairie wolf, the jackrabbit, the water fowl, the prairie hen and the curlew became the abode of humans. Animal and bird life on the open prairie has not surrendered all to intruders, and who will not pause to look at the golden eagle soaring aloft on stately wings, see the jackrabbit bounding across field and meadow, the sly coyote trotting here and there, or listen to the song of the meadowlark perched by the prairie trail? Lingerings beside this common prairie trail you are made aware that you are an intruder from the haunts of men. And the inspiration comes so well expressed by the poet, Perkins:

I want to lend a helping hand
Over the round and steep
To a child too young to understand—
To comfort those who weep.
I want to live and work and plan
With the great crowd surging by,
To mingle with the common man,
No better nor worse than I.

Before taking off from the city of seven hills for a visit to the United States and Canada, an Italian official at Rome said he was not coming here to add any burdens to the American taxpayer, but to another link to the chain of good will and friendly relations with the Western world. The people dwelling by troubled Tiber have had a pleasant vision since World War I.

It was a dull day if nothing stirred in O'Neill to set the town talking if not exchanging bills. Now it is "shall we or shall we not add another inch or two to Douglas and Fourth streets?" Which ever way it is decided, the highways will probably remain as they are. The one from the south could hardly find another outlet and the out-of-the-state travel on it is next to nothing anyway. The proponents "for" must be mostly interested in increasing filling station business or retaining what now comes along from motorists passing through. It was interesting to note what Mr. Puckett had to offer regarding the highway as related to parking space on the streets of O'Neill. His view is doubtless shared by most community citizens driving to town to trade. If Prairieland Talker may venture a guess warranted by the record of years now gone, O'Neill will continue to expand and flourish with or without federal highways. This Indiana city has the highway bypass that carries traffic away from the business section, which at that tender parking space at a premium. Highway 20 bypasses it, but Atkinson is still on the map. Chambers is five miles from 281 and continues to grow and flourish.

Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon has finally done it. Henceforth, says the senator, he is a democrat politically. A switch from republicans who elected him to "independent," now another switch. That is the Yankee privilege. But it is the part of honor to resign the office to which you have been elected by one political party if you get your back up over something or nothing and no longer care to be identified as one of the group that elected you. Mr. Morse may have discovered that there was no future for an independent and with the present political complexion of congress the next step was natural.

Why bring out of the shadows of the past the memory of Yalta and the part played there by our president, Franklin D. Roosevelt—tired, sick and the grave only three months away?

A city down in Mississippi adopted an ordinance prohibiting street vendors from announcing their presence by rolling down a street playing a musical instrument. The kids are preparing to go to court. Here is what the mayor received in the mail: "If you don't let the ice cream man put the music box on his truck we will sue for one trillion dollars!" No pikers, those kids.

When You and I Were Young . . .

Henry Grady Starts Rural Mail Delivery

D. A. Doyle Named O'Neill Mayor

Lyons Mullen, Mike Horiskey and Arthur Duffy were in Omaha to take examinations for admission to the railway mail service. . . . Henry Grady has his new rig of regulation build for the rural mail route and will start the 15th of the month as a U.S. postal man. . . . The new mayor is D. A. Doyle. Romaine Saunders was elected city clerk, James F. Gallagher, treasurer, and O. E. Davidson, police judge. Aldermen were P. J. Biglin, William Fallon and J. A. Coperthwaite. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oberly, out Aage way, entertained at a social dance at their home. . . . John Hickey of West Point purchased the Vaughan and Kirwan places west of town from Frank Campbell.

20 Years Ago
The first shipment of government seed oats for Holt county has been received in O'Neill and is available for distribution at the Farmers Union elevator. . . . Dr. L. A. Burgess was reelected president of the O'Neill Country club. It is his fourth year to hold the office. . . . J. A. Mann was appointed county FHA chairman. . . . Snowfall in the area brought relief from the raging dust storms.

10 Years Ago
P. J. Biglin, 82, died at his home in O'Neill. He had been a resident of this county since 1881. . . . The turnout at the polls Tuesday was small. Less than 200 persons voted, considered a very poor showing for a town of 3,000. . . . 2/Lt. Robert B. Ryan, son of James B. Ryan, was awarded the air medal, it was announced recently by the commanding general of the Eighth air force. Prior to his entry into the army air force, he was employed in Chicago, Ill., by W. J. Froelich. . . . T-5 Donald Martin is spending six-weeks leave in O'Neill after serving abroad for three years. He will return to Italy late in April. . . . Marriage licenses were issued to Ernest G. Wedge and Muriel Murdock. . . . Earl Murphy of O'Neill and to Earl Schindler of Ewing and Bernice Mary Tagel, Bliss postoffice.

One Year Ago
Red Cross contributions for the O'Neill community totaled \$1,009. . . . Over two miles of prairie on the Sid Salzman ranch near Ainsworth was destroyed by fire. . . . Capt. John L. Baker was forced to bail out of his F-84G over mountainous terrain near Ago, Ariz., when the engine caught fire. He was on a routine training flight when engine difficulty developed. . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snelson of Long Pine, 87- and 80-year-olds, respectively, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

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Ward Smith Joins Implement Firm
Ward Smith of Akron, O., has joined the Harry R. Smith Implements here. Mr. Smith is a brother of the firm owner.

Knights Sell Angus
Fora L. Knight & Sons of O'Neill recently sold 15 purebred Aberdeen-Angus cows and four registered bulls to Rolland Miller & Son of Middlebranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reimer, jr., and Jimmy spent the weekend in Omaha. Mrs. Reimer's grandmother, Mrs. Morse, accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nissen of Page were Sunday callers at the Fred Appleby home.



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Sandhill Wranglers Reorganize

The Sandhill Wrangler 4-H club met at the home of Hugh James' parents on Tuesday, March 22. The purpose of the meeting was to reorganize the club. We have nine members—all but one of whom were present. Our new leader is Mr. Winings and our assistant leader is Mr. Hanson. The new president is Rita Winings, replacing Robert Clifford; Hugh James, vice-president, replacing Richard Pospisil; Bonnie Clifford, secretary and treasurer, replacing Jimmy Hanson. We did not decide on projects as the new leaders did not have proper materials. After the meeting games were played and a nice lunch was served by Mrs. James. —By Robert O. Clifford, reporter.

Murphy Succeeds Crook at Ainsworth

State Engineer L. N. Ress announced recently the appointment of J. B. Murphy as engineer in charge of the department of roads and irrigation's field division 8. Murphy will be responsible for highway improvements in Cherry, Holt, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha, Boyd, Loup, Garfield and Wheeler counties, with headquarters in Ainsworth. Murphy is presently division construction engineer of division 4 at Grand Island. Murphy first joined the department in 1926. He has been an instrument man at Nebraska City, junior engineer at Laurel, project engineer at Creighton, and resident engineer at St. Paul. He was born and educated in Bertrand and has been a registered professional engineer since 1938.

Social Security Field Worker Coming

Harold F. Benjamin, field representative of the Omaha office of the social security administration, will be at O'Neill in the basement of the courthouse on Wednesday, April 13 and 27, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. He will assist retired individuals who wish to file claims for old-age insurance benefits, as well as those who wish to file claims for survivors insurance benefits.

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Mrs. Henry Benze and family visited Saturday afternoon at the John Vitt home.

Amelia News

Mr. and Mrs. Keith McMillen, Mrs. Mary Lou Price and son, Jackie, and Harty Robbins, all of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spahn and Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Spahn of Chambers of Chambers, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fullerton. Mrs. B. H. Waldo accompanied Mrs. Harold Waldo to Norfolk Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nissen of Lincoln visited over the weekend with Mrs. Nissen's sister, Mrs. Frank Pierce and Mr. Pierce. Mrs. Gloria Landrum attended the ice Capades in Omaha on Sunday.

Mrs. Edith Anderson, Mrs. Lawrence Barnett and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Barnett. Mr. and Mrs. Art Doolittle, DeLores and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adair and son, John Hansen, Mrs. Stella Sparks and Lonnie were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Gertie Adair.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fix and Leone spent the weekend at Scottsbluff visiting their son, Gale Fix, and family. Oscar Greenstreet and his daughter, Patsy, of Sedro Wooley, Wash., were here to attend the funeral of L. C. Watson. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nachtmann and Mrs. Maggie Nachtmann arrived here Sunday evening from Douglas, Wyo., to attend the funeral of the ladies' mother, Mrs. Carrie Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fryrear were in Elgin on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Vanderbilt and son visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Seger in Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winnings and son visited at the Frank Backhaus home Saturday evening. Baptismal services were held Palm Sunday, April 3, at the Amelia Methodist church. Loren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Butterfield; Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bly, and Jackie Price, son of Mrs. Mary Lou (Spahn) Price, were baptized. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bly became members of the church.

Mrs. L. B. Barnett, Ardath and Connie, and Mrs. Barnett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Aldersen, expected to go to Greeley, Colo., Friday to visit L. B. Barnett and spend Easter there.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coolidge and Mr. and Mrs. Ed White attended church services at Page Sunday and spent the remainder of the day at the W. E. Ragland home near Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Doolittle, sr.,

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MAY 1 2:30 p.m.
MAY 29 2:30 p.m.
JUNE 19 8:00 p.m.
JULY 3 8:00 p.m.
JULY 4 8:00 p.m.
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