

Prairieland Talk

McKelvie Leaves Permanent Mark

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LINCOLN—The last rites over the remains of Sam McKelvie on January 10 took on the aspect of the capitol building where the state notables gathered with those from the more humble walks of a state affair.



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Some 35 years ago, Sam, as governor of Nebraska, turned the first spadeful of dirt that forecast the erection of our magnificent capitol building, and 35 years later he is brought in from Arizona a lifeless form and laid in a stately setting in the statehouse which his spaded bit of earth consecrated.

The busybodies are at it. Now it is "eat more meat." Maybe the way to induce the consumption of Nebraska's largest animal product is to price it at the meat block at a more alluring figure.

When the brief January day draws to a close and the darkness of a long night spreads its winter mantle over the land, the city dweller draws the shades over windows and doors, turns on the house lights, opens the television and sees upon the screen the performers and spicers of the modern world to their stuff.

Eyes now lusterless, watery, too— Years are creeping up on you! Furrowed brow and wrinkled chin, Faltering step and getting thin, Once auburn locks now snowy white, Hardly know your left from right— Still like to have a bit of fun? You're alright, you're not yet done!

And who is this that presumes to say there are but 11 "All-American" cities in these United States, and Nebraska has one of them? "All-American"—is not all of prairieland just that? What has Nebraska's third city down by Platte within its cultured lines that sets it apart and above Chambers or other Holt county communities?

If all have been counted, 23,000,000 Americans have dogs and the dog food business is said to amount to \$200,000,000. In the last year 10,000 dogs "saw service," and there are 2,500 seeing eye dogs helping the blind get about.

January 5. Outside on a porch post the thermometer records the afternoon early winter temperature at 73 degrees. Shirtsleeve time coming with the new year. The landscape is aglow with sunbeams quivering in the calm air.

Increasing your speed in reading is regarded as a scholarly accomplishment by a recent arrival on the scene of learning. Not how fast or how much I can read, but what I absorb from reading seems the important thing in reading.

The Nebraska Blizzard club, an organization to perpetuate the memory of experiences of prairieland dwellers during the worst blizzard that ever swept across the land, 68 years later called to memory that day in January long ago at the club's annual gathering and banquet held on Thursday, January 12, at the YWCA in Lincoln.

I call him Jim. As the year 1955 drew to a close he quit his job at the age of four score years. A native of Bonnie Scotland, Jim informed me he went to work in a mine in his native land at the age of nine years and six months and was paid seven cents an hour.

Senator Burney of Hartington will seek the job of lieutenant-governor, and north - Nebraska should be for him to a man—and woman. Politicians have their partisan supporters, but not like those of the family physician, some of whom would favor having you shot at sunrise if you disagree with them.

When You and I Were Young... Coal Vein Found in Boyd County

Believed to Be of 'Paying Quality'

The Sanford Dodge company's rendition of Shakespeare's great play, "Julius Caesar," at the opera house, was not up to expectations. Judge Malone issued the license and performed the marriage of L. R. Pinkerman of Scottville and Maude E. Wilson of Redbird.

A party of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman to help celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weier, a son, weighing 5 pounds, was born on the morning of "weary Willies" are on the road these days.

Ellis Wade, a brother of Kid, who met a tragic death at the hands of the vigilantes 62 years ago, visited in this city. He has land in the vicinity of Lynch, but makes his home in Lincoln. A special meeting of the O'Neill Commercial club was held. E. C. Weier was present and explained his plan for operation of the O'Neill sale yard for the coming year.

Forty persons from cities and towns along the Omaha-to-Chadron line of the Chicago & North Western railroad heard encouraging reports on trains number 15 and 14—the last two remaining passenger-mau-express trains in Northern Nebraska.

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Benefit DANCE American Legion Ballroom - O'NEILL - SMITTY and His Jumpin' Jax

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Origin of Garden Clubs Heard—CHAMBERS—Beautiful Valley Garden club, Chambers, held its first 1956 meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Farrier with Mrs. Mildred Wandersee as cohostess. New officers for 1956 are Mrs. Blanche Sageser, president; Mrs. Grace Newhouse, vice-president; Mrs. Bernice Platt, secretary; Mrs. Loa Hubbard, treasurer; Mrs. Florence Rees, news reporter.

Regional Deaths

Stanley J. Pomictor—OMAHA—Stanley J. Pomictor, 62, of Omaha died Saturday, January 7, in the Veteran's hospital in Omaha after a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife, the former Clara Heinowski of Emmet; one brother in Wyoming, three brothers in Poland, and one sister in Poland.

Barney McCarville—NELIGH—Barney McCarville, a longtime Neilgh resident, died Monday, January 9, at the Antelope Memorial hospital in Neilgh. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 12, at St. Boniface Catholic church.

Fred J. Wurtz—LYNCH—Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon, January 13, at the Wesleyan Methodist church at Lynch for Fred J. Wurtz, 75, who died Tuesday, January 10, in the Sacred Heart hospital, Lynch.

Cubs Make Pirate Hats—Cub Scouts den 2 met Wednesday, January 11, after school. All boys were present except one. We painted our pirate hats. Mike Hammond and Dick Brewster served refreshments. We did the living circle before we went home.

Distinguished Guest—George Eiferman, Mr. America of 1948, was the feature attraction on a program presented at O'Neill public school Friday, January 6. Following Mr. Eiferman's demonstrations, a pep rally was held by the student body.

New Eastern Star Officers Take Posts

The Order of the Eastern Star, Symphony chapter, installed new officers last Thursday evening. Mrs. D. C. Schaffer as installing officer; Mrs. D. H. Clauson, installing marshal; Mrs. Esther C. Harris, installing chaplain, and Mrs. George Peterson, installing organist installed the new staff as follows:

Mrs. H. E. Asher, worthy matron; Mrs. H. E. Asher, worthy patron; Mrs. W. W. Waller, associate matron; H. G. Kruse, associate patron; Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh, secretary; Mrs. J. M. McMahan of Inman, treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Porter, conductress; Mrs. Donald McKamy, associate conductress; Mrs. H. L. Lindberg, chaplain; Mrs. Paul Shierk, marshal; A. E. Bowen, organist; Mrs. Larry Schaffer, Adah; Mrs. Gale Dierberger, Ruth; Mrs. Thomas Lambert of Chambers, Esther; Mrs. Elwyn Robertson of Chambers,

Martha; Mrs. George Cook, Electa; Mrs. C. W. Porter, warder; Mrs. Clarence Hansen of Inman, sentinel.

Entertain Guests—VENUS—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pospeshil and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dorr spent Wednesday evening, January 4, at the Ralph Brookhouser home.

Visitors Here—Mrs. Harvey Sawyer and Mrs. Ray Shorney of Ainsworth were Thursday evening, January 12, guests at the Frank Greniet home. Mrs. Sawyer also spent Sunday visiting in O'Neill.

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Editorial

Welcome, Mr. Elliott

A 29-year-old assistant to Oklahoma's great grid master already is on the job at the University of Nebraska. As the new head football coach in the Cornhusker camp, Pete Elliott is being received with open arms.

Elliott has an impressive background as a Michigan university athletic great. He has apprenticed under exceptionally fine coaches, including a five-year stint with Oklahoma's Charles ("Bud") Wilkinson.

Elliott's personal qualities are said to be exemplary and, as backfield coach for the national champion Sooners, he tutored perfectionist ball handlers. Oklahoma hardly knows the meaning of defeat.

The "kid" from the Oklahoma camp succeeds the controversial J. William ("Bill") Glassford, who was a stern task master.

Nebraska's geographic bigness and variations divide the state in a dozen ways. But the University of Nebraska is the only school in the state playing major league football. Thus the football team tends to be a common denominator. Sometimes, it would seem, the Husker football team gets more attention and emphasis than deserved.

Pete Elliott will be entitled to and will receive unbounded support and encouragement from every corner of the state. He comes to Lincoln (the handiwork of Athletic Director William Orwig) at a period when grid fortunes are low and at a time when the state, rightly or wrongly, has received several blackeyes because of coach treatment.

Somehow an air of optimism pervades the entire state. Even if the football emphasis is out of proportion to its basic value, the new spirit of unification and the widespread interest in this common denominator is worth something.

Not Good Enough for a Kelly

The engagement of Miss Grace Kelly to Prince Rainier of Monaco leaves us unconsoled if not inconsolable. Presumably she will now give up her career as an actress, but that isn't what grieves us, for Miss Kelly's talents, even though she won an Oscar, were slight. As an actress or even as a movie actress, she is not to be mentioned in the same breath with a genuine artist and charmer like Audrey Hepburn.

What distresses us is the fact that Miss Kelly is marrying beneath her. She is too well bred a girl to marry the silent partner in a gambling parlor. She is too nice a girl to become the social leader of a town that, at any moment of the year, contains more well-dressed riff-raff than are likely to be found anywhere else under the sun. It's a shame to see a wholesome girl thrust into this milieu, for it is unlikely that she can change it for the better, though it may change her for the worse. The engagement does offer some hope for the British commonwealth. When Prince Charles be-

comes of marriageable age, he might go for a daughter of Grace Kelly if one happens to be around. Assuming that the child inherits her mother's good looks and good sense, she will have a great deal more of both than can be found among European princesses generally. Religious differences and the British constitution stand in the way of the match but maybe they can be overcome. With an infusion of Irish blood, the British royal family might become more adept in the art of governing, and certainly you couldn't push them around like a duke of Windsor or a Margaret.

Dulles Is in Trouble?

Two months ago the newsletter Human Events speculated that certain elements of the Eisenhower administration were undermining Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and that on one occasion, at least, the secretary in frustration high-tailed for a Maine retreat.

Mr. Dulles is a career statesman, and, judging from current goings-on, it would seem the newsletter's insight is correct because John is now getting a going-over from the critics, some of whom are high in the administration.

Human Events predicted Nelson Rockefeller would be Mr. Dulles' successor. Meanwhile, Mr. Rockefeller has quit the white house advisory circle on foreign affairs.

His "recall" now could be just exactly what Human Events had in mind.

The penmanship teacher of yore sadly shakes her head as she views the illegible signature scrawled by a famous man—once her pupil.

Amazing the enthusiasm that mounts in a group of communities when a basketball tournament is in progress.

Nothing reminds a woman of all the things that need to be done around the house like a husband taking it easy.

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