

Prairie Land Talk

Challenge Arouses Bravery

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LINCOLN—Fifty-six years ago an advertisement in a London, England, newspaper read: Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, dangers, months in the dark, safe return not likely, but honor and fame if successful. It was signed by Ernest Shackleton, explorer of Arctic regions. It seemed anything but attractive, yet there were many applicants to join the group for the "hazardous journey." A challenge to courage ever has its appeal.

When I was a lad in the long ago in the Wisconsin community where we lived, if a kid wanted to pick a fight with another lad he put a chip on his shoulder and dared the lad to knock it off. The dare was always met by the chip being dislodged, accompanied by a punch in the snoot of the challenger. There is something about a challenge that arouses the bravery of men. Adventure, hazards, dangers are an incentive to do and dare. Difficulties, problems, the element of chance brings out the heroic in men. A song writer makes this appeal: Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone, dare to have a purpose firm and dare to make it known!



Romaine Saunders

Down the highway of time the seasons come and go, the hand that formed the lily has given us the snow. When it is gone green verdure will adorn the lawn. Bud and blossom and leaf-decked tree are pleasant things to see, and waving fields of grain and stacks of new mown hay out where countless herds are feeding all the live-long day. Then autumn tints and diamond-studded dawn too grand to tell. And so it's nature's changing scene that inspires this bit of doggerel!

Maybe there is a corporal's guard in and around O'Neill who were here in February, 1903, when P. J. Handley of Spencer returned to his first love and spent a day of two in O'Neill. Clyde King was out from Moline, Ill., for a week's sojourn with home folks and friends. C. H. Stowell, postmaster at Francis, Wheeler county, had business in O'Neill. J. J. Dishner of Columbus, a brother of F. J. O'Neill, put up with Frank overnight. Charles Cole was in Amelia looking after business and visiting his sister. Judge and Mrs. Dickinson of Omaha spent a few days in O'Neill at the home of their daughter, Mrs. S. J. Weekes. L. C. Chapman and Capt. R. F. Cross were "down from Atkinson Monday." R. B. Dickson said he would pay \$5 for the return of his "black and white pointer dog." A farewell party was held at the Odd Fellows hall for Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Newell, who were leaving for Seattle, Wash.

Out there in Hollywood, Calif., the movie and TV center, surprising things may show up on the screen. Recently at a "queen" doings a woman came into the picture, her head thrown back like a trotting horse tight-reined and a weight down behind so she could not lower her head. The master-of-ceremonies inquired into her condition and was told she fell last April on the street when in Atkinson, injury resulting to her vertebra. She had memories of Atkinson.

Industry in Russia, we are told, is now a near approach to our own. So the Muscovites have gone capitalistic, too!

Editorial

Will There Be Another Mitchell?

"The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell," the story of a martyr for the cause of air power, gripped hundreds of theater-goers here this week. The film play, although not historically accurate in every detail, unmercifully chided army and navy brass for beating down their infant air arm while trying to protect appropriations and prestige of their own services.

The Royal theater's film play was high drama most of the way, pointing up the frugal existence of the army's "air corps" in those years following World War I during which our victorious armies were hastily demobilized and, in "friendly action," we sank much of our navy. The war had been fought to end all wars.

Mitchell, a son of a New York senator, an air hero in France, and a professional soldier, put his career on the line to tell his countrymen about the complacency in the army and navy department high commands. He clearly violated military law to spread the story. He was ridiculed in the court martial by telling the court that aircraft in the "foreseeable future" would fly faster than sound and would be carrying bombs, passengers and cargoes across the continents and across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans in a matter of hours.

Mitchell was found guilty and he was stripped of rank and uniform. President Calvin Coolidge later intervened and suspended the sentence. Mitchell, an unrelenting exponent of air power, made the headlines for months. He died in 1936 on his Virginia farm where he raised livestock and potatoes.

- 15 Ways to Ruin Your Town
1. Don't say anything good about your town. Be the first to point up its shortcomings.
2. Refuse to work on any committee. Tell them "I'm too busy." Anyway, it's easier to criticize than to help do things.
3. Squawk about your taxes, then fuss because the streets are not kept up.
4. Talk cooperation, but don't do any work for your town unless you get paid for it.
5. Look at every proposition in a selfish way. Never consider what it will do for the town as a whole.
6. Don't support your local retail stores and industries. Claim the prices and services of other towns are better.
7. Don't do anything for the youth of your town. Think of them as potential delinquents. Encourage them to move away when they grow up.
8. Write unsigned letters to The Frontier editor, demanding more for your money from the city council, school board, or county commissioners, instead of attending their meetings.
9. Demand special treatment from your police department. Raise Cain if anybody expects you to obey traffic and parking laws.
10. Accuse anybody who serves in an elected office of being a publicity seeker (or a crook).
11. Never attend any meetings called for the

Explanations, investigations, ghost hunts and all disclosures considered, still there will be lingering questions in the minds of any who care a rap about it why John M. Neff, an attorney down at Lexington, should toss \$2,500 at a South Dakota senator to add to his "campaign fund." A lawyer has the privilege of ducking behind the shadow of a client. This Mr. Neff has done and assures us the campaign gesture had no bribery significance as related to a bill before the senate. Charitable citizens trust that is so. Mr. Neff is said to be recorded as a lobbyist at our statehouse in behalf of Texas oil and gas interests, his client. Politicians are ever ready to make mountains out of mole hills. Lexington, the countyseat of Dawson county, is in the news otherwise. A gifted lady of the community, Mrs. Barmore, heads a group of Nebraska women crusading for the elimination of publications dealing in smut.

A once notable, Thomas E. Dewey, thinks the country is sunk unless Ike can be persuaded to serve a second term. As a nation we are old enough to furnish any number of capable natives to take on the job of president.

A husband and father had secured work after weeks of job hunting. The wife and mother of the one little child of the couple were awaiting the arrival home in the evening of the husband and father to join them at the table loaded with good things that had been made possible when the first pay check came in. A messenger came to that home to tell the waiting wife that her husband had fallen from a high point on a building where he was working and had been killed. A Nebraska farm wife and mother went to the barn to call her teenage son who had gone out to fix something underneath the car. She found her son under the car crushed to death, the jack having failed to hold. Why the sting of crushing sorrow lurking everywhere?

Two young fellows who had tasted the fruits plucked from the forbidden walks of life and were serving time in the state prison for a none-too-serious offense against ordered society, while enjoying the confidence of prison guards as "trusties" walked away, added another crime to their life's record, tasted the sweet morsel of freedom, shackled by the fear of being seen, for one night. In the morning of what they planned that the sun would rise on a day of liberty, police officers at St. Joseph, Mo., caught one hiding on the roof of a building, the other huddled in a truck. A lengthened term now begins behind prairie land prison bars.

If you have lived to be the last of the family tree, and now at 83 are heart-whole and fancy-free; so, when you have died, earth's smiles and tears end for your tribe.

Roy Cochran, 13 years at a government desk in Washington, D.C., at one time our governor and before that as a highway engineer "chewing the rag" with Supervisor Jesse James over the Holt county end of highway 11 from Burwell to Atkinson, is back in Lincoln. Pat Kennedy, after basking in Arizona and California sunshine for some months, is back in Amelia. Farmers seem to be satisfied with their "deplorable condition." A prairie land patriot just acquired an 80-acre farm down in Burt county at \$300 an acre. No place quite equal to Nebraska.

good of the town. If you do, don't have anything to say, then find fault afterward with everything that was done.

- 12. Don't attend your church regularly. Your contributions at Christmas and Easter will support it easily.
13. Don't take time to vote in local elections. Howl because the town is run by a clique.
14. If you have good town leaders, don't commend them for the things they do. Take a jealous attitude and say nothing.
15. Don't do any more than you have to to support your civic clubs, Parent-Teachers' association, Boy Scouts, firemen, etc. Others will willingly and unselfishly give their time and money to make your town a better place in which to work and live.

In this great land of ours an almost anonymous small-town Nebraska attorney can become a national figure overnight. We refer, of course, to John Neff's appearance in the capitol before the senate committee and the source of the 25 one-hundred-dollar bills bestowed upon South Dakota's Senator Case.

This prince is giving out statements about what Grace Kelly will and won't do after they get married, and in this town there have been a lot of wedding presents that had to be sent back just on account of stuff like that.

A magazine article claims that a man who doesn't smoke, drink, keep late hours, steal glances at pretty girls or overeat, can look forward to a long life. But why?

The upcoming O'Neill and Atkinson basketball tournaments for high school teams, class B and C, respectively, signal that spring is not far behind.

Come now some teenage boys wearing bleach in their hair. One blond school kid, we understand, intends to transform his thatch into red.

An outstate paper remarks how good the two flies aboard Noah's Ark had it. They had a horse apiece.

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Out-of-School Class in Progress

Handicraft classes are one of the many phases of the Nebraska school for community living now in progress for out-of-school youth at the University of Nebraska. Projects include everything from ceramics to leather tooling. Hard at work (left-to-right) are: Shirley Ross of O'Neill, Mrs. Tom Sheffrey of the university extension division, Donnar Maller of Oakland, LaVerne Speckman of Elk Creek and Tom Straka of Lexington.—U of N Photo.

When You and I Were Young . . .

R. A. Haskins Plans Stuart Newspaper

Publication Will Be Called Advocate

50 Years Ago
R. A. Haskins has made arrangements to start a newspaper at Stuart, to be known as the Stuart Advocate. Haskins is a Stuart boy but has been in Boyd county a few years. . . Mike Flannigan was called to Iowa by a telegram informing him of the illness of his wife, who went to Des Moines to visit her parents. . . Mrs. Nels E. Cain, 39, died at her home. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson, who were among the earliest settlers along the Elkhorn river east of O'Neill. . . Miss Sadie Skirving went to Lincoln to complete her stenographical education. . . The members of the Presbyterian church, assisted by some of the best musical talent in O'Neill, will give a musical entertainment at the Opera house for the benefit of the church.

20 Years Ago
Another blizzard reached here, making all roads impassable. While coming to work, Dean Streeter froze the fingers on both hands badly, which will cause him to refrain from attending to his duties in his barbershop. . . William Murray of O'Neill, and Kylene Brewer, who were married at Emmet. . . George Geary, one of the pioneer residents of Inman township, died at his home six miles south of Inman. . . Mrs. F. M. Meyer entertained the ETO club at her home with bridge and a luncheon. . . The O'Neill alarm shrieked its warning about 6:10 a.m., with the temperature well below zero. Some ashes dumped near some boards in the furnace room of the Golden hotel caused a small fire.

10 Years Ago
Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gillette are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby son. . . The Eagle Creek 4-H club met at the J. B. Mellor home with all members present. Imogene Lanman was voted in as a new member. . . Frank D. Howard, one of the pioneer residents of this city, died at his home after an illness of several months. . . Miss Grace Martin of Dallas, Tex., and Virgil J. Chase of Page were married at the Evelyn Gray home. . . The O'Neill high school and community will be host to two basketball tournaments in the next few weeks. These will be the "B" and "C" classes of this district. . . St. Mary's basketball team traveled to Atkinson to lose to a powerful St. Joseph team, 34-22.

One Year Ago
Members of the Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to recommend a two-hour parking limit for the consideration of the Senator Case.

city council . . . Edward Hagen-

sick, 79, of O'Neill was struck by a car driven by John Plessel. The accident occurred near the corner of Eighth and Benton streets. . . Mail service to northwestern Nebraska will be discussed with postal officials at Omaha by members of the Save-the-trains association. . . Holt and Boyd county bankers were awarded commendation certificates by Mayor Glen Cunningham, former Omaha mayor, who is now head of the U. S. saving bond sales in Nebraska. . . The youth fellowship of the Stuart Community church held vesper service at the church. Rev. D. D. Su led the worship.

Jerry Schaff Heads Elkhorn Club

The Elkhorn Valley 4-H club held its reorganization meeting Sunday, February 5, at the Herman Grothe home. Thirteen members were present. Newly elected officers are: Jerry Schaff, president; Donald Schaff, vice-president; Kathleen Grothe, secretary-treasurer; Maureen Schaff, news reporter; Lynn Gallagher, song leader; Terry Gallagher, recreation leader. Next meeting will be held March 4 at the Elmer Schaff home. —By Maureen Schaff, news reporter.

MNO Extension Club Formed

The MNO Extension club was organized Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Duane Gray home. Officers are: Mrs. Richard McLain, president; Mrs. Joe Tennis, vice-president; Mrs. C. R. Foree, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Arnott Buxton, song leader; Mrs. Duane Gray, publicity. Mrs. C. R. Hill and Mrs. Joe Tennis gave a demonstration on deep fat frying.

It Happened In NEBRASKA---



The problem of keeping an adequate water supply at frontier army posts was even more difficult after the regulations of 1841. These required soldiers to bathe once a week, wash their feet twice a week! The men bathed in the dining room after supper, using half-barrels for tubs.

DID YOU EVER NOTICE—when folks are gathered to hear old stories like this, or to discuss yesterday's game—a refreshing glass of beer makes the party so much more enjoyable? For beer is a friendly beverage. It tastes so good—fits every occasion. Enjoy it!
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Roseler-Ruff Rites Scheduled in Oregon—
BASSETT—Mrs. Harold Shaw has received word that her niece, Miss Lois Jean Roseler, will become the bride of Michael L. Ruff at Salem, Ore., on Saturday, March 3. The rite will take place in the First Methodist church. Miss Roseler is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roseler. For many years her father was employed by the Merri Bottling works in O'Neill. Miss Roseler has been employed by an insurance company in San Francisco, Calif., since her graduation.

Letters to Editor

Butte, Nebr.
February 9
Editor, The Frontier
Dear Sir:

See in today's Frontier a picture of an army tank. What in the world do you need a thing like that in O'Neill? Surely you don't expect an Indian uprising or something like that! I admit I am dumb, but I hope you can put me wise on this, tank deal. Maybe it is just something for the men to play war games with.

Leader Distributes 80 Ribbons

INMAN — The Victory Boys' and Girls' 4-H club held its first monthly meeting at the school on Sunday, January 29. After the regular business meeting, Mrs. Walt Fick, leader, handed out a total of 80 ribbons won by the members during 1955. The club voted to give \$5 to the polo fund. Next meeting will be February 26 in the afternoon at the school. —By Bob Rutherford, news reporter.

Make Plans for Blue and Gold Banquet

Cub Scouts, den 2, met February 8 after school and discussed the display in the J. M. McDonald Co. window. Next week we will work on decorations for the blue and gold banquet to be held this month. We gave the living circle and had cookies for lunch. —By Mike Gallagher.

Serves in Far East

ATKINSON — Serving aboard the destroyer USS Alfred A. Cunningham, a unit of destroyer squadron 13, in the Far East is Eugene H. Wahl, radarman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wahl of Atkinson.

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Legal Notices
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NOTICE OF GUARDIAN'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.
In the Matter of the Application of CATHRYN ADLER, Guardian of the Estate and person of William J. Douglas, an Incompetent for leave to sell Real Estate.
Doc 473 No 63
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license issued to me, Cathryn Adler, Guardian of the person and estate of William J. Douglas, an Incompetent, by the Honorable James M. Patton, a Judge of the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, on the 10th day of October, 1955, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, I will sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Court House in the City of O'Neill, in Holt County, Nebraska, on the 12th day of March, 1956, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., the following described real estate, to-wit:
The entire interest in and to the North 12 feet of Lot 19, and all of Lots 20 and 21, Morning-side Addition to Atkinson, Holt County, Nebraska.
Said sale to remain open one hour.

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AS WE ARE moving to West Virginia, we will sell at public auction the following described personal property on the premises, located one block east of the Lohaus Motor Co., in O'Neill and three blocks south OR three blocks south of the Library Corner, on —
Saturday, Feb. 18th
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Clothes Hamper
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