

Prairieland Talk

Lincoln Favored by Experts

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LINCOLN—Lincoln is one of the country's favored communities visited by the experts that fly here and there to tell we plebians all about it.

One such recently to talk in Lincoln comes from Southern California and bears the title of doctor, not an M.D. or Ph.D., but a "plant physiologist," if you know what that is.

The homesteaders south of the Elkhorn in the Dry creek flats knew nothing of "plant physiology," but they knew how to plant seed, cultivate the growing plants, gather the ripened fruitage and haul off wagon loads of fine potatoes such as only sandy loam can produce.



Romaine Saunders

The gentleman from the California center of such learning says climate has more to do with taste of food products than do soil and water.

If you want a good spud or tomato or melon, pluck it where it grows on sandy land in Holt county.

The message of scientific men traveling about has an appeal. How many of us hear the cries of hungry children in distant lands where famine and disaster have struck. Visit in distant lands of Africa. Hear the cry, "Hobus!" coming from starving children, from gaunt mothers and hungry fathers.

Holt county's share of the \$3,040,757 of state school funds is \$37,457. Boyd county gets \$20,596; Wheeler county, \$9,061; Garfield county, \$11,226; Rock county, \$35,118. The money comes from school land leases and liquor licenses.

Eighty years ago there was one telephone, the creation of a Yankee. Today there are 95 million telephones in use the world over. . . The Kansas judge who sentenced those four Iowa adventurers to 30 days in jail refers to them as "badly spoiled little girls."

Another magnificent school building has recently been dedicated in southeast Lincoln. Clergymen, public officials and school teachers performed the rites of the dedication, while hundreds of fathers and mothers visited the wonders of this modern temple of learning which has 118,518 square feet of floor space and was built at a cost of \$1,775,918.11.

Editorial

Profiting from Uncertainty

Those who make a business of guessing about politics owe much to Mr. Eisenhower. For a year they profited from the uncertainty as to whether he would run again. After that was settled he seemed willing to play the guessing game with them about Mr. Nixon and the vice-presidency.

At least once a week it had been possible for newsmen and columnists to concoct intricate interpretations of press conference remarks. They would unrelax finespun theories that the white house wanted to test opposition to the vice-president—or that the republicans were faking uncertainty to deprive the democrats of a single, fixed target.

Now the political prophets are interpreting the president's latest statement—that he would be "happy to be on any political ticket" with Mr. Nixon—as handing the nomination to the Californian. But already it is being pointed out that Mr. Eisenhower did not say, "I want Dick Nixon for vice-president."

To be sure the vice-presidency has assumed new importance in recent months, largely due to the ability of Dick Nixon. Much more attention has been given the office. Time was when the vice-presidential candidate simply went along for the ride.

Now We Need Something Else

Many, many farmers have come to agree with the Benson statement that if rigid price supports were the answer to the farm problem there would be no farm problem now.

Rigid price supports were just the thing when they were first devised and for the purpose for which they were applied, to encourage high production in war time when the desire was for every bushel that every available acre would produce.

So let's forget the political aspect and real statesmen of both parties get together on a farm bill that will really put the farmer on a firm foundation.

The big people in this world usually leave off the big titles.

The town of Tilden, half in Madison county and the other half in Antelope county, was first known as Burnett, which got on the map and invited public attention, when in 1884 the late Addison E. Sheldon started a paper there known as the Burnett Blade. There were newspapers everywhere in prairieland those days to get in on the land notices required to be published, \$7 each, when a homesteader "proved up," that is, applied at the government land office at that time in Niobrara and later in O'Neill for a patent or government deed to his claim.

Young Nebraskans to the number of 29,000 are interested in 4-H club work and to them "juvenile delinquency" has no appeal. How many know what the "H" stands for? I didn't, so called the ag college. Here it is—H: Head, heart, hand, health. That covers human aspirations, but for what it has to do with the cattle industry on prairieland, ask the kids.

Prairieland is far removed from Mediterranean lands. Out of the vaulted blue above us subterranean fall upon our fair and peaceful land. In sight of the restless waters of the Mediterranean or out upon the islands, Hebrews and Egyptian, Greek and Roman, Anthony and Cleopatra—scenes of slaughter throughout the centuries, of romance, and the pathway across its tossing billows of apostles of spiritual life and world conquerors.

General Coburn post, Grand Army of the Republic No. 251 will decorate Morquet chapel at Leonie May 30 (1903). A general invitation is extended to all to attend and participate.—Hi Hodgkin, John Hubby, adgt., commander. . . Persons mentioned May 21 of that year: Ed F. Gallagher is in Omaha on business. N. D. Jackson of Neligh in the city on business. L. C. Chapman and Alex Searl down from Atkinson attending court.

Looking out of the window of youthful vigor down the highway ahead a writer sees it as a time of "weariness and monotony of advanced age." The golden glow of declining day, the calm of evening, the beauty of a prairie sunset are symbolic of "advanced age," which need not bring either weariness or monotony, but life's period of peace and rest after days and years of battling for an existence.

Miscellany

Ever see such an impressive array of pens and pencils in a single shirt pocket as exhibited regularly by Richard ("Dick") Perry, O'Neill postoffice clerk? . . . Somebody suspended a deer head from the flagpole at the O'Neill school auditorium. . . What's in a nickname— "Kelsey" Coyne, "Babe" Kilpatrick, "Chick" Cronin, "Chickie" Artus, "Boy" Gatz, "Chaw" McManus, "Duke" Kersenbrock, "Hap" Miles, "Deed" Murphy, "Curley" Washachek, etc?

Can you top this? Within the current school year, Billy Van Every, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Van Every, has had whooping cough, measles, chickenpox, mumps. Dick Mace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Mace, jr., has had mumps, chickenpox and measles—in quick succession.

Some childhood diseases seem to be losing their virulence, but a check of the advice to the lovelorn columns indicates that 14-year-old girls suffer as much as ever from the three-day heart-break.

Better load up the family for that last one- or two-day fling because the spring work, baby chicks and windup of school affairs are just around the corner.

Students of O'Neill's two high schools sat in during a jury trial in Holt county district court recently—a fascinating lesson in civics.

Initiative is a combination of brains and energy, but blah-blah-and-bustle can sometimes fool people.

Now that winter is officially past, we can give serious thought to our spring and summer plans.

Municipal elections in Nebraska cities and towns are just around the corner.

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When You and I Were Young . . .

'See America First' Urged by Railroad

St. Pat's Day Not What Used to Be

50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Parker visited in Norfolk at the home of their daughter. . . Miss Minnie Mohr of Hainsville was married to Frank Mott. . . H. A. Trowbridge of Page completed a house for James Mullen. . . The C&NW railroad announces a "See America First" promotion with a round trip ticket from Chicago, Ill., to all Pacific coast points at \$75 from June until September.

20 Years Ago

St. Patrick's day isn't what it used to be. Pat Shea was loyal to the custom of wearing of the green and Tom Wright rejoiced he didn't have to serve on the jury that day. . . Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Asher of Page were here on business Tuesday and visited Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every. . . James Davidson believes he and Mrs. Davidson hold the record of any householders in Holt county. They have never lived in rented quarters and have never moved since their marriage in O'Neill over 40 years ago.

10 Years Ago

St. Joseph's of Atkinson won the class C state basketball championship at Lincoln over St. Francis of Humphrey, 38-33. . . Bob Parkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parkins, was the principle winner in the Nebraska Inter-collegiate association's contest in Lincoln. He is eligible to compete in the national oratorical contest in Chicago, Ill. . . E. J. Mack has come down from Atkinson to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. James W. Rooney.

One Year Ago

George R. Sanders, 84, a Holt county resident since 1880, died. . . Rev. and Mrs. J. LaVerne Jay returned from Hawaii after a Christian Advocate tour of two weeks. . . Pte. Richard D. Hytrek of Stuart is a member of the honor guard of the Fourth infantry guard in Germany. . . Gustave L. Hoppe, 88, who resided on a ranch south of O'Neill, died at his home in Gordon. . . Little Judy Skredla, 3, died of leukemia in Atkinson.

Eagle Hustlers Dairy Group Elects—

PAGE—The dairy section of the Eagle Hustlers' club met at the home of Gerhardt Luebecke Tuesday, March 13.

The following officers were elected: Charlotte Luebecke, president; Mary Lou Luebecke, vice-president; Donna Crumly, secretary; Joyce Summers, news reporter; and Janice Crumly, recreation leader.

The hostess served lunch. The next meeting will be at the Roger Bowen home March 27.

Newly-Born Sons Are Named—

Joseph Lod is the name given the new son of Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek. . . The Don Rileys have named their new son Thomas Phillip. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cohn have chosen Mark Jeffrey for a name for their new son.

The Frank McKennys have called their new son Thomas Craig.

Mrs. Underwood's Brother Dies—

Mr. and Mrs. John Underwood and family attended the large funeral of her brother, Joe Van Ert, 79, of Norfolk, who had been ill a long time and a patient at Our Lady of Lourdes hospital in Norfolk, was buried Saturday from the Sacred Heart church in Norfolk.

Complimentary Dinner—

Mrs. C. J. Gatz, president of the women's board of the Country club, and her fellow officers, the Mesdames Marvin Miller, Dale French, G. Owen Cole, John G. Stauffberg and Verne Reynolds, had charge of the complimentary dinner Wednesday evening.

Honored on 64th Anniversary—

Vic Halva was surprised Saturday evening at his home by a group of his friends in honor of his 64th birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in playing pitch and visiting. A lunch was served at midnight by the hostess.

Linda Rae Coats

Little Miss Linda Rae Coats celebrated her eighth birthday anniversary last Thursday at a party. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Coats.

McKamsy Entertainment—

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKamsy entertained at a St. Patrick's day party for five couples.

Mrs. Nelson Hostess—

Mrs. Richard E. Nelson was hostess to the Bridge club Tuesday evening.

MM Club Meets—

The MM club met on Tuesday, March 13, with Mrs. Esther C. Harris.

Ewing News

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lee recently were Theodore Schueth and Ed Fertle of Ewing, Henry Drayton of Orchard and Mr. Hemenway of Clearwater.

Mrs. Anna Savidge and Mrs. Floyd Lee made a business trip to O'Neill Wednesday, March 14.

The Young Matrons Pinochle club was entertained Tuesday evening, March 13, at the home of Mrs. R. H. Shain with Mrs. Ralph Munn as assisting hostess.

Guests were Mrs. Leland Welke, Mrs. Archie Tuttle and Mrs. Charles Rotherham. Score winners were Mrs. Welke, Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs. Arthur Kropp. A lunch was served by the hostesses.

Mrs. Hazel Kimes and sons, Dean and Dal, spent Sunday, March 11, at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Watson McDonald, in family. They also attended the meeting of the Upper Room society and Methodist Men in the evening at the Methodist church.

"Distinction Through Accessories" was the lesson presented by Mrs. Lynn Fry when the Seek and Share club met at the home of Mrs. William Lofquest Tuesday, March 19. Fourteen members were present. Craft work was discussed at the business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. Alfred Napier.

Mrs. John Wunner went to Norfolk and Stanton on Friday to spend the weekend with relatives. She returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Jerry Tomjack was surprised last Thursday evening when 25 friends and neighbors arrived at her home to make the acquaintance of their infant son, Steven Jerome. A variety of games furnished the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Tomjack and Steven were presented a baby buggy as a gift.

Refreshments were served by the following hostesses: Mrs. Richard Edwards, Mrs. Elvin Hamilton and Mrs. Archie Tuttle. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Everett Taylor and daughter, Phyllis, of Oakdale, Mrs. Harold Jacobsen of Harlan, Ia., and Mrs. Ralph Tomjack, who lives in the Deloit neighborhood.

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Mrs. Elvin Hamilton and daughter, Diana, were guests last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Raff at Orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hamilton and daughters were 6 o'clock dinner guests on Monday evening, March 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max LeMasters. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jacobsen of Harlan, Ia., are guests this week at the home of her niece, Mrs. Richard Edwards, and family.

Received a shipment of the new Winchester model 77 automatic—Scoville's Western Auto, O'Neill. 44-45

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards and daughters, accompanied by their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jacobsen of Harlan, Ia., attended the Ice Capades in Omaha Tuesday evening, March 13.

Relatives arrived Sunday evening at the Ray Funk home to join the family in celebrating Ronald's third birthday anniversary. Ice cream and cake were served for refreshments. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Spittler, Mr. and Mrs. Sara Regan and family of Ewing, Dr. Leo Spittler and son of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Doud were hosts to a one o'clock dinner Sunday, March 11, at their home, honoring the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Shirley. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Doud and family of Barlett.

Mrs. Ralph Eacker and daughter, Mrs. Gene Ruby, were Neligh visitors on Monday, March 12.

Mrs. Anna Pollock spent Friday and Saturday, March 9-10, at the home of her son, Don Pollock, and family at Neligh.

Mrs. Walter Stevers of Omaha were guests Monday, March 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

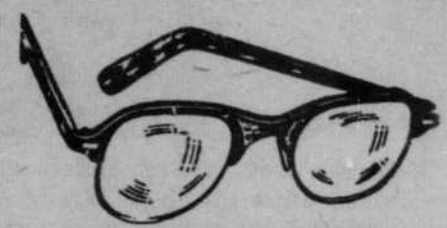
Gene Nuby and family.

A/2e Max Angus and wife, who have been guests for a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Angus left recently for Milford where they are guests at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Angus. From Milford, they planned to go to Plainville, Kans., to visit Mrs. Angus' parents before returning to Smoky Hill AFB at Salina, Kans., where Airman Angus is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Doud and Shirley were guests Sunday, March 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Doud and family near Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming were entertained Thursday evening, March 8, at a 6 o'clock dinner at the Perry Saiser home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Angus was a guest last week at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Angus. Mrs. Angus is convalescing from a recent illness.



Dr. Edw. J. Norwood, O.D. Optometrist. from Crawford, Nebraska. will be in O'Neill on At the Hotel Golden SATURDAY, MARCH 24 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Eyes Scientifically Examined Glasses Properly Fitted

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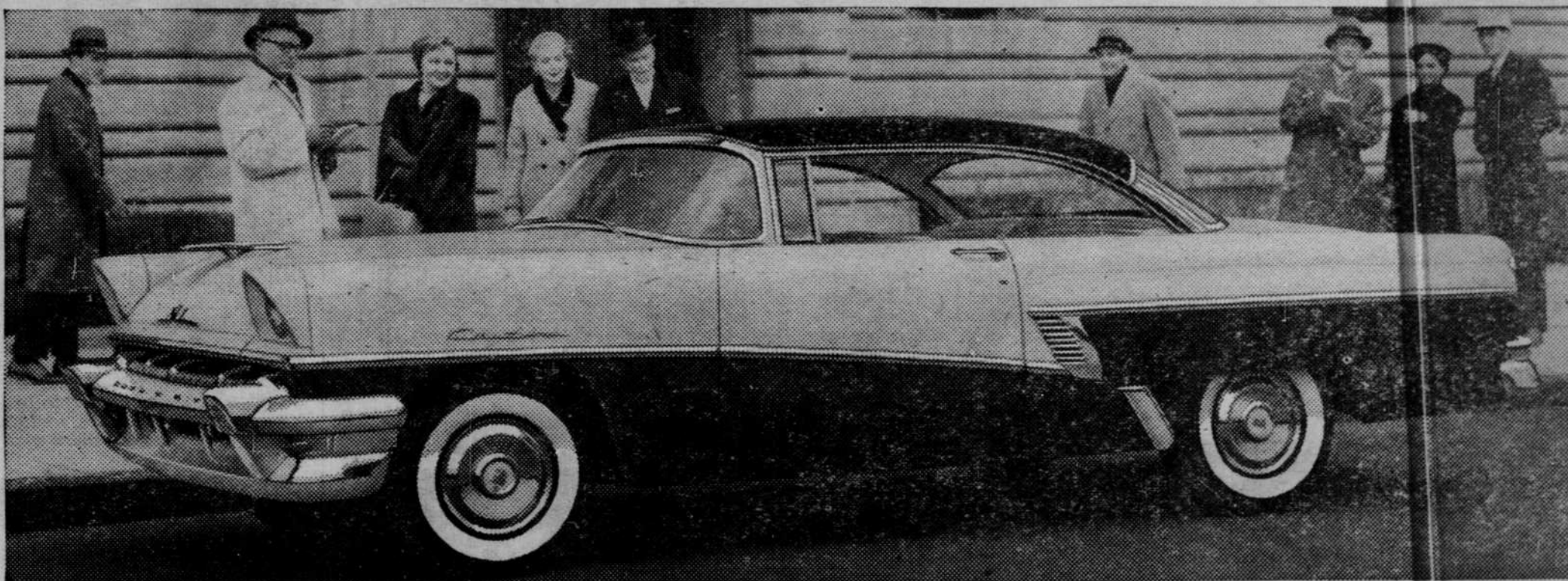
Assessment schedules are coming in slowly. In O'Neill we have only about 10% of the schedules in and assessing time is over half gone.

We have plenty of time to assist you now but we won't have the last week. Please cooperate with the assessor and have your assessing done as early as possible.

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