

Prairie Talk

# Statehouse Official Should Blush

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LINCOLN—A public official who makes a slurring reference to any outstate community such as Amelia should blush for shame.

The efforts of fathers and mothers down there in central Wyoming precinct to keep their sons and daughters at home during the critical years of early teenage attract some public attention.

Amelia is a village in that charming and picturesque flowing well district of southern Holt. It is probably the only village anywhere that has an adequate supply of fresh water without a pump, windmill or other mechanical device to draw water. The water flows spontaneously when a pipe is sunk.

It is more than a village; it is a community of God-fearing, law abiding, patriotic and industrious citizens. They are facing the problem of a high school for their boys and girls. State authorities say the present Amelia high school must be discontinued.

It is such communities spread across Nebraska's 77,000 square miles of grasslands, wheat fields and corn rows that make us a great state, not the ornate statehouse down at the capital city. Cities, communities and towns where Prairie Talker has made his home brought no happier years than those spent where the prairie rose blooms and I could lope over to Tom Salem's on a horse any day.

The evil that men do lives after them. So seem to think the holy and self exalted crowd now running things in Moscow. Listen to them—Stalin was a shyster!

Easter morning a 16-year-old Lincoln lad took off on a Greyhound bus for Long Beach, Calif., to visit an uncle. He rode a bus instead of his bicycle. Lincoln's efficient policeman, Mrs. Hulda Roper, had found the youth some days before in a basement abode where he lived by himself and at a time when he was making plans to start for California on a bicycle. Maybe he had learned of the Maine woman who rode a horse across the continent and arrived at a California seacoast destination. Mrs. Roper persuaded the youth to postpone his intended departure until she could do some investigating. He had but recently been released from a hospital and was a semi-invalid, low on cash and badly dressed. The policeman took over. Clothing and funds were provided and passage by bus to his uncle's home and return arranged for.

A revolting story comes out of the air today from a Missouri river point in South Dakota. The body of a seven-year-old girl was taken from the river. Her childish form had been ravished, her head crushed by a death blow. A thing in the form of a man, a six thousand year descendant of him who was made in the "image of God," now being sought. Two children left at home alone. Their parents return. One child asleep, the other gone. When will fathers and mothers learn that their little one if left alone may become a victim of some lustful brute abroad in the land? Rarely is the victim's abductor apprehended, and, if caught, is escorted to a comfortable home for the convicts instead of being strung up.

Down payment—that which involves you in debt for the rest of your life. Home owner—the fellow who lives on the other side of town. Bird lover—a chicken thief. New car—that you dream of owning some day. Birthday—only for men. Hero—what most guys think they are. Section—640 acres. Sewing machine—the contraption that always needs fixing.

Editorial

## What Great Men Said

It is time Americans faced up to the fact that the great men of yesteryear said many things which are not in line with the current political tune of today. Any student of history, who is honest enough to speak out, even if his words are unpopular, knows that 99 out of one hundred writers and speakers, treating the founding fathers, omits unpopular items.

Even those who were this country's greatest heroes, and whose birthday anniversaries we celebrate each year, took positions which are today thought to be political suicide and reactionary. They spoke out for the majority in this country, for the majority's way of life, for the philosophy of the frontier American, the colonial American and the people who made this country great.

Nowadays, it is most difficult to speak up for the majority. The current vogue is to kowtow to minorities since they hold the balance of power in many key states, which is especially important in presidential elections and can often be stampeded, like goats, to vote en masse.

These are facts which honest Americans might as well face and stop beating around the bush, trying to fool themselves—or fool others. Let us have more honest reporting of our country's heroes, what they said about controversial issues, even if it is not in tune with the left-wing zealots of today.

Let us have more truthful interpretation of their remarks on all problems, including social problems, even if it is not palatable to some minorities, who too often seek to impose their will on the majority rather than gain equality, and who charge that everyone who does not bow to their wishes is prejudiced against them.

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### Hot for Toll Road

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In the person of Mary Belle Ryan, another out of the past has closed life's record. Her lifeless form was brought home where life had begun for her to be laid away. Mary's mother was a daughter of the John O'Neill family. Her father and mother were both among the pioneer group of this community. The Ryan home was one of the very early ones and for some years the only one on what is now known as North Third street, standing alone in shimmering white on high ground one block west of the postoffice. But no postoffice building was there in those days. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Ryan remained with her two children in what had been her bridal home for a few years and then in the late 1890's she went to Superior, in northern Wisconsin, where she had interests. Now the last of a family that a forgotten generation had known comes home to enter the portals of the tomb clothed in the mystic vestments of death.

Last night the artillery of the sky crashed and thundered. Rain fell on city, village and town and today prairie land patriots look out upon a rain washed and wind swept landscape. Communities far out beyond the vision of the sower standing in primitive dignity atop the capital tower were snowed in to the depth of five-foot drifts in places, traffic halted for folks to stay home a day. A college student complained to me today that rain and wind and snow had spoiled her fun for the few days' vacation marking the pause in scholastic attainment between winter and spring, while householders, garden workers and crop planters rejoice and are glad that the dry land has become mud. Flowers will bloom, wheat fields and corn rows will grow, open spaces of prairie land robed again in silken green and Atkinson will have piles of bales for another "hay days" celebration.

The April number of the Nebraska Press, organ of the state press association, devotes a page to the past in state press circles, reproduced from the Omaha World-Herald of 56 years ago. Pictured are Nebraska publishers attending the press association meeting in January, 1900, which met in the senate chamber of the old state capitol in Lincoln. The president of the association in 1900 and the handsome one of the lot was D. H. Cronin, for more than half a century identified with The Frontier, first as a printer, then as business manager and finally editor and sole publisher. Mr. Cronin served in the state legislature and was active in republican political affairs, and probably was at one time the most widely known citizen of the county. Editor Ralph Kelley of the Atkinson Graphic is another Holt county publisher who at one time headed the Nebraska State Press association as president.

The camera pictured the group. The Frontier put it in print. The Presbyterian congregation authorized that group to perform the initial functions of a building program. Harry Clauson, long years Sunday-by-Sunday in the choir loft, the only one out of the past to join that group. I see other faces out of the past—Henry Mills, Mrs. Meredith, "Grandfather" Potter, Mrs. Evans, Jim Riggs, Mrs. Lowrie. Where now are they? The drumbeat of eternity called them. Would they upon their day of worship have laid the cornerstone for a building?

One product of the country's distilleries is said to be 4,590,000 alcoholics, of whom 705,000 are women. Washington, D.C., leads the nation with 7,800 alcoholics per 100,000 of the population. California comes next with a rate of 7,060. And Connecticut, Nevada, Delaware, New York, New Jersey and Illinois each in the order listed claim some distinction as fire water consumers. Nebraskans—not all on the water wagon either.

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When You and I Were Young . . .

## Alert Insurance Man Visitor at Stuart

### Downey Enroute to Brocksburg

50 Years Ago  
Charles Downey, the wide awake insurance agent, was a pleasant caller in Stuart while on his way to Brocksburg. . . John Ballou of Atkinson returned from Omaha where he had undergone an operation for appendicitis. . . Mrs. Nancy McDonald died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. McCabe. . . John Miskimins advertised six registered two-year-old Shorthorn bulls weighing from 900 to 1,400 pounds, priced \$60 to \$100.

20 Years Ago  
William F. Walters, living on the Eage 20 miles northwest of here, died after an illness of eight days. . . Mrs. Henry Wayman entertained the Busy Hour club. They made over 50 quilt blocks for the hostess. . . Contracts were awarded for the construction of the new courthouse. . . Glenn Lorenz of Pleasantdale has infection in his left hand. He had to stay home from school for several days last week. . . Maryann Winkler of Emmet died. . . The only sophomore to be exempt from six weeks' exams.

10 Years Ago  
Melvin E. Thayer died after he was hit by a falling wall from the building being remodelled for the new Gamble store. . . Merwyn G. French of Page arrived home after having been discharged in Seattle, Wash. He served on the USS Bunker CV 17. . . Beverly McCarthy, Sheila Toffe and Lee Ann Her received superior in their speech and dramatic festival at Lincoln. . . Charles Martin of Chambers died.

One Year Ago  
Parents of 635 children signed up for polio shots for the children. . . Louis Schober, 80, of Ewing died. . . James MacLachlan of Atkinson died. . . Bonita Faye Osborn and Bruce Grimes of Chambers were married. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellor of Atkinson celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. . . Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse, Mrs. Edith Young and Miss Maude Rouse attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. John Griffith, 63, at Newton, Kans.

## Frank Rochadle Burial at Lynch

LYNCH—Funeral services for Frank Rochadle, 84, were held at the Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary church Friday morning, April 6, with requiem high mass sung by Reverend Daniel, pastor of the Niobrara Catholic mission church.

Burial was at the Catholic cemetery here. Mr. Rochadle was born in 1872 in Wisconsin. He died April 3, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joe Opst, at Niobrara.

He as married to Mary Joura in 1895 at Monowi where he had continued to live until two years ago when he went to Niobrara to make his home with his daughter.

Mrs. Rochadle died several years ago. Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Bessie Carson of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Philip Fulp of Wisconsin, Mrs. Joe Birmeier of Lynch, Mrs. Floyd Hensley and Mrs. Joe Opst, both of Niobrara.

## Multiple Births in Calves Frequent

CELIA — Cattle on the Celia ranches have gone in for "mass production" this spring. Herman and Alex Frickel have reported the birth of two sets of twin calves at their ranch and a set of twin purred Hereford bull calves have arrived at the Ed Hoffman ranch.

Richard Schmit of Osmond was here Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. John N. Schmit.

In Person . . .

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CHAMBERS—The South Fork Community club met recently at Barney Grimes' home. There were six members and five visitors present at the meeting.

Material was handed out and discussed for the year. At the next meeting we are to bring 10 cents for the national 4-H center.

Mrs. Grimes served a lunch of sandwiches, pickles, potato chips and cocoa. —By Phillis Fullerton, news reporter.

## Lewis Becomes Radio Operator

BUTTE — Pvt. Raymond C. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie R. Lewis of Butte, was scheduled to graduate Tuesday, April 3, from the radio-telegraph operator school at the marine corps recruit depot at San Diego, Calif.

The four-month course covered typing, map reading and the receiving and sending of international code.

## Eacker, Van Zandt Reelected by WSCS

EWING — Mrs. Ralph Eacker and Miss Anna Van Zandt, president and vice-president respectively, were re-elected at the meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service held Wednesday, April 4, at the parlors of the Ewing Methodist church. Mrs. Earl Billings succeeds Mrs. J. L. Pruden as secretary, the office she has filled for many years. Mrs. William Spence was elected as treasurer. In the absence of Mrs. Ralph Eacker, who was attending the annual Nebraska conference of the WSCS at McCook, the business meeting was in charge of Miss Van Zandt.

The alumni banquet of the Ewing high school, to be served by the society this year, was the main topic of discussion. Mrs. James Tinsley was appointed chairman, and Mrs. Perry Saiser and Mrs. L. A. Hobbs the co-chairman. The society voted to donate \$5 to the Salvation army. "Christian Discipleship at Home" was the theme of the devotional conducted by Mrs. Harry Van Horn and the lesson presented by Mrs. Henry Fleming.

Easter decorations were used on the tables for the luncheon served by Mrs. J. L. Pruden and Mrs. Claude Elliot, to the 19 members and one guest, Mrs. Lee Wood, from Wyoming, who were present.

## Pirate Party for Boy, 9

Richard Wray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wray, celebrated his ninth birthday anniversary last Thursday at a pirate party.

There were 10 little boys present.

## Ewing Seniors Stage 3-Act Comedy

EWING — The senior class at the Ewing high school presented their class play "My Little Oscar", a three-act comedy, Thursday evening at the school auditorium, which was almost filled to capacity. A well attended matinee was also held Thursday afternoon.

Cast of characters included: Sharon Schmidt, Ronald Rotherham, Catherine Bauer, B. Koenig, Lyle Spence, Virginia Latzel, Irene Kaczor, Mary Miller, Jerome Baum, Milan Welke, Lynett Helmrick and Clarabel Minkrik. Entertainment between acts were: A trumpet solo by Jerome Bahm; a duet by Clarabel Minkrik and Irene Kaczor; vocal solo by Bob Koenig; a pantomime song by Catherine Bauer and Bob Koenig. Miss Marilyn Finley was the pianist.

The play was directed by Mrs.

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Amber Schlotman, Miss Mona Mosel was the student director. The cast was presented by Maxine Noffke. Committees were as follows: Tickets, Richard Wright, Dorrence Hobbs; program and advertising, Bob Hobbs, Bob Stamp, Dorrence Hobbs, Allen Peterson, Richard Wright, Leonard Hawk, Jerome Kallhoff; make-up, Dorrence Hobbs and Gene Koenig; ushers, Vera Del Daniels, Bob Kreiziger, Richard Wright; properties, Bob Kreiziger, Bob Hobbs, Bob Stamp; features, Vera Del Daniels, Iris Van Ostrand and Maxine Noffke.

Other Ewing News  
Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Boelter

of Creighton spent Thursday evening at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Elvin Hamilton, and family. Diana Hamilton, had been a guest at their home, returned with them.

The Thursday Nite Pitch club was postponed because of the senior class play, which was presented April 6 at the high school auditorium.

The Thursday Bridge club was entertained at the home of Mrs. John Archer on the afternoon of April 6. Mrs. Everett Ruby was a guest. High score was won by Mrs. Lyle Dierks and Mrs. Grace Briggs received second high. Mrs. Earl Billings presented the hostess a gift.

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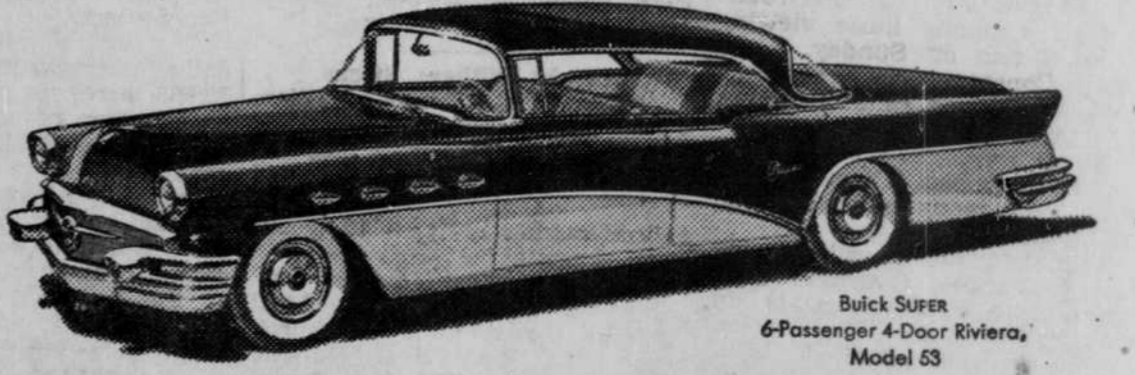
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