

Prairieland Talk

Holt Pioneers Remember Den

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN—The evening of May 5 he was struck by an automobile seven feet from his doorway and picked up a broken and bruised old man and taken to a hospital. One week later, Den Hunt closed his eyes in death. The funeral was held Wednesday, May 15, in St. Teresa Catholic church of which he was a member, burial in Calvary cemetery in Lincoln.



Romaine Saunders

He is survived by his wife, the former Nellie Cronin, sister of Dan and Bill Cronin, pioneers of the O'Neill community; son, John C. of St. Louis, Mo.; daughter, Eveline Powell of Wellsville, N.Y.; son, George Hunt of Lincoln, and four grandchildren. All relatives from out of the state except two grandsons in Mississippi were with Mrs. Hunt for the funeral and for some days previous.

All in the O'Neill community of pioneer days will remember the Hunt and Cronin families.

After eight months spent in Scandinavian lands, a friend is back in Lincoln. He found conditions in those countries comparable to our own, with the American dollar a passport admitting you anywhere. Prices are high, labor unions on strike and tying up transportation so that he had difficulty in getting to the sea where he could board a ship for home. Banks in Copenhagen, Denmark, pay up to seven percent interest on deposits and with the Yankee instinct to make a penny, my friend deposited a few thousand to draw that high rate of interest.

Now that primary election returns from the various agricultural states have spoken, democratic politicians are disheartened over the failure of their "farm revolt" preachment to produce results. Mr. Truman dodges it by taking off for a sojourn in Europe.

A neighbor came over to borrow a spade. A professional gent, but explained he learned to use a spade on a farm in Butler county digging post holes, just this evening would plant a tree. Across the street at Sally's there has been hedgerow trimming today. On up the street a property owner is offering her apartment house for sale for 30 grand. The night nurse next door is still at rest. Promoting the candidacy of a friend for tomorrow's primary, Prairieland Talker hands out cards.

The individual who keeps busy accomplishing worthwhile things is a target for the envious critic who does nothing.

The lawyer defends the criminal, seeks to transform legal penalty into mollifying ointment. That is professional service—for a fee. The private citizen defends the criminal, belittles the crime. The judge frees the prisoner who he feels in his soul is guilty. That is judicial duty.

This is the time of the year to make plans for that summer vacation, which is only a few months away.

From a field of seven candidates, Fern Hubbard Orme was the high man—or high woman—at the primary election seeking a place on the November ballot as a candidate for the legislature in the 20th district after a judicial try on the part of other candidates to keep her out of the primary. So another native of O'Neill makes good. Mrs. Orme was for a number of years a lone female figure on the Lincoln city council, has been active in public affairs, educational and child welfare work and has University of Nebraska and Colorado university degrees. In it all, memories of life on the open prairie of Holt county as a child and girlhood friends in O'Neill when the Hubbards moved into town remain with her as a cherished picture.

Lilac bloom adorns the bush, hedge rows are robed in white, tulips blush and nod in the wind, foliage in silken green waves in treetops, lawns and gardens beneath heaven's blue are again fresh and green, salesmen and peddlers are on the go from door-to-door, neighbor women in pairs or groups settle the world problems and Joe, the milk man, comes coatless, the egg man comes with a sack of hen fruit and says he gathers 500 eggs daily from his flocks. Grain fields and garden plots orchard and berry patches promise fruitage. Bright days for months ahead, herds on summer range, beat and bird out where the sky is blue and the freedom of green governed prairieland theirs. Boys and girls, fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers of prairieland, they, too, know life at its best.

During the 4½ months this year up to the middle of May, Nebraska had 105 traffic deaths. The sunbeams come out of a clear blue sky this morning. Who today on street or highway will be picked up a mangled and broken body? Traffic accidents are growing in number and the human hand is helpless to bring an end to the slaughter.

The ladies get a "pon pon" hairdo for 10 bucks, the latest in the female crown of glory. Their granddads had their hair cut pompadour for two bits.

The next presidential inauguration day, January 20, falls on Sunday. The congress has taken action to have the inauguration the following Monday. The upsurge in church-going seems to have flowed into the halls of congress. Church attendance once a week the past year is said to have been 50 million Americans. Where were the other 100 million—at the synagogues of Satan?

Along the country's highways the annual take from trucks held up and robbed is estimated to be a hundred million dollars in value. Liquor, tobacco and food products to fill the capacious maw of man is the plunder highwaymen gather.

According to the bureau of census 31,392,000 Americans changed their place of residence the past 12 months. Couldn't meet the monthly installments?

The human race is mysterious, partly because of the number of people who say one thing and mean another.



On 15-Day Leave

Pvt. Jack Lieb (above) returned home Saturday, May 12, from Camp Chaffee, Ark., where he has completed his basic training. He is spending a 15-day furlough with his family and friends.

When You and I Were Young . . .

Early Settler at Leonie Succumbs

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50 Years Ago
A daughter was reported May 12, born to Albert and Kate Eppenbach. . . Hiram C. Hodgkin, one of the early settlers of the Leonie community, died. . . The Misses Sadie and Nellie Skirving entertained at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Margaret Hall. . . At a sale at the P. J. McManus store, ladies' white duck oxfords sold for \$1.25 to \$2, men's two-piece suits were \$6.50 to \$16. . . Mrs. George E. Butler of Ewing ran a nail into her foot last week and is having quite a serious time. . . Matt Sageser, Carl and John Thompson, all of Newport, were visiting Frank, John and Dode Sageser of Chambers the first of the week.

20 Years Ago
Ben J. and Henry Grady, under the name Grady Brothers, had their grand opening of their grocery and meat market. . . Harry Lansworth and Miss Marie Grutsch were married. . . Mr. and Mrs. Warren McClurg and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hopkins, all of Inman, had baby daughters. . . Myrl Burge was valedictorian and Ralph Johnson, salutatorian, of the O'Neill high school graduating class.

10 Years Ago
Jay Farnsworth of Portland, Ore., and Hal Farnsworth of Page, brothers, were reunited last week after 28 years. . . Harold Winkler and Harold Gene Claussen of Emmet found two coyote pups and Winkler took them home as pets. . . Emil Sniggs, 83, pioneer blacksmith, died. . . Virginia Podany was valedictorian and William J. Froelich, Jr., salutatorian, at St. Mary's academy. . . Pat O'Connor, 87, a pioneer, died at Lynch. . . Miss Doris Harvey of Page and Leonard E. Wright of Chambers were married. . . Playing at the Royal theater, "The Virginian," starring Joel McCrea.

One Year Ago
W. F. Grothe, 74, of Emmet died. . . Mrs. Etta Shriner, widow of the late R. H. Shriner, was buried in Iowa. . . District 232 received an AA rating, one of 16 in the state to qualify. . . John Joe Uhl and Pat Hickey were discharged from the armed services. . . Mrs. Margaret Waller, 77, mother of W. W. Waller, died. . . Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Manson received the Rural Youth adult award for year around work with the organization.

To Omaha—
The Misses Shirley and Betty Schultz left on the midnight train Friday to visit their sister, Mrs. Bernard Spry, Mr. Spry and children at Rayston. They'll be gone about a month.

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Boyd KC's Hold Dinner at Butte

LYNCH—The Boyd county Knights of Columbus council held its May meeting in the American Legion hall on Thursday evening, May 17. Members from Bonesteel, S.D., Butte, Spencer and Lynch were in attendance. Plans were completed for the dinner which was held at Butte Sunday, May 20, for the Knights of Columbus members and their families.

Eighth Grade Grads Receive Diplomas

STUART—Following 8 o'clock mass Sunday, May 20, 10 eighth grade pupils of St. Boniface school received their diplomas. They were Connie Coufal, Sally Brewster, Jeanette Jardee, Julie Schaefer, Marlene Schmaderer, Annette Givens, Lois Schaff, Joyce Scholz, Lois Givens and Roland Kaup.

New Bingo Version Inaugurated—

PAGE—Mrs. Dale Stauffer was hostess to the members of the East Side Country Klub. Mrs. Roger Bowen and Mrs. Harold Kelly presented the second half of the lesson on "Sewing New Fabrics." A new version of the bingo game featuring music, was presented for entertainment. All members were present except Mrs. Norman Trowbridge at whose home the June session will be held. Mrs. Alfred Conner and Mrs. Frances Van Ewyer volunteered to attend the meeting at the courthouse when Judge D. R. Mounts will explain the selection of a jury. Lunch was served.

Plan Fund for Pulpit Chairs—

STUART—The Women's society of the Community church met last Thursday in the church basement with 16 members present. Devotions were led by Mrs. Berlin Mitchell. A new memorial fund was pledged for a set of pulpit chairs. Mrs. Harry Cowles, Mrs. Willbur Moon and Mrs. Ray Greenfield will serve as a committee for the memorial. Lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Z. X. Marshall, Mrs. Walter Ouart and Mrs. Fred Tasler.

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STUART—John Obermire, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Obermire, was commissioned a lieutenant following his graduation at Gary air force base near San Marcos, Tex., on May 9. Lieutenant Obermire has been transferred to construction with bama and has moved his family there.

Page Pupils in Term-End Picnics

PAGE—The Page school closed on Friday with picnics as a closing feature. The kindergartners, parents and friends went to the Page park for their picnic. The intermediate and sixth, seventh and eighth grades, with Mrs. Hazel Park and Mrs. Faye Taylor as teachers, took their pupils to the high school students to the plainview for their picnic. They roller skated. Jerome Allen took skated.

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Editorial

Weeklies Remiss in Duties

News item from the Sunday edition of a Nebraska daily newspaper:
Nebraska voters might have done a more intelligent job of marking ballots in the primary election had they received more guidance from the state's weekly newspapers. State Sen. William A. McHenry of Nelson said Saturday. He described himself as "disgusted" with the turn taken by some of the races and mourned the passing of the days when most every town had two newspapers—one republican and one democratic—and editorialized on every candidate from dog catcher to president.
The Frontier and most north-central Nebraska weeklies should hang their heads in shame. As a group, we have been remiss in not keeping the public adequately informed.
During the recent primary election The Frontier had virtually nothing to say, editorially, concerning any of the candidates, although in its news columns sketchy backgrounds were offered. However, in previous elections we have endeavored to enlighten voters by setting forth, editorially, how candidates stood on certain issues. Generally speaking, The Frontier's editorials and the pithy comments of a wise and seasoned observer, Romaine Saunders, represent more "homegrown" opinions and editorial comment in a single issue than offered by any combination of a half-dozen other newspapers operating in the area.
Even so, we have been lax in our obligations. Voting in the republican nomination for lieutenant-governor in last week's primary is an example.
A chap by the vote-pulling name of Griswold (his Christian name is Marvin) outdistanced three other contenders. Mr. Griswold is no kin of Dwight Griswold, now deceased. The latter had served as governor several terms and died while in the United States senate.
Holt countyans, apparently, thought they were voting for Dwight because Marvin Griswold, a thirtyish carpet-layer in Lincoln, received 310 votes. Dwight Burney, a conservative Hartington farmer who has represented Cedar and Knox counties in the state legislature for 12 years, who was speaker of the last session of the unicameral and who has been acting lieutenant-governor, finished second in Holt with 288 votes. Carl G. Swanson of Omaha, former state treasurer, received 222 votes, and Ernest M. Johnson, a Chadron attorney and former member of the state normal board, received 111 votes. Burney and Swanson were in a neck-and-neck race for the nomination at the state level, and Burney is the apparent winner. But Mr. Griswold finished a strong third, and thereby lies the irony.
Traditionally a good Scandinavian name, like Swanson or Larson, automatically pulls a heavy vote in Nebraska. This is another curious twist. Irish, Germans and English, who are not prone to vote for one another, can mark an "X" in front of a Scandinavian name with equanimity and the Scandinavians, God bless 'em, gain representation in the statehouse out of proportion to their numbers.
A few years ago a bus boy at Offutt air base—his name was Olson—ran for governor and he fared pretty well by pledging to square a circle.
People read their hometown papers from 'start-to-finish, McHenry comments, but most papers don't run editorials any

more. I take eight papers in my district and only once in a while do I find an editorial. I honestly think that if the papers would tell the facts about the candidates you'd have more intelligent voting.
Senator McHenry is correct on at least two points: (1) Weekly newspapers have been remiss in their duties of informing; (2) people read their hometown papers—the whole thing—from start-to-finish.
In discussing the matter with State Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill, he said he regretted people generally are not more conversant with the voting records of the unicameral senators. A veteran campaigner, Senator Nelson said he encounters lots of misinformation.
The Frontier accepts these remarks from Senators McHenry and Nelson, published and informal, as a challenge to better inform its readers in the future.

George of Georgia

The decision of U.S. Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) not to seek a seventh term in the senate takes from that august body one of its most influential members. Mr. George will become President Eisenhower's personal representative in the reshaping of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
Mr. George's withdrawal from the senate takes from the Eisenhower administration its wisest and most effective ally in the development of bipartisan foreign policy.
Cooperation Mr. George has given the Eisenhower administration as an opposition leader has often been dramatic and invariably carried high qualities of conviction.

Ads Can Be Misleading

The federal trade commission has by official action made a claim that it has the right to regulate advertising by health and accident companies writing insurance in this country. Whether they have the right or not, we do not know. It would seem that perhaps the regular postal regulations relative to fraudulent advertising through the mails would be enough to take care of it.
One thing we are sure of and that is that there should be some stricter supervision of health and accident insurance. Of course, such advertising may be misleading without being fraudulent or false. Very often what is left unsaid is more misleading to the policy buyer than what is said.



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