

PrairieLand Talk

Split Power Can Happen Again

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN—With the democrats in control in the nation's capital, in the 1890's it was "hard times," with armies of unemployed, soup kitchens and bread lines.

In the 1930's it was a "depression," a republican in the white house and a democratic congress. Unemployed everywhere looking for a handout, "relief" agencies swamped. In the 1940's the "new deal" followed by a "recession" and then inflation, a republican in the white house and democrats running the congress.

What has been could be again irrespective of the political lineup along the Potomac. If you do not want your age known, keep out of the newspapers. . . The bottle is the background of more trouble than will be admitted—a bottle at the lip of that sarg who marched recruits to their death in a Southern swamp. . . Another feature of modern life—disregard of a promise made.



Romaine Saunders

Down in Old Mexico a native had himself nailed to a cross, the cross erected in the community arena and an admission fee charged, the exhibition advertised to be for raising funds to build a church. This was denied and denounced by a leading churchman, but thousands paid the admission fee to the "crucified" wife who stood at the entrance. Authorities put a stop to the "show" and the man on the cross went limping home with his wife who had the gate receipts.

One year ago the patriotic, loyal citizens of Atkinson and community observed with an outdoor party under pleasant skies the 75th anniversary of the beginning of things on the then open prairie. Atkinson today is a year older, as is also Postmaster A. G. Miller, who performed the rites of master-of-ceremonies, and all who were there that day. Atkinson is getting old. Furrowed brow and baggy under the chin? No. As the years roll on changes and improvements have come. I think of once flourishing villages in Holt county where newspapers lived and died and the villages gone with their memories to the graveyard of the past—Dustin, Paddock, Minneola, Shamrock, Inez, Little, Jay, Eagle Mills. But Atkinson marches on until the drumbeat of eternity sends out the warning: "It is done!"

A little 10-year-old miss wheels a doll baby buggy to and fro on the sidewalks out in front. The parental instinct throbs in childish breasts. A future mother gives her doll a ride. Ten, 15 years come and go. That little miss of today will wheel a baby buggy in front of her, carrying not a doll baby but that grown woman's little babe.

A weighty national problem now comes up—where to obtain a machine adequate for the girls down at Washington, D.C., to punch out the big figures the national budget now requires.

Editorial

Who Gets Tax Dollars?

Did you ever wonder what happens to all the tax dollars paid over the counter into the hands of the county treasurers in every countyseat in Nebraska? This covers both your personal and real estate taxes.

Altogether this amounted in 1955 in Nebraska to the great big, staggering sum of \$139,770,951. Here is where that money was distributed and spent by the various governmental subdivisions:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. School taxes: \$66,811,906; State taxes: 25,468,398; City taxes: 22,761,837; County taxes: 21,939,063; Township taxes: 2,171,542; Rural fire districts: 482,268; Road district taxes: 135,934; All taxes: \$139,770,951

It is a lot easier to understand when you divide these tax dollars in percentages.

Then you can easily see where Nebraska tax dollars are spent.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Percentage. Schools receive: 47% of all taxes; State receives: 18% of all taxes; Cities receive: 16% of all taxes; County receives: 15% of all taxes; Township receives: 1% of all taxes; Rural fire districts: 1/3% of all taxes; Road districts: .1% of all taxes

So, in round figures, you can see that education accounts for nearly one-half of all tax dollars spent in Nebraska. The state, the cities and the counties each receive about one-fifth of all taxes.

'Restore Beloved Tradition'

When the last colossus of the circus business cried quits for its current season, crept back to its winter quarters in sunny Florida, and announced that in future seasons, if any, it would play the air-conditioned arenas, many an American was touched by nostalgia. Most of us, at one time or another, had visited the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey show under the big top at Norfolk, Sioux City or some other nearby point.

John Ringling North, the circus owner and boss man, blamed television, congested city streets (a handicap for parades), lack of tent space, labor difficulties, etc., for his woes.

A prominent O'Neill man who saw the Ringling show in Madison Square Garden in June, believes Mr. North is as much at fault, personally, as any of the forementioned factors.

Our informant said many of the wild animals, vital to any circus, were conspicuous by their absence at the Garden. He also said Mr. North had transformed the show into a "night club extravaganza" and less of a circus.

"Restore what has made the circus a beloved tradition for two centuries on two continents and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey can go back into business," he declared.

By "beloved tradition," the O'Neill man refers to respectable menageries, trained animal acts, pre-performance parades, animals and more animals.

Night club stuff and tawdry sideshows aren't for children, anyhow.

Yes, Mr. North could take a lesson from the Shrine circus, a respectable show that packs 'em in wherever the troupes go.

Adopted Girl Makes Good

The revelation that Miss Universe, Carol Morris of Ottumwa, Ia., is adopted, adds a new luster to the contest that it lacked before. The affection which Carol has for her adopted parents, Rev. and Mrs. LaVerne Morris, and they for her cannot fail to evoke a greater appreciation of the genuine

The flush of dawn this last day of the hot July, the glow of sunshine out of the east spreading light across the land, color adorned morning-glories blooming on clinging vines, deep blue of distant western skies forming a background for green-robed tree and bush, robin redbreast hopping from bough to bough with a song of morning cheer, nature's wonders that we know not how! Tomorrow morning the sun rises on what man has designated the first day of the month of August with summer skies and silken green across the landscape marching onward until autumn tints paint a picture of surpassing loveliness to lay upon nature's lap.

With a 6-million-dollar viaduct and other millions for school buildings now planned for Lincoln, idle hands, if there be any, will be put to work and the soft flutter of 10's and 20's will give a chuckle to capital city business interests.

In consultation with doctors at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., Billy McNichols learned that he will undergo surgery in the near future and returned to Hollywood, Calif., his home, to arrange matters there before returning to Rochester to go under the surgeon's knife to correct a serious condition and later to have a second surgical attention for still another obstruction that has developed through the years. Friends in O'Neill, as well as elsewhere, trust Billy comes out of it all to carry on, as he always has, with renewed vigor and restored health.

It doth appear that The Frontier has become a nationally-known and read weekly. Some weeks ago there appeared in this department the story of the work for the blind carried on by the Christian Record publishing concern in Lincoln. A traveling worker for the blind ran across a copy of The Frontier somewhere in his travels throughout the country, saw the story and sent the paper on to the Record editors. So The Frontier not only goes into the homes of this Nebraska community but is found in distant places.

PrairieLand republicans doubtless would prefer that the Minnesota Dane be eliminated from the Washington, D.C., picture rather than the vice-president. Mr. Nixon has been made a target by envious critics because he has made of the vice-president's position in our government something more than a mere figurehead.

The annual meeting of the State Historical society will be held at the Cornhusker hotel in Lincoln September 29. Among the speakers of note at the gathering will be Dr. Thomas D. Clark of the University of Kentucky and Howard H. Peckham of the University of Michigan, both gentlemen prominent in historical circles.

Saline county, a "salty" community of patriots who trace their ancestors across the seas to old Bohemia, a Nebraska county just down south of the capital city, organized a county historical society on July 17. Joe T. Vosoba, an attorney at Wilber, heads the society.

When You and I Were Young . . .

Gal Fire-Chasers

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To Greenland

A/3c Ralph D. Potter (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Potter of Ewing, has been spending a nine-day leave with his parents. He has been at Keesler air force base, Mississippi, and was to report on Monday, August 6, at Brooklyn, N.Y., from where he is to be sent to a Greenland outpost. At Keesler he helped train and discipline airmen.



Now in Hawaii

Lyle David Kopejtko (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kopejtko of Inman, is now stationed in Hawaii with the navy. His parents say he would like to hear from his friends: Lyle David Kopejtko, AA 319-64 - 06, Air Trans. VR - 7 (Maint.), Navy 128, Fort San Francisco, Calif.

Deloit News

Robert Miller has been helping Ralph Tomjack with his bill. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maben and daughter of Grand Island called on Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wulf and attended the Neiderhiede reunion in Neligh Sunday. . . Mrs. Carl Christon and Mrs. Scott Clow arrived Wednesday evening, August 1, from their homes in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Clow visited her mother, Mrs. Reimer, 92, in Ewing and Mrs. Christon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Larson of Ewing. The ladies returned home Saturday. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tomjack attended the rodeo at Burwell last Thursday. . . Anita Lee and Elsie Clow spent last Thursday afternoon at the Fred Harpster home. . . Alfred Napier delivered a home freezer to the Glenn Harpster home last week. . . Mrs. Henry Reimer visited the first of last week at the Howard Temple home in Hastings. Mrs. Temple and Twila brought her home Wednesday, August 1, and visited at the Reimer home until Saturday. . . Friday night supper guests at the Don Larson home were Mrs. Don Starr and Elizabeth of West Point, Mrs. Howard Temple and Twila of Hastings. Mrs. Carl Christon of Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer, Claude Warner and Gary called later in the evening. . . Clearwater Creek club met on Wednesday at the George Neal home. . . The HEU club will meet today (Thursday) at the Henry Reimer home. . . Terry Harpster won a toy gun and holster by writing a prize letter for an Omaha store. . . Mrs. Newhouse to Fill Vacancy—CHAMBERS—Mrs. Anna Alderson and Mrs. Genevieve Bell were hostesses at the Legion hall at the American Legion auxiliary meeting Friday evening, Mrs. A. W. Hubbard presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Wood. . . Mrs. T. E. Newhouse was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Keith Sexton, who is leaving for Colorado. . . Mrs. George Thomson and Mrs. Ruben Peltzer were in charge of games. A handkerchief shower was held for Mrs. Sexton. Seventeen members and two visitors attended. Lunch was served. . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foreman were dinner guests at the Jack Bailey home in O'Neill Sunday.

Dorsey News

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carson and family, Misses Doris and Helen Halstead, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Osborn and Ruth had a picnic dinner in the Niobrara state park Sunday. . . The accordion quartet of the Lucky Clover 4-H club played for part of the musical program for the Farmers' Union annual meeting and picnic. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Millard spent the weekend with his folks in O'Neill and spent a few hours with the Osborns. . . Roland Hughes visited his parents this week and also attended the Schollmeyer reunion which was held at the old farm where Charley Schollmeyer now lives. . . Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barta and Evelyn called at Verdigré on Sunday so Mrs. William Kalal could go with them and attend the Farmers' Union annual picnic and program. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bud Miles and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jenkinson and family visited on Sunday at the H. H. Miles home. . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady, sr., visited at the Carson sisters' on Saturday evening. . . The Melvin Carson family visited at the Edward Carson home Sunday and were dinner guests there. . . Mrs. Mary Wolfe, Mrs. Carrie Hunter and Miss Lizzie Carson attended the Tomlinson anniversary celebration Sunday. . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alder and family visited at the Tom Alder home Monday. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barta and Evelyn, Miss Beverly Carson and Mrs. Edward Carson visited Friday evening at the Osborn home. . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chilar attended the picnic at Niobrara on Sunday. . . Mrs. Lyle Wells visited her mother, Mrs. Howard Slack, last Thursday while the men went fishing.

O'NEILL LOCALS Mr. and Mrs. Elden Butterfield went to Omaha Monday to meet their daughter, Mrs. Jay McConnell, and son, Bobby Jay, of Elizabeth City, N.C., who will visit them for a couple of months while her husband is on duty with the navy. . . Mrs. Catherine Fritton returned Friday, July 27, from Wayne where she received her bachelor of arts degree. Mrs. Fritton teaches first grade in the O'Neill public school. . . Mr. and Mrs. David Vequist of St. Joseph, Mo., arrived Wednesday, August 1, to visit with Mrs. Anna Brown.

LETTERS TO EDITOR Ed's House of Gems Portland 13, Ore. HI—Am opening this weekend—have all been on the go. . . Send the paper to the address here at the store—then my wife won't get it first. . . How are things going with you? We are all fine, weather is even full country, it's a good place to live whether one has an income or not. Wish you were closer—I'd give you a job on catalog of collectors' items. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who wants a whale tooth, stuffed alligator or what have you—you know where to send them. My regards to your family and staff there. ED PANOWICZ

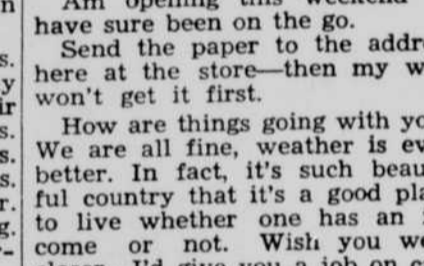
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CHAMBERS—The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Thursday, August 2, at the church for a work meeting. A group of ladies cleaned the church and the parsonage. . . A short business session was held. It was decided to hold a bake sale the last Saturday of each month except November, December and the month in which the alumni banquet is served. . . The next regular meeting will be August 23 at the church. Mrs. Guais Wintermote and Mrs. Herman Holcomb will be hostesses. A special memorial worship service will be held in honor of the late Mrs. J. O. Wood.

O'NEILL NEWS Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Cronin left Friday for their home in Chicago, Ill., after visiting with Mrs. Cronin's mother, Mrs. R. R. Morrison, the past week. . . Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Anderson and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stauffer and family. The afternoon was spent fishing. . . Mrs. Harrison Bridge returned Sunday from Wayne where she had spent a week attending the state music camp at Wayne State Teachers college. There were 160 students participating. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campbell returned on Saturday from Green Bay, Wis., where they had been vacationing the past two weeks. . . Mrs. Abbie Coker, who had been visiting Mrs. C. D. Schaaf in Grand Island last week, returned home Saturday.

CHANGE OF POLICY Beginning August 13 The PEACOCK BARBER SHOP Telephone 416-W Realizing that in these busy days, time is important to everyone, I have decided to put my shop on an appointment basis, Mondays through Fridays, leaving Saturday open for those who wish to "wait it out." . . Appointments may be made by telephone or a personal stop at the shop. . . Farmers and others from out of town will find an advantage in getting an appointment time then go on about their shopping. . . Business men and employees both will find it better than having to wait until after hours or weekends to get their barber work done. . . Appointments should be kept on time or 5 minutes ahead of time, if possible. . . If a cancellation must be made, it should be done as soon as possible so that time may be allotted to someone else. . . With your cooperation, I'm sure I can be of better service to you. Grant W. Peacock

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