

Prairie Land Talk

Easter Story to Be Retold

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Church bells will ring another Easter morning, and then those ordained as clergymen will stand before assembled worshippers to recount the story of an empty tomb. As the sunbeams light up the hills of ancient Judea there will be the devout, the curious and possibly the scoffer at the rock made sacred because of the One who lay there for a part of three days and historically a silent monument to a nobleman of Arimathea.



Romaine Saunders

Is the hollowed out stone a few steps from Gethsemane the thing of importance or is it that the One who walked through its open portal nearly two thousand years ago lives today as man's mediator before the great God?

And what was the message He left for the Christian world today—if ye love me celebrate my resurrection Easter Sunday

No, "If ye love me keep my commandments." It is a way of life, honesty, do to others as we would that they should do to us, and "Remember now thy Creator."

Postmaster General Summerfield threatens to disrupt the postal business unless Congress and tax-loaded patriots throughout the land do not go along with the postoffice boss in this particular. If Mr. Summerfield can't do the job he should retire from the cabinet; in which event we move that Mr. President send Terry Carpenter of Nebraska in the postoffice general's swivel chair.

As this is typed on the Remington this first week in April it is recalled that for many days neither sun, moon nor stars have shed a celestial light across prairie land. And I hear the steady drip of rain outside my window frame. Out where the oxen-drawn plow a hundred years ago turned under the virgin sod and corn and grain has been supplying the needs of man and beast since then there lies this evening, a black wet mass of prairie land mud. The night passes, the morning dawns upon a world robed in white. Again the rain has been followed by snow. So we look out upon the ermine-adorned trees and shrub and bush—a beauty picture that only the hand of nature can draw upon the landscape. By mid-day the picture is erased by a warmed-up hand of nature's multiple moods. From the Missouri to the Rockies, prairie land has been wet to where the under current flows. April started out as April did in 1894 when it rained every day. Then the hot winds of July, August and September that year introduced us to a period of "hard times" such as this generation may never experience.

A house-to-house sales woman came to the door today soliciting orders for things that can be had in stores everywhere. A wife and mother whose husband has been out of work all winter, one of the many brave women who find it necessary to work away from home to keep the wolf from the door. She left us to go on her way with one more order to fill by mail and the price of it in U. S. currency tucked away.

Walt O'Malley returned from a tour of western America with the bad news that Montana Jack Sullivan had been overtaken by a stroke that leaves him partially paralyzed. Friends of Jack O'Neill memories regret that such a thing has come to him. A mile or so north of the northeast corner of the old town was the Sullivan home in pioneer days and in vision yet we see Jack coming along the dusty road headed for town. Early in life his pole star led to Butte, Mont., and there he was no longer known as O'Neill Jack. There comes out of memory's store the pulley up about the year 1943 when an automobile dived up at the gate where Mrs. Saunders and I then made our home down in Swan precinct, four men got out of the car and came to where wife and I were parked at ease in the shade of trees. Montana Jack and three O'Neill friends had come for a visit and to look upon the prairie land picture they had been reading about in this department. We sat in the shade and visited, while Mrs. Saunders made lemonade for our guests, and then they walked the grass-robed scene over, where lark and cowbird took to flight as human foot invaded their domain. Those three O'Neill friends now lie upon the hill in the abodes of the dead. Will Montana Jack come again to walk once more with friends on prairie land?

It was a day in April in the year 1906: Miss Alice Coykendall took off for Douglas, Wyo., expecting to remain there. . . . Quinlan and Blance Deaver were up from Omaha visiting O'Neill friends. . . . Will LaViolet left for Columbus where he assumed the duties of music teacher in the schools. . . . Miss Florence Zink was in Norfolk attending a gathering of the Northeast Nebraska Teachers association. . . . Miss Ada Mills returned from Omaha where she had been taking a course in business and resumed her duties as assistant in the law office of R. R. Dickson. . . . Dr. G. M. Berry was in Norfolk attending a gathering of dentists. . . . Martin Cronin went to Atkinson to give the Graphic editor a lift setting type. . . . The P. C. Corrigan drug store was taken over by Pixley and Hanley.

A Lincoln man is under life sentence for murder, an outstate citizen exhausts state and federal judicial appeals to escape the electric chair. A Lincoln woman languishes in limbo awaiting judicial findings when brought to trial for murder. The story so far wreaks only with evil. Has there been no good in that young mother? Somewhere back yonder on her life's pathway she may have moved in right ways until she caught a glimpse of that alluring light that glimmers and glows for a time at the twilight hour only to die in the black of the night.

It was at a street corner we met, he a Lancaster county farmer in town to spend a few dollars—dollars obtained only, he said, by hard work digging up the dirt. Asked about his winter wheat, he replied that it was the best he had ever seen this early in April. Jumping at conclusions formed at that street corner meeting a stranger, he was not having such a tough time of it on his farm eight miles away.

When You & I Were Young . . . County Clerk Dies

at Rail Station Two Tie in Race for Alderman

50 Years Ago

Ralph B. Price of Thayer and Miss Katie Gallagher of Page were issued a marriage license. . . . E. S. Gilmour, county clerk, dropped dead while waiting for the early morning train. . . . The editor received a package of flower seeds from "Spineless" Moses. . . . A tie occurred between James Davidson and J. A. Cowperthwaite for alderman in the Third ward. . . . Gilligan & Stout, druggists, have new selections of wallpaper for any room. . . . Who can figure this one out? A banker wanted a railroad ticket that cost \$3.00. He had only a \$2.00 bill. He pawned the \$2.00 bill for \$1.50. On the way back to the station, he sold the pawn ticket to a friend for \$1.50. That gave him \$3.00. Who is out the dollar?

20 Years Ago

Deaths: Jacob Erb, 78, father of Mrs. L. A. Erb; George D. Riggs, 71, of Des Moines, Ia. . . . Teachers for the ensuing year in the city schools: Roy W. Carroll, superintendent; Elmer Stolte, coach and science; L. M. Durham, music, social science and shop; Ruth Kraemer, Latin and social science; Marie Wind, home economics and normal training; Blanche Collins, English; Helen Ryan, speech, kindergarten and vocal music; Mary Morrison, first grade; Ella Caffrey, second; Hilda Gallagher, third; Hilda Zimmerman, fourth; Betty Jones, sixth; Neva Wolfe, seventh. Action on hiring an eighth grade teacher has been deferred, pending the expected return of health of Miss Mary Horiskey.

10 Years Ago

Carl Wittfeldt went to Omaha to attend funeral rites for Mrs. Fred Wittfeldt, a former resident. . . . Frank A. Prewitt, 44, of Amelia, father of six children, was killed in an auto accident at Stuart. . . . Charles Bowman of Atkinson died. . . . Earl Scott, 45, a former Page resident, died of burns at Lingo, Wyo. . . . A 20-thousand-dollar addition will be started soon on the Bell telephone building. . . . Miss Helen June Asher and Al-

bert Smoock were married in Mexico. . . . Miss Lois Lee Olson and Martin Walter of Clearwater were married.

One Year Ago

Three little boys have died during the past week: Lee Wayne Scher, 6, of Ewing, and Ronald William Sterns, 8, of Atkinson, both of leukemia; Gerald Leo Thiele, one-year-old Clearwater farm boy who was run over by a tractor. . . . Other deaths: Frank Schmisser, 81, of Ewing; Joe H. Heintz, 75, of Ewing; David Isaacson, 85, of Chambers; Mrs. Belle Widman, 80, of Amelia. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Nels Linquist of Star are the parents of a daughter.

8th Grade Promotion to Be Held May 13

Spring activities on the Holt county rural school schedule have been announced as follows by Miss Alice French, county superintendent:

Tuesday, April 23: Holt county music festival, grades three to eight, 10 a.m. O'Neill public school auditorium. Friday, May 3: Eighth grade examinations—Atkinson, Chambers and O'Neill. Monday, May 13: Eighth grade promotion exercises. Wednesday, May 22: Mr. Shields will judge exhibits.

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Mrs. Elmo Barnes reported on the county council meeting and the county tour was discussed. Mrs. Delbert Wade received the "on-time" gift. A donation was given to the county diabetic fund.

Next meeting will be held with Mrs. Elmo Barnes and Mrs. Vernon Dalberg will be cohostess.

Parking Lots May Be Developed

EWING—Plans to make parking lots south of the United Presbyterian church provided the main discussion last week at a meeting of the men of the church. The congregation has been faced with a parking problem the past year and the need for additional space has been faced by all. President Edward Shrader said the lots are owned by the church.

Father Kamber Tells of World Tension

LYNCH—The Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Altar society met at the rectory Tuesday afternoon, April 9, for the April session. Sixteen members were present and Mrs. Don Allen presided and led in an opening and closing prayer. The Lynch high school alumni banquet serving was partly planned. The treasurer was instructed to purchase a five hundred dollar bond. Mrs. Jonas Johnson was a visitor.

The May meeting will be held at the Edward Street home with Mrs. Clarence Kolund and Mrs. Charles Courtney assisting.

Mrs. J. Lokouta and Miss Madlen Peko are on the church cleaning committee. Rev. Charles Kamber presented a review on the situation in the Middle East, illustrating with

the use of the globe and pointing out the locations of all countries in the world. Father Kamber also told of the size and population of the various countries.

Kelly Attends Air Mechanic School

Marine Sgt. James R. Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Kelly of O'Neill, is attending basic aviation structural mechanic school at the naval air technical training center at Memphis, Tenn.

REHEARSALS HELD

EWING—The first practice for the Junior Legion baseball team brought out 30 boys to the ball park. Willis Rockey is the manager and Dean Pfafah is the coach. All boys eligible and interested are invited to participate in the Sunday afternoon practices, Manager Rockey said.

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Editorial

Conservative GOP Leaders Score

Midwestern republican leaders Saturday struck a blow for—not against—the conservative element of the party. The statement adopted reflected, generally speaking, the views of The Frontier and most of the points have been trumpeted from time-to-time in these columns.

In a statement released at the close of the two-day fact-finding session in Omaha, attended by GOP leaders from eight states, these stands were taken:

- 1. They are decidedly dissatisfied with the size of the federal budget and feel there are areas which should be cut. 2. They favor foreign aid only insofar as it will implement national defense. 3. They strongly oppose federal aid to education.

National Republican Chairman Meade Alcorn told reporters that in closed committee meetings the midwesterners "made some most vociferous differences" with programs stood for by the Eisenhower administration. He said the republican leaders, however, made expressions of admiration and affection for the president and gave firm backing in such fields as farm programs, civil rights and economic policies.

Sunday newspapers pointed out, however, the net effect was viewed as something of a victory for the conservatives in the party over the president's concept of "modern republicanism."

The closed-door discussions were "spirited, lively and vigorous" the republican national chairman commented.

"It will come as no surprise that there is a difference of opinion in the republican party, but all of us feel that it is better to have the facts on the table and the sooner the better."

Reports from the gathering will be combined with findings from five more regional conferences scheduled over the nation, Alcorn said. The composite report will be delivered to the white house and will be used as a guide in plotting the 1958 congressional campaign, he added.

The Frontier holds that the Eisenhower give-away program, which has outstripped the new dealers in their heyday, will have some serious repercussions in the forthcoming elections. It will be recalled that Ike-backed senators and congressmen showed net losses last November, and it is a fair guess that Eisenhower's famed personal popularity has diminished considerably in these past few months.

Whether the midwest GOP stand, taken at Omaha, will influence the white house guard remains to be seen. We'll venture that other regional conferences will come up with similar recommendations.

Little Jobs Will Transform Town

Spring in its splendor may have been a little late this year. But nature is now sprouting and budding in its traditionally fantastic profusion. Spring fever seems have overcome many O'Neillites during these past few days. Humans come alive with the real advent of spring as surely as does nature. Part of coming alive is shedding the old, disposing of the worn-out and fixing everything that needs be. Keeping our community clean is an important duty—conducive to health, happiness, comfort



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