

PrairieLand Talk

# Prison Highway to Reform?

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LINCOLN—The door swung open to admit another to 10 years of prison life down at York. Women convicted of crime in Nebraska are confined in a prison house we know as a reformatory, official and judicial wish being that the amazon effort of their portals will come out a lady.

The 30-year-old mother of two just placed in the judicial sanctuary of reform was convicted of manslaughter in the slaying of her abusive leige lord. The presiding judge who heard the case in a jury trial had the unpleasant task of passing sentence when the jury found the prisoner at the bar guilty of manslaughter and something like two weeks passed between verdict and the judge's order of commitment. The prisoner was escorted from the court room in tears.



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Somewhere along the 30-year journey down the highway of life that woman was reported to have stepped from the path virtue and went from bad to worse. But the human emotions that brought tears to that young mother's eyes tell a story that words never express and now the prison house for women may indeed be the highway to reform for that heart sore matron who just entered its portals.

He delivers milk in sections of the city for one of those capitalized big outfits and informs me that the concern he drives a milk truck for bottles and takes to city homes and food dispensing places daily 18,000 gallons of milk. The milk is gathered up at farms all over the eastern part of the state.

The capital city escaped the May cyclone terrors that tore up a few communities in several states. This bright day in June we are robed in summer green, peonies and poppies, roses and morning glories in bloom, the lordly oak and stalwart elm in full foliage, velvet leaves swaying in the morning breeze. Birds are with us once again and on the wing from place to place catching bugs to soar off with to the nest where open beaks of fledglings await their feeding. The aged and superannated citizens sits in the shade and looks out upon the summer scenes nature has spread before him. And I see a neighbor across the way in his back yard swaying an ax and poking around with a shovel in strenuous work uprooting a stump, maybe to plant there a flower garden. The city is adorning in summer duds. Out across prairie land the scene varies but everywhere is the robe of silken green the flash of goldenrod, blue sky spread in celestial beauty over all.

As Father Adam came from the hand of the Creator and took the first step on the road to make human history, his Maker saw at once that "it is not good for man to be alone, I will make him a helpmate." The bachelor goes his solitary way but he, too, must depend on the ministering hand of a descendant of that first helpmate to bring him his plate of dinner, to do his laundry work, to perform the function of office helper and grace society with her presence. The bachelor has missed life's greatest joy that comes only through the tender emotions that throb in human hearts as you travel the highway of time hand in hand with life's companion. But maybe the lone wolf has fun that those of the pack are missing.

On a recent visit to the scenes of other days I had the pleasure of seeing friends and former neighbors of the Amelia community. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Baker who own and operate one of the first "cow camps" of Holt county, known at one time as the Riley Brothers ranch. Mrs. Baker is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Riley. Will being one of the three Riley brothers that settled in southwest Holt county in the early 1880's. Tom came from England as a youth and has become a confirmed prairie-land Yankee and supervises their Shorthorn herds without orders and directions from statehouse in Lincoln. It was a pleasure, too, to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bly. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Berry and their son and his wife; also Bernard Kennedy and his father, Pat Kennedy, Harry White and son, Glenn, and others, all well groomed and apparently blessed with plenty out there in a choice section of the empire of Holt.

"Cancer rate reported 1,000 times greater among those who smoke." So the three-column headline read introducing a story from New York telling of the findings of the American Cancer society after four years research. That little paper-wrapped innocent the cigaret is said to be the cancer breeder. Now let's see what the multi-million dollar cigaret-maker comes up with in extenuation.

An interesting letter has come to me from W. F. Mullen of 11515 Ohio Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Mullen writes that he left O'Neill in 1917 to join the American World War forces and had not visited the scenes of his childhood and youth until two years ago when he regretted to find so many people he had known no longer there. At one time, he writes, when you walked along the street in O'Neill you ran into a Mullen, now only Leo and Homer of the Mullen families remain there. Yes, W. F., many that we had known in years now gone are no more to be met with on the streets of O'Neill. But a few remain there. Yes, W. F. Neill. But a few remain and all that you meet with up there—first, second or third generation, or later arrivals give you a gland hand and you feel the warm hearted human fellowship that has ever been part of life in that prairie land community.

Sidney, once an army post where Jim Riley shot and killed a soldier then got on a horse and showed up in Holt county as Doc Middleton, now somewhat of a metropolis of western Nebraska, is the home of an 18-year-old prairie land lassie with a good Irish name who now becomes our state's Miss University, an exalted title attained by few in the schools of today. An earlier generation of "high school" lads and lassies stayed on the earth in the days when "professor" John Bland switched his chew of tobacco to the other cheek and went to a window to spit. The modern professor now takes the weed in whiffs of smoke as the little paper wrapped fag burns at one end.

Up at O'Neill as the month of May came to a close I was told of a group of citizens going down to Omaha to witness an impressive service in a great cathedral for one of the O'Neill group and expected to see a stately sir knight when he got home as a Knight of St. Gregory. But there he was, just the same cordial Bill Froelich greeting me with a smile and a handshake and a bit of compliment for what he had heard over the "Voice of The Frontier" that morning from PrairieLand Talker. Spread the robe of royalty over an O'Neill citizen and he is still just one of the happy crowd.

## When You & I Were Young H. R. Henry Heads Sunday-school Group Marquette Chapel Is Scene of Meet

30 Years Ago  
John Melvin was up from Page over Sunday. William G. Carpenter and Lula E. Thompson both of Amelia were granted a marriage license at Mayme. F. Ecker, formerly of O'Neill and Matt H. Boyl of Winside were married there. Mrs. V. M. Ross is helping the Will Crawford family during a siege of the measles. The Sunday school convention of the Dorsey district was held at the Marquette chapel, Leonic. The following were elected: H. R. Henry, president; W. H. Bedford, vice president; V. V. Rosenkrans, secretary-treasurer.

20 Years Ago  
The new courthouse building will be dedicated this week. Guests at Alpha club held at Mrs. Dick Robertson's were Mrs. Mary J. Thomas of Lincoln, Mrs. P. J. Lansworth, Mrs. S. R. Robertson and Della Grutsch. Miss Clara Shoemaker accompanied her sister, Miss Loretta as far as Kansas City where the later went on to Albuquerque, N. M. for her health. Mrs. John Rhode returned to her home in Yanikton, S. D., after having visited her sister, Mrs. Jerome Marling, after the death of Mr. Marling.

10 Years Ago  
Jerry Wanser, 12, of Inman, was kicked by a horse. He was rushed to a Sioux City hospital, where an operation was performed. Miss Una Borden, a telephone operator in Page and Ewing, was found dead after being stricken suddenly. David Charles Ferris one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ferris of Inman, died of pneumonia. Elmer Coolidge of Amelia was hurt in a tractor accident upset.

One Year Ago  
Mrs. Perry Saiser, 66, of Ewing drowned at Fort Randall when the boat in which she was in capsized. Leonard Lorenz lost both arms in a boiler accident. John Bellin has been named to head the water department. One charter member, Peter Brown, was able to be present at the 50th anniversary celebration of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Chambers.

### Disabled Have Short Time Left to File

More than one hundred thousand severely disabled people in communities all over the nation will receive their social security disability insurance checks early this August, reports Clifford Kitleston, manager of the Norfolk social security office.

In spite of this number, some disabled people have not yet applied. People who have been disabled over six months must apply before June 30 for full protection.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN (O'Neill)**  
"The Church of the Lutheran Hour"  
Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, pastor  
Sunday, June 23: Mission Festival and worship service, 9 a.m., Rev. W. L. Barth, stewardship secretary of the north Nebraska district will be guest pastor; Sunday-school, 10:15 a.m., W. Fricke, supt.

Tuesday, June 25: Sunday-school teachers' and staff meeting 8 p.m.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN (Atkinson)**  
"Church of the Lutheran Hour"  
Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, pastor  
Sunday, June 23: Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m., S. H. Brauer, supt; worship service, 11 a.m., Rev. W. L. Barth, guest pastor.

**O'NEILL NEWS**  
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Larson were visitors of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Weston Whitver and family Sunday.



**Dies in Omaha**  
Henry G. Mangan, 75, 3508 Hamilton st., Omaha, died Friday, June 10, following a year's illness. He operated the Elite cafe here four years, leaving O'Neill about six years ago. Mr. Mangan was a former lumberman. Survivors include: Widow - Mary; daughters - Sr. Maria del Ray, Miss Rosamond and Miss Marilyn, all of Omaha; son - Henry of Omaha.

### Visitors Feted at Breakfast

Mrs. Ira Moss and Mrs. H. J. Hammond entertained at luncheon Friday at the Bakery for Mrs. J. P. Golden of Scottsbluff and Mrs. Thomas Golden of San Diego, Calif. Most of the guests were relatives.

Mrs. R. E. Moore and Mrs. Dale Wilson are co-chairmen of the first dinner Sunday evening at the Country club. Ham, creamed potatoes with peas, relish plate, coffee, iced tea, hot rolls, brownies and ice cream are to be served.

### O'Neill News

Mrs. Preston Jones returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fridley, in Casa Grand, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Axtell and boys of Hamburg, Ia., attended the golf tournament and visited Mr. and Mrs. William Artus. Mrs. Axtell is Mrs. Artus' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hansen and family of Norfolk arrived Sunday to spend their vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Flood, and his father, Carsten Hansen.

Mrs. Laurence Haynes and children attended a Nissen family gathering at the Harold Freemyer home in Page Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Baker and Mrs. Arlo Hiatt attended a father's day dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoffman in Chambers Sunday.

Christy, Jim and Greig, children of Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek, returned home Sunday from visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hill, in Columbus. Christy was there six weeks and Jim and Greig were gone Friday and Saturday.

### Ewing Scouts on Overnight Hike

EWING—A hike for field work and overnight camping for first class requirements was planned Thursday evening when the Boy Scout Troop 181 met at the headquarters for the regular session. Camp life was discussed.

The group left Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and returned the following day at 4 p. m. A general discussion was also held on merit badge achievement. Larry Rotherham, Jerry Tams and Alfred Schlotman are three of the troop who are working this summer on these achievements.

Candidate scouts present at the meeting were "Butch" Rotherham, Jerry Bauer and Louis Martin.

### Other Ewing News

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Billings had as their guests on Sunday, June 9, his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Billings, of Neligh.

The Seek and Share Project Club was entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Hill. Miss Ina Bennett was a guest. "Landscaping" was the theme of the lesson presented by Mrs. Richard Napier. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Wayne Shrader. Thirteen members were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shipp and three daughters of Thermopolis, Wyo., were overnight guests at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards, on Thursday. On Friday they left for Harlan, Ia., where they will visit his mother, Mrs. Dora Ship, before going to Minnesota to visit other relatives.

Mrs. John Archer and Mrs. Agnes Bartak were O'Neill visitors on Wednesday, June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ruby, Marvin and Susan arrived in Ewing Wednesday, June 12, from Norfolk, Va., where Mr. Ruby is stationed in the navy. They are guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ruby, and her mother, Mrs. Casper Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Cloyd accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Cloyd, from Arizona, went to Pierce Monday, June 10, where he had a physical checkup.

On Sunday, June 2, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Doud and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Latzel drove to Ft. Randall dam.

A family reunion was held Sunday, June 9, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Cloyd. A one o'clock dinner was served. The afternoon was spent in visiting. Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. David Cloyd of Arizona. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. George Timmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Westrel, all of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Brokaw and family of Norfolk.

Miss Kay Depeuw of Neligh and Russell Napier of Ewing.

Mrs. Ben Oetter of O'Neill has opened a beauty shop in Ewing, located in the building formerly occupied by the Modern Beauty shop. Mrs. Oetter has named her firm, Dorothy's Beauty Shop.

Miss Ina Bennett accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bennett of Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Utterback of Clearwater to Missouri, Valley, Ia., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Ada Allmon, an aunt of Miss Bennett and her brother, Wilbur Bennett. Attending the funeral of Mrs. Deemer Conner held in Orchard

Wednesday, June 12 from Ewing were: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Larson, Mrs. Grace Briggs, Mrs. Eben Graft, Mrs. Wilbur Spangler, Mrs. Eva Kaczor, Anna Bauer, Mrs. Will Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Schlotman, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Black, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stevens, Mrs. Ella Zelms.

Will Conner who was removed to the Methodist hospital in Sioux City last week, has undergone surgery and is reported to be making satisfactory progress.

The Young Matrons Pinochle club was entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Richard Edwards with Mrs. Ray Funk, co-hostess. Prize winners were Mrs. Charles Rotherham, Mrs. Archie Tuttle, and Mrs. Thomas Eacker. Guests were

Mrs. Jerry Tumjack and Mrs. Rotherham. Lunch was served by the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hahlbeck took their daughter, Miss Patricia Hahlbeck to Lincoln on Tuesday, June 11 where she attended the Cornhuskers Girls State. She is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary Sanders Post 214.

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Editorial

## Consider the Box Turtle

These have been the first hot days of summer, and they are anything but conducive to worrying about the Suez Canal, higher taxes, the situation in Formosa, or cancer among cigaret smokers.

On days like this one should take it easier and philosophize on other aspects of the world about us. For instance, it is true that the life span of a box turtle is 123 years, that the catfish lives to be 60, and that a toad can count on 36 years if not run over by a car?

By strenuous methods (i.e., running a pair of scissors through a copy of the Iowa Conservationist) we came upon this interesting summer item, "The Life Span of Animals":

Mammals	Years
Elephant	69
Horse	50
Hippopotamus	49
Chimpanzee	40
Grizzly bear	32
Bison	30
Lion	30
Tiger	25
Elk	22
Mountain lion	20
Beaver	19
Wolf	16
Squirrel	16
Chipmunk	12
Ottotail	10
House mouse	4
<b>Birds</b>	<b>Years</b>
Turkey buzzard	118
Swan	102
Parrot	80
Great horned owl	68
Eagle	55
English sparrow	23
Canary	22
Humming bird	8
<b>Reptiles</b>	<b>Years</b>
Giant tortoise	125
Box turtle	123
Alligator	68
Snapping turtle	57
Cobra	21
<b>Amphibians</b>	<b>Years</b>
Giant Salamander	36
Toad	35
Bullfrog	30
Mud puppy	23
Green frog	10
<b>Fish</b>	<b>Years</b>
Catfish	60
Eel	55
Carp	47
Mosquitofish	2
<b>Insects</b>	<b>Years</b>
Cicada	17
Ant (queen)	15

foreign aid that every citizen and taxpayer should read. It's entitled: "Are We Being Bled White"

The author advances some very startling facts relative to the manner in which our foreign aid is handed out without any adequate return, and how our own people are taking over the burdens of the whole world, dissipating dollars and natural resources, inflating the currency (our own and others'), and far from making friends.

The article says:

"We are only making more enemies and benefitting those that we have always had, principally the Russians".

For example, the article cited that with five billion dollars—the cost of one year's foreign aid—would give an extra hundred dollars a year to every parent in the country and would give \$50 a week to every person over 65. That amount would build all the hospitals, nursing homes and schools our country would need for years to come.

**Chicken Dinner 18-Years-Old**  
How about a chicken dinner made from fowl frozen for 18 years?

"Good," is the verdict of a man who ate one. He is retired Commander James C. McCoy of Neptune Beach, near Jacksonville, Fla.

McCoy returned recently from the Antarctic. There he visited the site of the Little America camp he helped set up in 1939.

After digging down through about 35 feet of ice, McCoy and his companions found the huts and took out food stored in them for 18 years.

They dined on chicken, vegetables, bread and butter left over from the expedition of 1939-41. Loss of some flavor was the only shortcoming, according to McCoy.

His report shed light on the late Adm. Richard E. Byrd's suggestion that the Antarctic ice could be used as a storehouse for enormous supplies of food, such as surplus wheat and dairy products.

Scientific research at the bottom of the globe may uncover many other ways in which that vast region can be useful to mankind.

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