Rival Once Tried to Wreck Plant

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LINCOLN-The year 1958 brings The Frontier up to the venerable age of 78. It was approaching Johnson, writes me from her home in Omaha: "I the spring of the year in 1880 when there came to the prairie village of O'Neill a newspaper guy from a southern Wisconsin town to look into the prospects for starting an O'Neill paper. Pat Hagerty, which to write. Others here from up there join me who had a trading post where the Goldent hotel now

stands, had induced Doc Mathews to "come west" and start a paper, so The Frontier was launched upon the sea of activities among the early settlers, cow punchers, Indians ambitious young politicians. The Frontier has survived two fires and one attempt by an envious rival over at Niobrara to wreck the plant, has outlived six editors and a score of printers, has not missed a week coming from



the press, the first a Washington hand press, in these years. The paper had a large part in inducing settlers to come to prairieland. The Frontier is still read by everybody in the community and many in distant places. It has expanded from a four-page six-column sheet to a 16page eight-column paper that others are copying after. My brother Ezra was the first printer to set the type for Doc Mathews' glowing word pictures of "God's Country" and he now lies upon the hill under the sod as do others who had been connected with paper as publishers or printers. Nine other newspapers once were published in O'Neill, faded and died. The Frontier goes on still under capable management.

Nebraska History, a quarterly magazine published by the State Historical Society with offices and headquarters at 15th and R street in Lincoln, draws our attention now to newspaper notables of the state instead of the politicians and army officers that have been about the only theme of state historians in recent years. A full page picture of James Lawrence and the story of his life's work as an editor appears in the latest issue of the magazine. Having turned their gaze away from military posts and government officials, the editors of Nebraska History may catch a vision of the pioneer men and women of prairieland from whose toil worn hands this generation has its heritage. Who were they that subdued a wilderness and formed the empire of Holt? It was men like Walt O'Malley and his forebears, men like Wallace Johnson, like Hugh O'Neill, like Will Riley who brought to the prairies of Holt county purebred Shorthorns to take over and drive out the longhorns, men like Sam Elwood who brought to the county the first herd of purebred Angus; women like Mrs. Dustin, like Mrs. W. W. Page, like Mrs. J. J. McCafferty and other wives and mothers who maintained the s and reared families; the men and women in the towns, on the land from the Missouri river to the foothills, from the Sioux Indian country to the valley of the Republican-these were the hands, the minds, that made Nebraska history.

Meditation is the tongue of the soul and the language of our spirit; and our wandering thoughts in prayer are but the neglects of meditation and recessions from that duty; and according as we neglect meditation, so are our prayers imperfect, meditation being the soul of prayer and the intention of our spirit.-Jeremy Taylor.

A native daughter of O'Neill, Mrs. Edwin feel close enough to write you as we have in common-O'Neill. Never miss your column and I sure hope you have many more years of good health in and say they read your column first, and there are quite a few here and say they followed Arthur Mullen down here, but I remember when we used to come down to see Dr. Dwyer.

Mrs. Johnson is a daughter of a pioneer couple of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tierney, both now lying under the sod upon the hill in the abode of the dead. Mrs. Tierney was a sister of the late Dave Stannard and his brothers. Tom was the town drayman until he passed away more than 40 year ago. Mrs. Johnson wonders if that was before my time. Not hardly as I landed in O'Neill behind a pair of range bred horses something like 75. years ago and now traveled the rugged highway of life a little more than 87 years. Cordial greetings to you, Mrs. Johnson, and others from out of the greenrobed prairies of Holt county now anchored

In commeration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of a school of journalism at the University of Missouri the postal department will issue a special stamp early this year. Schools of journalism have sprung up in about every state, while newspapers are becoming fewer and fewer. Something like a dozen less in Nebraska in 1957 than there were in 1956. Holt county at one time had 17 newspapers; today there are four. Simultaneously with the introduction of schools of journalism has disappeared the gifted writers and their charming ger". He goes on to relate that word pictures have given way to the common place 'news stories." No more the songs of a Doc Bixby, the wit and literary beauty of the writings of Ross Hammond of Will Maupin nor the charming eloquence of an Edgar Howard. No longer the thrill of a line by Clyde King, Jim Riggs, John Wertz or George McArthur nor the slashing vindictiveness in a paragraph by John Sprecker. This is the age of school of journalism "news stories" that leave you guessing as to what did happen.

There stands in O'Neill today a magnificent court house, a monument to R. R. Dickson and John Weeks without whose promoting it would not be there; public school buildings, an academy, churches and a city library-monuments to a people that make the history of a community. The Frontier building stands as a monument to Denny Cronin, the Golden hotel, a monument to Tom Golden-and a seven-room white cottage on South First street a monument to my mother!

Every man has two educations—that which is given to him, and the other, that which he gives | day at Atkinson, won The Fronthimself. Of the two kinds, the latter is by far the most valuable. Indeed all that is most worthy in man, he must work out and conquer for himself. It is that, that constitutes our real and best nourishment. What we are merely taught, seldom ted at Sacred Heart hospital in nourishes the mind like that which we teach ourselves.—Richter.

The Methodist church of O'Neill forwarded the brochure of the church's 75th anniversary to the Nebraska State Historical Society and is now in the society's archives in Lincoln.

Sullivan, Uttley Tell of '88 Storm

Teacher, 13 Pupils Marooned

50 Years Ago Frontier's friends from up at Celia, was a caller Wednesday during the editor's absence from the Stanton and John Hickey returned Monday from West Point. John R. Bellar, one of the best known and well respected citizens of Shields township, died sudat his home January 4 Nearly 54 years old, he was a native of Canada. He came to this country 18 or 20 years ago. He was a prominent member of the Mennonite church in his commu Weddings: Dey S. Weygint of Meadow Grove and Miss Fanny L. Johnson of Tilden and John Cleary and Inez Murray, both of this community. Tuesday club met with Mrs. J J. Harington. Shakespeare is the topic being studied. Those taking part were: Mrs. G. W. Smith, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Mote, Mrs. A. F. Mullen and Miss Ruth Evans. Men's overalls advertised at the Cash store for 48 cents; cotton flannel mitts at 6 cents a pair men's overcoats at \$3.60 and bed blankets at 48 cents each.

"Montana Jack" Sullivan and Mrs. Mary A. Uttley told of their experiences in the blizzard of Montana Jack recalled that "the cattle became agitated and by instinct, they scented the danon the horizon appeared a whirling grey blur that roared toward him like an express train. It was proceeded by a snapping and cracking sound like static electricity. "I was so fascinated with the extreme terror of it," he says, "that I stood spell bound until the storm rolled over me". Mrs. Uttley, a teacher in a little sod schoolhouse just across the Niobrara river at Hogan's bridge in Keya Paha county, had 13 pupils with her the day of the storm (January 12) and they remained with her in the schoolhouse all day and all night with neither food, fuel nor light from 4 o'clock in the afternoon. She says the storm struck about 9 o'clock in the morning and raged until about 3:30 the next morning. About 5 o'clock Mr. Hogan and two neighbors came

10 Years Ago

Nancy Elaine Harshfield, who was born at 6:35 a.m., new year's er's first baby contest. S ed 7½ pounds. . . James F. Lewis, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lewis of near Spencer, was "good' af Lynch. He was the victim of a power saw accident. . . The temperature reached 50 twice this week. . . Those fearless Frickel trappers, Ronnie, 8, and Donnie, 10. of Celia, closed 1947 with a skunk and a badger added to their triumphs.

One Year Ago

Kathleen Marie Blake, who was born Thursday, January 3 at St. Anthony's hospital, won The Frontier's first baby of the year contest. . . Larry Wayne Papke. 11, of Stuart, was fatally wounded by an accidental charge of a .22 calibre repeater rifle. . . Deaths: J. W. Roche, 66, of Atkinson; Jane Tangeman, 85, of Chambers; George H. White, 80, of Atkinson; William Kramer, 72, of Stuart; David Everett Lee, 6, of Atkinson Mrs. Agnes Slaymaker of Atkin-

Tubercular Patients Will Be Remembered

Partners from O'Neill, Pierce Stanton and Norfolk were in at tendance at the regular January Marche of the Madison County 410, 8 et 40, which met Thursday evening at Hotel Madison in Nor-

Mrs. A. R. Andrews, shapeau, appointed Mrs. Jesse Walker of Norfolk as salon chairman of education and scholarships, a new project of the 8 et 40 which provides scholarship funds for graduate nurses to take advanced study for nursing of tubercular

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Bernice Bussman, child welfare ved by the hostesses, Mrs. Wilchairman, read thank-you notes liam McGinty, Mrs. Virgil Schlack, Mrs. Ervin Asby and Mrs.

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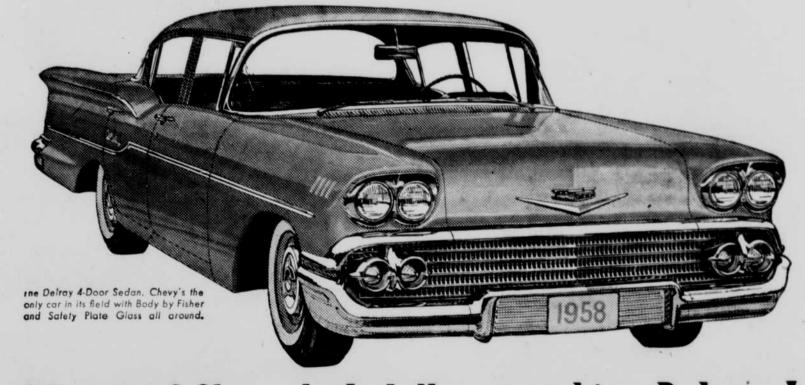
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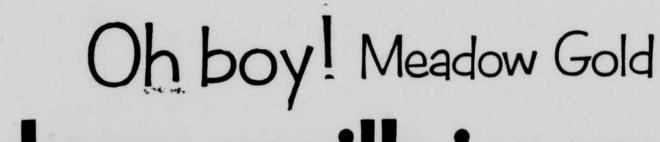


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Editorial—

Flaws of Quality, Not Quantity

and elsewhere are bracing themselves to with, of water in the oceans will increase. stand the most powerful onslaught todate on behalf of federal aid to education.

"Liberals" of every description—including some in Nebraska's statehouse—have seized upon the Sputnik furore as a heaven-sent opportunity to ram through schemes of shotgun legislation to produce federal and centralized control of education

Viewed as particularly ominous by the nation's lawmakers are (1) Secretary Folsom's one-billiondollar program of federal grants-in-aid to schools, and (2) the boast of the left-wing National Education association that its pro-federal aid lobbying will be conducted this session on a "round-theclock" basis. Many educators, who are members of the asso-

ciation and nominally foes of federal aid, are afraid to speak out because of possible reprisals. The education hierarchy has so manuevered certification of teachers some of the membership feels muzzled relative to controversial matters. (At a local level, some teachers opposed to the fashionable hatchet plan for small schools are afraid to speak out because "labor boss" tactics might be employed.)

Opponents of federal aid say that American conservatives must work as never before to impress their congressional representatives with this fact: The flaws of American education are flaws of quality, not quantity. The piling on of federal dollars will only intensify the existing evils and shortcomings in the present educational setup, while creating new and equally grievous dangers of federal control and waste.

Two supporters of this argument, neither of whom can be sniffed away as "reactionary", have offered this comment:

President Harry Heald of the Ford foundation: "Under present mass education policies, the requirements for graduation are scaled down for the weaker students; the more able ones do no more." Dr. Howard L. Bevis, chairman of the presi-

dent's committee on scientists and engineers: "American education should increase the requirements of science, mathematics, English and other basic disciplines through high school".

Earth Is Warming Up

Dr. Edward Teller says the earth is warming up. Taking his stand in the controversy concerning the trend of the weather, Teller says that the increasing amount of carbon dioxide in the air is warming up our earth.

Teller says accurate measurements show that there has been an increase of two percent in the carbon dioxide content in the air since the beginning of the industrial revolution. This has been caused by heavy uses of fuels such as coal, oil, and

Unless there is a halt to the trend, Teller believes the earth will become overheated before the when the amount of carbon dioxide has increased year; rates abroad provided upon request. All submuch further, ice caps on the Poles will begin to scriptions payable in advance

Conservatives in the United States congress- | melt (they are already receding) and the amount

This will inundate such port cities as New York and such countries as Holland. The answer? Teller believes the answer is the

use of nuclear fuel. The associate director of the University of California's radiation laboratory says that we must put nuclear fuel to work, powering electrical plants which otherwise would consume coal, or oil or other carbon dioxide producing fuels.

Soil Plan Will Depopulate

A headline in the Omaha World-Herald suggests the effect of the "pilot plan" for turning a substantial hunk of Nebraska back to grass and trees for five- and 10-year periods will have an adverse effect on the economics of small towns.

Our guess is the effect will be adverse on some of the larger ones, too, and will be a boon to absentee owners who will "bid in" their places and shuffle off to the West coast on some distant place

The result will be a depopulation of an already sparsely populated area; less services will be required; fewer groceries will be sold.

Nebraska is one of four states in the trial balloon plan. The object, of course, is to reduce production while science and industrious farmers are doing everything possible to increase production. It's our guess socalled poor land will immediately find its way into the new soil bank while better land will produce more and more. Hence, the agricultural department experts will be back where they started.

Common speakers have only one set of ideas, and one set of words to clothe them in; and these are always ready at the mouth; so people come faster out of a church that is almost empty, than when a crowd is at the door.-Swift.

Open your purse and your mouth cautiously; and your stock of wealth and reputation, shall at least in repute, be great.—Zimmerman.

Why do so many women waste money trying to look young and attractive and at the same time eat their way to 200 pounds?

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