

Prairieland Talk—

Today He Sits Alone

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LINCOLN—He had trod the pathway of life for more than four-score years. He had known the struggles, the long hours of toil to maintain and provide for a home; a life's companion, he had known the joys of such fellowship that only husband and wife can know, the thrill of childhood, his own children, and a home with the family about him.

Today he sits alone—home gone, life's companion and sweetheart of his dreams gone, children grown, maintaining their own homes and marching on life's highway until they too some day may sit alone. Fathers who in days now gone sat with his little Johnnie on his knee, mothers that held her baby at her breast, now sit alone. But hear this: Three blocks from where my typewriter is parked sits a widow, a mother, her son and his family in a distant city, her daughter and son-in-law in the troubled Middle East. She sits alone in her own home, happy that no one is around to bother her and she can do as she pleases!



Romaine Saunders

Mrs. Louis Bartos, chairman of the committee that arranged the banquet held Monday evening, February 3, sent me a complimentary ticket for the feast on chunks of an aristocratic Angus slaughtered for the occasion, and a gracious invitation to be their guest at banquet board. Nothing would have pleased me more than to have responded in person, but the best I could do was to write her the story of the little that I know of the early introduction of Angus cattle in Holt county. "Having read once more your bit of friendly chat from down Lincoln way," she writes, "I find myself wanting to write a few lines your way, as I so often do after a chat with you by way of The Frontier." So she wrote some of the details of the preparation for the banquet and introduces herself and family to the Lincoln "chat" producer. As Holt county ranchers have taken to the black beauties of the bovine world, so their wives are ladies of culture who write not with a leadpencil but an up-to-date typewriter.

A Wild Bill came into Lancaster county during the last week in January. In the Bennett community a few miles out from Lincoln three lifeless human bodies were found by officers on a hunt for the young fellow and his 15-year-old girl companion. The six killings are thought to be the work of the one individual and his wholesale killing has southeast Nebraska aroused as nothing before has stirred its citizens.

State Sen. Carpenter of Scottsbluff serving as chairman of that mysterious wonder of legislative creation a "tax committee" or maybe more properly not only chairman but the whole cheese. What the "committee" is trying to do is not very clear to anyone. Anyway, State Sen. Liebers of

Lincoln says the committee "violates legislative rules." Now whoever thinks the Terrible Terry of Scottsbluff will be guided by any rules, human or divine? Tax—a headache ever since the decree of Augustus Caesar that "all the world should be taxed." City, county, state, national governments—takes money to supply what a ravenous public demands. Might as well fork over that tax on your property, your income and bank account with a smile and joyous heart that you are in the land of the free and home of the brave.

As this is composed on my typewriter Lincoln citizens gasp for horror and for shame. Near the close of day yesterday the bodies of three murder victims were discovered in an outlying district of the city. A man, his wife, their two-year-old child lay dead just outside their home. Today officers are on the hunt for that dead woman's daughter (by a previous marriage) and her "boy friend." Last week the tragic story came out of Beatrice of a husband and father wiping out the whole family. And a college student in a town 25 miles from Lincoln lay at death's door from a bullet wound inflicted by his student pal in the college. The one guilty of a killing these days if caught gets away with it by serving a few years in prison. Let's have a few hangings like killers were once dealt with.

Just a tip to The Frontier's make-up man—the item about Pat Biglin in this department of January 23 should have followed the story of Hugh Gallagher's phantom colt. Both these stories came from Homer Campbell, a Frontier printer in the days of Editor Jim Riggs.

February, March, November—each start at the week's end, Saturday, February 1, 1862, Battle Hymn of the Republic, by Julia Ward Howe; February 2, Groundhog day, Shay's Rebellion, 1787, Georgia adopted state constitution, 1777; February 8, Mary Queen of Scots beheaded, 1587; February 11, Thomas A. Edison, born 1847; February 14, Valentine's day; February 22, Washington's birthday; he was born in Westmoreland county, Va., 1732; February 27, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, born 1807.

An Omaha product who has been behind prison walls for 16 years was handed a document by the board of pardon that would let him out on parole. The prisoner, a convicted murderer, declines. His term of imprisonment expires and he will be free next October. Why he turned out in the cold in midwinter when permanent release comes so soon at a pleasant season of the year?

Tall and stately grows the cottonwood tree, planted there as a twig by a pioneer's hand on prairieland sod spread out as far as he could see. Sod was first laid there where prairieland was born, before man came along to plant a tree or plow it all up to plant it to corn. But both tree and the corn we will just pass and stoop down along the way to pluck a sprig of the lowly buffalo grass.

Editorial—

'We Know What's Good for You!'

The Holt County Rural School boards association in session here Saturday emphatically rejected the grand K-12 (kindergarten through 12th grade) proposal recommended for Holt county by the state redistricting committee. The state committee, composed entirely of professional educators, would redistrict Holt into two K-12 districts with K-12 schools at O'Neill and Atkinson.

Grade schools would be maintained at these two points and existing grade schools at Chambers, Stuart, Page, Ewing, Inman and Amelia would continue as attendance centers. There would be other attendance centers throughout the county (where existing schools are good enough and where centralized new schools might be built).

The present four-grade high schools at Stuart, Chambers, Inman, Ewing and Page would be reduced to junior high schools.

Busses would be inaugurated to move pupils to and from the K-12 and to and from the various junior high and elementary attendance centers.

We think the professional educators in this instance are screwy. They have conjured up the whole idea with the attitude of "we know what's good for you and your children, you don't!"

The Holt Rural School Boards, by unanimous acclamation, resolved that reorganization of rural districts be on a voluntary basis; they reaffirmed the stand taken in the past the head of the state education department be an elected official (instead of appointed); they opposed any raise in teacher certification requirements.

The state education department professes to be detached and separate from the University of Nebraska's redistricting committee. However, both reflect the same line for centralized education. The university committee is not as easily attacked by critics as the state department of education. And the head of the state education department, if he were still elective, wouldn't dream of such wholesale revamping of districts!

Granted some redistricting is necessary. Some voluntary redistricting in parts of the county already has been accomplished with satisfactory results.

"They want more money" is the general reaction to the professional educators' plan for redistricting Holt, gained by valuations. Considerably new construction would be needed at both O'Neill and Atkinson to accommodate whopping enrollment.

Teacher certification has been increased steadily—forcing shortages in labor union fashion.

It's high time people like the Holt Rural School Boards association and the Nebraska School Improvement association blew the whistle!

Mac's Critics Please Read!

(Guest editorial from Human Events)

As America seeks to marshal its full resources in the struggle against communism, one name appears with increasing frequency in Capital conversation—that of General Douglas MacArthur. It is known that the famous general, who marked his 78th birthday January 26, is as acute as ever in the perception of the Communist menace, and as masterly in his grasp of strategic principle. (Recalled is the verdict of Britain's World War II chief of staff Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke, that MacArthur was "the greatest general" of the war.)

Why then—comes the question—does not the Eisenhower Administration consult with MacArthur to attain the benefit of his counsel? It is rumored that Eisenhower has long felt resentment toward MacArthur, his old boss. But surely—it is said—such personal animosities should be buried at a time

when national security is the overriding consideration.

Those who advocate consultation with MacArthur point out how prophetically, at the time of the famous "MacArthur hearings," he foretold the challenges that would confront American policy in the crucial years following Korea. "If the United States doesn't bring the Korean war to a decisive and victorious end," MacArthur told the Senate committee, "she will have to accept all the consequences of a disastrous defeat." Even MacArthur's critics, such as columnist Joseph and Stewart Alsop, have since admitted the correctness of this analysis.

Again, MacArthur warned that America's dogged "Europe-first" policy ignored the simple realities of Communist aspiration. "The objective of Russia for many decades," he said, "was the Mediterranean. . . . Without that Russia could not dominate and control the world. . . . (Now, there is the additional possibility of reaching the warm waters of the Pacific and the Indian Ocean. If by any combination she could extend down to the Indian Ocean, she would not only outflank the Mediterranean. . . but it would place her fair and flush upon the continent of Africa. . . .")

Similarly, in the matter of armament, the General proved to be well ahead of his critics. The "liberal" line seeking to justify MacArthur's removal from his Korean and other commands said that the Soviet armed might was such, in 1951, that the U. S. must avoid a showdown, building for a final confrontation in the future. This idea was advanced in the hearings by Senators Brien McMahon (D-Conn.) and Wayne Morse (D-Ore.). MacArthur answered them: "You assume, of course, that relatively your strength is going up much more than the enemy's. That is a doubtful assumption, Senator." And: "... you do not know, none of us know, the capacity of the enemy. He may build faster than we do."

An object in possession seldom retains the same charms which it had when it was longed for. —Pliny the Younger.

A man's good breeding is the best security against another's bad manners.—Chesterfield.

Idleness is emptiness; the tree in which the sap is stagnant, remains fruitless.—Bacon.

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.—Spurgeon.

He prayeth best who loveth best, all things, both great and small.—Coleridge.



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Miss Condon to Wed in May

The engagement of Miss Catherine Condon to John Andrew Still, Jr., son of the late Mrs. Marguerite Roache Still and John Andrew Still of Bradford, Pa., has been announced by the future bride's mother. Miss Condon is the daughter of Mrs. Edward Joseph Condon of New York City and the late Mr. Condon. The prospective bride is a graduate of St. Mary's academy, O'Neill, where the family formerly resided. She attended

Fordham university and is employed by the Reynolds Metals company. Mr. Still graduated from St. Bernard's Catholic high school and holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a science degree from St. Bonaventure's university. He served as a lieutenant, junior grade, in the navy during World War II. Mr. Still presently has interests in several business enterprises in Bradford. A May wedding is planned.

When You & I Were Young . . .

Will Written in Bohemian Filed

Skrala's Paper Needs Interpreter

50 Years Ago

Patrick Mullen, 87, died at the home of his son, Edward, five miles north of Emmet. He had been a resident of this county 27 years. . . . Three of the children of L. E. Harding, who lost his wife last week with congestion of the lungs (pneumonia) are ill with pneumonia. For a time it was thought the eldest boy would not recover, but Doctor Flynn says the crisis is past. The other children are also recovering. The youngest child is five-days old. Mrs. Ida Hamilton, a sister-in-law of Mr. Harding, came from Albion to care for the children. . . . A will written in Bohemian was filed in county court. It was written by Joseph Skrala of Stuart. An interpreter was obtained. . . . Mrs. Conrad, 20, a mother of two children, died at the home of her father-in-law, Frank Conrad of Inman. She was a daughter of M. Miller, who lives about six miles south of Inman. . . . Henry Martfield traded his farm north of Emmet for a hotel in Newport. The Frontier will accompany him to keep him informed of doings in old Holt.

20 Years Ago

Willard Clare Clausen, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Clausen, who live in the Joy neighborhood, was operated on at the Stuart hospital and it was found that his appendix had ruptured. . . . A crow-killing contest for young people of Brown, Rock, Holt, Keya Paha and Boyd counties was announced by game warden, Arthur O. Edmunds of Ainsworth. . . . Casper Wagman, 72, living west of Atkinson, died after an illness of a month. . . . Marriage licenses were issued to Charles W. Richter of Dorsey and Miss Emma Swanson of O'Neill and Dalton Cheyne of Clearwater and Miss Helen Schroth of Neligh.

10 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. William Metcalf of Chambers celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary at the home of their son, H. E. Metcalf. The Metcalfs are long-time residents of south Holt. . . . Lowest temperature of 23-below was recorded during the week. . . . Deaths: Mrs. Louis Hohndorf at Redbird; Charles Mulhair at Lynch; Mrs. Sheridan Simmons of Escondido, Calif., formerly of O'Neill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kasda of Atkinson quietly observed their 52d wedding anniversary.

Cronins Entertain—

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cronin and family were Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Pischel and family of Ainsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Furstenau and family of Neligh.

First Aid Kit in Every Home in County Is Goal

PAGE—Husbands of the members of the Page extension club were entertained January 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heiss. A covered dish meal was served at noon.

The afternoon was spent making out the year books.

The extension club goals were discussed and the decision was made to make the first aid kit the first project of the year. Because all except Mrs. Lisle Mewmaw and Mrs. Jud Russell were members of the first aid class taught last year by Mrs. Claire Engdahl of O'Neill, the kits will need replacements only. It is the ultimate goal to have a first aid kit with the accompanying hand book in every home in the county.

Lessons were discussed and leaders were appointed. Mrs. Jesse Kelly will be the hostess for the February 18 lesson on "Life Insurance" and Mrs. Dan Troshynski will be the leader.

Family Party Is Held

PAGE—Mrs. A. T. Crumly was hostess to the members of the Golden Rule extension club for the January meeting when year books were filled out.

A donation was voted for both the polo and the heart fund drive.

Mrs. Don Nissen was the winner of the guessing game contest.

A family party was held at the Improvement club rooms Saturday, February 1, with a covered dish supper.

Mrs. R. V. Crumly will be the February 18 hostess. Mrs. Harold Freemyer and Mrs. Melvin Held will be the leaders for the lesson on "Life Insurance."

Other Page Locals

Mrs. Lloyd Fusselman was hostess Wednesday, January 23, to members of the Bid-or-Bye club of an afternoon of bridge playing. At cards Mrs. Frank Cronk held the high score and Mrs. Jerry Lamason received the all-out award. Mrs. William Hock will be the February 12 hostess.

Members of the Wesleyan Missionary society met recently for purpose of cleaning the church. Officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service and King's Daughters societies met at the home of Mrs. Harry Harper for an executive meeting Tuesday, January 21. Plans were discussed for the coming quarter's activities and reports were filled out for the past quarter. Lunch was served.

The members of the RNA Kensington were entertained Wednesday afternoon, January 22, in the home of Mrs. I. O. Wood. The newly-elected officers took over their duties at this meeting. Cards furnished the afternoon's entertainment. Mrs. Ethel Waring will be the February 12 hostess.

Mesdames Anna Sorenson had Mesdames Frieda Asher, Hester Edmisten and Emma Kemper as her guests Monday, Jan. 20, and the same group met at the home of Mrs. Kemper Tuesday evening. The NOK club members were Thursday, Jan. 23 guests of Mrs. Emmitt Thompson for a social afternoon. Lunch was served. Mrs. O. A. Wiseman will be the February 6 hostess.

Pvt. Charlotte Luebeck is spending her leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt Luebeck. Private Luebeck is stationed at Camp McClellan, Ala., and reported there January 31.

Miss Marilyn Donohoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Donohoe, celebrated her birthday anniversary Saturday, January 25, at a party for her classmates.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD (O'Neill)

Rev. Robert A. Paul, pastor

Sunday, February 9: Sunday-school 10 a.m., classes for everyone. Allen Walters, superintendent; worship, 11 a.m., "Judge Thyself" will be the sermon topic delivered by the pastor. Sunday evening services—Children's church, 7; Junior CA's, 7; Christ Ambassadors service, 7; evangelistic service, 8.

Wednesday, February 12: Mid-week day of prayer. Morning prayer at 10; evening at 8. Prayer

changes things. Friday, February 7: A skating party will be held for young people at the city pond. Refreshments in church basement.

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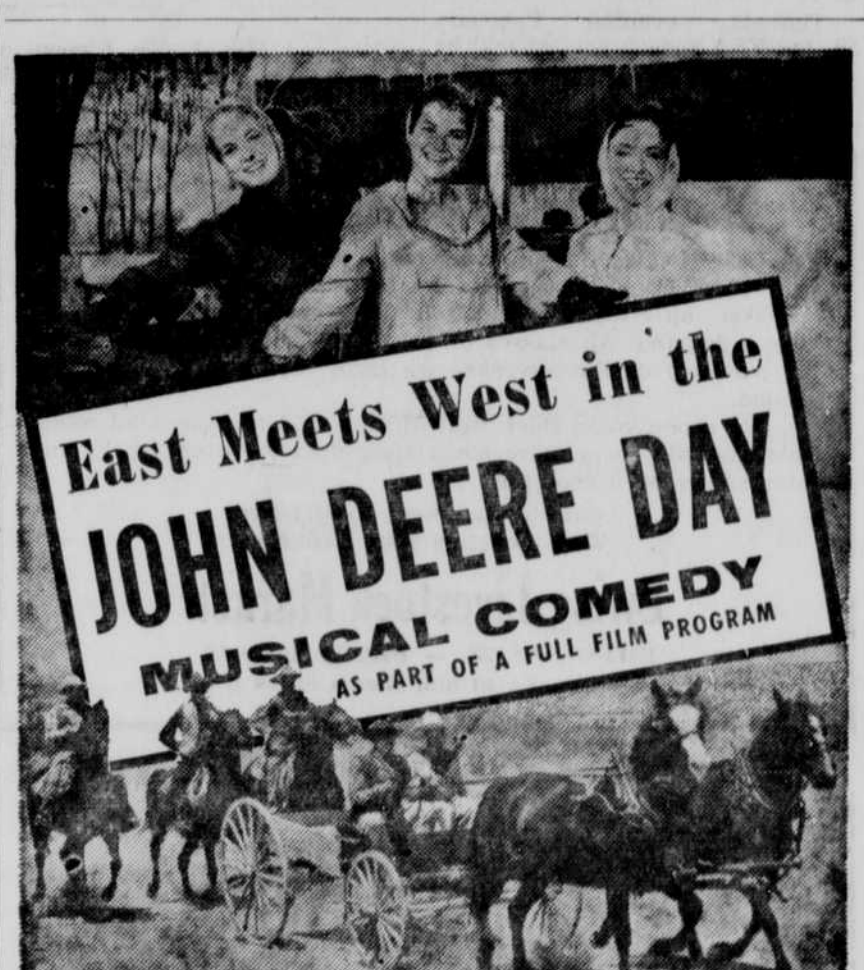
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