

Prairie Land Talk—

Grim Reaper Dominates Page One

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LINCOLN—The grim reaper takes a toll of life in O'Neill and community. Page one of a recent issue of The Frontier was devoted almost entirely to the many straightened to the grave. Among the desolated homes, that one down at Orchard where are left three small motherless children excites more than ordinary human sympathy and that father needs and will doubtless have any help any neighbor can bestow in caring for those little ones.



SAUNDERS

Charley Jones, the O'Neill businessman whose life ebbed away as the fruits of another highway crash, I did not know, he being among those who have found their way into the metropolis of the upper Elkhorn in more recent years.

But I knew a Charley Jones, a son of the George Jones family of pioneer days. That Charley Jones and Prairie Land Talker were pals back in the 1880's. In early manhood he became a resident of Colfax county, as I also did for a few short years, while Charley ended his earthly sojourn in Colfax. He served as a state senator at one time.

I think there is a sister and a brother of the Charley Jones I knew living in O'Neill at present.

Is there a greybeard left in O'Neill who as a kid saw the butchers "dress" a beef at the slaughter house down by the river? Pulled by the nose, the critter's head anchored to the floor, a specimen of the genus homo of cave man endowment steps up and swings a maul a time or two landing on the bovine victim's head, grabs a butcher knife and cuts a slit down the cow's throat. Community slaughter houses are no more, but cave man methods of butchering continues in multiplied numbers at the packing plant centers. Now congress takes a hand to bring about humane methods of slaughter. A measure in congress provides that the federal government will buy meat only from the packing houses that have accepted methods of slaughter. If a man must kill to eat can he put the victim to death painlessly?

At break of day this spring morning I hear the call of the turtle dove, the bird perched some where in a high treetop. Gone to southern regions for the winter, the birds are with us again, fluttering about, nesting, giving us their poetry in song. At dawn of a spring day Ray Bly down there in Swan precinct steps out and looks across the farflung landscape to where the prairie rooster struts before his harem now nesting to bring forth a brood of prairie land's feathered wonders—baby chicks. At Swan and Long lakes wild ducks come to swim, and high in the heavens above on wide spread wings floats the golden crested eagle stately and still as a ship at sea. Spring has come again as nature moves in mysterious ways its wonders to perform.

Editorial—

Our Town Needs Doctors

O'Neill's professional directory lists six doctors of medicine. Two are relatively young men. The four others range in age from 60 to 80. One of the senior group has been inactive for several years because of a stroke. Two others in the same senior group have been hospitalized and are in fragile health. The other senior doctor works early and late and is a tired old man.

It is a wonder any of the senior doctors are with us by virtue of the pace they have followed down through the years.

Waiting rooms for both old and young doctors are filled, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to induce overworked doctors to make housecalls. And quite a number of people in this community receive medical attention elsewhere.

O'Neill could certainly use one or two more physicians and surgeons. Ideally they might well be specialists in different fields and be relatively young men.

We have a magnificent hospital that is admirably staffed and equipped and easily could schedule work of additional doctors.

Making Decisions Is Important

While everyone likes to meet a child that is well-disciplined, very often disciplining a child to the extent that he is not given a chance to make any decisions can be very harmful to the proper development of the child. It is very important that parents and others, who are charged with training children, allow young people an opportunity to make decisions each day.

Allowing a child an opportunity to select the clothes he will wear on certain occasions often benefits the child, although the mother may be a little embarrassed at times. It also pays dividends to give a child some say as to which chore he would prefer to do. The psychology of deciding whether he would prefer to help with household chores or clean up the front lawn makes the young member of the family feel that he is a co-worker in a joint enterprise, rather than a private in the rear ranks and is simply taking orders.

We have even heard about the mother who kept two bars of soap in the bathroom so that her two-year-old could make a choice each day as to whether to use the white or the green soap.

The young man or woman who is allowed to make decisions at all stages of life (in line with their maturity and judgement) will develop into a responsible citizen less likely to have a mental breakdown than the individual whose parents have sheltered him from decisions.

Law Loop-Hole Must Be Closed

(Pierre County Leader)

In 1937 the state legislature amended the laws of Nebraska as to defining when an auto or truck must be registered for the purpose of taxation.

A few poorly chosen words appeared in the law and the result was that any person living in a town but owning a farm could register all his motor vehicles in the precinct where his farm was located.

On a new automobile this could mean a tax saving up to and perhaps even over \$100 per year, an amount not to be laughed at.

The vehicle registration law reads in part as follows: "The owner must register his car in the county in which he resides or is domiciled or conducts a bona fide business."

The test of the law came up in Crete where a two-car owner living in Crete was also a part owner of a ranch in Wheeler county. This man

His name is Pedersen, a native of the land of Hamlet the great Dane, but for more than 60 years in his adopted Yankeeland. He is an admirer of Harry White down there in Wyoming precinct and has some acquaintance with that community as his son was at one time pastor of the Free Methodist church out a short distance from Amelia. Told me today that he had talked at midnight with his brother over in distant Denmark. It was 7 o'clock in the morning in Denmark, midnight in Lincoln. Mr. Pedersen had scoured up a little on his native language to speak again with his folks back home. A wonder of the times in which we live — pick up a gadget and talk around the world. But I wonder, how did that human voice just a little more than 1,600 years after the beginning of the world's history warm a populous planet of a coming flood waters? Maybe they had long distance telephones, too. Something over a half-century ago telephones came into O'Neill. My first experience telephoning, I called a gent over in Boyd county, talked with him and boasted about it to my wife when I got home. Talk! No end to it! But where are the silver-tongued orators—the Sam Houstons, the Abe Lincolns, the William Jennings Bryans?

The mayor of the city of Beatrice, down in Gage county, is an old railroad section hand. He is quoted as saying he will not allow "railroading" of any city business while he sits upon the throne. O'Neill's mayor is a cattle rancher and no doubt he "dehorn" some situations regularly with his own brand of approval. O'Neill's first mayor had no occupation other than holding office. A doctor, an editor, an undertaker, a carpenter, a lawyer, a man of letters have served as mayor of O'Neill and one banker was clothed in the ruffled robes of mayor for two or more terms and maintained the peace and dignity as best he could of a frontier town.

How many million of these \$\$\$\$ do you want? Just forward your order to your best beloved congressman or U. S. senator. But you may be too late. One of the latest to reach for the millions comes out of the air. For a mere pittance, say between 16- and 20-million-dollars, the air force say they will "successfully impact a payload on the moon." Successfully impact! Whatever that stand for?

A patriot thinking to stir up public interest gets off this in 24-point type: "Elections are for voters, not candidates." No candidates, no votes. Elections are the Yankee way of putting their representatives into office and most of us like to go the polls and put the X where we think it should be.

I only walk where other feet have trod; I only see what others had seen before life's end laid them under the sod, where now only grave markers lean.

Needed: Better Salesmanship

For years we have heard considerable about prospects of irrigation in the Niobrara river basin. Most of the enthusiasm has emanated from Ainsworth. Ten years ago the proponents told us irrigation was 15 years away; they tell us now it's still 15 years away.

Somehow the Ainsworth people have not put the story across, either in Washington or right at home.

Within a stone's throw of Ainsworth there was organized opposition to the Ainsworth project at a congressional hearing last week in the nation's capital dealing with the dollar side of the Ainsworth project (estimated cost 26-million-dollars).

If the overall irrigation development plan has merit, a colossal selling job is needed both at home and in Washington—selling on a higher and more effective plane than has been done thus far.

Teddy Was a Giant

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States, was born October 27, 1858. Congress has created a centennial commission to conduct a year-long observance, ending on the centennial of his birth.

To many persons living today, the name Roosevelt means Franklin Delano, the 32d president and a distant cousin of Teddy.

But T. R. is one of the four giants of America whose head is chiseled in stone along with Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson in the colossal profiles at Mt. Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota. This unique work of sculptors is one of the world wonders and has been viewed and admired by hundreds of thousands of persons from near and far.

T. R. stood for virile, responsible citizenship. The observance of the centennial anniversary of his birth is well timed, because right now there is a need to restore an understanding of fundamental values of America.

As long as some people have enough to eat, they are satisfied with conditions as they are.



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When You & I Were Young . . .

M. Dowling Heads O'Neill National

O. O. Snyder Named Vice-President

50 Years Ago
Deaths: Gabriel Bazelman, a native of Belgium; Harry Jewell, an old pioneer and a Civil war veteran, who lived a mile and a half west of Inman; Mrs. Susan Ernst, a native of Canada; Mrs. Henry (Sarah Ellen) Bausch, a native of West Virginia, died of blood poisoning. Newly elected officers of the O'Neill National Bank are: M. Dowling, president; O. O. Snyder, vice president; S. J. Weekes, cashier; board of directors: the above and J. P. Gilligan and H. P. Dowling. . . . A wedding of interest took place in Inman when Miss Estella Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Clark and Floyd E. Keyes, son of Supervisor Keyes, were married. The bride's attendants were the Misses Ina and Mildred Clark, cousins of the bride and Miss Drucilla Tompkins and Miss Mary Smith. . . . Receiving naturalization papers were John Bierhek of Page, a native of Bohemia; Wilhelm Frederick Brehmer of Atkinson, a native of Germany; John Minahan of Swan, a native of Ireland and William Ernest Lueben of Emmet, a native of Germany.

20 Years Ago
John Maher, at one time a resident of Kid Hill in O'Neill, and who in '98 oined the American army opposing the king's Spanish forces in Cuba, found a pal in the former king and they were cruising in the Mediterranean. . . . In the days that are gone, O'Neill has made front page news in the sport world with Dominick McCaffrey and Montana Jack Sullivan. This week our own quiet, non-assuming, native and genteel William Biglin hit the front page. He made a hole in one. This is the second time he has made a hole in one on this same hole. In the 25 years of existence of the club, this is the first time this has ever been accomplished.

10 Years Ago
Clyde Bowen is recovering from injuries received when he fell from the roof of the country club. . . . The Frontier's Spring edition contained 22 pages. One hundred and seventy-one students in the eighth grade received diplomas. The highest rural awards went to Joelynn Backhaus, Betty Kramer, Fred VanVleck, Charles Hamik, Maxine Park, Roxanna Simmons, Jacquette Mosel, Sandra Gilman, Nicolas Sojka, Lynn Freewing, Patricia Vandersnick, Wilda Stamp and Dick Kaup. Highest town school awards went to Paul Fetrow, Barbara Bennett, John Bode and Donald Calkins all of O'Neill; Faye Moses of Stuart, J. C. Graves and Gene Tomjack of Ewing and Leona Fix of Amelia.

One Year Ago
Deaths: Howard McConnell, 47, a rancher, died when his tractor went out of control on the highway; Mrs. Pauline Nickolite, 77, of Ewing; Lionel Siefkin, 40, an O'Neill beverage manager, of a heart attack. . . . A former Orchard woman, Mrs. Oscar Hanson, the former Evelyn Stroppe, testified in a federal court in California, that she had been an undercover agent for the FBI while a member of the communist party nine years. . . . Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Strong celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

LUNDBERG MEMORIAL (Creighton)
Week of May 3-10
Admitted: Mrs. Orville Arneson of Niobrara; Frances Masden of Verdler; Mrs. Joseph Eggerling of Creighton; Christ Hammeling of Hartington; Mrs. James Breece of Creighton; Kathryn Jean McManigal of Creighton.
Dismissed: Hans Rohwer of Creighton; Mrs. Bessie Sukup of Verdler; John Frank of Verdler; Mrs. Gerald Homan and daughter of Creighton; Mrs. Orville Arneson and son of Niobrara; Frances Masden of Verdler; Mrs. Joseph Eggerling and son of Creighton; Mrs. Joseph Beran of Verdler.

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Help U Club Holds Two Meetings

VENUS — The Help U club held a card party last Thursday at the Page Improvement club building with Mrs. Ora Caskey, Mrs. Irvin Held and Mrs. Vincent Jackson as hostesses.

Pitch was played at five tables. Gerald Waring and Mrs. Clarence Finch received the prizes. Ora Caskey and Mrs. Gerald Waring won low. Mrs. Waring also received the traveling award.

Lunch was served at the close. Mrs. Alta Finch entertained the club Wednesday, May 7. Lunch was served at noon. Present were 12 members and three visitors — Mrs. Leroy Cunningham, Mrs. Kenneth Heiss and Mrs. Elizabeth Bragge.

Embroidery work was done for the hostess. Mrs. George Jeffrey was awarded the door prize. Mrs. Bryan Finch will entertain the club in two weeks.

Other Venus News
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker and infant daughter, Susan Marie, arrived Friday night to spend the mother's day weekend with Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davey of Bellevue and Leonard Davey, Jr., of Plattsmouth were Friday overnight guests at the Ralph Brookhouser home. On Saturday they looked after their farming interests at the place where Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ickler and family reside. They returned to their home that eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Spath and family of Lincoln visited at the home of Mrs. Spath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Finch on Tuesday, May 6. Mr. Spath attended the funeral of his cousin, Dale Fullerton, at Amelia that afternoon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bragge and son, Harry, and his wife of Elpa, Ore., left Saturday for their home. They had enjoyed a 10-day vacation here at the home of the former's brothers' the Jeffrey brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hansen and family were Sunday, May 4, visitors at the Ora Caskey home. Sunday evening, May 4, visitors at the Ora Caskey home were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caskey and Suelly.

The Smith Construction company of Verdigré has been working on the John Holiday farm filling ditches and completed the job Wednesday, May 7. Miss Karolyn Held of Lin-

coln visited with her parents over the May 3-4 weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter called at the W. H. David home near Amelia Tuesday, May 6. Wayne Henderson of Orchard was working at the Ora Caskey place Tuesday, May 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch were Wednesday, May 7, evening visitors at the Bryan Finch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey were O'Neill visitors recently and called on Mrs. Harry Caskey at St. Anthony's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Finch went to Grand Island Saturday, May 3, and visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Val Pitcher, and family. The Finches returned home the following day. Junior Rokahr was a caller at the Ralph Brookhouser home Monday, May 5.

Glen Waring was repairing the Middlebranch telephone line on Monday, May 5. Several poles had been blown down by a recent high wind.

Mrs. Paul Chilar and Mrs. Harold Chilar and Sherri visited at the Ralph Brookhouser home Sunday, May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gettert and family spent Sunday, May 4, at Floyd Gettert home in Atkinson.

122 Pupils Get Eye Exams
PAGE—The eye testing project sponsored by the extension clubs was commenced Thursday and concluded Friday morning at Page with 122 pupils having the examination. Mrs. Dan Troshynski, Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, Mrs. Melvin Carson and Mrs. Norman Saltz were in charge of the machines while the clerical work was handled by the members of the Golden Rule extension club working half day shifts and included Mesdames Calvin Harvey, Harold Asher, Joe Beelaert, A. T. Crumly, Don Nissen, Melvin Held and Harry Harper.

The actual tabulations will be done by the Northern Optometrist association and reports will be sent to the parents from there.

Other Page News
Woman's auxiliary of the district 57 school invited the ladies of the school district to the home of Mrs. Kenneth Asher in the interest of the poppy day drive. Cards furnished the entertainment. Mrs. Dan Troshynski received the low score token and Mrs. Frank Beelaert was high score prize winner. Mesdames Robert and Calvin Harvey, Melvel Held, Tony Mudloff, Leo Neubauer and Kenneth Asher were hostesses.

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