

PrairieLand Talk—

Attorney Must Blush for Shame!

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LINCOLN—Taxpayers of Lincoln and Lancaster county will be presented a bill approaching \$100,000 when the Starkweather court actions are all over.

Everyone knows that the hands of that young fellow are stained with the blood of 11 victims. He is taken to court and "tried" for what? Maybe it is the business of the legal profession, but how can an attorney at law stand up to defend such a criminal and not blush for shame. One of those gents with a title ending with "ist" was brought to Lincoln to testify from a distant city and told us that people meant nothing more than a stick of wood to that degraded young killer. If fellow men meant no more to him than that, why did he go from home-to-home to steal and kill rather than to go about picking up sticks to burn? Maybe the expert witness should have his head examined?



Romain Saunders

I have a friend in O'Neill, a lawyer, one of the best that ever stood before a jury, who said to me he would not defend a known killer. Give us more such representatives of law and order. The murderer — he has forfeited his right to live.

It was 54 years ago, a week in June, 1904—Master Bryan Hall reached his 6th milestone and with a group of kids celebrated at the parental home, the wellknown Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hall household. Miss Bessie Snyder was home from the State University at Lincoln. Miss Mabel Martin returned home from Omaha, where she underwent medical care in a hospital. Jim Harnish, deputy county clerk, took on another temporary job to help out during the rush of business at the government land office. After being "dry" for three weeks saloons were opened again in O'Neill. Mrs. V. Alberta was enjoying a visit with a sister of hers from Omaha. Miss Mary Long who had been visiting in the home of her aunt, Mrs. D. H. Cronin, returned home at Randolph.

From behind the prison walls and reformatory seclusion came recently a number of inmates before the state pardon board seeking parole. One killer, a Mexican by the name of Salas of Scotts Bluff county, was released from prison after serving 11 years of a 35-year term on conviction of killing another gent of Mexican extraction in a tavern row, where often such performances are often bred and born. Did the jury and court at Gering meet the demands of law and justice in fixing the penalty, and if so why another group of honorable men clothed with official power come now and turn the killer loose? They must have had sufficient reason, the killer repentant and sorrow laden because of the tavern brawl.

Editorial—

N.C. Paper Follows Theme

Editor's note: Many of our readers will recall the May 1 editorial in this department that was headed "What's Wrong with Parents?" The editorial came to the attention of the editor of the Chapel Hill (N.C.) News-Leader. In the fine old cultural center of North Carolina the News-Leader editor took occasion to credit us and then develop additional thoughts. The News-Leader editorial follows:

Reprinted from The Chapel Hill News-Leader. The editor of The Frontier at O'Neill, Nebr., thinks tough and unruly children are victims, not predators.

"It is the children that are suffering from the over-organization of their parents."

He mentions a survey showed only one father in 10 has a definite relationship with sons in activities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, and similar interests.

The fathers if questioned would probably plead lack of time for their families because their jobs, business, profession, committees, lodges, clubs and other outside interests exhaust their time and energies. Probably some children would also add a protest against absentee mothers.

But we think the trouble goes deeper. Children in modern homes don't have enough to do around the house to keep them feeling interested and responsible. In town houses chores are few. Electricity, invention and gadgets have taken away the odd and small but necessary jobs that once made children feel themselves a part of the family.

And even when a few chores exist, parents are afraid to interfere with their children's social and cultural life, and do the work themselves, getting up early each morning while Junior sleeps till the ultimate hour in order to recover from social exhaustion.

Adolescents without enough to do get bored and forsake the home lot for their diversion. Hence the supremacy of the midnight automobile, the honkytonk, the furtive night club and the rubber check. From that point on, premature cynicism leads to defiance of all adults and trouble with the police. Parents have abdicated. Does that account for some of the wildness of American life?

Let's Encourage College

The high schools in our bailiwick are closed for the summer and a new crop of graduates, with sheepskins in hand, is stepping out into the world.

This editorial is not intended to be another one of those high-sounding, God-speed admonitions. Rather it is a brief discussion concerning higher education.

Many of these young people will set out immediately to make a living and, if possible, make something more than a living. Too many will stop their scholastic training at the end of their high school days without realizing the tremendous advantages that will come to them by pursuing their way through college.

The Frontier does not recommend a college course for every boy and girl. There was a time when people thought this was a good idea, but, undoubtedly there are some boys and girls who will not take advantage of the educational opportunities that can be obtained. These might well go to work, whether they are sons and

She who at one time plucked a prairie rose as a girl on the grass robed landscape of Holt county, now Mrs. Fern Hubbard Orme of our Capital City goes before the public at the November election seeking a seat in the state legislature, and this humble pilgrim will do what he can to see that friend Fern gets it. Women are amenable to our laws, pay taxes and should have a voice in promoting and enacting laws. I had thought that Holt county might have a woman county assessor, but some six hundred patriots up there thought as they went to vote primary election day that assessing is still a man's job, but let a lady preside as county superintendent. Maybe some day we will have a skirt in the governor's chair down here at the state house.

Seasons come and go and we creep along the road of time day by day, the mystery of life unraveled still, why life is what it is. Days of plenty, times of next to nothing, rejoicing, sorrowing on through it all we go and wonder at it all. Then we know—no other one creeping along the road of life can do the job appointed to you. O Eternal One, make me and you and all of us to understand!

From the temples of learning in cities and villages throughout the land march again the cream of young America. The youth of our land have been seeking to know the meaning of life and prepare themselves to carry forward to an ultimate destiny their share of life's burdens. But few who finish the high school, college or university courses of study end up in the penitentiaries. The two seats of mental culture in O'Neill preparing young men and women for the duties of life or to go forward in the realm of higher learning turn out this year over 60 young people in whom not alone their parents but the citizens of the community may well take pride.

I attended last evening a party for the gray-heads, had a surprise invitation to "say something." Having in the long ago at times tossed a lasso over the horns of an obstreperous bovine I took the preachers, college professors, bricklayers, retired gents of leisure and ladies that never grow old on a trip down the cow trails. Others on the program unloosed the store of wit and humor, oratory of colonial patriots and bit of music. Ladies served us punch and cake. And those who have traveled the highway for just about a life time have their fun as well as the kids.

Our vice-president and his charming lady escaped from Latin-America and arrived in Washington with sound bodies and sorrowful memories of flying rocks, tin cans and spiteful spit. Official circles down yonder came forward with apologies, maybe chucking to themselves over the way their university students expressed the South American envy and jealousy felt toward us.

daughters of parents who have the means or do not have the means to send their own to an institution of higher learning.

A few weeks ago a young man about to step out into the world came to us for counsel. He had a trade school in mind. His family, with limited resources, was recommending a trade school. But, in our opinion, here was a chap who has the talent and ability to become a professional man. We urged him with all the enthusiasm we could muster to elect his field and go to it—even if he has to knock off a year or so for fund-raising and even if his progress is slowed by the necessity of having to work his way.

We're wondering if it wouldn't be a good idea for all of us this summer to urge the high school graduates to give serious thought to the possibility of attending college. The right institution and the right personal application can make a difference in the life that lies ahead.

Proper Observance

The observance of memorial day is one of the finest traditions in the American way of life. While the formal observance in many cities and towns is not the community-wide effort it used to be the real spirit of memorial day is kept alive by the family groups who set aside the day for decorating the graves of loved ones and by veterans groups who religiously pay respects to the memory of fallen comrades.

Memorial day is a somber day by its nature and it should be observed as such. We, personally, feel the screwball Indianapolis race show and the hell-bent other activities void of respect to the deceased are out of order.

A half-million people at Indianapolis, however, won't agree with us.

Our own Romain Saunders, 87, author of PrairieLand Talk, might well be emulated by others when memorial morn arrives. Each year he comes to O'Neill, arriving the night before or on the early morning train. Before the city comes to life he makes his pilgrimage to the cemetery, places a modest decoration on the graves of his departed wife, father, mother, brothers and sisters. We know Mr. Saunders well enough to know he offers little prayers at the edges of those graves and his morning hours are spent in devoted respect to the memory of his own. He invariably makes the trip to and from the cemetery afoot.

And if occasion demands it, Mr. Saunders can orate to an audience, too, and the listeners will emerge with the full meaning of memorial day.



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When You & I Were Young . . .

Next President of U.S. (?) to O'Neill

Bryan in Memorial Day Address

Excursion rates for the Republican national convention in Chicago are \$19.60 return trip on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. A front page ad in The Frontier states that the next president of the U. S., William J. Bryan, will speak at O'Neill May 30. Emmet had eight runs to O'Neill's four at O'Neill. Joe Murphy and Herb Hammond got the only hits made by O'Neill.

Mrs. Augusta McPharlin received word from her son, Eldon, who is now in Los Angeles, Calif., that he had passed the California state bar examination. Eldon is another O'Neill boy who worked his way through school and is bound to make a success of his chosen profession. Lloyd W. Crippen, 52, died of cancer. John C. Mullen and sons, Gerald and John, and nephew, Arthur of Omaha, visited here and at Page.

Robert L. Allen, 19, graduated from Creighton university in Omaha. He is believed to be the youngest recipient of a bachelor's degree in the history of the institution. Deaths: Little three-year-old Gerald Hupp, who lived south of Ewing, was crushed by a car which jumped the curb at Neligh; Anna M. Sausser, 78, of O'Neill; Mrs. Hilda Bowen, 69, of O'Neill from burns suffered in her home; The Janousek sisters, Miss Mary Ann and Miss Martha were married in a double wedding.

Deaths: Bartley Brennan, 44, of Norfolk, formerly of O'Neill; Robert Earl Kersch 30, of Spencer, under loader; Earl Allen, 86, of Spencer; Lewis W. Berry, 97, of Atkinson; Jacob Hoerie, 75, of Chambers.

Venus News

Mrs. Bryon Finch was hostess to the Help-U club on Wednesday, May 21. Dinner was served at noon. Eleven members were present. The afternoon was spent in embroidering tea towels. Mrs. Clarence Finch received door prize. The next meeting will be on June 4 at the home of Ethel Waring.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter son were Wausa visitors on Tuesday, May 20.

Mrs. George Jeffrey and family enjoyed a visit from her mother, Mrs. Thompson and daughter and Mrs. Jeffrey's daughter, Juanita, and three children of Winner, S. D. on Tuesday, May 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Finch accompanied by Mrs. and Mrs. Lon Pitchler and family of Norfolk visited in Lincoln Saturday, May 10, and visited at the Harlan Spath home. They returned home the following evening.

Mrs. Ora Caskey and twins visited at the home of other parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Porter on Friday, May 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Lary Brookhouser and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser were Sunday, May 18 visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bartos and family.

Lloyd Holiday of Orchard was sowing grass seed at his farm on Thursday and Friday, May 15 and 16, in this vicinity.

Callers at the Ralph Brookhouser home on Monday, May 15, were Billie Marcellus and Johnnie Persell of O'Neill and Richard Cummings of Columbus.

Arrives From Washington—ATKINSON—Mrs. Faye Puckett of Edmonds, Wash., visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckett and Mabel Hammerberg from Wednesday afternoon, May 21, until Saturday afternoon. She is a former resident.

Last Thursday guests of Mrs. Ethel Frisch and sons were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Dryak and Jeanie Verdigre.

Lynch News

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton of Creighton visited at George Thayers last week.

Billy Speitz, youngest son of Mrs. Glenn Stewart, re-enlisted as a jet aircraft mechanic at the Sioux City air base. Billy was in the air force from 1954 to 1957. His grade is Airman first class.

Mr. and Mrs. Davayne Haber of Pierre, S. D., visited at the George Thayer and Lemmon Huber homes the May 17-18 weekend.

Albert Ladely of Gordon and Anna Carson of Redbird spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Hurd.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Anderson and Mrs. Betty Anderson were O'Neill visitors Tuesday, May 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stewart and sons were in O'Neill Thursday evening to attend the high school graduation exercises. Their nephew was a class member.

Mrs. Leonard Anderson is moving her furniture to her home in Bristow.

Mrs. Rose Kriz is in Phoenix, Ariz., visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nordby Larsen, and husband. Cecil Zink spent several days with his two brothers, Hawley and Lowell, at the Hawley Zink home in the west end of the county. He arrived here from Manhattan, Kans., where he had stayed with his son, Eldon and family. He is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Chester Hammon, and family also other relatives and friends.

Willard Placek came Friday to spend his first furlough with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Placek. His parents met him at Pickstown, S. D.

Mrs. Claude Pickering and daughters of Holt county spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Hurd.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorie Micanek were in Hartington Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoffman returned Sunday, May 18, from Phoenix, Ariz., where they had visited their son, Lyle, and family and also their daughter, Barbara. Mr. and Mrs. Vac Jedlicka spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Anton Wasatka.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Courtney and Sharon and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kolund and family spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Hannah Streit.

The fifth and sixth grades enjoyed their picnic in the Ray Wilson grove.

Sharon Courtney attended the district 32 school picnic Sunday, May 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spencer spent the May 17-18 weekend at the William Stauffer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stewart and sons attended the picnic in district 32, Highland school Sunday, May 18. Dorothy Purviance was the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Courtney were O'Neill visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ladely of Gordon spent Wednesday afternoon, May 21, with Mr. and Mrs. John Hurd.

Mrs. Clarence Kolund and children spent Wednesday afternoon, May 21, at the Howard Anderson home helping Edna celebrate her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pinkerman of Kimball spent Friday at the John Hurd home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stauffer spent Thursday at the Lloyd Spencer home.

Veldon Lee is doing construction work at Creighton.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulhair and Mrs. Frank Weeder were O'Neill visitors Friday.

Several men from here attended the Boyd county Knights of Columbus meeting at Spencer Thursday evening.

Amateur Contest Winners Announced

LYNCH—The amateur contest sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary was well attended Monday, May 19. Voting for the winners was done by ballot.

Loren Pinkerman won first prize; Sharon Christensen, second; Sharon Teadtke, third, and Kenneth Heiser, fourth.

Advertisement for Lee's Lay-Away Plan featuring Hi-Lo Barbecue Braziers. Includes details about the 24" unit, price of \$19.95, and features like hood, motor, spit, and wheels. Contact information for Lee Stores is provided.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

WD—Carol Jean Rocky to West Lumber & Coal Co - Ewing 5-2-58 \$1—Lot 8 Blk 12—Kimball & Blair Add, Ewing.

WD—Gilbert Strong to Allie Jolly 5-5-58 \$6500—East 30 ft. lot 16 and west 30 ft lot 17 Blk J — McCafferty's 2nd Add—O'Neill.

WD—John Lee Baker to Dean W Horner & wf 5-3-58 \$13,000—Lots 3 & 4 — Gilg & Swenson's Add — O'Neill Subj. to mtg.

WD—Duward A Loughrey to Mickey L Hobbs & wf 5-3-58 \$2500—Lots 12 & 13 Blk 21—Ewing.

WD—Emma Heuton to Pearl E Wahl 4-25-58 \$1—West 30 ft lot 5 Blk 42—Western Town Lot Co Add—Atkinson.

WD—Carrie Keating, et al to Robert C Keating & wf no date \$1—Lots 1 & 8 Blk 32—Bitneys Add—Atkinson.

WD—Ella B. Mulhair to Claud A Hamilton & wf 5-9-58 \$1—& exchange—W 1/2 lot except the South 18 inches in Blk 3—Hazelets Add—O'Neill.

WD—Claud A Hamilton to Ella B Mulhair 5-9-58 \$1—& exchange—East half lot 3 and So 18 inches of E 1/2 lot 2 Blk 3—Hazelets Add—O'Neill.

WD—Frances Milner, et al to Kathryn McShane 4-24-58 \$1175 — Lot 4 Blk 33 Wixons Add and Lots 1-5-6-7 Blk 36—Wixons Add—Atkinson.

WD—Robert Gaylor to Anton J Tasler 5-20-54 \$10,000—West 63 feet lots 5-6-7 Blk 1—Original Town—Atkinson.

Sheriffs Deed—Leo S Tomjack — Sheriff to Lew A Carter & wf 5-12-58 \$2076.16—Lots 3 & 4 Blk 48—McCafferty's Add—O'Neill.

WD—Robert H. Clifford to Odd Fellows & Rebekah Building Assn. 5-14-58 \$400—West 42 ft. lot 17 and west 36 ft lots 18 & 19 blk 6 Original Town of Atkinson.

Leo S. Tomjack, Sheriff to E. C. Weller 5-14-58 \$31,949.03—Part of SW 1/4 NW 1/4 29-29-11 and SE 1/4 22-29-11 and Lots 1-2-3-4 Blk D — Goldens Subdivision—O'Neill and

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NOTICE

Leonard Sawyer, band director of the Inman public school, encourages anyone planning to attend the Inman school, who is interested in joining the band, to attend the meeting at the schoolhouse Friday, June 6, at 2 p.m.

The instruction will be free to all students who are eligible. —LEWIS F. KOPECKY, JR. Pres. Inman School Board

Security Representative Is Coming—A representative of the Norfolk social security office will be at the Holt county courthouse here from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 5.

Self-employed applicants are to bring extra copies of their 1956 and 1957 tax returns, receipts showing that the self-employment tax is paid, and proof of age.

Sunday Guests—Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Perry were Mrs. Walt Spangler and family of Ewing. Another guest of the Perry's recently was her sister, Mrs. Lottie Conley of Midwest, Wyo., who was here for two weeks.

To Schuyler—Mr. and Mrs. Joe McLeish and family plan to go to Schuyler Friday, to visit his mother, Mrs. Goldie McLeish.

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