

Prairieland Talk

Man's Anchored Hopes

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Another Easter brought again to memory a strange event of more than nineteen hundred years ago...

Candidates for the Lincoln city council include, among others, a clergyman, while a housewife and mother of three children seeks a place on the board of education that directs the city public schools.



Romaine Saunders

An absence of color, it is clean and white, beautiful and bright. The untrodden snow, the paper this is printed on before it rolls from the press...

Grand Island, Kearney, Lexington, Cozad, Curtis and Minden are six Nebraska towns to be visited by a group of Nebraska University students from other countries to get a glimpse of life as it is lived in these Nebraska towns.

Editorial

Singing Robins and Rockets

There was a day when Easter Sunday, regulated each year by the moon's timeless whirl around the earth, marked the beginning of a new year.

It still does for many Christians as they mark the beginning of the new church year.

And then a few centuries later, the calendar was changed and January became the first month in the year.

It seems strange, somehow, that we who are so regulated by our heritage of Christian philosophy, should place so much emphasis on the first of January when by all rights we should be consistent with our beliefs, traditions and heritage.

The age of rockets is upon us and, perhaps, the need for a new timetable for the interplanetary navigators who will soon be plotting time-courses on distant specks of light.

You can send up all the rockets you care to, and the tumbledweil will still roll when it should roll, and the robin will still sing when it wishes.

Tax On Betting

The Ord Quiz

Recent statements before a legislative committee called to consider a tax on parimutuel betting in Nebraska certainly give some idea of the impact Ak-Sar-Ben has on county fairs, small town charitable activities and scholarships.

Called to appear before the committee, Melvin Bekins, Ak-Sar-Ben president, arrived armed with some hard-as-nails figures.

First off, Bekins pointed out, in other states, race betting is conducted for profit by individuals certainly not in business for health reasons. These individuals own the race tracks. The only way the state can benefit is to impose a tax.

In Nebraska it's quite different. Here racing can be only conducted by a fair association or non-profit organization like Ak-Sar-Ben that conducts an annual stock show.

To prove that point Bekins cited figures to show that last year, alone, Ak-Sar-Ben spent \$309,175 for either agricultural, educational or charitable purposes.

Ak-Sar-Ben's total expenditures in that same field since 1935 have been in excess of \$2 million.

And during that same period \$1 million went to aid county fairs.

Well, we don't know whether you are a county fair booster or not. All we know is that Valley county seems to have been given its share of the \$1 million, a fact that can be easily verified by asking any fair board committee member.

In addition it has received special help in the way of cash donations to the firemen's emergency unit, to the Quiz in the way of prizes which were in turn passed on for recreational or hospital projects, and to countless other civic affairs, too numerous to list.

All of which leads us to say "Amen!" to Bekins' closing remark before the committee which was: "I doubt that you will find any other organization in this country which is doing anywhere near as much good with its money as Ak-Sar-Ben is with its race earnings."

We doubt it too!

Tax Opposition

Lakefield Standard

A state publication, called "Minnesota Libraries," reviewed the various county library elections in Minnesota last November and analyzed the results in a recent issue.

The analysis sought to answer the question: "Why did library establishment carry in some counties and not in others?" The author admitted there were no clear-cut answers, but there were indications.

It was admitted from the outset that one of the major problems was the prevailing atmosphere of general opposition to tax increases, "and it was made clear that the library would cost money."

Perru state college has been chosen to attend an eight-weeks course in scientific studies at the Oregon State University. One Lincoln public school teacher goes to Bogota, Columbia, for a course in Spanish this summer. Another goes to Rome. A few penitentiary inmates are at work at the Statehouse polishing doors. The new governor makes a hit with churchmen by closing the statehouse on Good Friday.

The young fellow stepped out of that side door of The Frontier office of a generation or two back on the highway of time. The boss, James H. Riggs, had given him a bill to collect. This was the young fellow's first experience as a bill collector; he walked up the street, ascended a flight of steps and into the office of the gent recently venturing on a business that included petting, real estate and insurance. Handed the bill he flushed a bit, and then snapped out, "that is not due yet!" Well, you have received and are using those letterheads, aren't you? "O, Yes," he said. "You know a bill for printing is due when the job is delivered to you!" "Well, I'm short of money just now—come in next week." So explained and replied the then young Tom Golden, and I left. But Tom Golden never staled us off again.

Nebraska was taken into the union as a state March 1, 1867; has 77,520 square miles, at one time six congressional districts, but at present four, and has six votes in the electoral college. Kansas became a state January 22, 1864; has 164,189 square miles, at one time eight congressional districts and 10 electoral votes. South Dakota became a state November 2, 1889, with three congressional districts and five electoral votes, and has 77,613 square miles.

The night is done, morning has come. The sun rose due east, sets when the day is done due west after a twelve hour march across the heavens above prairieland, days and nights on a 12-hour run just for days and nights only one. Another day, another month, another year as time writes its wrinkles upon the affairs of men. Another spring, another summer robed in green, the brown of autumn and then the winter's cold embrace. But now we know summer days will soon be here once more abundance for all in basket and store.

Another factor mentioned was in public information. Several of the counties where the library was defeated had enjoyed fairly extensive publicity. But in successful counties, both publicity and person-to-person campaigning was especially strong in the last few weeks before the election.

Another extremely important factor, the author continues, was the support of the existing libraries. Where all or most of the libraries were strongly behind the movement from the beginning, the library question got a better vote. Where the existing libraries opposed the county movement, were lackadaisical or began their movement too late in the campaign, the issue lost. Only exception to this was Cottonwood county, where all support came from the existing library though the issue was ultimately defeated.

We would say that this was a very true analysis and that every factor could be applied in this county except the second. Certainly very few subjects in our county's history took more space in the county press than the library issue.

However, the key factors in the defeat of the proposal in Jackson county was the first—the prevailing atmosphere of opposition to further tax increases—and another not mentioned.

The latter is that while this was a program to be paid largely by the farmer and for whom much of the benefit was directed, very few farmers were actively engaged in its support.

Had the committee gone first to the farmers organizations—Farmers Union and Farm Bureau—explained and sold the program to them, and asked their support and endorsement, and had this been acknowledged, Jackson county might not have had the dubious distinction of being the county which defeated the proposal by the second largest margin.—Lakefield Standard.

We Spend Too Much?

St. James Plaindealer

Not many of us in this rich country can afford to buy everything we want all at one time. And what is true of us as individuals, is true of us as a nation.

Many a man has spent his family into ruin by trying to live too high. We are fast doing the same to our state and our nation. The money spenders are in the saddle and unless an aroused public opinion gets tough and calls a halt to their wild proposals we are going to be taken for a ride.

Missiles are important to our future. Solvency is important, too. Defense, like food, is a necessity that must be paid for no matter what the price. But when the price of necessities goes up, the number of other things we can afford must come down.

Big government subsidies are looked upon by some people as desirable. But are they essential? The necessity for defense, our staggering national debt and the ruinous level of state and national taxes, make it obvious that Congress and our State Legislature can no longer put off the hard choice between buying bread and buying cake.

If we let our legislators keep on trying to give us everything at once, whether we can pay for it or not, Mr. Khrushchev won't have to worry about burying us. We'll do the job ourselves.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor: I would like to call your attention to the article on the front page of one of the county newspapers, which stated that the Holt County Redistricting Committee was going to submit a plan for redistricting in this county. This is just the thing that the people in the less populated areas are concerned with. It is just the thing we have been trying to avoid; in trying to keep the power of controlling our schools in the hands of the local people, whether it be a small community or a rural area.

A plan submitted by the Redistricting Committee to the State Department would call for an election by the county with no individual district having anything to say whether or not I am sure in such areas as are in need of redistricting, that the people in those particular areas can take care of their own county as a whole. Action of this sort only makes me wonder! There are many counties throughout the state that have submitted such plans, only to find out that those involved had become aware of the situation too late to do anything about it.

If you are concerned with this issue let the Redistricting Committee know how you feel about such plans now, not after they have been submitted to the State Department for approval.

RICHARD BRAUER, Stuart, Nebr.

Dear Editor: I read with interest Fay A. Puckett's letter in regard to the recent sale on Sunday where many cattle were sold. Perhaps the owner had an urgent need in selling these cattle on Sunday, which is regarded by many people as a day of rest and church attendance.

I notice fairs, both county and state, are open to the public on Sunday, and huge crowds yearly attend, as well as weekly ball games and auto races. Is it possible that this sale held on Sunday was any worse than amusement affairs? People who attended this sale hardly had time for much unlawful business.

According to church history Sunday worship by Christians was far after Christ's life on this earth, and neither Christ nor his disciples, not Paul, ever worshipped and attended church services on any day but Sabbath, the day before Sunday.

I believe our Catholic church friends will tell you that it was their church's authority which changed the rest day from Sabbath of the Bible, to Sunday, the first day of the week. Since this is true, it is not called Sabbath which is the day Christ finished creation of the earth and set this seventh day apart as man's rest day, and so honored it while he lived on earth. Sunday is still Sunday.

We know there are many fine christian people who choose as their day of rest Sunday. As we are urged by God's command to love our neighbor as ourselves, we should not do anything to hurt one, not Paul, ever worshipped and attended church services on any day but Sabbath, the day before Sunday.

This is a day of trouble, both in the home and in the nations of the earth. But I notice the parents who love their children enough to provide guidance and work to worry over teenage problems. And we grown-ups need that same kind of love for each other. Let's fire department in loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Frances Masden Religious Liberty Sec'y Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lynch

Frontiers Ago

THE FRONTIER WAS YOUNG

The funeral of Miss May King, 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. King, was held March 26, 1899. She had been ill about five weeks. James Blank and family drove in from Sheridan county and made their home in O'Neill. They had started for Omaha but upon arriving here concluded to remain. "Old Frank", the horse that has performed service on J. P. Monn's delivery for the past 14 years, has been bought and is in use on the American Express company's rig. The fire department is figuring on putting in a new bellmetal fire bell. The one now in use is cast iron and does not give the best of satisfaction.

Ludwick Heeb, who lived about seven miles northwest of town, bought the one Jennings farm of 160 acres eight miles northwest of O'Neill, consideration \$600. Mrs. H. C. Knight has leased Mrs. Barrett Scott's farm near Scottsville and will move there soon. Her two sons, Ferris and George Manning, will farm the place. Mrs. Scott will move into her O'Neill residence occupied by John Skirving.

Miss Maggie Coffey closed a seven months' term of school in the Coyne district. The O'Neill board made great preparations to handle the crowd that were expected at the Easter ball. Miss Kate Sullivan closed a very successful three months' term of school in the Murphy district northeast of town. Mike Roach, a cousin of Mrs. F. C. Corrigan, who has been in the city since the death of Mamie Corrigan, departed for his home at Monroe, Wis. P. C. Kelly, who collected for the Independent for two months, in 1899, completed his labors in that line and went to his father's farm to get in shape for spring work.

THE CENTURY TURNS

A story in the April 3, 1930 issue of the Frontier told of the building of a first class, up-to-the-minute creamery located in the heart of O'Neill. The beautiful structure shown at the Royal theatre for the Father Flannigan Boy's Home netted the sum of \$82,200. Edward Bradley residing near Inman, submitted to an operation for the removal of a portion of his right arm; the member was amputated at the hill south of Niobrara river. O'Donnell sold the Peter Ryan 760 acre ranch east of Inman to Joe F. Gallagher, for a Consideration of 25 per acre. Cars driven by Max Burger and Robert Donohoe collided on the hill south of Niobrara river. March 30. Both cars were badly damaged; no one was seriously injured. Deaths; Miss Lois Irene Brenton, 18 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brenton. Joseph Henry Wise, age 77, one of O'Neill's most highly respected citizens and a resident of this city for 27 years. Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gallagher on March 29. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bredehoert on March 30, 1930.

MOST OF US REMEMBER

Eight Holt County selective service registrants have been ordered to report for induction into the armed forces on April 13, 1939. Duane Weiler, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weiler, was selected as boys' state delegate for 1939. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan escaped unhurt when the car he was driving left the road and twice overturned. Miss Phyllis Seger was capped during ceremonies for the basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark. in 1933. O'Neill high Eagles sounded fair warning in North Nebraska track and field circles March 27, by amassing 59 points in a quadrangular meet at Basset. Leon Sisson of Ewing student basketball star at Chaffee, Ark. in 1933. O'Neill voters went to the polls April 29, 1933 to decide on the swimming pool issue. The O'Neill Ministerial Association planned a union Good Friday service at the Royal theatre on April 3, 1933.

O'Neill Drive In Theatre opened Easter Sunday night for the season. Mrs. Joe Cunningham entertained at a baby shower in honor of Mrs. Edgar Boyle. All of the ladies employed at the M & M Cafe were present.

EMMET LOWER GRADE NEWS

The J.A.C. club met Thursday morning with six members absent. We elected officers for next month: Billie Jean Perry, president; Janet Newton, secretary; and Harry Alder, vice president. Janet Newton and Betty Alder received library awards from Miss French this week.

We had our Easter party March 25. We had an Easter egg hunt. We had ice cream bars after the hunt. Rex Fox, Peggy Fox, Mary Alice Winkler, Christy Cole, Pat Cole, Scott Miller, Robin Harrington and Gail Schaff were guests. We did not have school on Good Friday.

Pat Cole visited school March 26. Jerry and Carol Richards are moving to the country. We will miss them very much. Robin Harrington visited our room March 24.

Upper grade room The Golden Keys club met Friday morning. Roll call was answered with telling what we like best about Easter.

For a program we judged the special eggs that each person decorated. First prize winner was Jeanie Foreman, second prize went to Junior Grothe; other prize winners were Dennis Richards, Madeline Richards and Dwayne Skopec.

We had our Easter party Good Friday morning at 7 a.m. We had an egg hunt followed by breakfast consisting of orange juice, scrambled eggs, toast, cinnamon rolls and cocoa. We were dismissed early so everyone could attend church services. The three prize eggs were found by Derold Perry, Roy Fox and Dwayne Perry. Robin Harrington of Omaha was a guest at our party.

Several weeks ago we each sent a poster to the "Animals in Art" contest sponsored by the Humane Society. There were 1,710 entries from the states and Canada.

There were about 250 prize winners including first, second, third and honorable mentions. We were pleased to hear that Dwayne Skopec and Jeanie Foreman each received a beautiful certificate of honorable mention.

Robin Harrington visited our room all day Thursday and Friday. The group 13 arithmetic contest was held at the Emmet school Tuesday.

Ruth and Bernard Schaff were sick last week.

Junior Grothe, Reporter.

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'Hold Down Speeches' -- Governor

CAPITOL NEWS

By Melvin Paul Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN — Gov. Ralph G. Brooks, who likes to make speeches, said he has held to his resolution to cut down the number of his talks.

The governor told a news conference that he has reduced to about one a day or less, the average number of speeches he makes during a week. Early in his term he was hitting three and four a day. Reason for this was to build up sentiment for the Democrats in case the GOP-launched and dropped recount went against Brooks.

The governor, in his speeches, continues to hammer away at one of his favorite themes—reorganization of state government.

Brooks said there are actually five governors now and four areas of finance.

This, commented the chief executive, is an administrative "hodge-podge" and should be changed by a constitutional convention.

Regarding the term of the governor, Brooks said it certainly should be more than two years. The chief executive is torn between keeping his political fences mended by being out among Nebraskans and staying in the governor's suite to keep a grip on state government, he added.

If a governor hangs close to his desk, he is liable not to be re-elected, Brooks commented, and if he counteracts that he is not serving the people in the best manner possible.

Brooks says the elected officers—treasurer, auditor, attorney general and secretary of state should be appointive, so the governor would have administrative control over state government since he gets blamed for everything anyway.

Arguments against this are that with some appointed and some elected officials there are better governmental checks and balances. Brooks said such an arrangement.

Salaries and Gasoline The Legislature has passed several bills since it opened up shop Jan. 6. But the only real controver-

cial measures were those stiffening tax enforcement laws.

Some rough ones have been killed, however, and among the controversial measures to bite the dust was one dealing with aviation fuel.

The senators killed a bill that would have appropriated \$10,000 to the Civil Air Patrol from the aviation fuel fund. This is the money the State Aeronautics Department hands out on a matching basis to improve and construct municipal airports in the state.

Considerable scrapping on the floor was involved in killing the proposal. Senators against the bill said this is no time to take away funds from the aeronautics department.

Proponents of the legislation said that the Civil Air Patrol is a worthy organization that needs state aid to better equip it for the job of air search and rescue.

Another decision the Legislature has made is not to consider the 14 salaries bills introduced affecting various state officers will tackle each one separately on its merits.

Behind this attitude possibly is the urging of the Budget Committee to speed action on bills involving appropriations.

Committee Hearings One of the problems of public hearings by committees of the Legislature that has never been solved satisfactorily is the question of their length.

Sen. George Syas of Omaha brought the matter up on the floor and attempted to limit both sides of a bill up for public hearing to one hour each of testimony.

Many hearings in this session have run long forcing the committee to not meet afterward to rule on the bills. Some hearings have proceeded the four-hour mark.

Commented Syas: "It's about time some of these hot-air merchants were shut off. Hearings should not be occasions for filibustering."

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Dorsey News

Dorsey Planning Begins For R.T.A. Telephone

By Mrs. Harold Osborne

The Lynch men have been out surveying the area for the new line which soon will be in progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Crawford and Pam and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady sr. were guests at the Gordon Barta home Friday night.

Mrs. Helen Alm returned to Omaha with her brother, George, to get medical aid. Friends hope she soon will find help and be able to come home. Mrs. Hendricks is still helping at the Alm home.

Miss Marlyn Graham spent the weekend at home returning Sunday evening to her school studies. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady sr. were dinner guests at the T. J. and Howard Graham home Friday.

Mrs. Robert Sholes entertained club Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Orton Young and Janet were callers at the Harold Osborn home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Vernon Oleson and Neil attended an Easter cantata in which 65 people took part. David Oleson

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