

Fairieland Talk

Let the Grass Grow

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The 25 million dollar irrigation project under construction in the Ainsworth community is opposed by the sandhills cowboys as a foolish undertaking and waste of millions of taxpayers' dollars.



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Not a free trip to Lincoln for a name for that bit of prairie sod on the principal street of our Capital City but a trip to London, England for two. Thought it was so stated in plain type-printer's words sent to this department a week or two ago.

The light that glimmers and glows in the morning of life, my lad, will lead you to the glare of noonday if you will. If not, then to a burned out candle of life that dies in the black of the night.

A group of a few hundred at the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Youths Citizenship Club were held by one speaker that citizenship is determined by what kind of a person you are.

Human hands cannot reach to you distant star, nor human feet walk that far. But human eyes and human thought behold what cannot be bought.

The month of April brought sunshine and showers to prairie land, with here and there a blanket of snow. Mother earth wet down and as we enter the month of May, we anticipate the field and garden products, the fragrance and beauty of floral bloom.

Editorial

Must It Always Be Thus?

The letter was written with a not-so-steady hand, and it told of many things, among others, age and all that goes with age.

The little 89-year old lady from Chambers returned the subscription notice and check to The Frontier and the note. It was the kind of note that hurts more than anything else in this business of newspapering.

No, I can't take The Frontier any more for I am doing so poorly I can't read a paper any more—my eyes are so poor. I am 89 years old. I hate to give up for I have taken The Frontier a long, long time.

Must it always be thus? Just when a person reaches a time in life when he or she should have the opportunity to sit down and leisurely read a newspaper, their eyes will not let them.

We do not know what to say, Mrs. Medcalf, except that we are sorry. Your kind of letter hurts more than you know.

Little Peeps

Stores of small, north-central Nebraska children raised their hand instruments to their lips, and with a gleam of admiration in their eyes, began to play when the master gave the signal.

Mr. Leonard Sawyer, well known and loved bandmaster from Royal raised his baton and started the sixth annual mass band concert consisting of his students from five area towns.

Children from Royal, Page, Inman, Clearwater and Meadow Grove were in Inman Friday evening and the performance was top-notch.

"The little children must start somewhere," the band master said. "You could hear the little ones, not always with everyone, but we want them to start playing together."

But those little "peeps" made the evening in Inman something very special. The parents knew that their children were learning.

"I know that the little ones enjoy playing as much or more than the older children," Mr. Sawyer said. "It's a wonderful training ground."

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(From the Ashland Gazette)

The Gazette has this to say about letters home from boys away at college: "Dear Dad: Gue\$\$ what I need most of. That's right. Please send some along. Your son, Ross."

Dad wrote back: "Dear Ross: Nothing cheers us so much as your notes. We know you like school. Goodbye now. As ever, Dad."

Frontiers Ago

THE FRONTIER WAS YOUNG

Three families lost nearly everything and several others had hay, sheds and machinery burned in the fire which occurred in May of 1899. The families which lost the heaviest were the Puckett ranch, nine miles south of O'Neill, Charles Ingersall, five miles from O'Neill and J. B. Marling residing about ten miles out.

Since tossing into the legislative hopper at the State House a bill, which if enacted into law will close retail stores in Nebraska on Sunday, Gov. Brooks has been bombarded on the one hand by protests and on the other hand by congratulations.

The 1930 Census showed the population of O'Neill as 1993, a gain of twenty over ten years ago. Immediately following the announcement by the Northwestern Railway Company that his mail service between Norfolk and O'Neill would be discontinued on May 4, 1930, C. P. Hancock of this city wired Congressman Simmons this information and asked him to use his influence to have the bus mail schedule reinstated.

It was a calm late April morning. Out of the blue above the sun was in golden glory, spreading warmth and light across the city. I met this morning a gentleman of the cloth from Ainsworth. He is here to look upon a mob of young America from regions 'round about that fill the Capital City's grand auditorium at 16th and N streets, a youth's congress. We hear and read about a lot of "juvenile delinquency," but here comes to prairie land's grand city, where stands our stately Statehouse, a throng of young people that sense the importance of life their devotion to their home, their country and their God.

MOST OF US REMEMBER the first time we picked up a telephone receiver. The first time we picked up a telephone receiver was in connection with the outcome of the April 29, 1933 special swimming pool election. A canvass of the ballots cast during the special swimming pool election resulted in a revision of final vote tabulation and the official final tally brought cheering news to the enthusiastic pool supporters.

Local Church Members Form Study Group A study committee for the creation of a Holt County "Temperance League for Alcohol and Narcotics Education" was appointed at an inter-church meeting recently. Representatives from 7 of the counties and 9 communities met at the O'Neill Methodist church to consider the problem of a county organization to stimulate a more adequate program in the county in the areas of alcohol and other narcotics.

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SOCIAL SECURITY A representative of the Norfolk social security office will be in the court room of the court house in Butte from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday May 21, 1939. A person reaching retirement age this year and expecting to earn \$1200 or less is urged to apply for social security benefits about a month before his birthday.



A reward in the amount of \$500 to a person or persons furnishing information leading to the apprehension and conviction of those involved in stealing cattle from members, has been adopted by the Nebraska Stock Growers Association.

Consumers Budget One Half Million For Coming Year

Several minor projects have been completed and material is on hand for the major jobs to be completed this year under a \$57,870 construction and equipment budget for the 11-county area served out of Consumers Public Power District's O'Neill office.

REBUILD AND GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS OF HEAVY-DUTY HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE, \$241,300; REVAMPING OR GENERAL "BEEFING UP" OF LOCAL DISTRIBUTION LINES IN 17 OR MORE COMMUNITIES, \$175,585; ADDITIONS TO POWER PLANT FACILITIES, \$9,250; LINE AND SERVICE TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, \$25,400; TOOLS, TESTING GEAR, POLE DIGGING UNITS, SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, \$25,430.

CAPITOL NEWS By Melvin Paul, Statehouse Correspondent, The Nebraska Press Association. LINCOLN—The Nebraska Legislature has begun to whittle steadily at a huge pile of bills up for initial debate.

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floor debate all day, tempers of senators become correspondingly thin. This situation in past sessions has produced some of the more readable copy from the Legislature.

The illness of Gov. Ralph G. Brooks caused the armchair politicians to take another look at possible Democrat candidates for 1960 elections.

The physician of the governor, who suffered a slight stroke April 17, said he is "completely satisfied" with progress the governor is making on the road to recovery.

On the Republican side, sources say that State Sen. Terry Carpenter continues to gain strength in Nebraska and will be in a good position if he runs for governor.

Some sources say Carpenter in recent weeks has become more acceptable to conservative elements of the GOP.

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