

Prairie Land Talk

Tell Your Doctor

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A writer for a popular monthly publication says "Tell your doctor everything". I with I had. But he was not doctoring me—I was paying the bill for his doctoring another, doctoring a patient. If he knew anything he should have known no medical treatment could do anything for that sick one. But when a twenty payment on account was handed to Doc, an eager hand grabbed it. Among the "everything" I should have told that doctor, but didn't, should have been this: If you are honest you will say to me, "keep your money, I can do nothing for this sick woman." Another doctor associated with us as we traveled the highway of life. I may not have told him everything but I think he understood my high regard for him as a friend, as a physician ever ready to help the needy though he knew they could not pay as well as minister to those who had a well-filled wallet. His remains are up there in the abode of the dead, where lie others, the great and the small, the good and the worthless. "Tell your doctor everything," but he may not like to hear it all.

In token of having reached a full century in the march of human history written upon the scroll of time, the hands of landscape artists have laid out a "sod retreat" on a busy thoroughfare of our Capital City. Human feet pass by, human eyes look upon the scene, human voices sound its praises, but automobiles stay out. From 11th to 13th on O street the sod retreat lays robed in velvet green. Not native prairie land sod that buffalo grazed over a hundred years ago, but the imported grass of today's city lawns. These hands of mine in the long ago laid up sod walls to build not a human abode, but a cave to store human food. Now here in the Capital City human hands have given a touch of beauty and simple delight that I am constrained to call a "Sod Retreat".



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On the go during the hours of daylight, at rest and thankful for the quietude and hush of night.

There on lower 4th street where Billy Slocum had a stock of sugar, salt, tea, and coffee and other grocery goods that were the stock in trade in the village of O'Neill 75 years ago, The Frontier editor has reared his editorial sanctum and while Jerry gets his bits of wisdom, Jim as business manager, sits at a desk figuring out what next. Gen, the young lady at the cashier's desk does the real work of supervising the affairs of O'Neill's oldest business concern and drops into the till what keeps the business going and the bright literary light burning as cash customers come in. Billy Slocum—where is he? Long dead, forgotten. One surviving customer at least remembers Billy. As a lad, I was sent to his store to buy a whole half dollar's worth of sugar, about all you could carry those days.

To raise money for cemetery improvement, some young ladies of the Catholic church held an ice cream social at the M. F. Harrington residence an evening in July, 1901. . . . William Robinson of the Chambers community was called to the home of his parents in Missouri by the death of his father. . . . Rev. Bartley Bkine, an early day superintendent of schools in Holt county, later the first pastor of the Methodist church in O'Neill, was living in retirement on his claim near Page. . . . A daughter was born a day in July that year to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison. . . . Frank Pixley went to his former home town in Iowa on a visit. . . . Mrs. R. J. Marsh took the morning train for Omaha. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock of Inman had business in O'Neill, at The Frontier office and elsewhere.

The last day of April brought summer heat to the Capital City—81 above at noon. Housewives

Editorial

About That Parade

The young man from the Rodeo Association appeared before the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce at their last meeting and asked those men what they thought of a parade in connection with the annual rodeo. He was concerned about that parade and fought with mixed emotions. He voiced the opinion of many people when he said that it is better to have no parade, than one not well planned or one not well participated in. The decision was then made to take a poll of businesses. That poll has shown that the businesses do want a parade. Now it is up to all of us to follow through, to participate as well as we are able, and with as much imagination as possible to give the people of our trade territory something to remember. You do not just fall into a good parade. It will take hard work. It might take some night hours, but it can be one of the finest promotions for O'Neill and the businesses of O'Neill. The art of parade making, although not easy can result in a feeling of satisfaction that can be shared by all the employees of the businesses. This can become a "shot-in-the-arm" for the local retailer. It is a good chance to promote good will among the employees as well as the customers.

It's Hospital Week

Each year Hospital Week is observed during the particular seven days which include May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the famous "lady with the lamp". It is hard to imagine today's hospital, public health agency, or other health or medical facility without the nurse. It is equally hard to believe that the profession of nursing would have reached its present high level of development were it not for the work of Florence Nightingale in the nineteenth century. She deserves much of the credit for initiating the reforms which set in motion the nursing profession as we now know it.

raking their lawns, greeted passersby with a word of delight for sunshine. A good day for retired social security beneficiaries to loaf out in the shade. . . . Gov. Brook's Sunday closing measure was killed in committee, the seven senators voting as one to kill the bill. Opposition developed more pronounced than sentiment favoring the proposal. . . . Helmer Halderon of Newman Grove is dead after 60 years in law practice and literary achievements. He was 85 years of age, had written the story of frontier life in Platte, Madison and Boone counties. . . . By act of the state legislature Delaware restores the whipping post, 40 lashes if the thief is caught.

The following letter came to me recently from a native son of Holt county, Will Spindler, and as I blush a bit over the compliments lavishly given, believe information it brings to me will be of interest to The Frontier readers. And may I suggest that Mr. Spindler and his gracious life's companion be extended and invitation to the next Old Settlers gathering in that community where Will was a boy. His letter follows:

Dear Mr. Saunders: Thank you very much for the nice things you said about me and my book, "Rim of the Sandhills", in your PRAIRIELAND TALK column of THE FRONTIER under date of April 16, 1959. It gave us a fine surprise and you may be sure that we truly appreciated it. Your column was even headed, "How About It, Will" which made me feel real important.

We are retiring from the U. S. Indian Service this coming October 24, after 30 years of service, all of which have been here on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of southwestern South Dakota. We have bought a home at Gordon, so Mrs. Spindler and I will both be returning to the state of our birth (mine 25 miles northwest of O'Neill—near Phoenix—and her's, the former Lulu Coon—near Gordon). Then I hope to get caught up on more writing, perhaps add another book or so to my present list of five, which are "Comrades of the Lone Star", "Lure of the Hills", "Rim of the Sandhills", "Badlands Trails", and "Tragedy Strikes at Wounded Knee". Of these, only the two latter are still in print and may still be purchased directly from us (Will Spindler, Wounded Knee, S.D.) at \$1.00 per copy postpaid for each book. The three out of print were large, cloth-bound books, while the latter two are paperback and smaller. We still have a copy of the fine review you gave my "Rim of the Sandhills" in 1941.

We still continue to enjoy your PRAIRIELAND TALK column very, very much, and it is always the first thing we read when we get our FRONTIER. It is truly a splendid column in one of Nebraska's finest newspapers. There are few authors left who can anywhere near approach your inimitable, colorful, picturesque, romantic style of writing that goes straight to the heart so forcefully. We also like the new picture of yourself in your ten-gallon hat. I still stick to my ten-gallon hat and boots, as do so many here in our vast, "wide open spaces" of the Pine Ridge.

Many thanks again, Mr. Saunders, and our very best regards to you. Sincerely, Will Spindler.

The night was dark. At intervals flashes of lightning followed by awakening thunder. Rain—and the month of May starts soil-soaked as nature opens her hand to bring to prairie land another season's bountiful store. Morning comes and sunlight glows across the city. The despised dandelion is in bloom, the bright yellow bits of gold dotting here-and-there, the lawns robed in silken green. Trees and flowers and birds. I see on a grass-grown landscape crowding up to where human feet pass by on the sidewalk, a bed of blue beauties. I pause, that floral bloom is irresistible. The Hand that tints the blue above has spared a choice bit to lay at our feet!

Unicameral Planning Another Bingo Bill

CAPITOL NEWS By Melvin Paul Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN—The Legislature is going to make another try at passing a Bingo bill. This time it is the one proposed by Gov. Ralph G. Brooks, as a substitute to the measure he vetoed on grounds it lacked proper enforcement.

The new bill is slated for public hearing May 18 before the Legislature's government committee—the same group that had worked on the other proposal, LB 86.

Brooks vetoed LB 86, and the Legislature sustained the veto.

There was little or no fussing on the floor over the original Bingo bill. This came only on a move to override the governor's veto.

Playing of Bingo was authorized last November by voters who approved a Constitutional amendment.

The new bill submitted to the Legislature by the governor is LB 719. It proposes the State Agriculture Department as the enforcement agency.

Brooks, in the bill—drafted after conferences with interested persons—would prohibit playing of the game on Sunday, and require games to start no earlier than 10 a.m. and last no longer than midnight.

The proposal calls for a mandatory tax of 10 per cent of the gross receipts, with half to the city or county involved and the remainder to the state.

Holders of Bingo licenses could have no more than 40 daily sessions per month, with the limit on amount of prizes per session at \$750. The operator could have no more than \$1,500 per session in gross receipts.

Only persons 21 years old or more could play the game, winners could take cash instead of prizes and licenses could only go to groups in existence 5 years or more who are non-profit in nature and so recognized by the federal government.

Churches, the state fair and county fairs also could be licensed under the bill.

Secondary Boycotts The bill to outlaw secondary boycotts in Nebraska is causing as much or more controversy after it became law as during its stormy battle in the Legislature.

The ruckus began when Gov. Ralph G. Brooks let the bill, LB 560, become law without his signature.

He then issued a statement blasting State Sen. Ray Simmons of Fremont, principal backer of the bill, and said the measure is "lopsided" against labor, and tries to regulate something already taken care of by federal laws.

Simmons fired back at the governor, stating the chief executive's claim the bill will be ineffective is not true.

Simmons said the state attorney general's office had found LB 560 constitutional.

Donald Davies, manager of Associated Industries of Nebraska, also got into the fight, charging the Brooks attack against LB 560 "is so obviously an attempt to soothe the feelings of certain organized labor leaders and return to their good graces that it hardly merits comment."

A secondary boycott involves economic or other pressure by union firms against a non-union group, usually involved in a situation where a union is trying to organize workers in the non-union firm.

A bill offered by the governor calling for a State Labor Relations Act was killed in committee.

University Policies There has been plenty of behind-the-scenes work and confusion on a controversial resolution introduced in the Legislature by Sen. Jack Romans of Ord.

The resolution later was withdrawn by Romans and he told the Legislature the University of Nebraska Board of Regents would investigate hiring policies at the school's law college.

Such policies were the subject of the Romans resolution. However, the regents, in a letter, said they had not gone on record for an investigation of hiring procedures at the college.

They merely had said if Romans had any information he wished to present, the board would receive it, the regents letter stated.

Romans said he would present his material to the regents for their study.

The Ord senator indicated any action beyond presentation of the material would depend upon what the regents did about the information he sent them.

Salary Fight There has been no variation this session in the hop and skip attitude of legislative action on pay boosts for state officials.

In the same week, the lawma-

kers killed a bill, at the final voting stage, that would have boosted salary of the secretary of the State Library Commission, but in tentative action approved a pay hike from \$8,000 to \$9,000 per year for the Insurance and Agriculture Directors.

A move to chop the pay of the state engineer from \$13,500 per year to \$10,000 was defeated.

Frontiers Ago

MOST OF US REMEMBER

Over 500 Holt county rural school students joined together in two sources amounted to \$9,504.53. . . . The direction of Merton Welch of Norfolk and Mrs. Etha Walters of Chambers, at the eighth grade promotion exercises here May 13, 1953. . . . During the 1952-1953 12 month period, the polo receipts from all sources amounted to \$9,504.53. . . . Thirty six O'Neill high school seniors graduated at the May 19, 1953 commencement exercises. . . . The new Gateway Motel, an elaborate 21 unit tourist court which was under construction several months at the east edge of the city, formally opened May 18, 1953. . . . The O'Neill Lions Club sponsored a beauty contest among O'Neill lovelies. . . . One thousand persons gathered at the school gymnasium May 8, 1953 as the O'Neill public school kindergarten pupils put on "The Big Show". . . . Larry Fox and Elizabeth Schaffer were crowned king and queen of the O'Neill high school senior class at the junior-senior banquet and prom. . . . Nine O'Neill high eagles qualified for the state track meet, at the Burwell relays. As a team, O'Neill placed second.

The Christy Bros. Big 5 Ring Circus, advertised as the newest big show in all the world, was in O'Neill about this time in 1930. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tyler of Tilden were in O'Neill a day in May of 1930, promoting a hospital for O'Neill to be operated along community lines, permitting all of the physicians of the county to have equal rights. . . . The new Ford tudor sedan was advertised in this week's issue of the Frontier for \$500. . . . A Hereford cow, owned

by Dan McCarthy, a rancher south of O'Neill, gave birth to triplets. . . . The O'Neill leather works was one of the busy places in O'Neill. They reported sale of harnesses this week in 1930 to Scott Hough, Roy Wayman and D. D. Murphy. . . . Clair Brooke, Atkinson, filed for County Clerk on the Democratic ticket. . . . T. J. Coyne filed for Supervisor in the 3rd district on the Democratic ticket. . . . Death: James C. Connelly of O'Neill, May 10, at his home.

Hugh, who had taken it on mortgage. . . . Albert Newill has bought the widow Keys farm one mile north of Emmet. . . . William Krotter of Stuart brought down a thoroughbred bride pup for Bert Newell. O'Neill had a few specimens of the canine that would do to put up at a dog show. . . . Con Keys so as to have an outside entrance to the upper story. . . . Dan Cronin hauled out a load of lumber and shingles to erect more accommodating quarters for his large feathered flock. . . . Sam Thompson moved his pop factory into the building just south of the Galena Lumber company's office and is preparing to build an addition thereto. . . . Editor Cronin went to Wayne Monday to attend

THE FRONTIER WAS YOUNG

In May of 1899, the printing plant, formerly used in the publication of the O'Neill Sun, was moved to Spencer. A Mr. Miller purchased the plant from John Mc-

Advertisement for THE LARK by Studebaker. Features: MORE FUN AT LESS COST, TRY IT AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. Includes image of a car and text: Discover what you'll save at YOUR STUDEBAKER DEALER'S—TODAY! SMITH MOTOR CO. 228 E. Douglas St. O'Neill, Nebr. SEE THE STUDEBAKER TRUCKS...THEY COST LESS, TOO!

PUBLIC AUCTION

The following real estate, dwelling and personal property will be sold at public auction at the place located from the northeast corner of Inman and north from the Davis filling station to first corner and then east to the end of the road. It is located on the west side of the road.

Friday, May 22

Sale starts at 1 P.M.

4 Bedroom dwelling with one acre of land. The house has electric lights and the school bus runs past the house. It is located on the mail route. There is a garage and shop, a small cave and a garden is now planted and growing.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

- 3 — Beds, complete
2 — Library tables
2 — End tables
1 — Platform rocker
2 — Rocking chairs
1 — Davenport with 2 matching chairs
1 — Wood burning heater
1 — Oil heater with fan
1 — Cook stove
1 — Magic Chef gas range
1 — Electric refrigerator
1 — Electric washing machine
1 — Buffet
2 — Kitchen tables
Several other chairs
1 — Cupboard
Dishes, fruit jars, house plants
Many other articles too numerous to mention.

TOOLS

Maytag engine with pump jack
Emery grinder with motor
Vise, Shovels, Forks, Brace and Bits
Lots of hand tools, Hammers, Wrenches, Saws.
Some used lumber, fence posts and other miscellaneous items.

Anyone wishing to sell other property may do so at this sale. Please contact Let Johnson or Ed. Thorin before the date of sale.

TERMS: Terms of personal property, Cash. No property to be removed until settled for. Terms of real estate: 25% advance payment date of sale. Balance when Abstract of title and Warranty Deed furnished purchaser. Possession of premises as soon as final settlement has been made.

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