

PrairieLand Talk

No, Not Kidnappers

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He is more than four-score years of age. We meet at intervals and "talked it over" setting world problems. A recent experience has renewed his faith in mankind—or more properly womankind. He was seated on the curb at a downtown bus stop waiting to take the bus for home. Three well groomed young women came from across the street, sat down by him and spoke. You waiting for a bus? They were told that he was. We saw an old gentleman sitting here and we thought we would like to give him a ride, Hans—that's his name—was told. Well, he said this is unusual and if you are in for kidnapping, I have just 35 cents in my pocket, the young ladies were told. But Hans was assured they were not after money, but rather to lend a helping hand. He accompanied them to their car just across the street and there were three other young ladies waiting in the car. He was taken to his home a half-hour drive to a distant part of the city. Expressions of gratitude and some questions asked. The leader of the party told Hans that they were not juvenile cut-ups but students at the state university and had a purpose in life. The purpose in life that day was to do a friendly turn for an aged citizen they saw sitting alone waiting for a city bus. He asked the girls to come and see him as he lives alone in a small apartment.

The high cost of living is a feature of our times. And high cost of postage steps along a little ahead of living costs. A one-cent stamp formerly carried the rolled up newspaper through the mails. Now the smiling post office clerk demands 7 cents. Doing away with many railway mail clerks may be responsible for unsatisfactory mail service. I put a copy of The Frontier in a wrapper with a New Mexico address. The person to whom it was addressed received, not The Frontier, but the Loveland, Colorado, Reporter—a sheet neither of us had ever seen. A bit of postal fumbling. A parcel addressed to me at Christmas time in a Pacific coast city has not arrived yet. Living some distance from the post office in southwest Holt county I could get my clock by the arrival of that star route mail carrier. Here in the city it may be in the morning, mid-forenoon, noon or afternoon that the letter carrier shows up.

It was a week in August, 1900: Miss Leona Skirving was visiting in Mulford, Iowa. . . Mrs. P. J. Biglin was home after a brief visit over at Spencer. . . Miss Magie Horiak was up from Norfolk visiting home folks. . . Patsy Murphy arrived from Park City, Utah, on a visit to his sister, Mrs. M. M. Sullivan, and family. . . A son was born to

Mr. and Mrs. George Tomlinson of the Mineola community, the mother being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry, pioneers of northeast Holt. . . County Judge Selah was enjoying a visit from his brother of Washington, D. C. . . Miss Margaret Hurley had returned from a visit to Omaha. . . Mrs. P. D. Mullen was spending a few days in Lincoln.

Over in Iowa the highway bosses are said to be busy revamping the road signs. "Iowa—Hello," had been the roadside greeting to strangers coming into the state. Some meddlesome hands are said to have done this to those highway greetings: "Iowa—Hell!" . . . It was the talk in Lincoln the morning after the recent city election that Mayor Martin was sick—a severe outbreak of Boyles. . . The Omaha Sod House Club met in Lincoln recently, gathered around the banquet board at the Cornhusker. The club seeks to preserve the memory of the early day sod house on prairie land. . . The mayor of the 900-year-old city of Lincoln, England, was flown over to see what our 100-year-old Capital City looks like and note how Nebraskans do things on such occasions. He was favorably impressed. Mr. Churchill did not get out this way; he limited his visit to our nation's Capital City.

I join the many who must regret that the church connection of a proposed Democratic candidate for president, Senator Kennedy, should be a bar to becoming president. If ones religion does not fit him for public service, what does,

In fancy I travel again the dusty road—one mile, two miles, three miles, four and a half miles, there stand upon hallowed ground, the house, the barn, the endless sweep of open prairie—and I open the door to look in upon the past. And as I "drink the deeper of memory's mellow wine" human form comes into view, then another, then another, and I weave in memory the threads that bind a pioneer family together on the prairies of Holt county. But I stand there alone—where are the others? "Under the sod and the dew waiting the judgment day." Come, walk with me down the dusty road and stand again where youthful feet had stood—you, too, can open the door to the past and quaff your own memory's mellow wine."

Copies of The Frontier for 1942 to 1956 have been microfilmed by the state Historical Society and are now available to any one desiring to preserve them.

Gov. Brooks exercises his authority as chief executive by removing and replacing state workers. Asked to resign, the warden of the state prison said No. Get out! came from the governor.

Mark it down as a blank that day when the low descending sun has seen in you no loving kindness done.

Editorial

If You Care Enough

Have you had Red Cross training? Are you a registered or practical nurse? Are you experienced in working with the sick and infirm? If you can answer any one of the above questions yes, your help is needed here in O'Neill. A hospital disaster plan and organization will be formed in O'Neill in the coming months. This is a job for the community. Your loved ones' lives could very well depend upon the success of the organization.

If you care enough and are interested, please send your name, address and telephone number to the O'Neill Frontier. We are gathering the names of persons who have had the above mentioned training. These names will later be turned over to the hospital administration when a formal organization is formed.

If you know of someone who does have that training, please ask them to contact us immediately. Why is this a community project? Because the present hospital staff will be inadequate in case of a major disaster. Floods, fires and tornadoes are possible here. Major car accidents in the future are probable.

Perhaps we will never suffer the effects of World War III. Then again we might. It is entirely possible, should a bomb drop on a major midwest city, that the injured could be sent to this hospital. The present staff has all it can do to take care of a full load of patients at the hospital at the present time. This is where the community comes in. Citizens with nurses training or Red Cross training become valuable during these emergencies because literally hundreds of lives could depend upon them.

It is not enough to say that you will help if an emergency arises. The problem is that when it does arrive the chances are you will not know what to do, or where to go. This is where an organizational plan comes in. If you are given a job—regardless of how small you think it might be—and you follow through with that job along with others, LIVES WILL BE SAVED AND IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF YOU.

Please contact The Frontier immediately if you can help, or care enough to help. You'll never regret it.

In Another Place

Just a few days ago the little one and a half year old boy was riding his rocking horse in Ewing. He slipped and fell, and a part of a toy tractor struck him in the head on the way down. The community of Ewing and Orchard (the little boy was well known in both) were struck numb with disbelief when he died a few hours later in a Sioux City hospital. The bright smile of little Mark Steven Shrader will be seen here no longer. It will shine in another place.

"The Ugly American"

If any particular book should be on the "must" list for us, it should be "The Ugly American," now available at the O'Neill library.

Please Help Us

Perhaps you have just forgotten. It's so easy to do. We are talking about the plans to originate a hospital disaster organization for the community.

We have the names and addresses of several persons who have had hospital training and experience and who would be willing to work with an organization.

Now if you have Red Cross training, are a nurse aid or are a registered nurse, your community and hospital needs you.

We are printing below another form which will be needed when the organization gets started. Please fill it out today and send it to The Frontier.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Are You a Registered Nurse _____

Are You a Practical Nurse _____

Do You Have Experience Caring for the Sick and Infirm _____

Do You Have Red Cross Training _____

What Special Skills Do You Have _____

Will You Be Willing to Work With A Disaster Organization _____

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

Frontiers Ago

THE FRONTIER WAS YOUNG

Members of the Junior Epworth League gave a strawberry festival at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Trueblood on May 24, 1899. A team belonging to Harry Spindler got away near the Elkhorn depot. It ran up Main street and a distance into the country. No damage was done. . . . The fifth annual commencement exercises were held Saturday, May 20 at the opera house. . . . The following article was printed in the May 18, 1899 issue of the Frontier—Three sports of the hobo specie struck town sometime during Wednesday, May 17 and attempted to create a famine in intoxicants by getting outside all the bug juice in town. About 6:30, when nearly all the clerks in Mann's store were at supper two of them entered the store. One of them engaged Jim Gallagher's attention looking over the makintosh stock, while the other chap concealed a suit of men's clothing about his person. As they were leaving the store, Mr. Mann saw the stolen suit. Nightwatchmen Coyne was sent for, arrested the two men and placed them in the city jail. The third party was not seen since the arrest.

Col. Neil Brennan celebrated the 25th anniversary of his arrival in O'Neill, by treating his numerous friends and patrons to a fragrant Hawaiian. . . . Ralph Evans celebrated the 20th anniversary of his birthday May 13 evening in company with about fifteen of his young gentleman friends.

THE CENTURY TURNS

Dr. H. L. Bennett suffered several broken ribs on his left side and numerous other bruises when a cow which the doctor had just branded jumped on him as she was being released. The accident occurred May 16, 1900. . . . Federal officers were elected by the Masonic lodge for 1930—F. J. Sexsmith, S. A. Liddell, John Adams and Elmer Surber. . . . Latest filings for county offices were John Stauffer and Sheridan Simmons on the republican ticket for Sheriff, W. H. Shaughnessy on the republican ticket for Supervisor in the third district and Henry Mullen on the democratic ticket for Supervisor in the first district. . . . Deaths—Mrs. Bridget Hynes Langan of Maple Grove and Miss Julia Gallagher, age 75.

MOST OF US REMEMBER

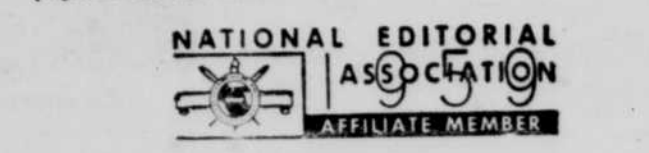
One hundred twenty Holt county rural school eighth graders were promoted into high school in graduation exercises held here Wednesday, May 13, 1953. Thirteen members of the class were rated "superior" students. . . . Poppy day in O'Neill was May 23 in 1953. . . . Miss Marlene Waring was awarded O'Neill high school senior class valedictorian honors at commencement exercises. . . . "The Princess Chooses A Kitty", operetta staged by the kindergarten and first grade pupils of St. Mary's academy was presented May 18. . . . Twenty five Holt countyans appeared before the Holt county board of equalization and protested substantial increases in property valuations. . . . Bob Stevens succeeded George Klein for Standard Oil Co. in charge of tank wagon service in the O'Neill territory. . . . St. Mary's academy seniors sneaked to Lake Okoboji, Ia., May 14 and returned late May 16. . . . The City council in special session adopted ordinance 280-A on May 15, 1953, which provided for the establishment of two street improvement districts. The ordinance proposed paving and improving eight blocks of city streets forming a square on the outer boundaries of the four main business blocks which center in the center of Fourth and Douglas street (traffic signal) in the heart of the city.



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CARL CURTIS CAPITAL COMMENTS

One question resulting in daily discussions on the floor of the Senate is what to do about inflation. It is generally agreed that a prime way inflation can be avoided is to prevent deficits in the Federal Budget.

It has been said that even if deficits are eliminated, there will still be some inflationary pressure resulting from the necessity of refinancing in the Federal Debt unless Uncle Sam runs a surplus.

At this writing, the chances of a surplus are very small. The mood of the Congress has been to spend. There is talk from the majority leadership that the way to solve all our problems is to spend and spend some more.

But spending for spending's sake calls for Federal housing, greater Federal outlays for airports and more Federal tax money for education. Approval of these measures will certainly throw the budget out of balance.

And most economists agree that an unbalanced budget means more inflation and a dollar that buys less.

Agriculture Department experts have compiled figures which show there will be 18 percent more mouths to feed in 10 years.

This means they say that farmers would need to turn out 147 million pounds of milk a year, as compared with 125 billion pounds produced last year.

The Department of Commerce reported the other day that the nation's steel mills operated at 93 percent of capacity during March. Yet, a statement by an official of the steel workers' union was that 200 thousand steel workers did not have jobs during this period.

Are these two statements compatible?

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Beha spent Mother's Day with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Day of Elgin.

In Omaha for the weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adamson, were Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Crab.

Forester to Visit County
The Holt Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday evening May 12.

Tree planting operations were noted to be practically complete and satisfactory progress has been made with both drills. It appears that the drilling will be completed by the end of the next week.

Various conservation contests were discussed including the photo award, Goodyear contest and the old Herald contest.

Dick Gavitt, forester of the extension service located at Pierce will spend May 25 and 26 in the county. He is particularly interested in making recommendations for shelter belts where the cottonwood trees have failed. There is an ACP payment for removal of the dead cottonwood trees and replanting. Any one interested in having Mr. Gavitt look at his particular problem on either May 25 or the 26 should contact the local Soil Conservation District office as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Svatos and David of Amelia were guests

of Mrs. Juliana Kamphaus for dinner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Luben of Crawford spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Luben. They also visited in Chambers and Ewing.

Guests at a family Mother's Day dinner Sunday at the Atkinson home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Marcellus and family were Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Marcellus of Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rentschler and family of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marcellus and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Marcellus.

Home for the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Petersen were Mr. and Mrs. Don Petersen, Lincoln, and Jane Petersen, Hastings college. Jane's college roommate, Ginger Johnson of Alamosa, Colorado, was a guest at the Petersen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Petersen also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harder, while in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Schweigart of Dallas, S. D., were here Friday at the Melvin Marcellus home.

Mrs. Lyle McKim and son Leslie were in Omaha for a few days last week at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John DeGeorge.

Mrs. George McCarthy and Mrs. Francis Gilg returned Saturday from Omaha.

Robert Fox of Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox drove to Kearney last Wednesday to see Hubert Fox, brother of Charles and Robert, who suffered a heart attack last week. He is still in serious condition at Good Samaritan hospital, Kearney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hunt of Holbrook were here Wednesday to Friday with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Towle, Norfolk, and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. DeBolt were in Newport Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Sophia Lashmett.

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There have been suggestions that Uncle Sam could come to peaceful terms with the Russians if he would carry on more trade with the Soviets. However, Russia has little to export beyond furs, minerals and gold.

Criticism has been leveled against the nation's steel industry because it became involved in the sale of cold rolled steel to the Soviet Government.

Steel officials say the cold rolled sheets of steel sold to the U.S.S.R. have no military significance. Some Congressmen are rightfully concerned. Anything that helps their economy helps their military.

One of the attractive additions to Washington has been the erection of the Taft Memorial Tower at the foot of Capitol Hill.

It was financed entirely from contributions made by friends of the late Senator Taft.

The Memorial has a base or platform of about 55 by 45 feet in area and about 15 feet high surrounded by a low hedge and benches at the corners. It is made of marble and has 25 bells. The mechanism for playing the carillon manually or automatically is in a room located at the base of the monument.

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