

PrairieLand Talk

A Typesetter's Memory

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He will be 89-years old August 7. As a youth he set type in the print shops in O'Neill, tooted a horn in the band, and today his memories span the years and reach across mountains and plains from his home two thousand miles away and writes me that cherished sentiment lingers still in memory of Jimmy Riggs and his classical and mechanically perfect newspaper—The Frontier. And the memory walks up the street to the basement room of the First National bank building and John McDonough's Tribune. Riggs retired from The Frontier to become postmaster and toss the mail bags around. McDonough walked away from the Tribune editorial desk to take on a city job with the New York Sun and represented that great newspaper at Wounded Knee, S.D., where memories are of the last war between the red man and palefaces. Riggs is gone the way of all men, niece of his, Mrs. McKenna, still with us. McDonough lies somewhere in the home of the dead. His Tribune is no more. Jimmy Riggs though dead and gone, your Frontier is still rolling off the press. And friend Homer out at Seattle it will survive when both you and I are no more.

Your hand may pluck the prairie rose and hold it to your nose. The Hand that adorned that prairie rose with colors bright will take your hand to guide you along the way just right.

Miss Sharlene Shoemaker of O'Neill writes to the engineer of this department for suggestions helpful in forming a dramatic group that will inspire the old town with culture and home talent entertainment. I, a hangerover from the past cultural and dramatic groups, may suggest that those now interested in promoting such an organization, search around for young men and women of talent and culture who can stand before an audience unshamed and fearless and deliver their speech and perform their act well. Some training should follow, eliminating superfluous gestures and stepping about, speak clearly, smile or frown as the act requires. Perhaps a public school instructor in elocution would gladly listen in, make suggestions, and point out when the actor should become eloquent, when commonplace, when amusing. O'Neill has been the home in the past of dramatic groups, of singers, of talented actors and speakers. No doubt there are such there today. Laura Belle Meals fascinated audiences with readings. Will Lowrie and PrairieLand Talker frightened some, amused others and had the admiration of many doing the Shakespeare stuff. John Smoot did the negro act, and Bob Marsh, the comedy. Denny Cronin was the hero in historic settings, and Mrs. Babe Taylor would keep the witches' cauldron boiling.

The night is done, morning has come and we start the day traveling life's highway. What will the gold of sunset bring—a shade of sadness, a blush of shame for life's blunders along the way, or smiles with a song in the heart for another day of pleasure along the way? The 1939 primary election is eleven months from now, but we already have a candidate for the governor's job. Mr. Lienemann, a former member of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors, has entered his name to appear on the primary ballot next May as candidate to secure the Republican nomination for governor. . . . After six months in session the state legislature adjourned at the end of the week, June 27th. Another bunch of laws to regulate your conduct and keep you going straight. Senator Frank Nelson was not sure the last time we met whether or not he would seek re-election. . . . Following a hot and dry fortnight it rained about all night in the Capital City, a night late in June. The longest period of sunrise to sunset was Sunday, June 21, and now daylight shrinks again.



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They said their name was and still is Atkinson, an elderly couple from North Platte in the Capital City for a day or two for the annual gathering of a church group to which they adhere. She had served as a missionary as a young woman in South African countries. He, a life-long resident of the North Platte country who knew Buffalo Bill, said the outlook for a bumper wheat crop out that way was never so promising as it is this year. Memories of Bill Cody astride his prancing white gelding! Wheat fields taken over where Cody hunted buffalo. The makings of loaves of bread now wave in fields of ripening grain where our ancestors got their buffalo robes.

Morning glories hang in clusters on the wall, poppies bloom beneath the trees grown tall. Life has its morning glories and shades of night, smiles and tears as part of the great Eternal plan for the ultimate good of man! We hide from the 98-degree mid-day sun in the shade of a stately tree. Summer days, but half run their course; what will the coming ones be? Sit in the shade—just wait and see! Scorching days, hot nights, as other summer days and nights, as summer days and nights will ever be. So rest in the shade until duty calls to the jobs that must be done. When autumn days again have come adorned in brilliant brown and nature's bountiful store is gathered in—then you may have your fun!

Father and son, just next door took off by air from Omaha—a day in mid-June for Sweden, the native country of the father, their name Carson telling the story. The son had spent some time over there after his army service ended while in Europe and became fascinated with that peaceful land. Father and son plan to spend the remainder of the summer away from their neighborhood. Sweden, Denmark, Norway—three small countries for ever at peace with the world. Nebraska's own Val Petersen ditched the Civil Defense, nation-wide setup, to don the diplomatic robe and represent us at the state castle in Denmark. But Val will come home again and tell us all about it if he takes over the Elgin newspaper again.

If they counted them all, the authorities tell us there were 1,500 workers out of jobs by mid-June in our Capital City. The manager of one business near where I hole up who employs workers tells me it is the incompetent ones that go first and others more competent take over. The competent and incompetent alike must live, be fed and clothed. Are you a competent one? Lend a helping hand.

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Everyone Influences

Robert Browning, the famous Victorian poet, illustrated in one of his most admired works "From Pippa Passes," his theory that even an obscure person may leave a lasting impression upon others.

The dramatic poem centers around a young factory girl known as Pippa, who lives in a small Italian town of Asolo.

As Pippa goes about her native village on her only day off, her one holiday in the year, she sings. By her singing she unconsciously touches the lives of various people and turns them from evil to good, saving them from despair or from sin.

Two persons touched by the song of Pippa, appeared outwardly happy, but in reality were guilty of a very grave crime.

The simplicity and innocence of this little factory girl's song brings these two persons to a realization of their guilt.

The philosophy illustrated in this 19th century poem by Robert Browning is exemplified over and over in our outer-space era characterized by speed and motivation.

How many of you are like little Pippa, unconsciously in your everyday affairs, affecting many people?

Think back now. How many people have influenced you without being the least bit aware that they

Frontiers Ago

FIVE YEARS AGO

Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan, Omaha, officiated at the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone for the St. Joseph's Catholic church. . . . Miss Lorraine G. Ernst received a bachelor of arts degree in education from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. . . . Ben Grady won over Jim Burke of Ainsworth by one stroke at the open golf tournament held here. . . . The O'Neill Junior Legion team was downed by the Bassett team 2-1 at Carney Park. . . . A reunion of the eight children of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Murray, pioneer Holt county settlers, was held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streuter. . . . Weddings: Miss Helen Ruth Kubitschek to Harold R. Bishop; Miss Carol Seger to Edwin Davis. . . . Deaths: Mrs. Harold Summers, 32, Page; William Monahan, about 80, farmer living near Atkinson was fatally injured in a tractor accident; Howard LeRoy Stroh, 10, near Monowi drowned while wading in the pond on the Kolar farm. Joseph Schollmeyer, 88, O'Neill, father of 16 children.

10 YEARS AGO

Plans were made by the city for Saturday night parking areas behind Ben Franklin's, Council Oak, J. M. McDonald Co., Penry's and Saunto's to be graded and amply lighted. . . . Campaign for funds for the Atkinson Memorial hospital reached the two-third mark and approximately \$16,000 has been pledged or contributed. . . . An all time record crowd was in Stuart for the fireworks display and final festivities in the three-day celebration and rodeo. Seven hundred visitors attended the opening of the Cokle Farm Supply store here on July 2. Visitors were served free sandwiches and coffee. . . . St. Anthony's hospital fund continued to increase. Less than 23 thousand dollars is needed before actual construction can get underway. . . . Deaths: Mrs. Addie E. Kiltz, 89, Chambers, Holt county resident for 63 years; Frank Sessler, 61, Atkinson, Mrs. Charles Allman, 62, Stuart, Mrs. Carrie Washburn, 88, Stuart.

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50 YEARS AGO

Roy Warner, 12 miles northwest of O'Neill, had his nose broken by a baseball while watching a game at Emmet. . . . A Greek section laborer was shot and killed at Stuart by section foreman Pearl Young. The verdict of self defense was rendered by the jury. . . . The high school ball team went to Royal and defeated the ball team that represented that town by a score of 7 to 3. . . . Mrs. H. N. Davis of Venus was in the city visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. G. Gillespie. . . . Twelve seniors graduated at the tenth annual commencement exercises of St. Mary's Academy held at the Knights of Columbus hall. . . . William Joyce, O'Neill, one of the early pioneers of this county visited in Atkinson with his niece, Mrs. W. T. Hayes. . . . Frank Howard spent a couple weeks in Denver, Colo. visiting relatives. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Weinrich made plans to spend the Fourth in Osmund visiting relatives.

Crowded Out Last Week's News

O'Neill Locals

Kay Christensen of Monowi and Eddie Krugman of Redbird were supper guests Friday evening at the Reginald Pinkerman home. . . . Mrs. C. E. Jones returned Monday from a three week visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson, in Vinton, Ia. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lammpan, Miss Norma Kotrous and Mrs. Bernard Schmitz and Tommie were in Butte Father's Day at the Arden Anderson home to honor Henry Lammpan. . . . Mrs. Don Huser of Sioux City spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. George Peterson sr. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson were in Sioux City Wednesday. . . . Spending the summer months at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Sherbat, another sister and family, Mrs. Gertrude McCallum of Wauneta. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Pinkerman and Veldeen and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pinkerman and boys of Redbird were Sunday guests at the Reg. Pinkerman home. . . . William P. Kelley of Omaha was a weekend guest at the Bill Kelley home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dale Perry returned recently from a week's vacation with her sister and family. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Maxey, in Bayard, another sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnes in Scottsbluff and his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Les Perry in Bird City, Kans. . . . Dinner guests June 16 at the Dwayne Philbrick home were Sgt. and Mrs. Alvin Lofquist and family of Fort Walton, Fla., Mrs. Lotie Lofquist and Mrs. Vina Munson. . . . The Orville Sindelar family and Judy Booth were in Norfolk and Columbus Saturday. Danny Sindelar, son of the Milton Sindelars of Norfolk, returned with them to spend a week. . . . Martha Soukup returned to her home in Sheridan, Wyo., Wednesday from a three week visit here with the Dean and Clyde Streeter families. Enroute she visited with her brother, George Murray, in Lead, S.D. . . . Harry DeWolfe of Gordon was a guest Monday evening at the Alan Jaszowski home. . . . Guests Sunday of Harry Smith and Mrs. E. J. Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Klein of Burke, S.D., Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Smith of Westfield, Ia, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith and children. . . . Mrs. Charles Green and children of Seattle, Washington, came last week for a two week visit with her parents, the D. N. Loys. . . . Mrs. Howard Holladay and children of Grand Island, another daughter of the Loys, left Thursday after a two day visit. . . . Mary Lou Uhl, Edith Gallagher and Mary Elizabeth Gatz left last Monday to enroll in a six weeks summer session at College of St. Mary's in Omaha. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of

Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. "Doc" Johnson of Lincoln, here for the golf tournament, were weekend houseguests at the H. J. Lohaus home. . . . D. N. Loys and Mrs. Cal Stewart attended the funeral Wednesday morning of a relative, Jennie Stewart, Allen. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz were in Omaha Monday and Tuesday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Otho "Russ" Johnson and children are here from Boston, Massachusetts, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson. . . . Mrs. Don McClellan and Charleen, Mrs. John Pinnit of Chadron, Mrs. Gordon Johnson and Russ and Dorothy Pinnit were in Fairbault, Minnesota, for a weekend for the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mrs. Johnson's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Krogh. . . . Guests at the George McCarthy and Norman Gonderinger homes last week were Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy and children, who came from Boise, Idaho. . . . Ed Gatz and Jeannie Gurnett spent the weekend here at the C. J. Gatz home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Donnell of Wichita, Kansas were here last weekend for the golf tournament. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Donohoe of Detroit, Michigan, arrived last Wednesday for a visit here with the H. J. Lohaus and C. J. Gatz families. Mrs. Margaret Agnes and Mrs. Elizabeth Grady came from Norfolk to visit with them. The Donohoes, Mrs. Mary MacLeod and Jeannie Lohaus are in the Black Hills this week for the annual passion play. . . . Mrs. Charles Fox, Gordon and Carol were in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Myrta Fox returned with them after a visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood. Mrs. Fox is now at the M. D. Fox home in Hastings. . . . Guests of Mrs. Simon Bohn last week were her children, Mrs. A. J. Gallagher of Wilmington, Delaware, and Mrs. Paul Blomstrom of Winner, S. D., who came last week and Mr. and Mrs. James Harty and children of Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lucero and children of Denver and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook and children of Cheyenne, Wyoming who came Saturday. . . . Guests of Mrs. Genevieve Harty last week was her son and family Mr. and Mrs. James Harty, Mike and Mary Pat. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bud Krugman attended the second annual alumni banquet at Creighton Sunday evening. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gydesen, Mrs. Minnie Crosby of Bartlett and Jerry Crosby of Spalding were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Blomquist at Spalding. . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Larson and

sons arrived Thursday from Northbrook, Illinois, for a visit with her parents, the Ed Gallaghers. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Haynes attended a reunion of the Pete Nissen family at Page Sunday. . . . Mrs. Roy Johnson, of York was here last week to get her son, Milton, who had spent the week at the Clay Johnson jr. home. Clay Johnson, sr. returned with them for an extended visit. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lindberg, who came from Minneapolis, Minn., for the golf tournament, were here last week with his parents, the H. L. Lindbergs. Guests at the Lindberg home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Rod Wilmoth of Lincoln.

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