Prairieland Talk

# Involved Us In War

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United States Senator Kennedy informed Demo-

to be voted on at the primary election. The senator is an easterner and fitted by experience to serve our country. Vice President Nixon, the likely Republican candidate, is a western man and in recent weeks has come to the front as an outstanding statesman and diplomat. As it looks now these two Americans will seek the presidency at the next election. I do not know what Senator Kennedy's party of



Saunders

free trade and free silver calamities stands for today, but I do know that during the national achievements and developments the past one hundred years there were twelve Republicans serving as chief executives, and the four Democratic presidents the past fifty years got us involved in war.

Brothers-in-law, they made out after a fashion in the lumber business at Fourth and Everett streets. Joe Mann was the last of a prominent pioneer O'Neill family, had business ability, but did he know one piece of timber from another. Traveling life's highway alone, he never married but walked alone with memories of the one he had loved and another got. Clyde King had married Joe's sister, a charming miss I had known more than 70 years ago. Clyde buried his life's companion and traveled on alone. He was a printer and writer but knew nothing of the lumber trade. Clyde was the fastest type setter I ever knew and as a writer had no equal, touching even a short local item with a bit of literary beauty. On the wall of the court house hall is the bit of slab bearing the word tribute to the pioneers of Holt county. Clyde and his life-long friend wrote it. Joe and Clyde lay under the sod, wither all are marching. And now here you read but a feeble tribute to their

Along life's highway we meet the good and bad; he who does his neighbor a wrong, but as we pass along there reaches out many a helping hand. Frowns and snarls as we pass along, smiles and cheers to all of us belong!

A year ago they went to a heavy populated state cratic leaders of Nebraska at a party gathering in in New England, her husband connecting with an Omaha that his name will be submitted as a Demo- educational institution in that state. Today she is were out at Amelia and placed cratic candidate for the presidential nomination in Lincoln in response to a year of homesickness. Under arrest a man wanted in while until candidates begin get-In the crowded haunts of men along the eastern California on a charge of bigamy, ting their bids in for the U.S. Sen- Scottsbluff. seacoast, a prairieland wolf is forever harboring a longing to look again when morning comes at location of a state normal school talked about as a possible candimillion more to invest in bonds the green-robed landscape stretching as far as eye in the event the school was lo-date for the Senate, and his adcan see and above and over it all the bright blue cated here. . . . H. A. Polk made sky. I met her by chance this morning and there tract, \$40 per acre and his propoto the west her gaze was transfixed on the blue sition was accepted by the comabove and drinking again of memory's fountain- mittee. . . . In its three day ses- ocratic meetings that there is conthis is home! She said she would remain "home" for a time and then back to the land of the "Pil- were audited and allowed and

> It was late August in 1904. M. M. Sullivan, in ty jail and the clerk was directed the 1880's a leasing merchant of O'Neill, had launched into the hay shipping business, contracting to appeared in O'Neill. supply the stock yards in a Missouri city with mary election brought out a little 5,000 tons of Holt county baled hay, and was negoti- over 600 voters. The only contest ating with a Buffalo, New York, concern to ship on the county ticket was that between S. F. McNichols and S. A. them a similar tonage of our hay . . . Mrs. J. H. Hickman for county clerk. . Addison, an early pioneer of the Minneola country, From present indications, Atkinwas back again in her Holt county home after a son will not have her school buildvisit with her daughter in Minnesota . . . W. F. Clevish of Turner came in to re-new his loyalty to within the amount of \$13,500. the Frontier by "planking" down a dollar and a half, the yearly rate those days . . . F. J. Dishner was at eastern Nebraska points looking after business matters . . . Dr. Gilligan on a healing mission, to the remodeled Simar building ventions from Nebraska are not and Attorney Dickson on a legal errand, both over next door to their present loca- bound by law to support the winat Butte . . . J. P. O'Donnell, a pioneer hotel man tion. . . . Vernon Wertz was award- ner in the state's preferential priof O'Neill, but in 1904 no longer conducting a hotel ed one of the highest awards in mary. business, met with a fatal accident at the O'Donnell Key, at Washington, D.C. . . . Bernard Boyle, Democratic national committeeman, who is probranch in southwest Holt, and was buried in the Married: Miss Marjorie Learner ably the most powerful man in Catholic cemetery in O'Neill.

> As we sit down to partake of the good food the Rees, was again outstanding in themselves to support any canhousehold cook prepares for us we are unmindful ing contests at the exhibit held Boyle held an informal gatherof those in far away places of earth that make a August 12 at the O'Neill Public ing for Kennedy in Omaha and meal of human flesh. The story comes from New school. The livestock judging con- says he will do the same for other Guinea somewhere in the South Pacific, that there Chambers with Ed Hanley of O'- est in such an event. are tribes of human beings who eat their dead. Neill and Delbert Robertson of Can any prairieland patriot conceive of a fellow Chambers next in line. . . . Mr. Owen Boyles, secretary of the being picking up the leg of a dead human and down- and Mrs. Charles Fox of Emmet State Highway Commission. died ing it mouthful at a time? A score of mission bodies from Christian lands have gone there with the story of the cross that is changing savage lives and school board, Miss Johanna Engle- hicle Division of the State Highway substituting a loaf of bread for the leg of a dead haupt of Spencer was elected to Department, from 1941 until 1956

Editorial

# Trapped Cattlemen

Mr. Holt County Cattleman, whether you know it or not, there are those who are using statistics to show that you are getting the best end of this inflation business.

Now whether you are or are not, might depend, largely, on how you look at it-or who is doing the figuring, the gathering of statistics and who is interpreting them.

The owner of a large chain of food stores in the eastern part of the United States recently told a group of your fellow beef raisers and feeders that he felt the bottom would "probably never" be allowed to drop out of the cattle market and that the inflation was working the way of the cattle raiser and feeder on the range.

Now here is what he did: He spoke of the increasing cost of fattening those cattle you raise and attempted to show, percentage wise, that his grocery chain's problems and expenses were increasing faster than yours. Of course, since he was the speaker, he allowed himself to select whatever he considered to be his big expenses as well as yours, and came out with a much better looking picture for you than those astounded cattlemen could "draw" for him on the spur of the moment.

The next time someone trys to tell you anything like this, we suggest you show him these figures: Fat steers in 1937 were bringing \$18 per hundred; in 1958 they brought approximately \$27.25 for a

But during that same period of time, a quart of milk increased from 12 to 25 cents (108 percent), a loaf of bread from eight to 19 cents (138 percent), a pound of coffee from 25 to 93 cents (up 272 percent), a popular low price automobile from \$730 to \$2,600 (256 percent), a movie ticket from 23 to 50 cents (up 117 percent), a ton of coal from \$11.19 to \$29.14 (up 160 percent), a pound of steel from two and one-half to six cents (up 140 percent), and a board foot of lumber increased from three to 12 cents (300 percent).

Now you cannot say just as a matter of fact that you are getting the worst end of the inflation because of these figures anymore than the big eastern grocer could say you were getting the

best of it. But it does point out this fact:

sizeable increase of 51 percent.

It all depends on who wields the pencil, because a man who is handy with them can make them prove just about what he wants to.

Use the figures as guides when you have most of them, but don't let anyone put you in the trap the eastern grocer did you brethren.

# Ewing Too

It is anticipated here that the newly formed city health board will soon enforce an ordinance regulating outhouses, livestock and poultry within the city.

This must be viewed as an improvement both to the city as well as the property holder.

We note that Ewing has just passed two ordinances dealing with sanitation and will receive official publication this week. One ordinance prevents the keeping of livestock within certain prescribed boundaries and the other makes it unlawful to construct or erect an outside toilet, cesspool or ceptic tank.

In O'Neill any outhouse within 180 feet of a sewer line can be disposed of. Poultry and livestock will be allowed on the outskirts of town as long as they are penned not closer than 150 feet from a neighbor.

We think the ordinances are fair, reasonable and well intentioned, and hope they are enforced.

# Community Thanks

It takes a little spirit to start something you're not at all sure will be accepted by a community-

particularly if you are young. This is the case with the O'Neill Players, who for relatives and friends in honor presented their first effort Saturday and Sunday of their 25th wedding anniversary.

They did a beautiful job for the first time out. Page; Miss Phyllis Fry and Duane They deserve a very sincere community thanks. You might remember that when you see them again.

#### All Can Not Survive From the Dakota County Star

The battle for survival by high school districts

With the trend toward larger school districts and of the 1949 Hay Days celebration the gradual decline of the small community and the played Scovie Jaszkowiak in the farm population, high schools are battling for con- finals of the championship flight

That some will not subsist five years and cer- 12th annual homecoming of Grimtainly 15 years from now is a foregone conclusion. ance since 1941 according to Mrs. Education is getting too expensive for the small Albert Pospeshil, publicity chairhigh school district.

Therefore the battle is on. Communities bent on keeping their high schools man, longtime resident of Holt are attempting to lure students and improve fa-county; Mrs. Edward F. Porter, cilities to escape the lash of the State Education 84, of Chambers. Department.

Entire counties with six to seven high schools at present must be reduced to one or two high schools in the long-range plan. Yet all towns hope year at the 62nd annual Holt counand desire to be the home of high school facilities. ty fair at Chambers. . . Of course, this is an impossibility.

School buses are becoming the number one lure. Ponca will operate a school bus for rural students U. S. government. next fall. Newcastle, 12 miles away, has done the wave radio transmitters and resame for the past couple of years.

When it boils down, education, at present, is a well as mobile units in automocompetitive business, with towns competing against biles owned by Sheriff Leo S. their neighbors to keep their high schools.

There will come a day when leaders of K-12 districts must face facts and meet together to solve was pictured in this week's issue the problem of redistricting.

All can not survive. We hear townspeople and businessmen complain Neill high school. They were El-

that if the high school closes, so goes the town. Rather mercenary, we'd say. Is not the welfare ir., and William P. Gallup. . of the youngster worth considering?

be the motto, "just as long as we maintain a high compared to 38 days in 1953. school in our town"

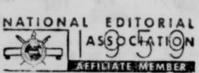
Few ask what's best for the youngster.



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## State Capital News

. . A committee of O'Neill people

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met to discuss and decide upon a the best figures on an 80 acre rad, for the governor's post. sion, the county board of supervisors made a 15-mill levy, claims some bridge work was disposed of. A resolution was passed authorizing the construction of a coun-

. . A few Lincoln pennies have ing this year, as the building committee is unable to get any bids

#### 20 Years Ago

Mrs. Simar and Creola Carney of Wayne and Jean Rummel of O'- the party in the state, says as far Neill at Madison. . . . Holt county's as he knows no Democratic leadveteran 4-H clubber, Margery ers in Nebraska have committed both the clothing and cooking judg- didate.

teach the seventh grade. . . . Mr. when he joined the commission, and Mrs. Fred McNally went to except for a brief spell in private Schuyler where they visited business. Born in Ericson, Boyles was a ed in an old time ball game. . . . former county clerk of Wheeler Tom Harty entertained 19 young County and was widely known in guests at his home followed by a the motor vehicle world in Nebras-theater party. The occasion was

### Tom's ninth birthday. 10 Years Ago

In special session, the O'Neill two years earlier. city council unanimously passed 'resolution of necessity' a view toward alleviating critical sewerage problems. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Russ held open house Married: Max Le Masters, Venus and Miss Vivienne Boelter, Jensen, Ewing. . . . Kieth Abart, Holt county officer and auctioneer, was named adjutant of Simonson post 93 of the American Legion. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Terwilliger and son, Perry, of Celia, have reservations to sail on the Queen Elizabeth for a visit to Germany Miss Beth Sloan and Alex Fri ckel were chosen King and Queen f the city golf tourney. . man. Deaths: Mrs. Jennie Ward, 78, died at her home east of O'-Neill; J. T. Thompson, 71, of In-

# Five Years Ago

Both quality and quantity of livestock exhibits hit a new high this Donald E. Boyle was presented a bronze star medal, the fourth highest valor medal awarded by the eivers were installed in the office of the Holt county sheriff as Ava Gardner, Anthony Francisca Tomjack, deputy sheriff James Mullen and the O'Neill police cruiser car. Tim Harrington of The Frontier with his 7 ft. in. hybrid tomato plants. . . . Three w teachers were signed at O' mer Murman, Mrs. Louis Reimer The Nebraska game commission announced the 1954 pheasant hunt-"Any old education is satisfactory," seems to ing season is curtailed to 10 days Mother M. Agnese is the new superior at St. Mary's academy re-placing Mother M. Muriel, who is stationed at St. Joseph's hospital at Minot, S.D. . . . Deaths: E. A. Chichester, 77, Page farmer.

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business procedures.'

By Melvin Paul Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN-There is considerable behind-the-scenes activity in the for state banking business. Sheriff Hall and Deputy Harding Democratic party in Nebraska.

ate and governor. Gov. Ralph G. Brooks has been ing house would give Nebraska \$20 ministrative assistant, Robert Con-Neither flatly denied the reports. the six banks now clearing state

siderable enthusiasm in the party, which also is in better financial ing house would be too expensive position than in two decades. Other behind-the-scenes talk centers around the favorite national figure in the presidential picture. It appears, from talking with Democratic leaders, that Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts plans

to enter the Nebraska preferential

primary Kennedy himself has indicated this and stated further that he considers Nebraska a "key" state in the presidential picture for 1960.

The reasons, Kennedy says, include its location geographically, the fact the state has both agriculture and industry, and that it has indicated a trend to the Democratic party.

volving the two Democratic mem-Another important factor is that bers of the State Board of Con-

**Boyles Dies** Owen Boyles, secretary of the

Legislature Cost It cost 19 per cent more to run the 1959 Legislature than the one

Figures compiled by Clerk tab for 1959 was only slightly higher than the cost of the last two-house meeting in 1935 when the bill was \$202,593.

The increase was due to more employees, longer session, more bills and higher pay for workers.



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Leeman, and Mrs. Ethel Kirwin of Scottsbluff, a member, got into a public scrap over who caused

loss of the clinic. Mrs. Kirwin blamed Dr. Cecil Wittson, state mental health director, for "unwise" planning in opening a clinic that could not be staffed because of the shortage of psychiatrists.

Leeman blamed the Legislature's budget committee and said Wittson

There is no need for a special is doing a good job, session of the Legislature to set The clinic closed July 1. But up a clearing house in the Capitol Leeman announced that a psychiatrist from the Nebraska Phychi-That's the conclusion of Gov. atric Institute at Omaha would This likely will continue for a Ralph G. Brooks to a suggestion visit Scottsbluff weekly using funds Services Unit.

## Anti-pollution Funds

Nebraska will get at least that could put money into the state \$274,660 in federal funds for sewage treatment plant construction But the governor argued that during the current fiscal year. That's the report from State Filipi said he was so advised by

Establishment of a state clear- the U.S. Public Health Service. Regardless of the amount received or the \$686,650 that could be gotten this year, with favorable action in Washington, there still would not be enough to meet applications on file, Filipi said.

Priorities would be set by the State Water Pollution Council Concluded the governor: "Above all, however, we are not going to where there are more demands for jeopardize the ability of the state federal funds than money availto transact its business by cur- able.

tailing its supply of cash to a de- Filipi said high priorities almost gree which would prevent proper certainly would be given to a \$69,000 project at Bellevue, at Nebraska City where \$117,000 is involved, and at Plattsmouth where The problem of the mental health the cost is \$73,000. All figures are clinic at Scottsbluff has tempor- federal funds and not total cost.

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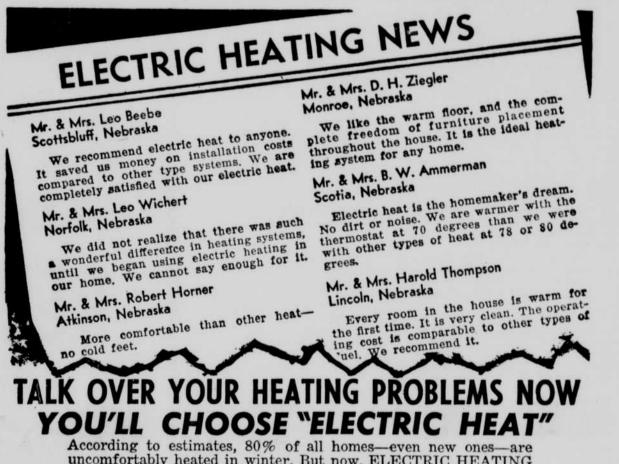
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