

Prairie Land Talk

'Sour Apple' Judge

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The large upper room of the old court house that served the needs of Holt county for a half century was the scene of court trials, political squabbles, oratorical and comedy outbursts and other affairs to which the citizens came. Judge M. P. Kin-kaid was hearing a case. Had the dignified and 'sour apple' judge ever cracked a smile, his colorless lips would have cracked too. Another young guy and I sat listening to the lawyers prosecuting and defending a guy charged with burglary. One of the lawyers got off a funny one that made we two young fellows laugh. The judge jerked around, looked at us and scowled. We subsided. A father with a sixshooter strapped on him sat listening to the trial of his son, whom he had reason to believe was not guilty of cattle rustling. Had he been declared guilty, the complaining witness would have fell to the floor dead in the court room, a bullet in his heart. During the trial of one charged with the Barrett Scott hanging, coat tails of lawyers would at times flop up and expose the gun the lawyer had armed himself with. The late James A. Donohoe defeated one of the last attempts to recover alleged damages from the Northwestern railroad, when Donohoe appealed to the jury that a verdict for the one bringing the suit would throw the gates open for all the Omaha 'Roselip' Charleys, Cactus Kids, Fainting Berthas and Denver Anns to come here with a damage suit against the railroad and thus pile up costs on the taxpayers of Holt county.



Romaine Saunders

Walk or run the highway of life forever resolved that no chance of unpleasant things that may lead to a destiny of fate somewhere ahead will not crush that firm resolve of your determined soul!

At last the equator has been discovered six miles below the surface of the seas. Said to be a well defined line of white rock supposed to be circling the earth midway between the north and south poles. The discovery of deep sea divers may now inspire land lubbers to dig a six-mile deep trench in search of that line of rock below the imagined surface line marking the equator. That done then by 1964 they tell us we will travel to the moon. There is a considerable group planning to take off in the near future from this troubled world, not for the moon, but for that eternal city with gold paved streets.

The experts tell us that regular sleep adds years

to human lives. Do you want to live long? Go to bed.

The first Monday in September—another Labor Day. As it is a day for husband and dad to loaf, why not dub it loafers' day. Wife and mother carry on Labor Day as on all other days, cooking and performing the duties of housekeeper and family caretaker. Labor Day—the old man out at play, his mate at work at home. But she had a Mother's Day some months ago. So hard working dad takes a day off and takes in the fun at the Nebraska State fair.

Time rolls on; here today; gone tomorrow. The earth remains, the living know it all, the dead know not anything.

It was midsummer in 1905. Pat Biglin hitched our horses to his Standard Oil outfit and headed for Middle Branch, Maylon Price going along to see the country. . . . O'Neill spellbinders were in demand for the 4th of July celebrations, M. F. Harrington speaking at Elgin, E. H. Whalen in Ewing and Judge Kinkaid over at Spencer. . . . O'Neill banks were paying 5 per cent on time deposits, loaning it out at 12 per cent. . . . The Evans was "the only first class hotel" in the city, but at the Merchants Hotel you could get it all, bed and three meals, for a dollar. . . . O. F. Biglin was called to Inman to take charge of the funeral there of Mrs. John Autin. . . . The "expert's" report disclosed that three Gratan township officers were "short"—it being popular those days to uncover such things. . . . Mrs. J. H. Meredith was visiting relatives in Iowa.

Three or four men with destroying hands worked most of the day in sight and sound of where I write, cutting away the branches and laying low the logs of a stately tree, a tree that human hands had planted many years ago. Pioneers built and planted; we moderns pull up and tear down. A few months ago I stood with some friends on the open prairie a few miles out from O'Neill where in the long ago I was one of a homestead family. The last tree planted by my father's hand more than 70 years ago had been rooted out and was gone. A year or two ago it still stood robed in velvet green leaves and my two daughters who were with me each plucked a sprig from that tree and have them today. They bring to me memories of that family homestead home where today stretches the open prairie and nothing, not even a tree. That planting pioneer lies in the abode of the dead up on Prospect Hill where the remains of others lie as the destroying hands of moderns pull up and tear down to remake things to their liking.

Riverside News

By Mrs. Leonel Gunter

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gunter of Napa, California came Sunday for a visit at the Keith Biddlecome home enroute to visit relatives in Iowa and Illinois. A dinner at the Lionel Gunter home was held in their honor. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Biddlecome, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Gunter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke and Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Switzer, Mr. and Mrs. Wil Conner and the Alfred Napier family.

Mrs. Ora Switzer and Mrs. Wendell Switzer attended a baby shower for little Kimberly Ann McCaman at the Clearwater Methodist church on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norwood, Mrs. Amy Jacobson of Ewing and Mrs. Helen Lee and daughter, Sharon of Eureka, California spent the evening Thursday at the Dave Pollock home. A late lunch of ice cream and cake was served.

Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bennett accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bennett of O'Neill to the Black Hills for a few days. Sandra Shrader was home from Wayne over the weekend. The Rodney Pollock family of Omaha are spending the weekend at the Dave Pollock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fry and family were supper guests September 7 at the Richard Napier home in honor of Marylyn's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston and family visited Tuesday, September 8 evening at the Will Shrader home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery called Wednesday evening at the R. A. Hord home.

Mrs. Helen Lee and daughter, Sharon of Eureka, Calif. visited Friday afternoon at the Grant Mott home.

The Lynn Fry and Lee Fink families were dinner guests Sunday at the Will Shrader home in honor of the September birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery were Nellig visitors September 7.

The Bill Hobbs family visited last Sunday evening at the Billy Lofquist home.

The Ernst Mott family of Orchard were Sunday dinner guests at the Grant Mott home.

The Archie Johnston family visited Thursday evening at the Robert McDaniel home.

Paul Gunter spent the weekend in Omaha.

Melonie and Ellen Miller were guests Thursday at the Don Larson home while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Joan, Stevie and Becky and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller attended the state fair in Lincoln. Danny Miller stayed at the Howard Miller home.

Wilberta and Cindy Miller of Omaha visited a few days at the John Miller home.

Lynne Rotherham was an overnight guest Friday at the Billy Lofquist home. Perry Lofquist spent the night at the Rotherham home. On Saturday afternoon Edna Rotherham took Terry Lofquist home and Lynne returned home with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier left Wednesday morning for Minnesota where they plan to do some fishing. They expect to return home sometime Monday.

The Happy Hollow 4-H club plan to meet Monday evening at the Grant Mott home.

Edna Lofquist and the Merlyn Meyers family of Ewing and the Reuben Meyers family of Neligh were supper guests Saturday evening at the Billy Lofquist home in honor of Billy's birthday.

Melonie Miller had the measles last week.

The Jolly Workers club met Thursday afternoon with LaRae Mott.

The ladies tied a quilt for the hostess. Mystery sisters were revealed and names drawn for the coming year. Alice Shrader and Margaret Fry were "hostesses."

The Seek and Share Project club met Wednesday afternoon with Alice Miller. Gloria Montgomery served the lunch.

The Riverside 4-H club met Tuesday, September 8 evening at the Ralph Shrader home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke and Clayton went to the boat dock east of Niobrara Monday afternoon to take a ride in the Alvin Nelson cabin cruiser.

Mrs. Alice Chmiel of California visited Saturday afternoon at the Billy Lofquist home.

The Richard Napier family visited Thursday evening at the Wayne Fry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller visited September 6 evening at the Dave Pollock home.

Biddlecome of Columbus visited Joe Hagr of Madison and Vlonida Sunday evening at the Keith Biddlecome home.

Roseella Ahlers left September 7 for Wayne to attend college there.

Star Community News

By Mrs. Ewalt Miller

Willowdale club met with Mrs. Ewalt Miller September 9, the first meeting since June 10. In place of the July meeting a family picnic was held July 17 at Ford's park in O'Neill and for the August meeting the group gathered in O'Neill August 12 for a tour of several business places. Roll call was answered with "a different way of serving chicken."

A report was given on the bread sale, the proceeds of which go to the new 4-H camp at Halsey. Two new members joined the club. They are Mrs. Nels Linquist and Mrs. Owen Davis.

An election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Ewalt Miller, president; Mrs. Bill Hibbs, vice-president; Mrs. Lysle Johnson, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Ewalt Miller, news reporter.

The October meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lysle Johnson. Mrs. Bob Tomlinson will entertain this month for the special event.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frerichs of Salina, Kan. spent the weekend of September 5-6 at the homes of their parents, the Fred Timmermans and Fred Frerichs.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Babl and family are moving to this community to the farm vacated by the Frank Kopejka family. Their daughter, Coleen will attend the Gibson school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Butterfield of Topeka, Kans. spent Sunday, Sept. 6 with the Nels Linquist family. They were dinner guests at the Kenneth Hill home near Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield are former Holt county residents. They also visited with Mr. Butterfield's sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Brady

and family near Lynch and Mrs. Al Winklebauer and family at Neligh.

Last week callers at the Ewalt Miller home to visit Mrs. Lysle Johnson were Mrs. William Derickson, Mrs. Soren Sorenson and Mrs. Dave Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boelter

and Allen of Verdigre called at the Ewalt Miller home Sunday, Sept. 6 on their way home from the Grandma Hull birthday celebration. Mrs. Boelter is a granddaughter of Mrs. Hull.

Mrs. Tom Zakrzewski called on Mrs. Ewalt Miller Thursday afternoon.

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STOCK CAR RACES! Stuart, Nebr. Sunday, September 20 8:00 p.m. SPECIAL RACE—POWDER PUFF DERBY ADDED ATTRACTION—MIDGET GO-CARTS Enjoy top-notch stock car racing at the Pioneer Stock Car Track of North-Central Nebraska. "The Best-Paying Track in The Area" ADMISSION—Adults, \$1.00; High School, 50c; Children, 12 and under—FREE

Editorial

Murder Case Economy

The courtroom at Butte was nearly empty—the curious crowd that had packed that same room when the 17-year old boy and his mother, charged with first degree murder, faced the judges for the first time was either not interested or had lost some of its curiosity.

And yet, far more information and far more interest was generated there when District Judge Lyle Jackson sat below the single bare light bulb, his nearly bald head glistening in the nearly empty room.

Many things came to light last week even though the actual trial of Sadie Dickerson, charged with the murder of her son, Frank Vanderlinde, had not yet begun. (See full story page 1.)

Normally it is not the policy of this newspaper to comment on the actions of a judge in a trial while he is hearing that trial. We take exception this time because we believe we would be failing in our responsibilities of pointing out something that every citizen in Holt or Boyd or every other county in the state should know about.

One point taken up by Judge Jackson was the number of prospective jurors that would be called for examination when the trial begins in earnest on October 26.

The defense, headed by William Brennan—a fine lawyer and an experienced one—voiced the opinion that the defense would need 60 men and women to make up the jury of 12. The defense contended that very many would disqualify themselves under careful examination before evidence was introduced.

And then Judge Lyle Jackson made a statement that every judge, every lawyer, every citizen, of every county in this state should have heard:

"I want you both (the defense and the prosecution) to understand that I'm not going to burden any county with a very expensive and large number of prospective jurors," he said. "The cost to the county of providing them all with per diem and mileage expense would be excessive, I believe."

Well said, Judge Jackson, we wish there were many more judges like you!

It's high time that this kind of opinion be voiced throughout our judicial system. It's high time that every prospective juror examine his own true feelings concerning this business of disqualifying himself.

Murder trials at the expense of counties are bad enough, without compounding the expense. We do not wish to go on record as approving a haphazard system of obtaining jurors, but we do think reasonable care on the part of every judge and every lawyer should be taken where the county will foot nearly all the cost of trials of this nature.

Before the morning was over, the decision was made to call 40 men and women. Perhaps this will not be enough, but it is to the wisdom and good judgment of the court in Butte that an attempt will be made to fairly decide this case keeping economy in mind.

Not so long ago, this editorial writer, while with a large daily paper in Lincoln, watched the Stark-weather trial with particular interest in the lack of regard for the funds of Lancaster county. Justice in that particular case came very high and the taxpayers' pocketbooks are being depleted right now because of it.

Again we say: Well said, Judge Jackson. We wish there were more like you.

What the Voters Want

A number of congressmen have polled constituents to learn what they want in the way of a labor bill. The evidence is overwhelming that the voters want a really strong bill—far stronger than any that has so far been given serious Congressional consideration.

Representative Conte of Massachusetts asked: "Do you feel that labor reform legislation should cover the problems of secondary boycotts and black-mail picketing?" The results: 843 people said Yes, as against 43 No.

Representative Latta of Ohio asked: "Do you favor legislation to effectively curb the irregularities revealed by the McClellan committee in some of the labor unions?" The result: 95.2 per cent of those replying said Yes; 4.8 per cent No.

Representative Berry of South Dakota asked: "Following the findings of the McClellan Labor Rackets Committee hearings, the President recommended labor legislation which would do four things: (1) Safeguard workers' funds in union treasuries against misuse of any kind whatsoever; (2) protect the rights and freedoms of individual union members, including the basic right to free and secret election of officers; (3) advance true and responsible collective bargaining; (4) protect the public and innocent third parties from unfair and coercive practices such as boycotting and black-mail picketing. Do you want me to oppose legislation which falls short of these four goals?" The result: 74 per cent said Yes; 14 said No.

It's hard to see how Congress, despite all the pressures for doing nothing brought by unions, can disregard such expressions of public opinion. The nation wants adequate labor legislation and it wants it now.



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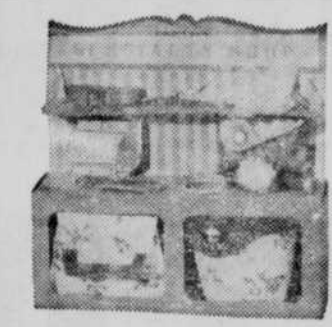
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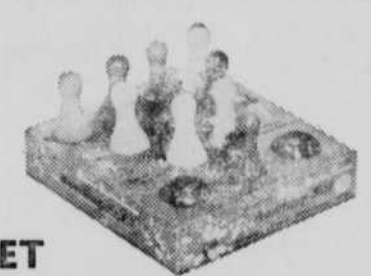
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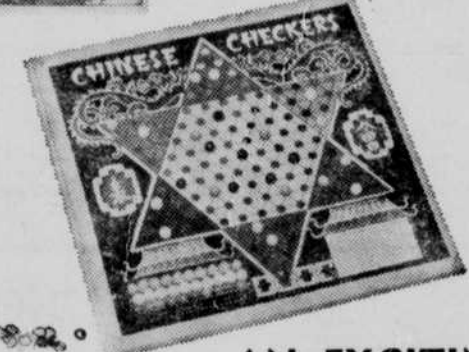
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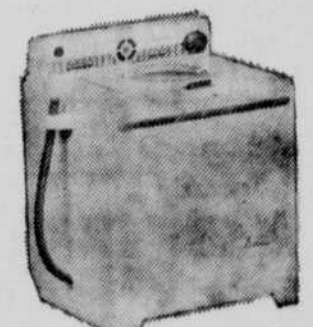
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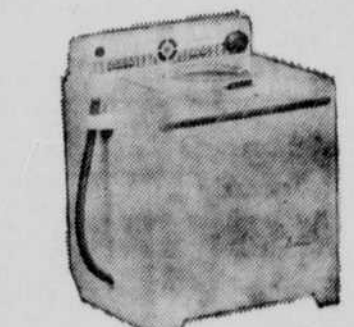
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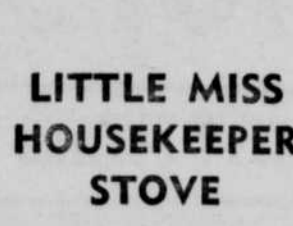
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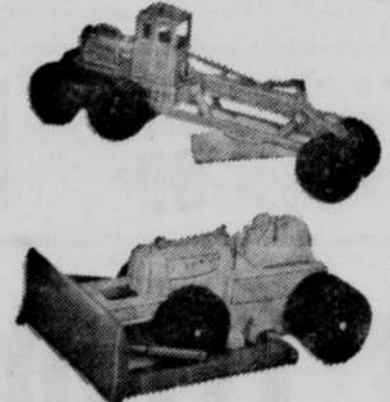
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TELESCOPE ON TRI-POD TAKE A LOOK AT THE STARS

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