

## Praiarieland Talk

## 'Come Back and Kiss Her'

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PRAIRIELAND—COME BACK 3-36-1 EDIT L. L. After twenty-two years with the wife of his youth whom he had pledged a life's devotion, the low down whelp beat her brains out with a hammer. Where was that? Right here in Lincoln, the Capital City of our prairie state. Life together terminating in a quarrel that straightens the wife for the grave, the husband behind prison bars. Angry words, a death and the murderer yet to pay the penalty. If you are aroused to the point of verbal combat with your life's companion just walk out and cool off—then come back and kiss her.



Romaine Saunders

At one time our governor, not so long ago, now in federal diplomatic service in Denmark, Val Peterson, has been home again down at Elgin and says it will always be his home. The little Antelope county town did it in grand style for their honored guest as only prairie patriots know how to do it. Come on, Val, when the robe of state is laid aside, and be one of us again.

The sun glows bright this noonday hour; now soon we gather at the table and start to devour. Then the afternoon passes away, night again writes the record of another day.

I recently set foot for a few hours on Holt county soil, where lingers treasured memories. We, son Ned and wife and two of their four children, rolled up there and back to the crowded human haunts of our Capital City in a day. Stood at the hallowed spot where lies Ned's mother, my life's companion and other dear ones. Then on to visit friends where the silken green robes the landscape south of Atkinson and then on to the old Riley ranch that got going under the guidance of three brothers in 1883, now owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Baker, Mrs. Baker being a daughter of the last of the Riley brothers. It was a bright sunny day and all along the way prairie land lay beautifully robed still in summer green. And Cousin George Meals still has the bay mare I sold him as a 4-year-old, now at the ripe old age of 26, and still a beauty. On a recent visit to the community of my last happy home in Holt county we rolled slowly by where home had been, house, buildings and other things that go to make home out on prairie land. Now all gone—only the trees left through which the autumn breezes may whisper. Where are they? Not only they, but where are Jay and Rose Roblyer, Mr. and Mrs. Will Riley, the Carpenter family, the Vanlooms, Fred Watson, Jessie James and the elderly Mr. and Mrs. Berry—these all resting in the abode of the dead. Mrs. James, widow of Jessie, may be still in Atkinson. Mrs. Watson in Stuart, a daughter of the Rileys and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Baker still on the ranch and maintaining the hospitable home. And that prairie patriot, Howard Berry, with his life's companion, now living alone in the land of Howard's

youth, their son and daughters away in homes of their own.

The ladies of the Amelia community have their Club meetings and so keep abreast of the times, informed on world events and their own community interests, as do the ladies of other communities of Holt county, from Deloit to Dustin, from Dorsey, Redbird and Star to Green Valley. One of the most recent Club social events in the Amelia community which was given a paragraph in the Amelia items appearing in this family journal was at the home of Mrs. Bernie Kennedy, near neighbors of the Prairieland Talker's household when it functioned in Swan precinct. Probably Bernie sat off in the corner and looked on as the group of ladies buzzed away. Miss Lindsey who gives Frontier readers the news from down there, makes her home with her mother in Amelia and besides gathering news has a little grocery store to look after. And Amelia at one time had a newspaper, the Journal. And Dustin had a newspaper for a time in the 1880's, the Dispatch. The village of Mineola, long gone and forgotten, had a newspaper, the Sun that shone on the settlers of northeast Holt county.

Some twenty years ago he was the Democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska; went down to defeat. Now it appears that State Senator Carpenter concludes if he could not make it as a Democrat he would go after the Republican nomination for governor. If nominated and elected next year, we are assured of a chief executive down at the State House who will be doing things whether we like it or not.

Does that additional one cent gasoline tax add another mile or two to the gallon as you roll over the highways?

It was a week in October in the year 1906. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Weingartner. S. J. Weeks and F. J. Dishner were in Omaha on business. Mrs. J. P. Mann and Mrs. Ed F. Gallagher departed on a trip to Chicago. D. J. Cronin spent a few days at Avoca, Ia. What was said to be the greatest political gathering in years was put on a night that week at the court house, Republicans blowing off big. Deborah Gibbons, of the pioneer O'Neill Gibbons family, sent friends "back home" cards announcing that she was a candidate for county superintendent at Butte, Mont. O. F. Biglin, the town's funeral director, was called over to Spencer, not to bury the dead, but on a real estate deal.

The morning of October 9 Capital City dwellers awoke to see the first bits of glittering jewels Jack Frost touched the streets and lawns with this season. The yellow leaves of autumn had already fallen from stately trees and now are brown and withered. And so the changing seasons come marching down the year's lane, next the snowfall but no more the jingle of sleighbells, only the rumble and roar of cars on streets and highways and airplanes snorting away overhead.

## Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

An article taken from the Bassett Leader and appearing in the Frontier read as follows: The northwestern railway company has a force of linemen at work in the vicinity of Atkinson installing a telephone line between Long Pine and Chardon as an experiment, the railroad company having recently appropriated \$40,000 for this purpose. The Inman Amusement Club gave an oyster supper. Dan O'Donnell, Inman, shipped 120 head of fine steers last week. Andrew Mulligan departed for King, Cherry county, where he planned to spend a short time with his sons and then expects to go to Idaho where he will locate. Frank Phalin departed for Aberdeen to register for the Dakota land drawing. Jerry Lakey of O'Neill planned to move on C. T. Allen's farm in the north part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Snyder, son of the late Gen. John O'Neill, John N. Stauffer died at his home in the northwest part of the city; Howard Vincent Burch, 34, dropped dead of a heart attack at his home while sitting at the table eating lunch. Mrs. Edith Schollmeyer, 63, at her son Ernest's home in Crofton; Samuel A. Taft, 57, died at the home of Leo Schneider southeast of this city; Mrs. Lucinda Neal, 89, O'Neill county Assessor Fred Mufford, 69, O'Neill died of a heart attack.

20 YEARS AGO

L. G. Gillespie was advanced from his office of Grand Senior Warden to the office of Grand Patriarch of the Order at the annual Grand Encampment at the I. O. O. F. state convention held in Lincoln. Fifteen men and women in the Star and Dorsey neighborhood went to the Frank Hunter home and did a real days work. Mr. Hunter being ailing all summer had not been able to do a days work since July. Bruce Rummel received a promotion from the Interstate Power company for whom he has been working the past six or seven years. E. J. Sessinghaus, Omaha, the architect for the picture show was in O'Neill on business. Deaths: John H. O'Neill, 73, son of the late Gen. John O'Neill; John N. Stauffer died at his home in the northwest part of the city; Howard Vincent Burch, 34, dropped dead of a heart attack at his home while sitting at the table eating lunch. Mrs. Edith Schollmeyer, 63, at her son Ernest's home in Crofton; Samuel A. Taft, 57, died at the home of Leo Schneider southeast of this city; Mrs. Lucinda Neal, 89, O'Neill county Assessor Fred Mufford, 69, O'Neill died of a heart attack.

10 YEARS AGO

Over 140 calves including commercial and 4-H were shown and sold at the annual Sandhills stocker-feeder calf show and sale. The champion stocker-feeder horns were taken by Donna Herrington's, Bassett, herford steer and it sold for \$50.50 per hundred to Fred Witherill of St. Peters, Minn. Mrs. Lois Harris, Lynch, was nearly overcome by gas fumes while sleeping at her residence. The first in a series of Dollar Days merchandising events in O'Neill was a "big success". Fred McCarty, 2½ miles north of the Danceland corner, reported to the Holt county sheriff's office 100 chickens were missing from his place. A fire which is believed to have originated in an upstairs room as the result of a defective chimney destroyed the Mrs. Frank Prewitt farm near Atkinson. Tom and Ronald Resel and Allen Porter were the O'Neill public school students to compete in state livestock judging contest in North Platte. A farewell dinner was held for Mrs. May Throckmorton, Star community who was leaving for Missouri. Little Virginia Lawrence celebrated her third birthday anniversary.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The Chicago & Northwestern railway system is considering taking appropriate steps to discontinue the only two remaining passenger-mail press trains operating in this section of Nebraska. Rev. C. P. Turner, 72, a Protestant minister has been signed to perform pastoral duties at the rural Center Union church. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Ewing, celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary at their farm home. Don McKamy of O'Neill blew a 2½ foot long rattlesnake into bits with a shotgun while duck hunting. Several hundred persons out to greet the Nebraska republican caravan. Members of the recently appointed Nebraska state highway advisory commission

## So Let's Get Ready

Neligh Leader — Neligh, Nebr.

General Chiang Kai-shek has announced that he will invade and "liberate" the Chinese mainland in 1960.

What part he plans for the United States in this invasion wasn't mentioned, but it must be a major one. Without U. S. aid, the General would have difficulty keeping his little island under control.

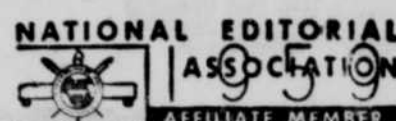
The battle cry will undoubtedly be the same as used in the Quemoy crisis: "We'll never surrender—go get 'em Yanks!"



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## MILLER THEATRE

ATKINSON One Show Nightly 8 o'clock

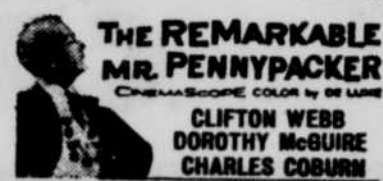
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planned to arrive October 27 to devote the following day to inspecting the proposed routes for U. S. highway 281 linking the junction of 281 and state highway 12 (in Boyd county) with the South Dakota highway system. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mitchell of Orchard were honored for their 55th wedding anniversary. Deaths: Dr. Claude Edward Brewer, 73, Atkinson; Rev. Asa Wood, former pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Atkinson; Daniel T. Dalton, 55, O'Neill of a heart attack.

## Venus News

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

Richard Cook, who was a patient at a Sioux City hospital recently is now at home. He has his back in a cast to correct a back injury.

Franklin Uhler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Uhler was one of the PFA boys of the Veidgre high school attending the national convention at Kansas City.

The group left Sunday, October 11. Enroute they spent Sunday evening with their instructor, Mr. Rowe's relatives at Gretna. Others from the class attending were Paul Stroval, Gary Hord, Larry Viterna and Kenneth Meyers. They expected to arrive home Thursday evening.

The work and fun club met with Mrs. H. J. Le Masters on the afternoon of Wednesday Oct. 14 with 13 members, two visitors and former members, Mrs. Archie Cleveland and Mrs. Lyle Mettles, both of Ewing present.

The group quitted for the hostess. New officers were elected: Mrs. James Podany, president; Miss Vlasta Pospeshil, vice-president, and Mrs. Albert Pospeshil secretary-treasurer. Each member received a gift and card revealing the nut-shell friends of the past year. The hostess served lunch. Mrs. Fred Uhler will have the November meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey and twins were O'Neill visitors Saturday October 10. Tom Sladek was combining sorghum feed at the Ora Caskey farm October 12.

Donald Kinnison accompanied Harold Chilar to Sioux City Oct. 13 where both received medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stepanek of Clarkson and Mrs. Mary Forman of Verdgre visited at the Fred Uhler home Sunday, Oct. 11. Mrs. Uhler in a niece of the Stepaneks.

Albert Pospeshil and Max Le-

Master were busy this week fixing phone lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caskey and daughters were Thursday evening visitors at the Archie Moser home.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser and Ray on Tuesday, Oct. 13 were Mrs. Emil Bartos and daughters. Evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caskey, Suellyn and Joan Nancy, Janice and Emilie Bartos. Ray Brookhouser left for Norfolk Oct. 14 after a two week vacation which he spent with his parents.

Marvin Vavak visited at the Clarence Finch home Tuesday Oct. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Finch and Mr. and Mrs. George Heigemeyer and Eddie were among those who attended the corn husking contest at Neligh Monday, Oct. 12.

## Deloit News

By Mrs. Harry Reimer

Everyone is invited to Halloween Fun night at the St. Johns school house, north of the store, on Friday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. Each family should bring two pies and cups for the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tomjack left by bus from Omaha on Thursday, Oct. 1 for a trip. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beaudin and family in Pittsburg, Penn. and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ray and daughters in Orlando, Fla. Also a cousin and family in Texas.

They plan to be home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Spahn spent Friday evening at the Henry Reimer home.

The Deloit Pinochle club held a party for the members and their husbands on Wednesday evening at the Frank Bohn home. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kruntorad and Mrs. Anton Shavlik were guests. Louis Pofahl and Mrs. Paul Funk won high score, Harold Werkmeister and Mrs. Charles McDonald, low. Lambert Bartak won traveling prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Spahn and family were dinner guests Friday at the Ewald Spahn home. Mrs. Fred Harpster was able to return home from the hospital in Tilden on Thursday.

On Thursday Mrs. Lambert Bartak and Mrs. Bill Gibbs took Danny Gibbs to the hospital in Norfolk. He was hospitalized for

several days, suffering with a cold and flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bartak were supper guests at the Lowell Jensen home in Neligh on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer were Sunday dinner guests at the Bohn home in Plainview.

The H. E. O. Club attended achievement day in O'Neill on Tuesday.

The rural Holt county Teachers took their 7th and 8th grade pupils to O'Neill on Thursday for a conservation meeting.

Don Larson of O'Neill and Mrs. H. Reimer, who teaches in Inman attended a dinner and meeting of the Holt county town teachers in O'Neill on Tuesday evening, Oct. 13.

Temperature was 19 degrees on Friday night. Corn picking has begun.

## REPORT OF CONDITION OF

## Farmers State Bank

of Ewing, Nebraska, Charter No. 1659 at the close of business on 6 OCTOBER 1959

## ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 225,153.17
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	410,501.39
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	1,000.00
Loans and discounts (including \$714.97 overdrafts)	537,811.65
Bank premises owned \$750.00, furniture and fixtures	4,520.00
<b>\$3,770.00</b>	<b>4,520.00</b>

## TOTAL ASSETS

\$1,178,986.21

## LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$ 823,155.12
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	420.06
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	26,320.46
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	204,259.11
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	10,100.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$1,064,254.75</b>

## TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$1,064,254.75

## CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital*	50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	11,731.46
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 114,731.46</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$1,178,986.21**

\*This bank's capital consists of:

Common stock with total par value of \$50,000.00

## MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold with agreement to repurchase) \$ 310,875.00

I, Richard S. Brion, President, of the above named bank, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RICHARD S. BRION, President

CORRECT—ATTEST: Maud Brion, M. B. Huffman, LaVerne M. Brion, Directors

## Editorial

## Depreciation On The Farm

Cedar County News — Hartington, Nebraska

Economists have long said that the tax laws prevent business and industry from laying aside adequate sums to cover depreciation of plant and equipment. Thus, the laws stand in the way of technological progress that would result in more and better jobs, and in more efficient and economical production of goods and services for all the people.

Agriculture, farm experts now point out, is in a comparable position.

For instance, the Internal Revenue Service rule is that good and average farm buildings should be depreciated for tax purposes at 2 per cent per year and cheap buildings at 2½ per cent. Thus it takes two or more generations to write off farm structures which are not monuments but are, instead, tools of farm production. In today's rapidly changing agriculture these tools usually become obsolete before they are completely worn out, and it is no longer realistic to say that a farm building has a useful life of 40 or 50 years.

It is estimated that the value of farm structures, other than dwellings, on farms with gross incomes of \$5,000 or more is \$16 billion. At a 2½ per cent rate, annual depreciation comes to \$400 million. In this day and age, that is far too low a figure, and it tends to place the farmer in a strait jacket, in which he loses the flexibility needed for an efficient operation.

If the reasonable rate of 10 per cent were allowed, farmers would be able to set aside \$1.6 billion for reinvestment in the farm business. The result would be increased efficiency, and lower cost food and fiber for the American people. And in the long run, the government would gain added tax revenues, because of improvement in farm income.

Here is a proposed tax reform from which all would gain—the farmer, the government, and the consumers of the nation.

## Reorganizing Defense Department

The Huron Lake News—Huron Lake, Minn.

Hanson W. Baldwin, military editor of the New York Times, reports that the Administration's much-publicized and long-awaited plan to revamp the Defense Department lays stress on increasing the power of the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It would, apparently, lessen the powers of the three secretaries of the services. Since the program was worked out by a committee headed by the Secretary of Defense, this would seem to be the logical line to have been followed by the group.

Over in Congress, several powerful Senators and Congressmen have announced that they feel the power of the Secretary of Defense should be reduced, or at least the number of assistant secretaries and Defense offices should be drastically curtailed. Bills to that effect have been introduced.

The opinion of veteran newsmen in Washington is that the new defense concentration or unification plan was worked out by the group President Eisen-



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