

Prairie Land Talk

Lightning Strikes Twice

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Clouds had gathered, rained a little and she went to the door and stepped out to feel the cooling touch of a shower after a prolonged dry spell. A flash of lightning and she fell dead at her doorstep. That woman was Mrs. Sniggs, wife of our village blacksmith, Emil Sniggs. Ducks were returning north after months spent in warm southern waters. Three friends were duck hunting south of town, pulled up at Dry Creek where now the paved highway crosses that little stream. Clouds gathered, rain drops were falling, a flash of lightning and one of those duck hunters fell over dead. That was Andy Potter of the Potter hotel on South Fourth street, who was a brother of Mrs. Wes Evans of Hotel Evans. The bones of these two victims of lightning repose under the sod in the abode of the dead where O'Neill has buried their dead through the years. I count a few still walking the streets of O'Neill who may recall the incidents here related. But who knows of another lightning stroke? His horse fell dead; then the fist of an outraged human was shaken at the gathering clouds overhead and a defiant voice roared out, Try the Old Man once! A flash of lightning and the "old man" lay dead by his dead horse.



Romaine Saunders

November 11, Veterans Day, the greatest day in history the Vets say. Maybe it is just that for the boys who layed down their guns 41 years ago. July 4, 1776, was a great day for Americans, and it was a great day when the armies of the South and of the North silenced the guns and Gen. Grant and Gen. Lee shook hands. It was a great night when the Northwestern train pulled into O'Neill and Henry Grady, Charlie Harding, John Olesen and the others stepped off the train, home from the war in Cuba. It was a great day when eight human beings stepped out of the ark to take over a clean washed world now all their own. Great days, many of them. One of the greatest just ahead when we honor the memory of a Babe in a Manger.

We Have Met the Enemy and We Are Theirs—Front page headline of The Frontier of November 9, 1899. That meant the political spoils went to the Democrats. E. R. Martin quit the light plant to take on a job of welding a hammer at the anvil in Emil Sniggs' blacksmith shop. . . Mrs. Sam Detrick was enjoying a visit from a lady friend from St. Joseph, Mo. . . Mrs. J. H. Meredith responding to a telegram announcing that a brother of hers had been seriously hurt left for Edyville, Iowa. . . C. E. Hall, sheriff of Holt county some 50 years ago but in 1899 in the business of selling lunches and meals, invited hunters to bring their captured game to him.

Death in the cranberries. Pass the sandcherry sauce!

Editorial

"What About Thanksgiving"

In the year of our Lord, 1620, a group of hardy immigrants set foot on American soil and said "We're here to stay". But "staying" was no easy task. The small group of Pilgrims fought savages, weather, starvation and many other hardships in their attempt to start a new colony where they would be free from tyrannical rule.

And after a year's time in the new land the people prepared a great feast and gave thanks to the Lord for allowing them to survive the hardships.

In the year of our Lord, 1936, few people give thanks on the one day in the year set aside especially for giving thanks. It isn't that we have nothing for which to give thanks.

Surely we enjoy, for the most part, greater economic advantages than any people ever to set foot on this earth. We have no wars, few of us will go hungry this Thanksgiving Day, and most of us will sit in our own homes watching football games or eating turkey.

What has happened to Thanksgiving day? The Madison Avenue boys have taken it away from us. It has turned into a day when stores must close and cause businesses to lose another day in the quest for the mighty dollar. Thanksgiving day has become a part of the Christmas celebration.

Big cities, small towns and even tiny towns have already decorated themselves in Christmas splendor and a few of the older people will ask themselves "Can it be Christmas already? Why, we haven't even had Thanksgiving."

Let's not forget Thanksgiving this year. Take some time out during the day and really thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us and our great nation. Thank him for that big turkey, thank him for healthy children and thank him for this nice town.

Very, very few of us do not have something to thank God for this year.

'Be Tolerant Cooks!'

Ord Quiz — Ord, Nebr.

By sufferance, farmers here let us belong to the Valley County Chapter of Farm Bureau and as a member we receive and read three or four farm publications.

Some are high gaited, impressive slick paper magazines whose sole purpose, at times, seems to be the collection of dues or the sale of insurance.

Others, not nearly so well printed or so lush in appearance, get right down to basic facts and straight talk. And since they circulate at the county level, concern themselves with everything from whom will meet whom — and where — at the state planning meeting, to listing the latest farm mother to "restate a youngster."

One of the latter is "The Breeze", published by the Valley county chapter, FB, and edited by an earnest young man Adrian Remington.

Mr. Remington is a farmer, busy as a cranberry merchant (should we have said that?) with the countless choring and harvesting problems cold

The Hon. Mr. Brooks is just another of the score of our citizens to have been elected governor. It matters little who occupies the exalted position of chief executive of our state. Out where the corn and wheat grows are farm homes occupied by loyal and patriotic citizens, their industrious hands bringing to maturity that which we all must have. Out where the herds graze on prairie-land's abundant grasslands are the ranch homes from where industrious hands bring to us that which makes this the great Beef State. In villages, towns and cities all across the state are law abiding, industrious citizens who respect and honor him who is chosen to serve as governor.

A cold November day, but the sun moved across the unclouded blue above and the night touched with the glow of a full moon. Out of the north winter winds blow, here and there a bit of snow. Floral bloom, roses and blooming beauties faded, only the cold earth where days ago the blooming beauties were seen. Winter lays a cold hand once more on summer's red and blue and green.

Inspired by firewater four Lincoln youth climbed into a borrowed or stolen automobile as their own, and away they went to take in the town. A stately tree, planted by a pioneer hand in the long ago, was in their way. The tree still stands as a warning to other teenagers, an irreparable wreck of a car, three of the four boys under the sod in the abode of the dead, three desolated homes, and one boy still lives. Just another tragic story of the wiping out of three young lives when John Barleycorn sat at the steering wheel. And a tragic picture that may be a lesson to others.

They weigh an apple, they weigh a tomato, they weigh a potato—about all food costs determined today by weight. Once it was by the dozen, the peck or a bushel. Postage stamps, coats and pants not yet sold by the pound.

In bureaus, offices and city council halls busy hands are digging irrigation ditches again, patriots out on the open prairie looking on and smiling. It is something like 70 years ago that Tom Golden in his office over the First National Bank had a great irrigation project all completed on paper, Lawyer H. E. Murphy and hardware merchant McCafferty and other town gents that didn't know a stalk of corn from a hill of beans were at the irrigation ditching too. Golden turned to building a first class hotel, Murphy left for other parts and McCafferty turned his literary talent to compiling material for a history of Holt county. And out on the open prairie settlers put the country to the use for which it was layed out and made of it the great beef and hay center of the Beef State.

Little man, little lady—ponder this: You have no friends like Mom and Dad. Love, honor, obey them, and they are glad.

Frontiers Ago

30 YEARS AGO

Some repairs are being made on the Elk Horn bridge south of town, new plank being laid. This bridge is probably used more than any other in the county as nearly all the hay produced in the south country is hauled over it. . . Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen and two boys moved in from Leonie last week and are making their home with Mrs. Mary Thompson in the west part of town. . . H. H. Hansen, a fireman on the Burlington has bought out the Dewey hotel and assumed charge Monday. . . The roads are about the worst at present they ever were. The thaw-up the middle of last week rendered them very muddy and then came another freeze with more snow, making travel exceedingly rough and unpleasant.

20 YEARS AGO

The Brown-McDonald store, which recently moved from their old location to the new Brennan building, announce their formal opening for Friday and Saturday of this week. . . Emmet Carr, Sammy Regan and Dan Gallagher returned Sunday from South Bend, Ind., where they attended the Notre Dame-Northwestern football game. . . Mr. and Mrs. James Berrigan and family, of Omaha, spent Sunday in O'Neill visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harty. . . Donald Gallagher, of Lincoln, arrived here on Friday to spend a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. Ed Gallagher and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gallagher. . . Deaths: Frank Kubicek, 68, Holt County farmer; Frank A. Fritton, 70, Holt County farmer.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones returned Tuesday, November 15, from Vinton, Ia., where they had been visiting for five days. . . Chris Leidy, sr., of Orchard, on Sunday, November 13, observed his 90th birthday anniversary at the American Legion hall. . . The O'Neill volunteer fire department answered a call at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday to extinguish a grass fire near the Norman Gonderinger residence. No damage resulted. . . Fifty-one men Monday proved that 3,500 bushels of corn can be picked in one day. They accomplished this feat to help their neighbor, Elmer DeVal, who is recuperating from a major operation and had not been able to get into the corn fields. . . Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Jarvis of Atkinson, went to Lincoln to see their son, Dale, play the leading part in a Wesleyan Plainsmen players' production, "The Straw," on the opening night of the play Wednesday, November 16.

5 YEARS AGO

Thanksgiving day, November 25, will be another milestone for Mrs. Alice Axtell, Stuart's oldest resident, who will be marking her 103rd anniversary. . . Mrs. James R. Gallagher and son, Eddie, arrived home Monday night from California after spending the past three months there in hopes of benefiting Eddie's health. . . Mrs. Dave Widfeldt and Frank Fritton, residing in the northeast section of the city, early Friday reported sighting a five-point deer. . . The Chicago and North Western railroad will continue its passenger service between Omaha and Chadron on an eight months trial. . . On Thursday morning, Mrs. Louis Heese's farm was the scene of considerable activity. Thirteen members of the Page American Legion post 315 were hired to pick up corn and had the 38-acre tract put away by noon.

Lynch News

By Veldeen Pinkerman

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halstead and Helen were O'Neill callers Thursday.

Miss Judy McGill is boarding at the Frank Carsten home for a few weeks.

Randy Pinkerman was an overnight guest in the Wayne Christensen home Monday night, Nov. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pinkerman were visitors at the Reggie Pinkerman home on Thursday. Wallace Moffet, Don Johnson, Pauline Mulhair, Mrs. Frank Weeder, Mrs. Marvin Schindler and Mary Ellen went to Omaha

Thursday, Mr. Moffet and the Schindlers were consulting doctors here. Miss Pauline Mulhair left Omaha by plane to spend the winter months at Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Pinkerman were Thursday dinner guests in the Reggie Pinkerman home in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mulhair were business callers in O'Neill Friday and were supper guests that evening at Mrs. Roy Loftys.

Mrs. Glen Hull, Mrs. Bill Spencer, Mrs. Leo Kalkowski, Mrs. Ed Nolan, Mrs. Robert Courtney and Mrs. Dwight Micanek were O'Neill shoppers Friday.

Mrs. Mary Heiser has gone to Spencer to spend the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. John Haun.

Miss Judith Sexton was a supper guest of Mary Ellen Schindler Monday night, Nov. 16.

Al Lee Brady was a supper guest of Bruce Schollmeyer Monday night, Nov. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Pinkerman and family brought Mrs. Frank Weeder and Mrs. Pete Mulhair attended a party given by Mrs. Harold Wickersham at the home of her mother-in-law in Lynch Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady spent Wednesday in the Johnny Bahl home helping them get ready to move.

Mrs. John Levi has come to the Herman Heiser home to spend the winter.

Wallace Courtney and Pete Mulhair banded calves to the O'Neill sale barn for Charlie Schollmeyer Friday.

Miss Margene Weeder was a Tuesday night, Nov. 17 overnight guest of Marjean Birmeier.

Richard Ducker called at the Veldon Pinkerman's and Will Farland's home Thursday.

Mrs. Hannah Streit, Mrs. Charlie Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kolund were shoppers in O'Neill Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Miss Virginia Holz has been staying at the Gerald Lee home the past week.

The Methodist Ladies aid met Thursday night in the church basement. Mrs. Harry Mulhair and Mrs. Fred King served lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hull and Dawn were Thursday evening visitors in the Clayton Thomson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sixta are here from Minnesota spending a few days.

Mrs. Buss Greene is helping Mrs. Jake Erlenbush at the school house due to the illness of Mrs. Marvin Svato.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Darnell have purchased the Pekio Market and will be opened for business after remodeling.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hull and Jerry were Sunday dinner guests in the Bill Spencer home.

Mrs. Guy Hull was a Friday evening caller on Mrs. Fay Pinkerman.

Veldeen Pinkerman accompanied Randy Pinkerman home from school Friday.

ROYAL THEATER

Wed. and Thurs. Nov. 25-26

Not Family Night "THE WONDERFUL COUNTRY" Starring Robert Mitchum, Julie London, Gary Merrill and Pedro Armendariz. Adm. Adults 65c, All children 15c unless in arms must have ticket.

Fri. and Sat. Nov. 27-28

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Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thursday

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CHURCH NOTES

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh and Clay Streets. The Rev. A. S. Gedwille, Pastor. Wednesday, Thanksgiving eve worship service 8 p.m. The pastor's sermon: "Giving Thanks for Daily Bread." Sunday, Divine worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15. W. Fricke, Supt. Monday Pastor's class for adults, 7 p.m. Tuesday Church council meeting 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Walther League youth meeting, 7 p.m.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Atkinson, Nebraska. The Rev. A. S. Gedwille, Pastor. Thursday Thanksgiving day worship, 10 a.m. Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. S. H. Brauer, Supt.; Divine worship, 11.

CYBER UNION

Rev. C. P. Turner Minister. Sunday—Sunday school 10 a.m.; preaching service, 11; Young

people's meeting, 7:30 p.m.; preaching service following. Wednesday—Prayer meeting and Bible study will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernet, 8 p.m.

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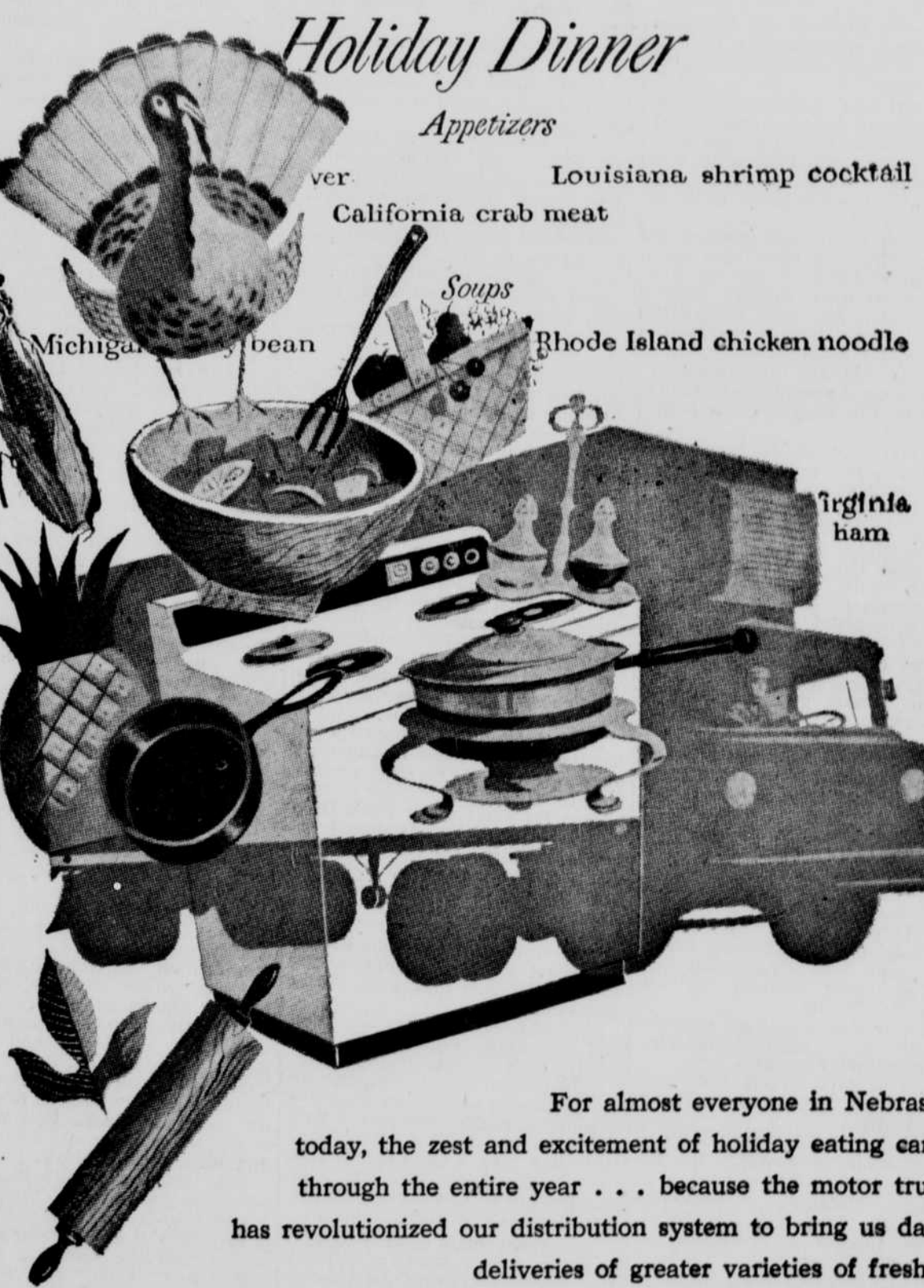
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