

Prairieland Talk

No Shadow

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There are hogs in Nebraska, the four legged kind and the two legged human kind. There is no groundhog to see his shadow on the February day fancy has set up as groundhog day, but there was one Groundhogs Day when a page was added to early American history, when the first Lincoln, Gen. Benjamin Lincoln brought an end to Shays Rebellion. That was Feb. 2, 1787, Feb. 2, 1960—no sunshine, no shadow. From that date maybe not just six weeks winter but seven or eight more weeks of it.



Romaine Saunders

Not since the days of O. M. Kem who was the last of the once numerous populist group to go to Washington as congressman and tipped the Pullman porter with a nickel on his first train ride across the country has Broken Bow down in Custer county been in public notice politically. Now State Senator Williams down there steps up and performs the first act to get his name on the primary ballot seeking the Republican nomination for governor. It would be grand to have a capable citizen from north central Nebraska administer the affairs of state as our governor. Think I'll vote for him.

Groups of Holt county patriots interested in irrigation have been meeting in O'Neill, at the courthouse, at the schoolhouse. You don't irrigate that way. Go out on the prairie and pour it on by the bucket full. On my last Holt county prairie home as I dug a post hole I had a well. The grass grew green and long, gardens yielded abundantly, cows fed to the full to lay down in the shade, apple trees loaded for neighbor kids to look up to longingly. You can get all you need on the prairies of Holt county without this irrigated stuff.

Grandma of a generation now no more stood among the flowers by the garden fence and visited face to face with Aunt Ann, who leaned against a post on her side of the fence and did her share of the talking. Step up to your telephone today and dial a number. You get the busy buzz that it, modern grandmas are visiting, not face to face, but by voice only a few blocks apart. Don't have to don your best duds to go visiting by telephone.

A midwinter day, after many days of clouded gloom, up there this morning in heaven's blue glows again the sun in golden glory. I shall put on a coat and the big hat that Billy McNichols sent me and

walk abroad in the open for a time. Housed up day after day one begins to feel as the late Judge Malone once said to me as we hobbobbed together in the old courthouse, better get outside and let the wind blow the smell off!

If U have a whole loaf and I only a crust, then you are well fed while I go hungry. But at the end of life's trail I am handed a peach and you pick up an onion.

No national issues to stir up interest this coming presidential election. But Americans must have some exciting things to chew the rag about at election time. Looks now that it will be Church and State this time if Senator Kennedy is the Democratic candidate for president. If a citizen's hope of life beyond this Vale of Tears does not disqualify him to serve his country as U. S. Senator is should not keep him out of the White House.

A little state news. A 75-year-old Hebron woman, missing for some days, was found dead laying in the snow in a wheat field where she had traveled while soul burdened over life's ups and downs. A Hemingford farm lad, age 15, stands at the top of the All State Scholastic Team for 1960. State Senator Fern Hubbard Orme has been occupied for some days at the State House in committee sessions dealing with matters imposed by the late legislative session. A college student called upon Prairieland Talker to get some pioneer stuff for a document he was writing and wanted particular tales with a touch of Indian experience. I gave him a few, one the time I got going from that Indian camp on the Elkhorn when three bucks had a scalping eye on me. That student's name is Brown, said he was from the "deep South," Mississippi and here in Lincoln in college and to get a bit of prairie in romance and adventure. A young Hastings fanatic that had become involved with some religious fanatics and was sent to Greece to "fast and pray" is on his way back home after being deported by Greek authorities.

Snow and ice, six weeks of it as we step across the line into the second week in February. Cloudy, gloomy but calm, no winter blizzards roaring in all their fury across our Capitol City. Sunshine for a moment, then over head up there beyond the reach of human hand one vast mass of gloom. Down here below a blanket of white purity marred here and there by human feet and the four-wheeled outfits they rush about in. And soon the white robe disappears, a green robe across the land, golden rods, roses and morning glories in bloom. Just set back in your easy chair and in vision see it all.

Editorial

The State Has A Plan

The Holt County Reorganization committee issued a statement last week that they were required by the state committee to submit a plan for reorganization of Holt county school districts.

This requirement, together with the state law that Nebraska rural teachers must have at least 40 semester hours of college accreditation, means just one thing. We are almost certain to be reorganized—whether we like it or not.

Of 108 teachers now teaching in Holt county, only 53 will be allowed to teach again next year unless some of the remaining 55 do something about improving their certificates.

The basic reason for lack of certificate approval seems to be in the teaching methods courses. Teachers who have been teaching in our rural schools for as many as 25 years are being told that they aren't using the proper methods in teaching and must go to school to learn the methods approved by the state committee.

Nebraska is running behind our neighbor states in reorganization, but Nebraska has problems that those states do not have to consider.

The state has a solution to speed up the reorganization. Cut in half the number of teachers allowed to teach in the state and it should cut the number of districts in half. We don't think it will work.

A Solid Investment

Windom, Minnesota

We were somewhat surprised to read last week that land prices in Iowa are still on the rise. This in the face of a condition that steadily reveals that the farmer is not advancing in income along with labor and industry. How to explain it we do not know. But we do know that a considerable number of folks out here in the wide open spaces know that there's something solid and dependable about land. It's designed and it's the only medium for raising food. And people will always need food, no matter what a few fantastic scientists may say about substance pills, etc. Besides we enjoy eating, all of us. If you have some good farm land do not get panicky. There's a future for the intelligent farmer. We'll always need food.

A Salute To A Scoutmaster

In almost every community in America, you will find this man.

He is engaged in one of the most exciting tasks known, he works with boys—and in case you haven't worked with youngsters lately, they are still the most energetic, imaginative, enthusiastic animals to grace the earth.—He is an indoor worker who teaches how to get along in the outdoors. A practicing expert in a multitudinous variety of minute-sized details.—He arms his charges with ideals, tents, cooking kits, and fervor and guides them into adventures to prepare them for life ahead.—He leads boys by arousing their enthusiasm "til they run ahead of him to do the job.—He comforts them in perilous times with his presence and stability.—He teaches citizenship by letting them run a camp in the wilderness.

If he quits, moves away, or dies, his is one of the most difficult jobs to fill. Yet, if he does his job well, his only pay will be the deep personal satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed immeasurably towards developing the kind of citizen which we consider ideal.

A strong man, who knows where he's going, and an extremely popular man in the eyes of the future generation — this is the SCOUTMASTER.

The Depression . . . Waseca, Minnesota

Not having lived through the depression, it is little wonder that the present generation looks upon those people who lived during that time as "old Fogies".

This was brought to mind only last week when a Waseca father told about being questioned by his daughter about what his salary was in those days. She recalled his talking about it but she couldn't believe the figures she had in mind could possibly be correct. After he told her, there was still an expression of doubt on her face.

Fact is that in the 30's he figured he was lucky to have a job at 20c an hour. Women were working for 17c. And he was doubly fortunate, in his mind, when he was made a foreman at 25c an hour.

Is it any wonder that these "old fogies" go around turning off lights and shutting water faucets after a wasteful generation? Should we wonder that an older generation should be puzzled about the money a younger generation is spending and the debts they incur? It just cannot be otherwise for those who saw how tough things can get.

Those days fostered liberalism. And we launched into it to the hilt with a ponderous public debt added for good measure.

What did this liberalism accomplish? Not what they told us it would. Not what the supporters planned or expected. They were sincere in the belief that it would bring more opportunity for the little fellow and a greater and more equal distribution of the wealth.

In that regard it has failed. It has failed regardless of what the supporters of liberalism tell us. It has become harder and harder for the little fellow, on the farm, in business or on the job to survive. A small farmer must become a big farmer or die. A new farmer must have wealthy parents or he hasn't much of a chance to launch himself into farming. Other businesses are the same. Either they must be big or they cannot survive. What chance has the ordinary individual of getting a big business. None. He must start small, but he cannot start small and survive.

Open your eyes readers. See where these false prophets of liberalism have led you. Grant that they were sincere. They were not dishonest. But they were mistaken.



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Frontiers Ago

5 YEARS AGO

An unusual situation developed Sunday evening before the eyes of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Goden and C. C. Golden while motoring to O'Neill from Norfolk, where they had attended a concert. Near the Hughes place on U. S. highway 275 they were obliged to stop their car to dash a herd of 35 to 40 deer to permit across the road, leap a fence and disappear into the darkness. . . . A 40th wedding anniversary open-house in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Thiele, sr., Sunday afternoon at St. Theresa's parish hall was attended by more than 350 persons. . . . White gladioli appointed the altar of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson Monday, Feb. 14, for a double wedding which united in marriage Miss Delia Van Fleet and Melvin Meals and Miss Viola Van Fleet and Marvin Meals. The brides are the daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Fleet and the bridegrooms are twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Meals.

25 YEARS AGO

A barn dance in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler's 20th wedding anniversary was held Friday evening at their farm. . . . While Tom Welsh was sleeping Monday night a neighbor awakened him to tell him his house was on fire. The fire started from a defective flue and it burned both the house and barn. Most of the household things were destroyed. . . . O'Neill could get Fourth street paved from Adams street to the depot this season; a new federal building and a new court house for Holt county this year 1935 would not be so bad. . . . Mrs. R. R. Dickson returned last Tuesday night from a six weeks visit with friends in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and New York City. . . . There is a notice for bids for the graveling of 3.6 miles of highway 281, south of this city. This is the portion of the highway that was completed about a year ago and has been graveled once.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Butterfield of Venus, will observe their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, February 26. . . . Phil Burton of Orchard has made for himself a violin on which he already has played several "Concerts." The crude instrument was fashioned from an abandoned apple crate. He is using conventional violin strings and a regular bow. . . . A brief, simple ceremony at 11 a.m. last Thursday, February 9, marked the coming of rural electrification to Holt county. Setting was the Mrs. Alice Matthews farm 1 1/2 miles northeast of O'Neill. Two REA linemen accomplished the "tie-in" of the Matthews farm to the REA line that passes the Matthews place. . . . Mrs. P. E. Brennan received a telephone call Tuesday evening from her son, 2 Lt. Herbert O. Brennan, who is stationed at Shaw Field, near Sumner, S. C. Lieutenant Brennan left Wednesday for Puerto Rico in a jet plane to take

part in the army-navy exercises.

Stuart News

By Mrs. Herb Skala

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. John Stubbigen of O'Neill.

A group of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. John Hamik on their 43rd wedding anniversary Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miksch. Cards were played. Prize winners were Mrs. John Hamik and John Hamik, high score Henry Hamik and Mrs. John Miksch, low scores. Lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. John Miksch and Mrs. John Kramer.

Wardell Alexander was a Sunday morning caller at the Charles Tienken home at Naper. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Butler and family of Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Marilyn Schrader were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wardell Alexander. Bob Schrader of Gregory, S. D., was an evening visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cobb and Wayne Jansen spent Sunday at Chambers visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gillette and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Gillette.

A surprise birthday party for Callista Weichman was given February 3. Bingo was played and she received several gifts. Lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. John Weichman, Mrs. Henry Hamik and Mrs. Frank Wevel.

Anna Wevel of North Bend returned to her home Wednesday, Feb. 10 after attending the wedding of a niece, Ruth Wevel of Newport and visiting other friends and relatives. While here she stayed at the home of her sister, Mrs. Merle Armstrong.

Mrs. Frank Wevel entertained three tables of Hi Five players Thursday, Feb. 11. Mrs. Henry Hamik, Mrs. Emma Kunz and Mrs. John Friedel were prize winners. Mrs. Bruce Shald and Emma Kozisek were guests. Lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wevel and family of Newport were Sunday, Feb. 7 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wevel.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith entertained friends at a card party on Friday, Feb. 12 at their home. Men's high prize winner was Herman Kamer, men's second high George Minig, ladies' high prize went to Mrs. George Minig and ladies' second high to Mrs. Herman Kramer. The next card party will be with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Moeller on March 11.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kohle had as their Sunday, Feb. 7 dinner guests, Callista Weichman, Mr. and Mrs. "Dude" Weichman and Mr. and Mrs. Vince Rotherham and Jan of Niobrara. The occasion being Callista Weichman's birthday.

Bill Walters and Mrs. Effie Gesirich of Atkinson were Sunday, Feb. 7 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thurlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Westrom received a letter from their daughter telling that their grandson, Chris Conway received all straight A's this semester. He is a junior student at Creighton University.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Seger, Ronnie and Mike and Mrs. Wilfred Seger attended the mother and son banquet at the Lutheran church at Bassett Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Fox and

family of Ainsworth spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hattie Fox. Mr. and Mrs. John Gesirich of Newport were Saturday afternoon callers of Mrs. Hattie Fox.

Loretta Papke and Mrs. Wilfred Seger spent Thursday at Bassett at the Sid Little home. Mr. and Mrs. Louie Shald entertained at three tables of pitch Sunday evening, Feb. 14. Prize winners were Alfred Stracke and Mrs. Jim Davis high scores. Johnny Kramer and Mrs. Jim Seger, low, Mrs. Alfred Stracke travelers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tasler spent Sunday afternoon visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Z. X. Marshall.

The Brownie Scout meeting was called to order by the president, Barbara Skala. Color bearers were Connie Babi and Arlene Schmaderer. We took the valentine favors we had made during the "Thank you" to Mrs. Bud Kunz for taking a carload of girls down to the home. We all signed a

get-well card and sent it to Barbara Wallinger, one of our members, who was in the hospital. Connie Babi served cup cakes decorated in valentine colors.

The women of the Presbyterian church are holding a food and bake sale at Shehamer's Jack and Jill store on Saturday, Feb. 20 beginning at 10 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Don Cadwallader and Mrs. Bob Cadwallader left Sunday, Feb. 7 to attend the funeral of a cousin, Tony Hallett at Omaha Monday morning. They returned home Monday evening.

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