

Prairie Land Talk

A Helping Hand

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Groundhogs Day, Valentines Day this month of February. Birthdays of two great Americans — Washington and Lincoln. It was in the year 1732 that Washington was born, died peacefully the last month of the last year of the century in which he was born.



Romaine Saunders

Lincoln born Feb. 12, 1827, childhood in a log cabin, a poverty stricken home. Emancipated the slaves and saved the nation from a rebellion, died a victim of a murderer. Washington and Lincoln — their names live on. And with many of us the memory of the pioneers of Holt county lives on. She came to the open prairies of Holt county in the long ago, born 130 years ago in Pennsylvania, saw the falling stars in 1833, pioneered in two states, walked the prairies of Holt county and served her day as a pioneer housewife and mother; lies today in the abode of the dead, her birthday and her memory a sacred treasure to only one or two, a surviving son or daughter. One or two still here on the prairies of Holt county who experienced the struggles and privations of frontier life. Yes, Grandma Hull, now approaching her 105th birthday still lives north of O'Neill in the prairie home where she went as a bride more than four score years ago. One night in the rain I met an aging man who spoke a language I did not understand. But with a gracious smile he offered me the shelter of his ample umbrella. I looked up into his eyes and them I understood. He too had heard the tread of pioneers along life's highway and wished to extend a helping hand.

If you desire your character to be finer, more of a rejoicer and less of a whiner, then cut out the snarls and turn to smiles.

Crime and evil deeds get the headlines. Very little told of what the good men do. Juvenile delinquency and adult crooks. But there is much to be said of what the good men do. Crossing a snow and ice block street on my way to the uptown barber shop I fell. A young man approaching in his car got out and came to help me up and inquired if I was hurt, but fortunately not. Then on over snow and ice to the sidewalks that had been cleared of snow and ice to that barber chair. When the job was done that kindly barber offered to close shop and take me back to my holing up place, but a minister of the gospel about to get into his car took me in and on home. A groceryman proposed to do just that after he could get away for a few minutes. There are

good guys today as always, ready to extend a helping hand.

Somewhere along the way in early life he reached a hand to take that which was another. One wrong act led to another. Now that young fellow from O'Neill is over west a mile or two from where my typewriter clicks out these lines, incarcerated where crime stained Nebraskans are kept to "sin no more". Like a few others I had known up where the tall grass grows this young man got started on the criminal trail for reasons he alone can tell. But like some of the others I had known, there may rest with him a background of better things and after two years, under prison locks, can come out to live and do honestly and honorably.

Having been well fed she rests upon her bed, eyes closed in slumber and snoring like thunder. Now at four up to do a little more until time to stretch out again and snore.

Editor Jim informs us that no irrigation at the court house assembly room but out there on the open country where I was a prairie boy 75 years ago. Mike Carroll to the north of us, McTaggerts and the Barnes household to the east, George Lathrup and the Bentley family to the south of us, Flo Bentley enough of homestead life then serving customers in her store on east Douglas street. My father would go a calm day in September to his fruitful garden north of the homestead house and come in with a watermelon as big as a wash boiler. Garden products and potatoes such as only can be found around O'Neill, corn and oats those days in the long ago, no irrigation only as a dark cloud came roaring out of the northwest and poured out a torrent of rain. Father closed his eyes in death the summer of 1887, and no more watermelons. These days beef herds grow fat feeding on the grass that grows forever out there on the prairie. Let them have it.

It was in the days of populist political supremacy in Nebraska. W. V. Allen of Madison was elected to the U. S. Senate. He got the floor and then the wise statesmen of the east snickered a bit, wondering what that jackass from the prairies of Nebraska could tell them. They found out. Our senator from Madison county poured it forth for a day and a half in eloquent oratory as if touched with the fragrance and beauty of the prairie rose. The patriots of the east discovered that Nebraska had men of ability and soon a Nebraskan was a candidate for president.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

One of our citizens has received a letter from a resident of Oshkosh, Wis., who is desirous of starting an electric light plant here, providing a satisfactory franchise can be secured. Local parties are now corresponding with the gentlemen and something definite will be learned about the matter during the next few weeks. . . Mrs. P. A. Just came through with the mail on Tuesday, the day of that terrific wind. It blew so hard it picked up a pair of shoes, box and all out of the rig, landing them not far from the road side. Fortunately, she found them on the return trip. . . Last week S. H. Trussell purchased the Selah drug store building from A. Drzewiecki, consideration being \$1400. Mr. Trussell contemplates erecting a brick structure, single story and eighty feet long as soon as the weather will permit.

25 YEARS AGO

The farm home on the farm of William Beha, which has been farmed by Laverne Thorson the past year, burned last Monday about noon. Mr. Thorson was away from home at the time and the fire was burning fiercely when discovered by Mrs. Thorson who ran to notify her neighbor, but before they returned the fire was beyond control. . . For the second time in its history St. Patrick's Parish, O'Neill, Nebraska, has been honored in having its pastor raised to the dignity of a Domestic Prelate. The beautiful ceremonies of the Investiture of Rt. Rev. Msgr. John G. McNamara took place on Thursday morning, February 21, at 10 o'clock with His Excellency, Bishop Joseph F. Rummel presiding. . . The later part of last week Clark Hough found a nest of Black Widows in a head of cabbage in the basement of their cellar. He brought them up town and Art King has them on exhibition in a box in the corner drug store.

10 YEARS AGO

Volunteer firemen battled for 3½ hours a blaze of undetermined origin that destroyed the O'Neill Livestock Market. . . Flames broke shortly before 11 p.m. Saturday and in a short time flames enveloped the frame structure. . . On Sunday evening, February 12, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Funk celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They received many gifts. . . Great strides have been made in conservation work in recent years, and Holt county, thanks to long range planning on the part of the farmers and ranchers and to leadership provided by the Soil Conservation Service, is one of the ranking counties in the western half of the United States in conservation progress. . . Mrs. Henrietta Alida Woods, 90, who with her late husband, James T. Woods, had the honor of helping found the town of Spencer, died Wednesday, February 15, in Omaha.

5 YEARS AGO

Miss Diane Baum will go to Norfolk today to enter the district American Legion oratorical contest. Miss Baum, a senior in Ewing high school, won first place in the local contest. . . Blizzards and snow-blocked roads contributed to the destruction of the D. W. Baab farm home near Atkinson by fire Sunday afternoon. . . The much talked about "mountain lion" that has been roaming these parts for many months and has provoked lots of conjecture and speculation turns out to be a timber wolf. At least Kenneth Wettlaufer, Harold Freemeyer and Kenneth Asher figure the wolf they bagged about 4:30 p.m. Monday is the culprit. . . Col. W. E. "Bud" Wanser on Saturday, Feb. 26, will celebrate his 40th anniversary in the auction business. The first sale he ever cried was the Bill Nelson sale on the William Riege farm.

Homemakers Corner . . .

The moments most completely lost are those spent in feeling sorry for yourself or in thinking of what might have been. — Anonymous.

Another week has rolled by and the days are getting longer but not much warmer. Most housewives these days are doing their sewing for the summer. Then when gardening, taking care of little chickens, and house cleaning comes along they will have their sewing out of the way. Eggs — a product which brings the farmer a small amount of cash, has many uses when it comes to cooking and baking. They are rated high both as a health requirement and a budget slicer.

If eggs are kept at room temperature their quality will deteriorate in three days, if stored in the refrigerator they will keep two weeks. When keeping left over egg yolks, place the yolk in a dish or cup and add enough cold water to cover. For leftover whites they may be put in a jar or dish and covered tightly and kept cold.

During these winter months many 4-H clubs are meeting and starting on their year's work. These clubs, through the help of their leaders, have made many youngsters feel the joy and pride of ownership and exhibiting animals or of constructing or sewing things that may be useful around the farm or home.

These projects give the youngsters the know-how in the fields of conservation, homemaking, animal husbandry, forestry, sewing, baking and home decorating. There are other projects which are indirectly related to the main money management, just to mention a few.

CARAMEL CINNAMON MUFFINS

Grease muffin pans and into each cup put ½ teaspoon butter and 1 teaspoon brown sugar. Batter: 2 cups sifted flour 3 teaspoons baking powder ½ teaspoon cinnamon ¼ cup brown sugar 1 egg 1 cup milk 2 tablespoons melted shortening Sift flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon together. Beat egg add milk and shortening. Add brown sugar. Add egg mixture to flour, stirring only until flour is moistened. Fill prepared muffin pans ¾ full. Bake in moderately hot oven (425 degrees F.) 20 minutes, or until done. Yield: 16 or 18 two-inch muffins.

You may want a special recipe, idea or help, send me your questions and I will include it in the column and a reader may have just the answer you want. Send your queries to Mrs. Sarah Michaelis, Box 155, Inman, Nebraska.

Chocolate Mint Parfait Very Popular Dessert Suggests Rex Stowell

Ice cream is one of our most popular desserts, according to food surveys, especially when it is dressed up with an appropriate sauce. If you agree, here's an ice cream sauce combination called Chocolate Mint Parfait which Rex Stowell, local route salesman of the Meadow Gold Dairy feels sure your family will enjoy.

Beatrice Cooke, director of the company's Chicago test kitchens created the luscious marshmallow mint sauce for Meadow Gold newest Chocolate Bon Bon ice cream.

Chocolate Mint Parfait (Four servings) Sauce ¼ cup water ½ cup sugar 12 marshmallows 2 egg whites Peppermint extract Green food coloring

Boil water and sugar slowly for 5 minutes. Add marshmallows and allow to stand until soft. Beat egg whites stiff, and slowly add sirup drop by drop, beating constantly. Add a few drops of peppermint extract and tint a delicate green. Let cool.

To make parfaits, alternate layers of Chocolate Bon Bon ice cream and sauce in chilled parfait glasses. Top with whipped cream.

O'Neill Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Strong and family of Wahoo arrived Sunday for a visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Strong and with other relatives and friends. They returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Harold Blain and sons were Sunday visitors in the home

of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anson where they also visited her mother, Mrs. Willie Anson, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Beckwith and family of Page, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clausen, all of O'Neill were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith.

Mrs. W. J. Biglin returned Monday from Denver, Colo., where she visited her daughters, Mrs. John Fox Carroll and Mrs. Don A. Berg and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sindelar and sons and his mother, Mrs. Catherine Sindelar of Norfolk were Sunday guests in the home of the latter's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sindelar.

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Editorial

Honor for A Great Man

Some 400 people turned out Sunday to honor a man who richly deserved the honor.

Monsignor Timothy O'Sullivan sat silently while O'Neill dignitaries sang his praises and told his life history — and what a history of service it is.

No one could tell what he was thinking, but perhaps he was tracing his life from the time, as a young man in Ireland, he placed himself in the hands of God and embarked on his priestly voyage to Sunday afternoon when his flock turned out in numbers to honor him.

Words cannot express his charity, his sincerity, his honesty and we will not attempt to do so here.

But a great man was honored Sunday and we would like to offer our congratulations.

lieve it's because Carl Curtis is fundamentally a sincere friend of the working man, and, even more important, Carl Curtis has shown his friendship by helping to pass legislation which preserves the rights of the individual worker and which promises to correct the graft, corruption and un-democratic activities of the few labor bosses who have abused the union movement.

Nebraskans have suffered—farmers, small businessmen and ordinary citizens alike—from the effects of secondary boycotts and blackmail picketing. We think the people of Nebraska have every reason to be grateful to Carl Curtis for his constructive efforts in the field of labor-management legislation.

The people of Nebraska know where Carl Curtis stands on important issues. He believes in economy and practices what he preaches in the halls of Congress. If ever we are to have a reduction in federal taxes it will come only as a result of the efforts of patriotic, knowledgeable, determined supporters of constitutional government like Carl Curtis.

The News believes the people of Nebraska will pay more attention to Carl's record as a man who gets good things done than they will to the voices of outside labor bosses.

Senator Curtis obtained passage of laws for insured loans for water and soil development. He supported the small watershed program. He introduced legislation which led to the Missouri River Development. He obtained tax credit for soil conservation expenditures and for realistic depreciation on livestock and machinery. He backed rural electrification. He sponsored legislation for developing industrial uses of farm surpluses.

The News feels the arrogant attempt by outside labor bosses to invade our state and dictate the election of a United States Senator for the state of Nebraska has removed this contest from a normal pattern of partisan politics.

We believe the people of Nebraska—Republicans and Democrats alike—should and will vote for the return of Carl Curtis to the U. S. Senate.



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