

Prairieland Talk

Oldtimer to Move

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A cordial letter was recently received from my former neighbor, Howard Berry of the picturesque Inez valley south of Atkinson. A former neighbor, yes but the Berrys are still there some two miles north of my former home, I have gone, and now Howard says he will not spend another winter where he has been for 65 years, dreaming of a holding place in sunny—and smog drenched—southern California.



Romaine Saunders

The lower Elkhorn valley and that of the Platte were flooded causing much damage and families flooded from their homes. John Sullivan living south of O'Neill, south of the river can recall the time when the Elkhorn was at flood stage and to get to town his horses waded water belly deep nearly up to the railroad. It was some 70 years ago I as a young fellow hitched John and Black Beauty, our horses, to a scraper and joined the force cutting a channel for the waters of the Elkhorn from a bend in the river 40 rods west of Hagerty's lake to the lake and from the lake on straight east to the main channel a mile or so below. No more floods. Neil Brennan and Jack Meals supervised that undertaking, and young John Sullivan, Sam Elwood and others got to town without having to wade it in.

She was a little child. Handed a penny bit of candy she thanked the giver in sweet childish thanks, rolled away a few feet on her little bike, stopped and as the "candy man" came up to her she said she would share that candy bar with her little brother. No, said the candy man, call brother her is one for him. A little girl with a heart overflowing with love that inspires her to share life's good things with little brother. A touching incident along life's daily travels of unselfish interest of a little child to her brother.

The marts of trade we once knew as grocery stores now advertise that fluffy white material that makes our daily slices of bread and ask more than three dollars for a 50 pound bag of flour. Bring us back Con Keys who had a flour and feed store next to us at the old Frontier plant and sold 50-pound bags of flour for just 65 cents. Wheat farmers those days got about half, as much for a bushel of wheat as they do today. Who gets the extra dollars now that a bag of flour sells for?

Editorial

The Crosby-Carpenter Fued

ORD QUIZ—Ord, Nebraska

Observers of the Nebraska political scene, who expected other Republicans to follow the lead of Former Gov. Bob Crosby in condemnation of Terry Carpenter, so far have been quite disappointed.

Crosby's blast should have been the signal for a concerned move against Carpenter's efforts to secure the GOP gubernatorial nomination. But no such thing eventuated.

Other GOP candidates and party leaders have been chary with their criticisms of the Scottsbluff state senator who changes his politics as fast as a leopard changes his spots.

Even the more rabid of the Republican newspapers have been rather hesitant in joining the hue and cry against Terry.

The two Lincoln papers did mention it a time or two, but a careful search of other Nebraska publications disclosed only a dozen or so editors eager and willing to take up cudgels.

Which leads us to believe that perhaps we'd better dust off a reprint the famous "God Hates A Coward" editorial written by Harvey Newsbranch, gifted editor of the Omaha World-Herald some 10 years ago when the GOP seemed to be cracking at the seams.

Carpenter himself purports to be not bothered at all by the Crosby attack. At North Platte Carpenter told the press that "Joe Smith again is being recognized as a living symbol of the threat in Nebraska of action by the masses to choose their own leaders."

And, the Sidney Telegraph quoted Monroe Bixler of Harrison, GOP candidate for fourth district congressman as predicting Crosby may be planning to run as an independent candidate in November, backed by the Republican state organization, in case Terry wins at the primary election.

But, Jack Lough, editor of the Albion News, said it was very apparent at the Founders' Day party that if Carpenter does snare the GOP nomination then a third candidate Ex-Governor Victor Anderson might be backed as an independent.

Commented Lough: "Carpenter got such a kick out of seeing Vic Anderson defeated in an election where he wasn't opposing him that it would be poetic justice to see 'Vic' whale the tar out of him in an election where both names are on the ballot."

Both Crosby and Anderson quickly disavowed any such intention.

And, Robert E. Munro, Kearney, Buffalo County Young Republican Chairman, brought time on two Omaha TV stations to blast Carpenter, and called on others to do likewise.

Most of the Nebraska editors who did comment on the situation spoke highly of Hazel Abel as the candidate most likely to defeat the Democratic nominee.

So two of Inman's prominent citizens are visiting in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Watson will have stories to tell when they get back. Memories of the pioneers of Inman—what would Tremaine Van Valkenberg, who tied the first bale of Holt county hay and thus started the hay shipping business at Inman, think of one his neighbors taking off for Europe? And there was John Hancock, John Halloran, Lew Shanner and the others now no more. About as far as they would venture beyond the Inman community would be the annual trip to O'Neill to pay taxes. Yes, the pioneers were taxed before you were. . . . And three O'Neill ladies, Mrs. Guy Cole, Mrs. D. C. Schaffer and Mrs. C. E. Lundgren, take off for our nation's capital city to become part of the Republican Women's visit to Washington, D. C.

Flood water and the homes of 15,000 citizens wrecked. How many wrecked by firewater?

A former Nebraska governor has exploded with a scoundrelous tirade against the state senator from Scottsbluff county, the noted Terry Carpenter who seeks the Republican nomination for governor. For shame, ex-governor! It is the right of all citizens to seek to serve their state by seeking to be elected to public office, and the voters may take their choice at both the primary and general election. And we see that an O'Neill citizen of note and high esteem in the community goes in fancy away back to New England to support a candidate for president.

Our esteemed friend Claude Hancock writes from Los Angeles that they will visit we prairieland dwellers soon again. It will be another happy handshake along life's way. Claude enclosed a bit of comment on something The Frontier editor had to offer recently. Claude's observations appear below.

Dear Frontier: Referring to the article used by you in your editorial section of March 17, 1960 on "Lawrence Welk," by Bill Lee—Ord Quiz.

Mr. Lee were you kidding? It seems you have an intelligent wife and neighbors, you did not say that they tied you down or sat on you during the Welk program, did you just want to stay and suffer? In the sentence where you used the word "rump," I will say that was as assinine as it could be. The word "rump," is only used to apply to the animal kingdom, as we are having a rump roast for dinner or the beautiful rumps on the Shorthorn, Herefords and Angus cattle and others in Holt county.

You say your grudge against Welk goes back to 1932, remember "grudge not that ye be not grudged." I knew Mr. Welk long before that. He was a poor boy but he had ambition, he worked hard and long to get to the place he now occupies as a bandleader and a band of his own, and I might say he is monetary solvent worth couple of million. We cannot all like the same music, some don't like Bach. Thanks for the plug for Dodge and the music makers.

Claude Hancock

Comment on the strange Nebraska situation is going on in other states. The Wayne Herald carried an editorial from the Rock County, Minn., Star Herald which labeled Carpenter as a "savage hater," who still carries some fancied slights dating back to his school days.

Relating that Carpenter two years ago carried the ball for Gov. Ralph Brooks and relished the defeat of Gov. Anderson, the Ogallala Keith County News, said Carpenter now wants the Republican party to reward him for defeating its candidate.

"It's hard to believe the same man can mislead or fool the people a second time in as many elections," the editorial concluded.

Knowing Nebraska voters as we do we think the GOP leadership would be foolish to lay it on too thick. If the attack get out of hands it will result in making Carpenter a martyr as far as the ordinary voter is concerned.

That is the role he likes best. In his speeches he continually harps on the "injustices" he charges against his opponents.

In one of the few letters found in People's Columns of the Nebraska press, on from Crete bears out the danger of going too far.

The writer declared "Crosby's speech made more votes for Carpenter than anything Carpenter could have accomplished by himself. Farmers, laboring men and women want a fighter, not a pushover for politicians who want to live off the public." Perhaps the best approach would be to "let sleeping dogs lie."

Trouble also erupted in the Democratic camp. Clair Callan, Odell, who seeks the U.S. Senator nomination, charged that National Committeeman Boyle and State Chairman Russell Hanson tried to get others to file for the office even after both he and Gov. Brooks tossed in their hats.

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Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Fire, starting about 3 o'clock yesterday destroyed the Chicago and Northwestern depot and warehouse, also the office of the Nye Schneider Grain Company. The loss to the railroad company can not be figured accurately until an inventory of the contents of the warehouse is compiled, but will probably exceed \$3,000. Miss Chloe Berry closed a successful term of school in the Redbird district last Wednesday. In the evening Mrs. Wilson gave a farewell dancing party for her which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The High School ball team went to Neligh last Saturday and trimmed the aggregation representing the high school of that city upon their Jack Wednesday. The score stood: O'Neill 10, Neligh 5. Dick Foreman was on the mound for the locals and had the Neligh boys helpless.

25 YEARS AGO

Saturday, April 13, was the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hansen. The children planned a surprise for them, and the following relatives, besides their own family, partook of a six o'clock dinner at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Borg, Marvel and Miss Shirley; Mrs. Ella Hull and her son, Billy; Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen and son, Gerald, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henfin and family. Quite a number of Emmet folks are driving new cars. There have been three Plymouths, one Ford, and a Buick purchased in the last month. James P. Marrow, who has been practicing law here for the past four years will take over the M. F. Harrington law office at O'Neill, next Monday, where he will continue with his profession. For the past five months that office has been operated by R. W. McNamara, who returns to Hartington, where he formerly practiced.

10 YEARS AGO

George Gilbertson announced Wednesday that the formal opening of his Coast-to-Coast store, located at O'Neill will be Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15. Surrounded by their 9 children, all together for the first time in their lives, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. ("Jim") Snelson, of Long Pine, formerly of Amelia and Ewing, today, April 7, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. A calf was born on the Mark Hendricks place that has its heart in a pocket on its neck just below the jaw. The Hendricks report that the calf is a week old and enjoys normal life. Mr. and Mrs. Vera Sageser are planning to start construction soon on a new modern home on the site of their old house. Construction on the new Chambers municipal airport will begin about May 15, and will be completed in about 30 days. Walter Haake reported Wednesday, April 5, that a milk cow that disappeared during the blizzard of March 7 had not yet been found. He said that there were still snow drifts big enough to cover her.

5 YEARS AGO

Sixty guests were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chaffin of Atkinson April 3, honoring the 40th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Chaffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellor of Atkinson. Good Friday was a holiday for the pupils of the rural schools of the community. Dolores Boyle, teacher of Celia school, Marilyn Smith, teacher of the McKathnie school, and Isla Ruda, teacher of the Lauridsen school, took their pupils—32 of them—to Atkinson where they boarded a Chicago & North Western passenger train for Basset. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham have received word from their daughter, Miss Mary Louise, stating she

will sail from Tokyo, Monday, April 18, on the USS Patrick, for the United States. Miss Birmingham has been with the American Red Cross in Korea and Japan since the fall of 1953.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Thomas Higgins has the foundation laid for his house and the lumber on the ground ready for the carpenter. The grading being done on our streets by Road Overseer Graham is a fine improvement and will be very beneficial when wet weather comes. Herman Holcomb went out for a load of hay one day last week and when opening the stack uncovered a coon and nine young ones. He chased the family over the prairie until he captured them but during the time his team had run away and he had to corral them. Dr. Hemingway the Dentist will be here again April 20th, 3 days. See him about your teeth and get reliable work. C. M. Smith left Tuesday for Omaha, and Sioux City, where he will finish buying his goods for the new store he has just opened in Chambers.

25 YEARS AGO

Now that spring is here, George Smith has decided to keep in season by having his car painted a nice-pretty-bright green. If you are an admirer of colors please take notice. Everett Mimer, of Ravenna, and Miss Lois Edith Winkler of Chambers, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in O'Neill, Monday, April 11 in the afternoon. George Agnes has sold his interest in the Seth Noble lumber yards at O'Neill to his partner, Seth Noble. The deal was made last week. We understand that Mr. Agnes will engage in some other business in O'Neill. The C. E. Martin sale held last Thursday drew out a big crowd, regardless of the weather. Everything sold at a good figure. The

top price paid for cows was \$48.00. A certain Chambers young man tells us that his wife told him that if he told anyone that her new spring coat only cost \$2.98 she would ring his neck. Well, farewell to you, kind Sir, when she reads this!

Smoke from "Brandin' Iron" Crick

J. C. Fudd

Spring has twisted the tail of the Brandin' Iron this week and the old crick has come to with a bang and is rarin' to bolt. Looks like we might be in for a flood folks.

It's still colder than a cocker spaniel's nose but there's hot news in the neighborhood. So sizzlin' in fact that from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. the phone wires don't get a chance to cool off. The store has ialibity (?) (That last word don't be a beehive of activity and sound right but I can't check on the spelling. Old Prettz came in after a wet rabbit chase and nestled on the dictionary. Plumb melted the last half of the S section and stuck the first part of the Ts together.)

Well, to get back to the news and give credit where credit's due. Oty Camber was up to the county seat the first of the week on a couple of piano tuning jobs and

place to drill because the country looks just like Three Sands, Oklahoma where they've got that big oil field. The store is jammed with men. Each one has a paper and pencil or ball point figuring out the royalties on the gallons. The living quarters is jammed with ladies in a huddle with Lena over all the new mail catalogs. The whole population of Brandin' Iron is having a cheap spending spree on invisible cash except Old Man Chinn who is worrying about how much income tax it will cost. He guesses he'll just leave his'n in the ground and spite the government. Took Mrs. Newt Bundy to the Hospital last night. See you next week. Try The Frontier Want Ads - It Pays!

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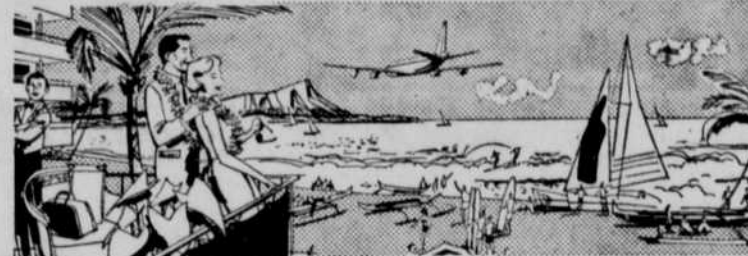
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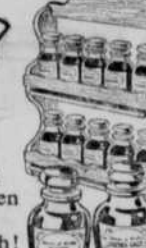


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