

Prairieland Talk

"Beautiful Earth"

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Spring. The birthday of another growing season on prairieland. The earth robed in green, the sky above us spreading a blue canopy over the endless landscape...



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April 3 to 9 was nation-wide library week, the promoters seeking to encourage a better read and better informed America.

Big business. Yes, prairieland has a sizeable bit of it. In company with my son-in-law, whose steady hand was at the steering wheel, my daughter and son-in-law's mother and I recently visited the scene of the country's great business concern, the Western Electric, there it is a thirty million dollar plant on the open prairie a few miles west of Omaha.

U love the mountains, rocks and silver flowing streams, a snow crowned peak and high above all about. I love the level plain, its endless miles robed in silken green, with here and there a touch of color when goldenrod and prairie rose are in bloom.

Editorial

Newspapers Absorb Postage Hike

A half billion dollars of the 4.5 billion surplus the national administration is figuring on for fiscal year 1961 would be in increased postal rates. Postmaster General Summerfield has recommended first class rates be raised another cent to 5 cents, and post cards from 3 to 4 cents.

It's a Good Start

Senator Carl Curtis of Nebraska, in telling the Republican National committee Saturday that if the Republicans are to win they must "follow the conservative line," performed a real service for voters who may be confused by the loose manner in which politicians label each other.

Who walks the streets of O'Neill today that will recall when the town maintained a place to weigh loads of hay, hogs and other things brought to town by country dwellers to be sold, that place to weigh such as came along located at what is now the Golden Hotel corner, the scales and little office building in the street next to the boardwalk that then lay next to Hagerty's store.

So another native son of this community has reached life's journey's end. Neil Brennan who breathed his last up at Rapid City where he had made his home since leaving O'Neill many years ago was the son of Col. and Mrs. Neil Brennan, who were among the early pioneers of this community.

This 11th day of April the washing is on the line hung out to dry. It was a Monday in April 75 or more years ago Billy Reed came riding on his cow pony along what is now Douglas street, saw a washing on the rope clothes line at the home of Pat and Mrs. Hagerty just east of where the O'Neill National Bank now stands and about midway between what are now 4th and 5th streets.

Urbatus Rebeck lodge met in regular session on Wednesday evening, April 13, at the IOOF hall. The members of the Inman IOOF lodge and of their families were entertained at a 7 o'clock no-host dinner in observance of the 136th anniversary of Odd Fellowship.

The Nebraska senator also makes it clear he is against federal aid to education as he believes parents of America would rather manage their own schools than have a bureaucrat in Washington do it for them.

We believe Senator Curtis will have to go into these matters further because he probably will be opposed in November by a man who will in all likelihood also call himself a conservative but who will label Senator Curtis a reactionary because of his opposition to many of the so-called "liberal" changes we have undergone in the past 30 years.

Because we expect to hear a lot of loose labeling in the senatorial campaign we repeat Senator Curtis has performed a real service to Nebraska voters by indicating he is not ashamed of his position as a conservative. If he will elaborate further on his views and if his opponent in November, yet to be selected, will stick to issues and Senator Curtis' record instead of attempting to conduct a campaign based on slogans and the reckless use of labels, Nebraskans will have a better understanding of what the candidates really stand for, regardless of what labels politicians themselves may tack on each other.

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Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO An ordinance establishing a fire limit in the city of O'Neill was introduced in the city council at a special meeting of the council held Wednesday evening. The ordinance provides that all buildings hereafter erected between Third and Fifth streets in this city from Adams street on the north to the city limits on the south shall be of brick, stone, cement or other non-combustible material with a fire proof roof.

25 YEARS AGO Last Monday evening a party of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman to assist them in the proper celebration of their fifty-second wedding anniversary. C. E. Yantzi last week purchased a beautiful building on Fourth street, formerly occupied by the Vorce market. As soon as the building has been remodeled and some needed repairing made, the Farmers Union Gas and Oil company and the Farmers Union Produce station will move their headquarters therein.

10 YEARS AGO St. Mary's academy Sunday will mark its golden jubilee anniversary. The all-day affair will be on thousands of alumni, former students and members of their families to O'Neill.

5 YEARS AGO Arbatus Rebeck lodge met in regular session on Wednesday evening, April 13, at the IOOF hall. The members of the Inman IOOF lodge and of their families were entertained at a 7 o'clock no-host dinner in observance of the 136th anniversary of Odd Fellowship.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. McGowan will be pleased to learn that they have returned to Chambers after spending the winter in Calif. Mrs. A. Noble returned to Chambers Tuesday after a visit of some months to friends and relatives in the eastern states.

25 YEARS AGO The sale at the Chalmers Pavilion Wednesday, drew out a big crowd and buying was very lively. Top hogs sold at \$8.30, within 45 cents of Omaha prices.

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A Poem From Mrs. Eby...

—Believe in Yourself— Believe in yourself; believe you were made to do any task without calling for aid. Believe, without growing too scornfully proud, That you, as the greatest and least are endowed, A mind to do thinking, two hands and two eyes, Are all the equipment God gives to the wise.

about last week's news item concerning him being a little windy. No offense was meant, but right now is a good time for Yours Truly to state his policy for reporting the news.

Mrs. Newt Bundy was operated on at the County Seat hospital last Tuesday. The doctor really hit pay dirt when he took out her gall bladder. Found one stone as big as a cockle burr and five others the size of navy beans besides a scud of gravel.

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