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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; tree and bush again in leaf, flowering

plants in bud, birds awing and sing, creatures of the prairie sniffing the air to catch a scent of something of which to feed upon, the prairie wolf gone from his winter den and the keeneyed deer on the go from gulch to gulch. Farmers oiling up the machines and soon heading for fields to grow again the grain we need; cattle ranchers looking over their herds, cowboys

tightening the saddle cinch and

mount their nag with lasso rope



Romaine Saunders

in hand to catch and brand any mavericks that might wander their way. The thrifty housewife dusting and cleaning, and many pretty fair maidens go stepping along the way with a smile for any young guy coming her way. Spring! The door closed on winter's snow and ice. Nature now gives us a picture we think is very nice.

April 3 to 9 was nation-wide library week, the promoters seeking to encourage a better read and better informed America. And now is the time to subscribe and read The Frontier.

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. . . 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. We approached the great institution and came to a halt on the "parking lot," said to comprise 39 acres of prairieland all paved in concrete where the three to four thousand employees of the Western Electric park their cars, many driving from their homes in Lincoln, many coming from Omaha and others that make their home in the nearby village of Millard. The Western Electric produces telephone materials and other things that go to make up human needs and human pleasures along life's way. The corporation previously maintained a large factory in Lincoln and were planning to build in or near the Capital City, but this community of schools and colleges and universities did not encourage building of great factory buildings, but officials of the city of Omaha held out the beckoning hand, secured a hundred acres or so of open Nebraska prairie just west of our state metropolis and there the great factory of the Western Electric stands, about a half mile from one end to the other, a monument of great industry

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. D. A. Doyle was the first to and Fifth streets in this city from with her from Sioux City. . . A few serve as weigh master, had patches on the seat of Adams street on the north to the friends gathered at the Goodspeed his trousers that inspired Editor Doc Mathews to make a bit of fun of Doyle for wearing goggles at his rear. Later the scales were located a block south fire proof roof. . . Mr. and Mrs. dancing and a pleasant time was and just east of the J. P. Gallagher store. And there M. D. Price and family left for enjoyed by all present. Mr. and stood at the Gallagher corner a huge bell that had Oregon last Friday morning where Mrs. Roy Pierce have moved into been converted into a watering tank for horses that home, providing the country suits Noble has rented the Ingersoll farm those days were plentiful on the streets. Where to- them. day do they weigh the baled hay and other fruits of wish them happiness and prosper- this year. the land and where could a farmer sell a load of ity in their western home. ...John weekes new Chalmers automobile

reached life's journeys end. Neil Brennan who snowed and he had to defer his Top hogs sold at \$8.30, within 45 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. The remains of Neil jr., now are resting beside those of his father and mother in the abode of the dead at the tion of their fifty-second wedding northwest limits of this city that his father had a anniversary...C. leading part in establishing some 80 years ago. And there were few if any the equal of Col. Brennan in occupied by the Vorce market. As promoting every thing designed to advance the soon as the building has been republic interests and was a friend of all. The Colonel, modeled and some needed repairlike his compatriot across the street in the "butcher shop," Fred Gatz, had one superstitution. Gatz Union Produce station will move would start no new undertaking on Friday. Col. Brennan, in the hardware business, would not give and Mrs. R. H. Murray will celea friend a pocket knife or any instrument to cut absolutely free, supposing that such a gift would cut hold open house at their home on 74 years of age. away their friendship, and if a friend to whom he east Douglas street from 2 to was especially devoted came in his store to buy a in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 knife he would go out with the best knife in his pocket that had been in the showcase-it cost him just 5 cents. Neil Jr., was brought back to the place where he started life nearly 70 years ago to be laid to rest in the abode of the dead.

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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. Out came Billy's six gun, a 50th shot or two and the rope clothes line was cut in two and down went Mrs. Hagerty's washing to the ground. Along came Sheriff Barney Kearns. A few words and Billy's six gun flashed again. Down fell Sheriff Barney Kearns dead. Reed rode away. Bill farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cronin and Mike Tierney got a few fellows to go with them, mounted their horses and took off after the killer, overtook him up about Atkinson and brought what started the blaze, but thought him back to O'Neill where he was kept in the shanty perhaps it started from a spark called a jail for a time and when released Reed took off for other parts and was killed in a gun battle with a guy quicker on the draw than Billy was.

Frontiers The Long Ago

An ordinance establishing a fire Chambers after spending the win- A mind to do thinking, two hands limit in the city of O'Neill was ter in Calif. . . Mrs. A. Noble reintroduced in the city council at turned to Chambers Tuesday after Are all the equipment God gives special meeting of the council a visit of some months to friends held Wednesday evening. The or-dinance provides that all buildings Mrs. Noble brought her little grandhereafter erected between Third daughter, Isabelle Putnam, home city limits on the south shall be home Tuesday evening to bid of brick, stone, cement or other Mr. and Mrs. Goodspeed goodthey expect to make their future the Frank Dyson house. . Arthur Their many O'Neill friends in Harold and will work the same By misgivings and doubts be not

arrived last Friday. John took out

a little extra life insurance and lion Wednesday, drew out a big So another native son of this community has was ready to tackle it, when it crowd and buying was very lively

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### 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 celebra-Yantzi last E. week purchased the Ben Harty building on Fourth street, formerly ing made, the Farmers Union Gas and Oil company and the Farmers their headquarters therein. . . Mr. brate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, May 5, and will in the evening on that day.

maiden effort.

10 YEARS AGO St. Mary's academy Sunday will mark its golden jubilee anniversary. The all-day affair will beck-

thousands of alumni, former students and members of their families to O'Neill. . .Dr. Donald Wyrens, Lynch physician and surgeon, has made an associationship in Vacaville, Calif., and plans to leave Lynch sometime in June. This is an advancement in his profession. . . The Chambers lodge 239, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Thursday, April 26, will celebrate its year in the order...G. C. DeBacker, manager of J. C. Penney Co. store in O'Neill this week announced that the interior of the store is being remodeled and re-

# A Poem

were made to do any task with-

out calling for aid,

precision of skill,

(Edgar A. Guest)

50 YEARS AGO

fully proud, Mrs. McGowen will be pleased to That you, as the greatest and least learn that they have returned to are endowed.

> and two eyes, to the wise. Believe in yourself! you're divinely designed and perfectly made for the work of mankind. This truth you must cling to through

danger and pain. The heights man has reached you can also attain. it's true That whatever you will, you've been for it. gifted to do. unafraid,

easily swayed. You've the right to succeed:

cents of Omaha prices. . . Tree, shrub and potato planting at this time is well set, all account of the rains we are receiving, Wednesday a beautiful Chambers Valley received a soaking rain. . It is said to be very difficult these days to hire a man to work as a farm **Smoke from** hand. Maybe the farm hands are afraid of being plowed under. prairie fire 12 miles southwes Chambers last Sunday, burned **"Brandin**' over considerable meadow. . .Several from the Ballagh community took horses to the sale at Ord

Saturday. . . Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grubb who have lived above the Richard Cafe, moved their household effects to the east part of our city. . . Warren Gilman, early resident, passed away Saturday at

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By J. C. Fudd Spring is actually moving in on Brandin' Iron Crick. You can tell by the brown of the water, the greening of the banks and the action of the old cows like they was trying out for a chance to do the polka on a Laurence Welk T. V. show, that it has sprung. Otty Camber was pretty sore

Iron" Crick



From Mrs. Eby ...

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about last week's news item con- as new again except for gas pains. cerning him being a little windy. Go to see her if you're up that way No offense was meant, but right folks, she'll be there for a few now is a good time for Yours Tru- days yet.

ly to state his policy for report- Miss Savus reports the school ing the news. kids are busy practicing on their

J. C. Fudd feels his right to re- spring opereita which they will At Chambers Believe in yourself; believe you port the news as he sees it is present some time in the near fuas sacred as this Hippocrite Oath ture. There will be a box social that a doctor takes before he starts connected with it so ladies, why in rolling pills and should be abided not get busy now and see what by regardless of whether the di- kind of artistic creations you can sease (or news) is good or bad, turn out.

and whether the patient (or citi-The Corners Store has all colors zen) is rich or poor. Remember of crepe paper on hand, plenty of too, folks, you signed that pe- paste and will give away all sizes tition making me your corresponof empty boxes for such a worthy dent and nobody twisted your arm cause. either so hold your fire.

Folks along the crick are still Old Man Chinn wishes to thank waiting for the rich Texas widow all those who showered him with to come riding up in her fur lined cards and letters on his 81st birth- Cadillac to buy up the oil leases day. He received 9 cards and 3 but the excitement has sort of simletters. The big black card that mered down now. All you can hear "My Birthday Wish For You on the party line is speculation non-combustible material with a bye. The evening was spent in Believe to the very last hour for DROP DEAD!" was not signed so about the wedding that is coming he does not know who to thank off next week. See you then

Mrs. Newt Bundy was operated Believe in yourself and step out 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 be-Which bestakens the great you can sides a scad of gravel. She came through the ordeal in fine shape The wisdom of ages is yours and Newt says she is feeling good

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# Believe, without growing too scorn-The many friends of Mr. and

25 YEARS AGO

The sale at the Chalmers Paviearn if you will, you'll read, But you've got to believe in your self to succeed.

#### where Indians once made camp and buffalo roamed. . . .

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. But for a moment U and I will stand hand in hand!

# Editorial

# Newspapers Absorb Postage Hike The Ord Quiz

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.

But the biggest "bite" would come from second class mail, consisting mostly of newspapers and magazines.

Our auditors have figured the postal bill for the Quiz would increase by 515 per cent, and not the "nominal 40 per cent increase" Mr. Summerfield believes. Other publishers estimate their hikes as high as 850 per cent.

Proponents of the second class increases like to point to the "free-in-county" delivery of newspapers by the post office department.

From the start of the postal system it has recognized that these publications were playing a major role in educating the public.

Another phase they overlooked is that every political subdivision is aided by the wide distribution of legal notices. This saves our various government agencies millions of dollars.

Summerfield, however, would totally eliminate the "free-in-county" provision and increase all newspaper mailings, at a cost which must be passed along to subscribers or advertisers.

If the increases really are put into effect it will result in many publications, now barely able to survive being forced to discontinue.

Word comes to us from Washington that our Nebraska congressional representatives are none too enthused abuot the proposed postal hikes.

They believe there are many other sources from which half a billion dollars can be obtained without further handicapping newspapers, long the most important industry in many communities.

Mail carriers and other postal workers are almost solidly against the proposed newspaper increases

If you feel likewise, it might aid in stiffening the opposition to the hikes if you would drop your representatives a line stating your views.

# It's a Good Start Nebraska Signal-Geneva

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.

obligations in a long-term Land Bank loan on land — a loan that can be paid *in advance* without penalty. You can also use a Land Bank loan to buy land, livestock Senator Curtis states he is proud to be called a the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. This newsand equipment; to make improveconservative and he then outlines a few fields in ments, and for other purposes. Come in and talk it over with us See your local authorized Chevrolet dealer for fast delivery, favorable deals paper is a member of the Nebraska Press Assowhich he believes his conservative position is sound. ciation, National Editorial Association and the Audit He is against deficit financing by the federal governtoday. Bureau of Circulations. ment, he favors an orderly system for paying off the **MARCELLUS CHEVROLET CO.** Federal Land Bank Assn. NATIONAL EDITORIAL national debt, he is against new spending that will in-LYLE P. DIERKS crease inflation, he is against the Forand bill which ASSOCHATION would entitle every social security beneficiary to free Manager 127 North 4th St. medical and hospital care, he is against any form of O'Neill, Nebr. Phone 100 Phone 91 O'Neiil

socialized medicine generally and he is against the continuation of wasteful foreign "giveaways."

The Nebraska senator also makes it clear he is O'Neill, was struck by a moving 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 into the street to meet his parents, for them. Previous statements by the senator from Minden also have made his position clear on labor racketeers and those who use secondary boycotts, which have riled Nebraskans against labor generally. will be Yokahama, Japan. She has

Of course, the general statements by Senator been visiting her parents, Mr. and Curtis will need clarification as the political argu- Mrs. C. G. Shelhase, for the past ments become hotter. For instance, he will need to 30 days. . Holt county's 1955 grade explain which foreign aid given in the past was termined Saturday afternoon at the wasteful" and which beneficial or if he meant he O'Neill public school where six sylis against all foreign aid. He will need to explain lable words were a dime a dozen which federal expenditures should be reduced in order to bring about the balanced budget all of us fourth grade; Danelia Whitaker claim we favor. He will be called upon to explain how fifth; Bonnie Crumly, sixth; Janet far he would go in the matter of federal aid to Krugman, seventh; and Marlene schools, in view of the administration's strong stand Beck, eighth. for financial assistance in the construction of new school buildings and in other areas of education.

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's 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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decorated... The recently Wasson was burned to the ground Monday evening, April 17. Mrs. Wasson said they were not sure from a bonfire. 5 YEARS AGO

Arbutus Rebekah 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 John Robert Richter, 5, son of Mr and Mrs. Charles Richter, jr., of car on Benton street in front of

St. Mary's academy about 11:35 a.m., Wednesday. The boy had gone who were seated in a waiting car ... Lt. Donna Shelhase, an army nurse, departed Sunday for an overseas assignment. Her first stop school spelling champions were de-The first place winners were John Wabs, third grade; Bonnie Clifford,

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