

Prairieland Talk

"Centennial Plans"

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS, 4310 South 51st St., Lincoln 6, Nebr.

It was in the year 1872 a few pioneers put up their shanties in what is now Boone county, Nebraska, and thus the town of Albion was incorporated. And now today approaching 100 years on the map Albion is a flourishing, thriving city, the home and place of business of a few thousand prairieland patriots. And they are now talking up plans for a centennial celebration. Albion had never been the home of Prairieland Talker, though he had spent some three years in a nearby community in a county to the east and recalls that some of his friends there had an eye on Albion and eventually moved there. Though never a part of the picture in the metropolis of Boone county I have been asked to contribute what I know of the story of Doc Middleton, so the present day patriots down at Albion reach a hand to the O'Neill community and take over for their centennial celebration one of Holt county's notorious gents.



Romain Saunders

President Eisenhower traveled much abroad talking peace, now a gathering in Paris to devise safety measures. Peace and safety—then what?

The month of May runs its course and another Memorial Day. Stand by the grave of mother, of father, of wife, of husband. And in memory of the loved and lost one place a flower, a simple token of the beauty of the life that that dear one had lived, a life that radiates an influence still over the living. And that dear one shall live again. He who created all can recreate, and that One tells us that those "who sleep in the grave shall come forth to the resurrection of life." Multitudes accept that eternal word, other multitudes reject it. I have wondered what unknown hand on Memorial Day lays a floral tribute upon the grave of one under the sod on Prospect Hill who had neither wife nor son nor daughter nor a real friend but who was an outstanding citizen of the community. Some thoughtful soul feels the impulse to do a bit for the unloved dead one.

After the winter spent in that mile high Rocky Mountain city of Denver we see by Miss Lindsay's Amelia news items that Harry White is again in the beautiful flowing wild land of his youth where he came to full manhood in the sod house age to now in his more than four score years take it easy in his modern comfortable home among the trees in one of Holt county's charming landscape regions. Hope to meet up with Mr. White when visiting in Holt county again.

Good corn growing weather down Lincoln way. Warm days and now and then a night of rain. The corn cribs will bulge again when autumn comes and we will have our breakfast dish of cornflakes as usual. Vegetables, fruit and loaves of bread from the wheat fields, a roast turkey and hunk of roast beef for all who want it.

They call it a Clinic, a medical center where sick and injured go that healing hands may be placed upon them. I was there recently, not for medical care because of a bellyache in my own rugged frame but merely with another who had to have a "shot." Amazing the number of men and women and babies there that day at that medical center. Sick—yes there they were. I sat down for a few minutes near an aged woman groaning in her suffering. Why could I not have extended a hand and spoke the word, Be healed. No, we depend today on medical science, not on miracles of healing. The one I went with to that Clinic waited for more than an hour before getting to the Doc for the "shot."

The clusters of spirea bushes that grow along the way I go are robed in summer white bloom and stepping along we come to clusters of other blooming plants adorned in summer's rich blue bloom. The season of the year that we can pluck a bouquet or stand where the flowers adorn the landscape. Nature touches prairieland to adorn the open spaces unspoiled by the hand of man with things of beauty in green and white, blue and red, while over it all is the bright blue sky. Step out from office, from home, from workshop, pluck a flower, stand for a moment by the enchanting scene—life's burden float away in the presence of the sublime. Walk on to breathe a prayer of gratitude for life's lovely things.

Seventy years ago O'Neill and other town guys preached if not practiced irrigation until the cattle ranchers of those days folded their tents like the Arabs an dsilently rode away. Irrigation fizzled out and again the herds took over. Will history repeat itself, maybe a yearling steer or heifer is easier to produce out on the prairie than a bushel of corn and is worth more any day. Holt county grass lands is the beef country. Down toward Omaha and over in Iowa is the corn country.

Now straw hats priced at \$11.95 each. Straw hats. Why not a hay hat? Soon now it will be Hay Day time up at Atkinson. So come on Melvin and Marvin Meals, open one of your bales of hay and form a hay hat for each of you to put on and strut down the street in Atkinson up to the show grounds. And wouldn't a gent look grand under a hat made of Holt county's long Bluestem!

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Biglin left Tuesday morning for Chicago and Moline, Ill., where they will spend a week visiting friends. The class play, "College View Points" put on by the O'Neill High seniors last night was one of the most successful plays ever put on in this city. Omaha Boosters were in town last Tuesday. Halley's comet was plainly visible in the western sky on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Yesterday morning F. C. Gatz and F. G. Clift opened up a meat market in the old Gatz building next to the Evans hotel.

The county officials are again using telephones, they having been installed in the office of the clerk of the district court and the sheriff upon order of Judge Westover.

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. L. Sherbahn of Benkleman, accompanied by Mrs. Sherbahn, arrived in the city last Monday and they are busy this week getting his office ready for occupancy. The O'Neill High School graduation was held last Thursday evening at the C. H. Hays hotel. Twenty young ladies and thirteen young men received their diplomas. LeRoy Holcomb and Miss Ruby Whitaker, both of Chambers, were granted a marriage license in county court last Tuesday. Mrs. D. C. Dishner, Mrs. Max Golden and Mrs. Pete Morgan drove to Sioux City Saturday taking Mrs. John Robinson who has been visiting here. Mayor John Kersbrook and Supervisor John Sullivan are going to Omaha and Lincoln tomorrow to interview officials regarding certain improvements for O'Neill and Holt County.

10 YEARS AGO

Patrick J. McManus, 90, retired O'Neill merchant, died Sunday, May 21. James D. Moore, 51, will speak at the Memorial Day services Tuesday. Miss Jane Froelich of Omaha, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich for the weekend. The three O'Neill Brownie troops went on a hike and camped at the Mt. Pleasant May 23. The cookout was held in Ford's Park. Top student at O'Neill High School was Verna Pruss; Patty White was St. Mary's Academy valedictorian and Ellen Angel, St. Mary's salutarian. Over 60 members attended the annual "smoker" of the O'Neill County Club Tuesday. One hundred and ninety-five rural Holt County eighth graders Tuesday, May 23 were graduated in promotion exercises held at the O'Neill public school auditorium.

5 YEARS AGO

O'Neill will be host for the annual northern great plains area meeting of the National Assoc. of Soil Conservation District Supervisors. Condition of Nebraska Op-tometric Association held Sunday through Wednesday in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Manson were presented the rural youth adult award for work with the members of the organization. Miss Helen Vitt, St. Mary's Academy senior, was queen of May Tuesday evening at St. Patrick's church. Miss Mary Louise Birmingham left Thursday for Washington, D.C. where she will visit with her sister, Miss Barbara Birmingham.

of O'Neill were in Chambers Friday. Pearl Goodspeed was greeting his old friends in Chambers yesterday having brought a drummer over from Inman. The Baptist Ladies Aid met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. H. F. Dyke. Everyone interested in a celebration in Chambers the 4th of July are invited to meet at this office Saturday at 3 o'clock when arrangements will be made for a celebration.

25 YEARS AGO

Ronald Whitaker has been awarded one of the 250 regent's scholarships for next year at the University of Nebraska. A wedding dance was held on the Bazelman farm eight miles northeast of Chambers, last Saturday evening. Chambers, Mr. Brown married Dorothy Fernholz of O'Neill. An Epworth League Rally was held at the Methodist church Monday evening. Delegates from Page, Spencer, Inman and Chambers were present, about one hundred and fifty in all. Oscar Greenstreet of the firm of Greenstreet Bros. has sold his interest in the store to his brother, Otto. Mrs. Wanser, wife of auctioneer Buy Wanser of Page, suffered minor injuries in an auto wreck last week while returning home from a visit at Plainview. Chambers, Mr. Brown married Dorothy Fernholz of O'Neill. An Epworth League Rally was held at the Methodist church Monday evening. Delegates from Page, Spencer, Inman and Chambers were present, about one hundred and fifty in all. Oscar Greenstreet of the firm of Greenstreet Bros. has sold his interest in the store to his brother, Otto. Mrs. Wanser, wife of auctioneer Buy Wanser of Page, suffered minor injuries in an auto wreck last week while returning home from a visit at Plainview. Chambers, Mr. Brown married Dorothy Fernholz of O'Neill. An Epworth League Rally was held at the Methodist church Monday evening. Delegates from Page, Spencer, Inman and Chambers were present, about one hundred and fifty in all. Oscar Greenstreet of the firm of Greenstreet Bros. has sold his interest in the store to his brother, Otto. Mrs. Wanser, wife of auctioneer Buy Wanser of Page, suffered minor injuries in an auto wreck last week while returning home from a visit at Plainview.

Smoke from "Brandin' Iron" Crick

By J. C. Fudd

Spring has hit the Crick with a bang. Old Pretzel sits in the shade and pants. The kind of weather that makes the sap rise and the woolies itch. The box social and operetta that finished off school for the year was a rip snorting success. Miss Savus and pupils did a fine job of entertaining. Folks say it ought to be on television. The box social was a rouser. A large crowd was present including the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Art Gory. Got home Monday, from their honeymoon to Coon Rapids.

Old Man Chinn did a fine job as auctioneer. Widow Essie Baker's box brought the most money, Art Gory mistook it for his wife's (They both was tied with red ribbon.) With a little friendly help from the boys, paid \$11.60 for it. After putting out all that money he didn't get to sample the contents. The bride got a splitting headache, so he had to sell the box to Orley Hinch at \$8.61 discount and take the little woman home.

Newt Bundy got into financial difficulties and had to go without any supper. His boys, Junior and Raiston went on a buying spree and when Newt's turn came to bid, the cream check was already shot to smithereens so he had to go hungry.

Rev. Peebles got the only bargain. Binky Barker accidentally sat down on little Debby Kell's box so it sold for half price. If they had been giving out prizes, Miss Savus box would have taken the blue ribbon. It was one of them guided missiles with a monkey for a passenger and one of them little satellite doodads in orbit around the whole thing. Little Joe Hinch counted down \$7.20 for it after a tough hassle with Oty Camber and Delans Bundy.

Yours truly played the field, as you might say after looking over the whole kit and kaboodle he settled on the one wrapped in a funny paper and tied with binder twine. (Property of Mrs. Lena Fudd.) Only woman there smart enough to include an envelope of baking

soda in the menu for a chaser after the mince pie. Folks, next week is Memorial Day so drop into the store and get your wreaths, sprays, ribbons etc. Most of them are new stock (the ones left over from last year at half price. See you next week.

Homemakers Corner . . .

Great is truth. Fire cannot burn, nor water drown it.

—Alexandre Dumas
These last week have been filled with busy days. There were the proms, baccalaureates and graduations. It wasn't only busy for the children but also the parents. After it is all over there is a let-down feeling, a hope to have sometime for a little relaxation before the summer jobs begin.

With the cool damp weather the dandelions are now in full bloom everywhere. A note from the South Dakota Agricultural college recommends a spray of 2, 4-D. This mixture may be applied any time after the dandelions are actively growing, but applied before the seeds form. For a small area use one fluid ounce (of a four pound per gallon concentrate) to treat a thousand square feet. Caution! Do not spray 2, 4-D when it is windy or you may damage other plants. Follow directions provided very carefully.

YE-OLD TIME WEATHER PROVERBS — Hogs crying and running quietly up and down with hay or litter in their mouths foreshadow a storm to near at hand. Asparagus time is here and with a few warm days it really is growing. From now on people will be out picking asparagus to fix either for their meals, to can or to put in their freezers.

For freezing you should select the young tender stalks and sort according to size. Cut in 2-inch lengths or leave whole. Scald in boiling water, 2 minutes for small stalks, 3 minutes for medium, 4 minutes for large. Cool promptly in iced water, drain; pack. Pack whole spears by placing them in opposite directions.

When canning asparagus wash and trim off tough ends and scales, wash stalks whole or cut into pieces. Cover with boiling water; boil 2 to 3 minutes. Pack hot into hot jars. Cover with boiling water; leave 1/2 inch at the top of the jar. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt to pints, 1 teaspoon to quarts. Adjust jar lids. Process in pressure canner at 10 pounds pressure 25 minutes for pints, 40 minutes for quarts.

The California Foods Research Institute of San Francisco recommends the following DELECTABLE DIET DISH for those who like chicken.

Dip pieces of frying chicken in milk, then in corn flake crumbs, and place on foil-lined pan. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 1 hour, until tender. About 10 minutes before chicken is done, put well-drained cling peach halves in shallow baking dish, and set in oven with chicken. Just before serving sprinkle peaches with dried fill or any herb of your choice. Heat a can of blue lake green beans for a low calorie vegetable to accompany this enticing diet dinner.

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Editorial

License Examinations?

The tragic accident which occurred a week ago was truly unfortunate, but we believe it points up a situation here in Nebraska as well as in many other states that needs remedy. Our method of issuing drivers licenses is sadly out-dated.

Thirty years ago when cars were equipped with 85 HP motors and 60-miles-an-hour was really "flying" the problem was not acute. Today too many people are killed because of their reaction times are not suited to 70-mile an hour driving.

It is cruel, however, to cancel drivers licenses of our older citizens just because they are older citizens. Arbitrarily revoking drivers licenses is not the answer.

We do feel that a more strict examination of all license applicants is necessary.

Everyone over the age of 70 seeking a renewal of their drivers license should be made to take a reaction, comprehension and reflex type test. A minimum score should then be established as a prerequisite to obtaining a drivers license.

These tests need not be for our older drivers either. Every driver should pass the test before a license is ever issued and the test should be given to every license holder at least once every 10 years until the 70th birthday is reached.

These measures may sound harsh to many, but the traffic toll in the United States is harsher. 35,000 Americans are killed every year in traffic accidents. Very few wars have claimed so many Americans.

If the deaths due to highway accidents are not curbed soon every home in the U. S. will soon claim the unwanted distinction of having a loved one killed in a traffic accident. That's not much of a record to which we can look forward to possessing.

It's A Two-Way Road

Nebraska Signal — Geneva

It certainly must have surprised Nikita S. Khrushchev when President Eisenhower admitted the pilot shot down over Soviet territory was a United States spy and that such spying had been going on for some time. This surprise was heightened, no doubt, when it was indicated we would continue to spy out Russian secrets by every means available until open skies over all nations become an accepted principle of international relations.

We heard a comment on the president's announced policy that probably expresses the fears of millions of people throughout the world. The fear was expressed that if we continue to send planes over Russia we will be inviting that nation to start an atomic war. In other words, we are afraid Khrushchev means what he said when he warned such flights are acts of war.

Of course, few people in this country are authorized to speak for the government in this matter but when they speak we must assume they know how their statements will be accepted. We cannot believe the secretary of state, for instance, would announce we will continue to send planes over Russia until certain conditions are brought about if he

really thought such flights would start another war.

We wonder if another surprise might have been given the Soviets by the manner in which most people in this country accepted the "spy in the sky" incident. The administration has been criticized by some for the way the incident was handled but most opinion, including comments of political leaders in both parties, has solidified behind the government's policy.

As a matter of fact, there seems to be a growing feeling in comments we have read that we should feel assurance in the fact our government is making every effort to keep from permitting another Pearl Harbor. We may not think it is smart to get caught but we believe few people in the country think we should stop spying so we can't be blamed by Russians or criticized by Africans and Asians, who don't seem to understand the working of international espionage.

If we need support for our belief in the necessity of carrying on espionage, we may find it in a release carried in the May 12 issue of The Christian Science Monitor. It stated, "The Swiss government announced May 11 that two Soviet diplomats had been arrested in Zurich while trying to obtain Swiss and West German military secrets from a secret agent."

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The system has been found illegal but even if it wasn't, who would want to live in a neighborhood where everyone looked the same, talked the same, dressed the same, and had a similar job?

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The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Last Thursday several of the ladies of Chambers and vicinity pleasantly surprised Mrs. C. E. Tibbits, the occasion being her birthday. She received a number of nice presents and a very agreeable day was spent by all present. Mrs. Hawley, from southwest Missouri arrived on the stage today on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. John Bogart. Martin Wintermote is working in the Harness Shop during the absence of E. V. Sageser. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Waldman and Miss Gertie Ernst

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