

Prairie Land Talk

"Come And Pay Up"

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The treasurer of Lancaster county, of which Lincoln is the county seat, collects taxes by mail. So today came the invitation to send him a check or come to the courthouse and pay up. What is it—seventy years or more I have been doing that, the first to sign a tax receipt for me being the late lamented Barret Scott, whose dead body was found in the icy waters of the Niobrara river a December day 66 years ago; Scotty hung for doing in a small way what Franklin D. Roosevelt did in a big way. Thirteen cents left in the county treasury because of the help given to needy settlers, my tax pittance gone with it. But we are still here and now behold that magnificent building where County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock has a hand out for your county money.



Romaine Saunders

A writer in a "better health" publication says that 10 per cent of an egg is shell, 50 per cent the white inside and 30 per cent the yolk. Where goes the remaining 10 per cent—floats away in cooking?

Seeking to be elected to office costs the candidate money. Why not bring an end to campaigning for votes—file as a candidate and your name goes on the ballot; so let it go at that. I vote for the candidates I never see or hear. And somehow our state and nation makes a go of it as citizens we did not know personally take over as public officials.

We walk the highway of life to some day come to the journey's end. Let us do a bit for fellow travelers along life's highway.

Autumn days and dead leaves come falling down, flowers faded and the summer green turned brown. Soon out of the north winter winds will blow, bringing to Prairie Land the ice and snow. But on ahead there stands the Christmas tree, loaded with gifts for you and me.

Second street south of O'Neill's main east and west drag, beginning at First street and on over to Third street, where had been the home of the J. C. Harnish family, the Fred Gatz family, Grant Hatfields, Hank Mills and Grandma Addison. Gone now, all but the Mills house still standing and where it stood two modern dainty apartments. Mills went to Oregon after a life time in this community, there to join his daughter Ada, and now lies among the dead under Oregon sod. The others mentioned now in their graves in the community where they had lived, though some of the Gatz family are still here.

There is a group of girls known as Pathfinders, as there is a group of Boy Scouts. The Scouts go camping, the Pathfinders along paths and streets that lead to homes of the community where may dwell an aged person to whom they can bring a bit of cheer. I stepped to the door a day recently upon hearing a knock. Three charming girls stood at the door, introduced themselves as Pathfinders and handed me a paper plate on which were some cookies, a gift of sweet things from sweet young girls for Prairie Land Talker a few days before his 90th birthday. Now if those girls made those cookies they sure know how to do it, and you Boy Scouts when the time comes get you a Pathfinder for your life's companion.

Election is over, office seekers out of the picture, but the milk man and newspaper boy still with us.

A night of rest. Now another morning and the sun shines bright out of the cloudless blue; all is hushed, not a bit of wind to blow us along the way another day. And what will it be—you will know tonight.

He is 80 some years of age, had in the long ago been in mission work in distant east Africa. For the past 35 years, he has had a small business place dealing in school supplies, time pieces and novelties in the community of the Capital City where Prairie Land Talker resides. A group of boys of high school age went into his place of business a day or so ago, robbed him of all the cash in the safe, made their get away, but were caught and must replace the \$200 stolen. And the aged man lies today in a hospital, may or may not survive the stroke these young rascals brought on him.

We learn that Mrs. Dishner has sold her home on east Douglas street, plans to leave the community where she was born and go to Arizona to live. So another native leaves the velvet green robed prairie land for mountains and sand deserts. Mrs. Dishner is a daughter of that prominent pioneer couple, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Golden. Her brother, the last of the family, stays with us to continue managing the Hotel Golden, built some 50 years ago by the father of Mrs. Dishner and her brother.

My son Romaine spent the weekend with us in Lincoln recently, on his way by airplane to Los Angeles where his home now is. He had been to a New England state on business for the corporation he is connected with. A native of Nebraska son enjoys a look at prairie land but sees little of it flying up there seven miles above us. Two nights and a day with us and gone again, breakfast in Lincoln, dinner in L. A. The pleasures of life a blessing but brief.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

C. P. Hancock, the efficient assistant cashier of the O'Neill National bank, was passing the cigars around to his numerous friends last Monday upon the arrival of a son at his home that morning. Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Methodist church on Thursday evening of next week. Mrs. J. L. Flucky returned to her home in Omaha last Wednesday after a weeks visit at the home of her brother, William Gaghan at his home north of the city. Last week George Hansen sold to Alphonse Rouse eighty acres of land adjoining Mr. Rouse's farm near Meek for \$40 per acre. Patrick Brennan returned last Tuesday evening from Omaha where he had been the past month. Mrs. Catherine Cook, one of the pioneer residents of this county died last Monday morning at the home of her daughter at Jersey City, N. J.

25 YEARS AGO

Jean Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hammond of this city, won one of the gowns worn by Ginger Rogers in the production "Top Hat" for writing the best letter in a contest sponsored by a national movie magazine. The full jury term of the district court concluded its labors about noon today and the jury has been discharged. Mrs. Agnes Sullivan, widow of the late postmaster, M. R. Sullivan, was named last Tuesday as acting postmaster of this city to succeed her husband. The twenty Women's Project clubs of Holt county are sponsoring a canning contest. Deaths: W. D. Matthews, founder of the Frontier, died at his home in Memphis, Tenn., last Wednesday night; Walter R. Callen, 48, died at his home in this city last Sunday; Mrs. Elizabeth McMillan, 82, early pioneer, died Thursday; James McNamara, 92, father of Msgr. J. G. McNamara of O'Neill, died in Wisner last Friday.

10 YEARS AGO

The second annual window unweaving, marking the formal arrival of the Christmas shopping season, will take place on Friday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Walter Young, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young of Atkinson, died at the Stuart hospital Wednesday following a cerebral accident in which he lost his left hand. Mrs. L. M. Diehlman has been appointed chairman of the tuberculosis Christmas seal drive in O'Neill. Mrs. Dean Streeter is assistant chairman. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Golden went to Lincoln Saturday, Nov. 11, to attend the Kansas State-Nebraska football game. Lod Janousek, 59 year-old retired O'Neill businessman, died Friday, Nov. 10, enroute in an ambulance to the Veterans hospital at Grand Island. Ralph Merriman, 57, former O'Neill man, died Saturday in a Sioux City hospital.

5 YEARS AGO

Seven members of one family were injured, two seriously, Sunday when the car in which they were riding hit a patch of ice on a hill, went out of control and hit a bridge. The car contained Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chapman of Ewing and their five children. R. V. Marston of Dorsey was awarded a certificate of recognition at the state meeting of soil conservation districts held last week in Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Gurnsey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their farm home southwest of Clearwater on Sunday, Nov. 13. O. M. Winter jumped the gun early Wednesday when the mercury dipped to nine degrees below zero. Seventy-one turkeys will be given away November 19 by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Minnie Reimer of Ewing celebrated her 92nd birthday anniversary at her home on Sunday, Nov. 13.

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The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

E. E. Perrin and family returned from Sioux City Saturday night. Last Saturday while coming home from O'Neill Charley Brown's team became frightened and ran away throwing Mr. Brown and his daughter out injuring them quite badly. Walter Jutte visited at Martin Wintermote's Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perking of Whitney, formerly of Harold are here on a visiting and business trip. Mrs. Will Blake and her mother and sister-in-law, Mrs. and Miss Blake, visited at Jack Kellar's Saturday and at George Anderson's in Amelia, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tangeman were in town Monday, selling their poultry.

25 YEARS AGO

At the regular Commercial Club meeting, Monday night, it was decided to discontinue the giving of five dollars at the Saturday night shows and to use that money for a serial which will be run on each Wednesday night. Several of our boys went out for a two hour rabbit hunt Tuesday evening bringing home 82 rabbits. Mrs. Mary MacLeod of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gatz of O'Neill were Sunday visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Oxford. Earl Hatton had the misfortune to injure his right hand when it was caught between the bar connection between the cat and elevator grader. Deaths: Charles Robertson, 79, died Wednesday; Mrs. D. R. Burrell, 58, died October 31; Orlando "Buff" Anson died Monday at the Atkinson hospital.

Homemakers Corner

By Catherine Indra Home Extension Agent

Holidays and everyday finds the homemaker or her family helpers setting the table. This might be a good time to review for our readers basic table setting rules. The information is taken from a Nebraska bulletin "Setting the Table". These are available from our office.

- 1. Linen should be spotless; crystal, china and silver gleaming. 2. Allow 24 inches if possible for each place setting or "cover", with each cover set exactly the same. Overall effect of settings should be symmetrical and orderly. 3. Handles of silver and the rim of the place plate should be about an inch from the edge of the table. 4. An accepted way to place silver at each cover is in the order of its use from the outside in. Forks (except the cocktail fork) are at the left of the plate. Knives (except the butter spreader) and spoons are at the right, with the knife cutting edge always toward the plate. 5. The cocktail fork is placed at the extreme right, next to the spoons, the butter spreader on the butter plate across the top or at the right side, with the blade on the rim and out of the center of the plate. 6. The butter plate is placed above the fork, the glass above the knife. Place individual salt and pepper containers above each plate or between two place settings. If you have only two sets, place them at either end of the table. 7. The napkin is usually placed next to the forks at the left side of the plate. It may be placed in the center of the place plate for a formal dinner unless the first course is in place when guests come to the table. 8. Place serving silver beside the dish of food, not in it. 9. Place the coffee cup and saucer to the right of the knife and spoons and one inch from the edge of the table. 10. The salad plate may be placed in several places.—1. Left of the forks and napkin and one inch from the edge of the table; 2. At the tip of the fork if there is no bread or butter plate; 3. In place of the cup and saucer if no hot beverage is served. 11. Candles add cheer and coziness to your meal. They are never placed on the table unless they are lighted. When they are used, candles should be tall enough for guests to see each other without looking into the light of the candle.

Do You Know Your Neighbor?

"Know Your Neighbor" is not a contest. There are no prizes given for correctly identifying the person pictured. The only reward is the satisfaction of knowing your neighbor.



Last week's guess who was Gil Poese, manager of radio station KBRX.

Do you recognize this man?

GRATTON HUSTLERS The Gratton Hustlers 4-H club was called to order by Richard Hill Friday, Oct. 7, at the assembly room of the Court house annex. In the absence of Keith Krugman Gary Fick was appointed acting secretary. Fifteen members were present. Record books were filled out and turned in at the end of the meeting. Frank Sheff handled out the money from the county fair. Lunch was served by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Grogg. Reporter, Charles Hill

EAGLE BEAVERS Gwenda Schultz called the Eagle Beaver 4-H Weed club to order for their second meeting Monday, October 24 at Dist. 33 schoolhouse. Roll call was answered by showing weed seed collections. Everyone was given the opportunity to judge the weed seed collection. The work for the year was planned. Roll call for the next meeting is to make an annual picture out of weed seeds. Following the meeting the group took a hike to a nearby pond to collect different kinds of weeds and their seeds. Terry Brown, reporter

CLUB NOTES The Midway Ranchers and Ranchettes 4-H club met last Friday evening at Georgia and Barbara Mellers'. Each division will meet separately at a future time and select its own officers and make out their own books for the coming year. Kent Stauffer, reporter

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Editorial

A New Frontier Is Waiting

Recently Mari Sandoz, a grand lady who writes wonderful stories about early day settlers in North Central and Western Nebraska, told University of Nebraska students, "Young people now leave the state (Nebraska) to find their futures."

She explained that the lure of the frontier which brought people to Nebraska to seek their fortunes in the nineteenth century is now gone and Nebraskans go elsewhere to find their life's work.

And she's so right! Look in any Nebraska town, check the birthplace of its residents and you'll find an amazing number of transplanted persons in key positions.

Check in these same towns to learn what has become of its high school and college graduates. A high percentage of them move to other towns or other states.

There are several reasons for this phenomenon. Youngsters growing up in their home town often feel there is nothing to do there, nothing of recreational interest, no occupational future, just a drab little town where they happened to live.

Sometimes they are right. In this age of greater and greater specialization, in an electronic, atomic age when new jobs are created every day in business, science, medicine and industry, a wider variety of careers is offered to the ambitious young citizen.

These people must seek their careers where they can find the type work they desire. More often than not it is away from home.

Yet, with amazing regularity, you'll find a young man leaving his home town to work in another small town, and a man from that town leaving to work in still another small town.

Of course this restlessness has always been a characteristic of Americans—and no doubt is one of the prime factors in America's gigantic industrial and business growth. Always seeking better ways to do things, a better place to do the same thing or new things to do have been the reasons for moving and improving.

Any town that has been able to hold its population growth—or increase it—is well peopled with transplanted persons. If a small town had to depend on its own citizens to maintain its business population and labor supply, it would soon fade away.

Yet now there is a movement in Nebraska to open new frontiers again. This movement is slowly gaining momentum in the state.

O'Neill is joining in this same movement and that's good!

The new frontier is industrial expansion and attracting new industries to Nebraska.

Many small towns in the state have been successful in bringing industries to their communities. And these new industries—small though some of them may be—have been vital in pumping new life into an often-times dying town.

Towns with active committees or organizations seeking new industry or business will survive and grow. Towns which sit and wait with folded hands for a Good Samaritan to come rescue them from their difficulties will soon join many other now extinct communities in the abode of the dead.

O'Neill—progressive and aggressive—is actively seeking to attract industry. A committee from our Chamber of Commerce is hard at work now preparing information for an eastern firm which has

shown interest in locating a small branch plant here.

A labor survey shortly will be completed. Tax and utility information will be added along with aerial photos of the community.

Perhaps nothing will come of this contact. Perhaps nothing will come of the next, but as long as we keep trying, we'll connect sooner or later. The fisherman gets many bites for each fish and the batter isn't successful each trip to the plate.

If we keep trying we'll be successful. Then—when we are successful—Miss Sandoz's observation on the young folks of the state leaving to find their futures elsewhere can be reversed. More jobs will be available locally to take care of the surplus labor supply drained from our community each year.

Congratulations!

O'Neill's two high schools completed their football seasons with excellent records. Saint Mary's finished with a six won, two lost record. O'Neill high school finished undefeated and was unscored upon until the last two games.

Both schools have brought fame to O'Neill with their excellent athletic record this fall and both deserve high praise for their coaching staffs and teams.

Irrefutable Facts

As of yesterday morning, the United States started a new era. A new President has been elected, a change of political party has been effected. Within 60 days that new President and his party will take over active management of this country and already plans for the future are being made. President-elect Kennedy has made a lot of promises. He has made a lot of inferences. "You deserve better; we should have more—; Things should be changed;" He won a lot of votes from the folks who hoped that, somehow, by political magic, they would be swept into a Utopia of fabulous wages, more government services, less government taxes and more leisure time.

But a few irrefutable facts remain. A government cannot spend money for free services unless it taxes someone to pay the bill. Taxes cannot, for long, be shifted from one group onto another. There is no easy way to make a living.

We have been side-stepping these basic facts of life for several administrations. Some time this nation is going to have to face up to these things and the longer we procrastinate, the harder the fall.

Time has proven that the present system leads to more and more inflation, a higher national debt and a diminishing position for the United States with regards to world trade and world stature.

Things have never been so good? True! But are we spending OUR money or our children's and grandchildren's money?

Make people laugh and they will pay you money for your efforts.