Prairieland Talk

# "Cherished Memories of Holt"

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Returning to Lincoln after spending the weekend with his wife and sister at Fort Calhoun, State Senator-no, Holt county rancher-Frank Nelson came my way, gave me the glad hand and visited

for a time before going to his holing up place to resume legislative worries. Of course Prairieland Talker was a kid on the prairies of Holt county long before young Frank drifted thitherward from down by Omaha, but we both have cherished memories of life in Holt county. Mr. Nelson thinks the state legislature will be in session until in June. He informed me that there were a



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few measures pending to load upon Nebraskans the sales tax, which he will vote against, regarding such as just another tax. Recently he had a few minutes with Cal Stewart, who had been passing through Lincoln on his way south. Cal passed me up this trip but I hope to see or hear from him soon again. When Mr. Nelson goes up to O'-Neill next he proposed to take me along.

The Omaha Negro who was headed for the electric chair after being convicted of murder has been granted a life term in the penitentiary by the State Board of Pardons. A number of colored citizens of Omaha appeared before the board in behalf of the condemned man, who claims he did not design to kill the man but to rob him.

Two holidays in February, Lincoln and Washington's birthdays. Now on March 17 will there be the "Wearing of the Green" in honor of the memory of St. Patrick here in O'Neill, as we did many years ago? The J. P. Mann store had on hand a full stock of green ribbon and Col. Neil Brennan was one of the first to step up to the ribbon counter at Mann's and walk out with a yard of the green in his grip, J. J. McCafferty being a close second.

A letter has been received from Mrs. Eby of O'Neill in which the lady tells of her interest in the Barrett Scott story recently appearing in this department of The Frontier. Mrs. Eby, at the time of that Scott tragedy, was a young girl but had a childish interest as well as a childish horror of it all. And in her letter she gives a bit of childish wit on the part of a witness at the trial of one of the accused of the Scott murder. The little daughter

Out of memory's treasured store comes to mind as I write today the names of those still part of the O'Neill scene who themselves or their forebears were here in the 1880's. A few of the ladies now walking life's highway alone-Miss O'Donnell of the John O'Donnell family, Bernadette Brennan of the Neil Brennans, Mabel Meredith McKenna of the J. H. Meredith household. Mrs. Loy of the George Jones family and her brother Hurley who all know, the two Stannard ladies of the Dave Stannard family, and one or more of the Gatz family, Mrs. Dishner and her brother Max Golden of the T. V. Golden household, Miss Elizabeth O'Malley and her brother Walter, a daughter of the John McManus family. And some of the gents-Henry Grady heads the list, John Sullivan, Ed Hagensick and his brother; J. D. and Francis Cronin and their sister, Mrs. Harty, Hugh Coyne, Ben Gillespie, Pat Donohoe, Leo Mullen, R. H. Parker and one or more of the James Davidson family. The wives of most of these men belong also in the group picture. And no doubt there are still others in or around O'Neill who can trace their parents back to the 1880 O'Neill picture and onward.

Another president, congress at it again; another state governor and the state senators in session. Somehow we Americans keep on the go and make it day by day with little thought of our honored heads of state and nation.

For sizteen years the lifeless form of my beloved life companion at rest under sod upon Prospect Hill at O'Neill. Now word comes that she was one of the heirs to a property in California. No, she would not turn over in her grave at this bit of news. She lays there awaiting the call to come forth to her inheritance in a better land beyond this

From high up medical sources comes the information that one out of every 13 men above 20 years of age is an alcoholic. And this today is receiving medical attention as 50 years ago did the TB, that fatal lung disease. Well, 12 out of 13 guys not now booze soaked. Not so bad. Can that 13th yet be added to the list?

\* \* \* It has been an "open" winter. But I did not leave my door open nights. February bid us good day under the golden glow of the evening sunset, and March came marching in upon Prairieland. from the Scott home was a witness on the stand at And now what will the spring and summer be-just the court trial and had said in answer to a question another time of growing things, frogs croaking their by attorney M. F. Harrington that it was a distance morning and evening chorus in prairie ponds, the of a mile. The legal light then asked her how she song of meadowlarks and golden crested eagles knew what a mile was. "Why, Mr. Harrington," soaring high on outspread wings; prairie roses again replied the young girl witness, "it is a mile from colorful and fragrant, the landscape robed in sumour house to the schoolhouse." Takes a kid some- mer green, cows feeding on summer green and times to shut up a lawyer. Mrs. Eby is the gifted their calves keeping the cows well milked; grain writer that week by week comes to us in poetic fields rich for harvest and you fellows behind counters in banks and stores raking in the cash.

Editorial

# Sanity Test

can legislate away human shortcomings and cancel out natural economic laws may be coming to an end. Whether this is true will be tested when impending efforts are again made to amend the federal wage-hour law to extend coverage and boost

Proponents of wage-hour revision run into forces that can no longer be swept under the rug by legislative fiat-namely, inflation, unemployment and imbalance of the gold flow from the U.S. These forces have reached their proportions, mainly because the free-market system has already been coerced, regulated and taxed to the danger point.

Legislating another increase in the wage level will mean more cost increases to pass along to consumers in higher prices, and another turn in the inflationary spiral. It will mean further unemployment and a further weakening of the ability of American business and industry to compete with foreign producers of everything from neckties to automobiles. As this ability to compete is restricted, more and more of the nation's gold and resources will drain away to other countries.

What is most sorely needed is a demonstration of faith in the ability of private citizens to run their own affairs to the benefit of themselves and our country, if the regulators and spenders will give them a chance.

### We're For It

. . . If It Will Fit Into Our System Nebraska Signal

Governor Morrison has suggested drivers' license fees should be increased and that the increased revenue should be used to increase and improve

driver education classes in our schools. We have seen no figures to show how much money the governor feels could be raised by his suggestion and we don't know how he would have

the funds distributed to get the best results. The idea, however, of improving and broadening driver education classes has considerable merit, we believe, so it would be foolish to oppose the governor's suggestion merely because it is vague. Perhaps discussion and suggestions from the public should be encouraged and additional facts should be brought out in order to make our discussion help-

In the first place, we have seen figures quoted to show that driver education classes really help to reduce accidents. The best proof is the backing insurance companies give the classes. Educators seem to be convinced they are beneficial and, we presume, they would go along with the governor's suggestion. Still, we think it would be helpful if facts based upon experience with classes to date were presented to all of us who may be asked to pay more for our new licenses.

In the second place, we believe the suggestion made by our governor at best is only a first step of the American people that a demand should be in a safety drive. Making the classes optional or made upon the public treasury for the solution of elective and offering them to only part of the stu- every difficulty." - Herbert Hoover.

The false notion that the federal government dents, as is done in many schools today, leaves us short of the goal we believe the governor has in mind and also short of doing all we can to educate

> This suggestion is not intended as an objection to the governor's proposal. We simply say that before we pass a law making more money available and forcing more students to take the course we be sure we are being practical and that the suggestion can be fitted into our schools. We think it can but we believe more of us would buy the idea if we knew just how it could be worked out.

#### Proposed Law Would Permit Prior Censorship Albion News

State senators Ed McHugh and John Munnelly this week introduced in the legislature a bill to change the law on obscene literature.

Even though this bill was drawn up with the active co-operation of Secretary of State Clarence Mayer, we believe it to be unconstitutional for these

(1) It permits action against a person, firm or corporation which sells or distributes "or is about to sell or distribute or has in his possession with intent to sell or distribute or is about to acquire possession with intent to sell" . . .

This is prior censorship and is against all the known standards of regulation of printed material. It could very well lead to control of other publications, despite cries of, "Oh, we wouldn't do THAT."

(2) It places responsibility for enforcement on "Any city or village, the mayor or chairman of the board of trustees or any officer charged with law enforcement responsibilities." Thus, city officials could harass a newspaper which prints a "pin-up" picture, or a drug store which sells slightly naughty magazines, even though such art is more apt to be

in bad taste than obscene. With hundreds of mayors and policemen in the state, there will be hundreds of different ideas on

(3) A person arrested with obscene material in his possession certainly isn't going to admit that he planned to sell it or give it away, so how is the state of Nebraska going to prove that he had "intent" to sell or distribute the same? That's the crux of the prior censorship idea, and in our opinion won't stand

Albion Newspapers has no special sympathy with the distributors of obscene literature-whatever that is-but we are militantly opposed to any inroads on our 225-year-old freedom of the press. Every year, it seems, there are more attempts to whittle away here, or there, against this freedom which is even more important to you than to us. Prior censorship is an especially invidious concept, and mustn't be permitted to gain a foothold.

"It is not consonant with the spirit of institutions

## Frontiers

50 YEARS AGO

Four couples wed here: Roy Hemingway and Amelia Wettlaugher of O'Neill, Clifford Maple and Mamie Coates of Orchard, Rex Grimes and Margaret Davis of Chambers and Ralph Hulburt of Ainsworth and Mattie Thoman of O'Neill. . .First sale of all purebred Poland China hogs held by Wm. Mather & Sons. . . Hope has been revived for the building of new hotel. . . A seven course dinner served when Miss Mabel McNichols entertains a number of girl friends.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Severe cold weather of past six weeks causes many of the water mains to freeze up and break. . .Butte beats O'Neill for Niobrara Valley championship, 25 to 20. . . Bob Morrison breaks arm in two places in fall on slippery walk. . . Clifford Davis, 50, is dead after long period of ill-

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Grand champion bull exhibited by H. A. and Robert E. Van Horn at 20th annual sale of North-Central Nebraska Hereford association. . . Work night was held February 23 when members completed their new Church of Christ building. . . Marie Guthmiller weds Eugene Potter. . .Spach-Buechler nuptials at Orchard February 17.

5 YEARS AGO

St. Anthony's hospital receives a bequest of \$2,000 from estate of the late Albert Otte of Winner, S. D. . . Heart illness claims young businessman, J. G. Stuifbergen, 39. . . James A. Donohoe, 78, former O'Neill resident, dies February 26 in Omaha-was chief judge of the federal court for the district of Nebraska. . .Inman Tigers win Center D title.

# The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

On February 28 at the Jesse Frary home occured a pretty wedding uniting Daniel Perkins of Chambers and Louise Metzner of Napa, Calif. . . The Methodist Ladies aid will give a social on St. Patrick's eve. . . Arthur Fluckey left this week for Omaha where he will learn the barber . .The Band Boys have ordered a complete outfit of curtains and scenery which will be equal to any outfit of opera house equipment in Holt county.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Miss Freida Singleman of O'- Venus News Neill and Walter Brown of Chamwere united in marriage February 26. . . Month of February records coldest temperature in history, ranging from 6 to 28 below zero. . . George L. Smith, confirmed bachelor, weds Loraine R. Enis at Methodist church in O'Neill. . . Knock out farm sale is reported as held at Pete Martensens when highest cows bring \$62.50 each and smooth mouth mare sells for \$136.

### **Snow Cancels School Monday** At Inman

Mary Morsbach accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dawes to Lincoln Thursday where they visited Perry Dawes. They return-

and Mary, Mrs. Josie Kopecky,

and son were Sunday guests of their son and daughter-in-law.

Atkinson visited Mr. and Mrs. James Banks and John Schrunk Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schrunk and family of Atkinson attended

Margaret Pruss, who teaches in the Clearwater Public schools, spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pruss.

at Geneva, spent the weekend visiting his family. Ralph Sholes, who is employed

at Fremont, visited over the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Violet Sholes.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hartigan and family of Sidney visited from Thursday until Sunday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry and Bill and Mrs. Mary Hartigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coventry

and Leo Harte visited Mr. and Mrs. Matt McCabe at Page Wed-

visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan at O'Neill Sunday evening. The second meeting of the

Boy Scouts was held Monday evening at the school house. James Banks is the leader and Horace Sholes is the assistant leader. Roger Banks is the Pack Leader and Terry Anthony the treasurer. The Scouts gave the Scout pledge and flag saclub at the regular meeting Monday evening. On Saturday several of the boys helped clean the lower part of the TOOF hall and they plan to meet there in the future.

Joe Peters of Norfolk spent a couple of days last weeks with his family. George Herold is spending

some time in Sioux City, Ia., visiting relatives.

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

## St. Pat's Party Planned By Club Members

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Mrs. William Buxton entertained the Help-U-Club at her home

### inman News

By Mrs. James McMahan

School was not held Monday due to the weekend snow. Mrs. John Buhlmann ir of Bartlett visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Banks, Friday afternoon.

ed home Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. David Morsbach

hauling corn for Harold Tyler Tuesday. Mrs. Harry McGraw and Mrs. James Banks attended church services Wednesday evening at Tuesday. the RLDS church at Clearwater. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sawyer

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sawyer and family at Atkinson. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schrunk of

church services at the RLDS church in Inman Sunday.

Ivan Couch, who is employed

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wrede and

daughters of O'Neill were Inman visitors Thursday morning.

route home from Bristow, where they visited Sunday and were overnight guests at her sister, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry Tillie Bowers. Mrs. George Jeffrey helped

Mrs. Clarence Finch cook for corn shellers Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Edminsten were guests at the Jeffrey Bros. home February 28. They moved to their new home at O'-Neill from North Platte Satur-

March 1. The hostess served a luncheon to 11 members present

The afternoon was spent in doing

needle work. At the business meeting a St. Patrick's party

was planned which will be held March 17. Mrs. Ora Caskey re-

ceived the door prize. Mrs. Clar-

ence Finch will have club next

of Verdigre are spending some

time with their son-in-law and

daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence

Finch jr., and getting acquainted

with their grandson, Randall Or-

rin. Mrs. Finch and son came

home from the hospital February

hay for R. Brookhouser from the

Davey farm Friday and Tues-

Jim and George Jeffrey cabled

Howard and Chuck Tyler were

Fred Uhlir and son Franklin

were Creighton business visitors

Among those attending the

annual meeting of the Plainview

Farmers Co-Op Creamery from

here were Mr. and Mrs. Ce-

cil Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Mu-

rice Dwinell, Mrs. Fern Mor-

sett and Mrs. R. Brookhouser.

Brookhouser of Norfolk had din-

ner with Ray's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser. They

called at the Harold Tyler home

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Uhlir and

daughter, Annet, motored to Om-

aha February 25 where they met

their son, Franklin, of Fort D.x,

N. J., where he had been station-

ed with the National Guard unit.

They visited with relatives Satur-

turned to their home Sunday.

day evening at Omaha and re-

Mrs. Lavone Hines and Mrs.

James Podony were Tuesday vis-

itors at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Ora Caskey. Mr. and Mrs.

end of February 25 at Omaha

where they visited at the home

of their son and daughter-in-law,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell,

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davey

of Bellevue stopped at the Ralph

Brookhouser home Monday, en-

Julie and Jeffrey.

George Jeffrey spent the week-

that forenoon.

Tuesday Don Rucker and Ray

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Dwinell

time.

Suellyn and Joan Caskey returned to their home at Norfolk Friday. They spent the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey. Taking them home were Mrs. Mable Bennett. Mrs. Caskey and Mrs. Archie Moser accompanied them.

The PTA at the Grimton school house was held Friday evening. There was a good attendance. Cards were played at eight tables. Those receiving prizes were Mr. and Mrs. Max LeMasters, Dick Podany, Vlasta Pospeshil, Mrs. Dale Dorr and Fred Uhlir. Lunch was served at the close of the evening. The hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey, Mr. and Mrs. Lavone Hines and Mr. and Mrs. James Podany.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brookhouser of Grand Island were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser.

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# Make The Best Better

By Gary W. Fick

About 2,300,000 members of 4-H clubs in America will observe National 4-H Club Week from March 4 through 11. These young people from ten to twenty-one years of age belong to more than 94,000 local clubs in all fifty states and Puerto Rico.

In Nebraska alone we have more than 32,000 members belonging to some 3,000 clubs. These 4-H clubs are organized groups of boys and girls who learn to live, work, and play together. In 1960 they participated in more than 65,000 projects. They covered all phases of agriculture and home economics projects plus many more of interest to urban boys and girls, Along with learning practical knowledge in the projects, they also have an opportunity to learn judging, public speaking and demonstrating.

Four-H club work is officially sponsored by the county extension service, the colleges of agriculture, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. But behind it all are thousands of volunteer adult leaders. One of the most important parts of the whole program is the work of mothers and fathers, local leaders getting the story over to the individual 4-H members. It is they, who by investing some of their time, thought, and energy in this fine work, arouse the ability of the individual boy and girl to perform at his best. Good leaders are the strength of the 4-H program.

You may ask, "How is this all brought about?" We know boys and girls like doing things together. 4-H clubs are organized groups of boys and girls under the guidance of these local leaders and their county extension service. They are encouraged to participate in their club activities and to help plan and carry out their program. They have a choice of 86 different projects. There are projects to meet the needs and interests of all young people, no matter in what area they live. In completing the projects they choose to take, they have learned by doing. In project after project, they use their newly acquired ability to surmount greater responsibilities.

We see that by a gradual process of applying themselves, 4-H members develop self-confidence and self-expression, create initiative and build leadership. This in turn prepares them to create better homes for better living, to choose a way to earn a living, to share community responsibilities, and to learn to live in a changing world.

Thus through the encouragement and guidance of mothers, fathers and other local leaders, the energy and imagination of these young people has been channeled into activities that help build character and develop their talents for greater usefulness. They, in close cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service that sponsors this worthwhile activity, have helped prepare tomorrow's citizens physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Another valuable by-product of this program is in helping to preserve family togetherness. Working together at home or on the farm, 4-H young people and their parents develop warm comradeship and a deep spiritual bond of family unity and cooperation.

Can you think of a program that can do more to preserve democracy and to help keep America strong? No wonder then the 4-H program, whose motto is "To make the best better", yields such rich dividends to our country. It is for these reasons that we are this week observing National 4-H Club Week.





## How many times has this man saved your life?

IKE most of us, when the kids are in the car. you get that "extra careful" feeling. You know, that's the same way your friend-the service station dealer-feels when you stop by to see him.

Over the years, you've probably come to take your service station dealer pretty much for granted. But when your kids are riding with you, aren't you glad you took his advice and had your brakes checked? His suggestions-small though they may seem to bemay have saved your life more than once. His interest in your safety is more than interest in a customer-it's concern about a friend.

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