

Prairieland Talk

"The Years Come And Go"

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Two notable citizens of O'Neill from some time in the 1880's until more recent times, the remains of both now under the soil up on the hill. One a long Republican; the other a Democrat to end up a Teddy Roosevelt Republican. Both professional men of ability the one with an office in the upper room over the drug store on Douglas street; the other an office up that flight of stairs in the First National Bank building; none other than the late M. F. Harrington, an outstanding lawyer who was the inspiring agency that induced other young men of the community to take to legal affairs. Mr. Harrington was active in politics but never sought office himself. The last I had known of it his home was at Fifth and Everett streets, one of O'Neill's first residences of importance that had been the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adams and their son. That other lawyer was the Honorable R. R. Dickson, who played second base at the ball games over there between First and Second streets just north of Douglas, now a residence district. The years come and go, Attorney Dickson became Judge Dickson of our district court. The well appointed courthouse up Fourth street stands as a monument to Judge Dickson who was the principal promoter of a new courthouse for Holt county.



Romaine Saunders

I learn that Mrs. Rose Roblyer recently died in a nursing home at Elgin where she had been for nearly three years. She was buried beside her husband in Neligh. When I held up down in Swan precinct the Roblyers were near neighbors, later going to Atkinson and then to Neligh.

The headline reads, "Shotgun Evangelism." Do the preachers now go out and bring them in at the point of a gun?

Our state law makers are still at it here in the Capital City. Among the cargo of proposed laws is a bill to replace that electric chair at the state prison with a soft cushioned rocker for the killer to loll away the years in. Any convicted of murder to live on, maybe after a term in prison turned out to kill again. I do not know how Senator Nelson will vote when that measure comes up, but Senator Fern Hubbard Orme tells me she is for it. But Senator Orme says she will vote against the sale of the state school lands which some of the senators are trying to bring about. Many visitors are coming to the legislative halls this session, recently three bus loads of ladies from out in the state took in the scene at the State House.

Our president has it that a few more billion is to be added to the national debt, but he proposes to reach a hand into the cash box and deal out the dough to the jobless throughout the country. Some are out of jobs because they can not hold a job, incompetent and lazy. Others out of jobs because of industry at a low ebb. Have you a job, a business—dig a little deeper to pay your growing tax burden. O yes, we American patriots will make out some way. So three cheers for the red, white and blue!

For twenty-four years he had served on the police force of the great city of New York, first as a patrolman but today a high ranking officer. On a recent Sunday this police officer appeared on the TV. We do not usually look to the police for spiritual help but this one can give just that. He dealt with the matter of juvenile delinquency. Much of it in the great city, not alone in the slums but from the better sections of the city. This police officer is a man of religious and spiritual experiences and tells us the lawless kids are such because of no religious and spiritual bringing up in their homes. He advises parents everywhere to train up their children "in the fear of the Lord." Come, dad and mom, take your Janey and Jimmy to church.

After spending the weekend at the home of his sister near Omaha Senator Frank Nelson returned to Lincoln and came to visit me. It is a pleasure to grasp Frank's capable hand, to look into friendly eyes and talk things over. Mr. Nelson is busy at the State House these days but plans to spend the Easter adjournment period at his Holt county ranch home. One bill before the state legislature Senator Nelson is decidedly against is the measure to do away with capital punishment in our state, the senator feeling that one convicted of murder should be killed. The Senator favors the proposal to sell the state school lands, section 16 and 36 in each township out in the state, and much has already been sold in the eastern part of the state.

Some fifty years ago Charley Hall was serving as sheriff in Holt county, after which the Hall family came to Lincoln and Mr. Hall was killed on the highway when in pursuit of a criminal, Hall being in the service of the city police department. The Halls came to O'Neill many years ago from the abandoned village of Mineola some 20 miles northeast of O'Neill and Mrs. Hall was one of the most popular ladies of her day in O'Neill.

Springtime and it rained all night. We will pluck again the rose and see the apple blossoms white. Days and seasons come and go; sunshine and shower, winter winds and snow. And so we go from day to day out along the lengthening way to come at last to the end of life's way.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO
Z. M. Seiler of Holt county and Mrs. Mamie Alden of Neligh are married at the Methodist parsonage in Neligh. Gus Spindler has commenced the erection of a flour mill just west of the creamery. George Gaughenbaugh becomes the owner of the Henry Zimmerman flour and feed store. Dora Reifers, 19, dies of typhoid pneumonia at home of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reifers.

25 YEARS AGO
Bids are requested for the construction of the new courthouse. Application for emergency crop loans for 1936 are now being received at the County Agents office. Mrs. Marie Storchmann dies March 26 at her home at age of 76 years. The O'Neill Dramatic club will present three-act comedy under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Kubitchek, and proceeds will go to recondition tennis court.

10 YEARS AGO
Frontier wins recognition for "Pioneering Radio" in weekly field, given by University of Nebraska. Luellong Holt county woman, Mrs. Margaret Dobrovoly dies March 23 at Atkinson. Liquor by drink to be tested in Ewing election. Butchers hit \$21.25 at O'Neill Market.

5 YEARS AGO
Navy pilot from Page, La. Harold D. Tegeler, is killed when plane crashes in Pennsylvania river. Mr. and Mrs. Deemer E. Connor celebrate 60th wedding anniversary at family dinner in Orchard. Funeral services conducted for Mrs. Christian Henkel, 76, long time Phoenix community resident. Two killed in airplane crash near O'Neill—dead are Donald E. Rohde of Lynch and Bryce Whitla, formerly of Butte.

The Long Ago At Chambers

25 YEARS AGO
Only private airport in Holt county is located at Chambers owned by Tom Newhouse and Chet Fees. Public library doors opened after lengthy time of difficulties. Basketball team honored by Commercial club for successful season. Cream sold for 27 cents, eggs at 14 cents and heavy hens for 15 cents on the local market.

50 YEARS AGO
Albert Dawe and sister and N. Rowse visited here on way to O'Neill where Miss Dawe and Mr. Rowse will make final proof on their homesteads. We learn that Miss Blanche Reifers of O'Neill has a severe attack of typhoid fever. H. L. Smith, local long distance running champion of the South Fork county gave proof of his running powers yesterday when he ran down and caught a wild goose.

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PUPILS OF PLEASANT VIEW school district 1, Keya Paha county, and their teacher, Mrs. Eulah Zahl, Friday toured the Frontier newspaper plant. They were accompanied by Mrs. Andrew Rowan Jr. Present for the tour were Bradley Rowan, Linda Weaver, Faye Rowan, Sharon Lanz, Rhonda McCumber, Sandra Kibby, Karl Connell, Elaine McCumber, Cherie Doyle, Wanda Johnson, Raleigh Connell, Randy Rowan and Mike Rowan.

Capitol News -

School Land Lease Probe Asked; Aftermath of Unsuccessful Bill

Nebraska lawmakers are back at their desks following a much needed five-day Easter recess. The recess didn't come any too soon, either. All of the pressures and problems building up the first three months of the session began to show. Tempers were short, committees began killing bills right and left and other threats were leveled against attempts to kill other bills such as LB 208, the bill to increase the state park levy to 30 mill. The park bill was supposed to be up for final reading last Thursday, the day of adjournment for the Easter recess. But its main introducer, Sen. George Syas of Omaha, spotted the dark mood of the lawmakers and successfully maneuvered to hold it over until the recess. By then, he reasoned, most would be refreshed and moods would be brighter. This atmosphere is not new to veteran newsmen covering the Legislature. It happens every session—at least twice. The next time it will crop up—as sure as

both are set for next week. They are State Engineer John Hossack and Game Commissioner Louis Findies. Redistricting A move is underway to delay the problem of redistricting the state from four Congressional districts into three until late in the session. The Government and Military Affairs Committee has submitted its plan calling for a general east-west division. This has met with stiff opposition from a handful of western senators who prefer a north-south division. A diagonal has been suggested as a possible compromise but predictions among several of the leading senators are that the opponents to the east-west committee plan are not strong enough to swing it. Quite a bit of behind-the-scenes work has been going on by both sides to gain support for their own plans. Color Photos A sweeping change in drivers licenses is in progress in Nebraska. The Legislature already has given initial approval to the new method and the consensus is that final approval is certain. Under LB 349, each license would contain a colored photograph of the holder. Instead of renewing every other September 1, the renewal date would be the birthday of the holder every two years.

Another new approach is having the state issue the actual license. Counties, which now issue them, would take the photo at the time of application and issue a temporary permit. After checking driving records of applicants, the state would either issue or refuse to issue the two year license. Incidentally, the cost is up—from \$2 to \$2.50. The main argument for the picture on the license is that it will provide positive identification of the driver, and eliminate the possibility of forgeries or counterfeit licenses.

School Lands
A Legislative Council interim study on the method of leasing the 1.6 million acres of school lands in the state is almost assured. Twenty-five of the 43 senators have signed a resolution asking for the probe into the present manner of leasing the lands. The resolution is the aftermath of an unsuccessful attempt to authorize the sale of the school lands. Any recommendations of the study committee would be presented to the 1963 Legislature. Budget Committee The Legislature's Budget Committee has scheduled April 17 and 18 as the time the University of Nebraska will present its 1961-63 budget request at public hearing. Gov. Frank Morrison has recommended that the University be allowed \$30.1 million in tax money compared to the current allocation of \$25 million. These same two days will also be busy ones for the Public Works Committee. This committee has scheduled six highly controversial public power bills to be heard then including a proposal to create a State Public Power Commission.

Bus Schedule

Leave Sioux City	11:30 a.m.
Arrive O'Neill	3:30 p.m.
Leave O'Neill	3:45 p.m.
Arrive Sioux City	7:15 p.m.
Leave Winner	6:00 a.m.
Arrive O'Neill	9:00 a.m.
Leave O'Neill	9:30 a.m.
Arrive Omaha	3:50 p.m.
Return	
Leave Omaha	8:30 a.m.
Leave Norfolk	12:30 p.m.
Arrive O'Neill	3:00 p.m.
Leave O'Neill	4:00 p.m.
Arrive Winner	7:15 p.m.
Leave Valentine	9:10 a.m.
Arrive O'Neill	12:15 p.m.
Leave O'Neill	12:25 p.m.
Arrive Grand Island	4:05 p.m.
Leave Grand Island	4:05 p.m.
Arrive Omaha	7:45 p.m.
Return	
Leave Omaha	7:45a.m.
Arrive Grand Island	11:20 a.m.
Leave Grand Island	12:30 p.m.
Arrive O'Neill	4:00 p.m.
Leave O'Neill	4:15 p.m.
Arrive Valentine	7:15 p.m.

Editorial

Keep Us Informed

Once in a while it is a good idea to remind the readers that this is their newspaper. Anytime you think of a suggestion don't hesitate to inform us. We may not act on your suggestion immediately, but be assured that it will be carefully considered and an attempt will be made to follow out the idea. The greatest criticism a weekly paper receives, is the scarcity of personal news. After all, most everyone enjoys reading about their friends and the interesting parties and events that take place. However, only a very few people will take a minute to pick up the phone and call their paper to give information. Take our good friend Marvin Miller. We talked to him two times this week concerning school affairs but he neglected to tell us how worried he and his wife had been when their youngster, Tommy, fell while playing and received a broken arm. Now young Tommy has a lot of friends and had they read about it in the paper, they would no doubt have sent cards to the young lad which would have helped the time pass until his arm had mended. Of course, it speaks well for Marv that he doesn't mix personal affairs with business. We hope he won't be offended by being used as an example. The main thing is that the Millers are popular and their news makes interesting reading. This goes for the rest of our readers.

Take time to keep your paper informed and your newspaper will keep you informed. A department of the Investment Bankers Association of America reports that state and local government bond authorizations approved by American voters last year reached an all-time high of \$6.1 billion. That is 30 per cent more than the previous peak, which was approved in 1956. President Arthur H. Motley of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, says: Today tens of millions of dollars are grabbed in lump sums out of the U. S. treasury—out of everybody's pocket—to build a waterways project benefiting only a small area; to build sewers or sidewalks or clear up a blighted downtown area in some community which has found a new way to shirk local responsibility. Can you visualize a string of loaded railroad tank cars 5,083 miles long—nearly twice the distance from New York to San Francisco? If you can, you have an idea of the amount of aviation fuel used by the U. S. Air Force last year. It came to a record 5.9 billion gallons. In addition to fuel, some 600 separate classes and specifications of petroleum products are used by this arm of our defense system.

WHO SAID "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"?



A yearning for the "good old days" is occasionally felt, but would you really want to turn backward in time? Would you, for example, want to return to even such a comparatively recent year as 1941?

(That was the year in which Consumers Public Power District—a new kind of publicly owned, but privately financed electric utility—began serving Nebraskans in all sections of the state.)

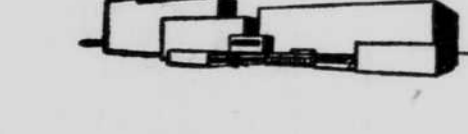
Since 1941, Nebraskans have made great progress. They enjoy better living at every income level . . . they enjoy a stronger economy in general. For much of this progress, the availability of a dependable supply of low-cost electricity, has been directly or indirectly responsible.

	1941	1960
Number of electrical conveniences commonly in use in average home	14	40
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