

Prairieland Talk

"Publishes O'Neill History"

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In 1885 or 1887 the George Jones family came to O'Neill from somewhere near the northeastern limits of Holt county. Mr. Jones acquired the Ward livery and feed barn which he conducted successfully for a few years on east Douglas street, a half block beyond what is now Fifth street. The family lived to the extreme east on that street while I knew them. One son of the family and I were pals in our youthful days. In later years Charley located in Colfax county and I next saw him in Lincoln, I at the time living there and State Senator Jones having come down to the Capital City to serve in the state legislature. I ran onto the senator in a bank on O Street where we both had come to draw on the bank's cash resources. Understand Charley has passed out of the picture, having died sometime ago. A daughter of the George Jones household, Mrs. Dave Loy, and a son, George H. Jones, remain in O'Neill. Mrs. Jones has long been a member and active worker in the Presbyterian church. She and Mr. Loy made their home on east Everett street, a street named for my revered grandire who died in O'Neill in 1891. George H., her brother, is interested in local history and we understand has published a little volume recounting early day events of the O'Neill community.



Romaine Saunders

The poet tells us that April showers will bring May flowers. Most of the first half of April this year clouds hung overhead dropping snow or rain. Now down the lane ahead we get a glimpse of the floral bloom that comes to prairieland in the merry month of May.

I look out my window and there it stands, a tall stately walnut tree its nude arms reaching up toward the blue above. A few days more, then tree and bush will be adorned again in summer green, the velvet leaf on tree and twig fluttering in the summer breeze.

The State Library Commission, now housed in the high tower at the State House, is supervising a number of gatherings in the state this spring promoting interest in reading among our citizens. The gathering nearest to the O'Neill community will be in Valentine the first week in May. Valentine, the county seat town of that great cattle ranch country of Cherry county. If Sam McElvie were still a part of the picture up there he would doubtless invite the high brows of library centers to come out to his holing up place and see the boys rope and brand the yearlings. The Library Commission which I served as a member at one time is doing a great work promoting interest in reading of worthwhile books by our citizens. The Commission had over a million books at its disposal some years ago and may have more today.

Even the great of our land like to have their fun. President Kennedy goes in for baseball. Former President Ike takes to golf. Teddy Roosevelt was a South Dakota cowboy and a mighty hunter. The Russians tell us they circled the globe in a few minutes with their "space traveling wonder." A Muscovite did it by standing at the south side of the North Pole and walked around it.

From a far distant Asiatic country there comes to my son, Ned, here in Lincoln, a call that he come to that distant land and supervise the erection and lay out the architectural designs of a hospital building, a school and a mission station structure. The institution here in Lincoln that he serves in a similar capacity does not want to release him for that job in the Orient, nor does Ned care to leave his home and family for such an undertaking. But to think over there in ancient Asia they are looking this way for my son to come and take over puffs Dad up a bit.

It was a week in April 55 years ago—Mrs. John Olson and children departed from O'Neill to join Mr. Olson in Idaho, where the family established their future home. Mrs. W. T. Evans, accompanied by her father, Mr. Potter, were visiting relatives in Iowa. Mrs. D. H. Cronin was spending a few days with her people in Randolph. P. J. McManus was back from a trip to Chicago where he ordered some summer goods for his store. Tim Hanley was limbering up his good right arm preparing for the ball games. Mrs. Lucie Matheson of Los Angeles, Calif., was visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. Rose Saunders. Mrs. C. E. Hall accepted a position as clerk in Mann's store. Dr. Gilligan was called to Butte to treat a sick citizen of that community. Dr. Corbett "extracted" my aching tooth.

"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame. To that Old Rugged Cross I will ever be true, 'til at last my trophies I lay down and exchange the Old Rugged Cross for a Crown."

The recent number of the State Historical Society's quarterly magazine has the story of pioneer undertakings along the upper Missouri river region, touching Fort Randall a bit, but does not tell the story of Holt county's Kid Wade who could out do any soldier at that fort as a marksman, even let fly a bullet from his six gun and split that bullet on the blade of a hunting knife stuck in a piece of wood. The upper Missouri river region was a hunters paradise and skins and robes taken from animals were boated down the river to St. Louis and other points, some getting no farther than Omaha, along with chunks of buffalo meat.

Nebraska had six congressional districts 60 years ago. Today we have four. Population of the state shrunk again and our state legislature has the job of redistricting, making but three. Plenty of elbow room on prairieland now.

Editorial

Taxing Your Opinion

Are you in favor of the government taxing your ideas?

If your answer is YES, please don't read any further. But if it's a loud NO, consider this:

The Federal government presently denies a tax deduction for expenses involved if you express publicly your views on matters that can affect your business—or your right to stay in business.

It takes the position that if you promote your opinions to the public on economic matters that affect your business, then you're guilty of lobbying and propaganda—and you can't write off incurred charges as an ordinary business expense.

Not so long ago a newspaper editor found this out the hard way. Editor Alex Washburn of the Hope (Ark.) Star spent \$6,000 to seek a referendum on a sales tax—a matter which he felt had a direct bearing on the welfare of his newspaper. But the Tax Court—relying on a Supreme Court ruling—decided that he couldn't charge it up to ordinary business expenses and claim it as a deduction in figuring out his income tax.

The government is still resting on those oars.

How about joining hands and squashing this censorship by taxation? Right now, there are nine corrective bills pending in Congress—eight in the House and one in the Senate—that guarantee your constitutional rights without tax reprisals. The bills are sponsored by Senators Hartke of Indiana and Kerr of Oklahoma and by Congressmen Boggs, La.; Byrnes, Wis.; Miller, N. Y.; Herlong, Fla.; Teague, Tex.; Mason, Ill.; Wilson, Calif.; and Dooley, N. Y.

Get a letter off today to your Senator and Congressman—and tell 'em that you, for one, don't want your opinion taxed.

BURLINGTON, WIS., STANDARD PRESS: "We're putting students in classes according to their ability." This was a statement made by local Principal Frank Hanrath in a speech to Burlington Rotary. It's the kind of thing so many people have been advocating for years. It's the kind of thing that will keep us ahead of the Russians in education—for, the idea of trying to make the same thing of all children is ridiculous—it can't be done. "What we are trying to say is simple. Don't try to make college whiz kids out of all our students."

TULELAKE, CALIF., REPORTED: "Americans concerned with the maintenance of a strong competitive rail system... would do well to heed a warning sounded in recent news reports from England.

"The government there announced that debts of the British railroads—which have been piling up steadily since nationalization in 1949—will be wiped out with the taxpayer's public picking up the tab.

"To prevent the expensive results of government operation in Britain from happening here, it seems obvious that the American railroads must be freed from the costly burdens of restrictive regulations and stifling labor practices from a bygone era."

GREAT FALLS, MONT., LEADER: "No more logical argument could be given to teenagers contemplating quitting school than a report by the U. S. Employment Service. In the midst of a recession in which 5.5 million workers are unemployed, nearly 18,000 jobs went begging last month for lack of qualified applicants. They included engineers, social workers, draftsmen, skilled trades of all kinds, accountants, librarians, to name only a few."

CARLSBAD, N. M., CURRENA-ARGUS: "There have been complaints in the Soviet press about the fact that many proposed improvements never get off the drawing board because the time necessary to install them would cut into the required quotas of factories where quantity comes before quality. Low-paid workers also object to plant modernization because the time required cuts into their bonuses."

MYRTLE CREEK, ORE., MAIL: "The extension of the 'helping hand' of state funds to those in difficulty not of their own choosing is certainly most praiseworthy. And we should not wish it otherwise for those who have suffered ill fortune. But it should be made neither so comfortable nor so continuous that the recipients should wish to wallow in it. Assistance in time of need is one thing. Continuous support of the lazy and the indigent is another. And those who deliberately prey upon the public coffers, one way or another, need to be discouraged."

CLARISSA, MINN., INDEPENDENT: "We believe the education of our children should remain in our hands and not be placed in some far-off bureau in Washington, where standardization is the watchword and dictation of what, and how to teach would be the inevitable result."

CUERO, TEXAS, RECORD: "It must be hoped that, somehow, the small independent farmer, and business man, will be able to find a place in this country—a place where he can work and prosper and retain that independence and individuality that forms a priceless safeguard against regimentation, sameness and loss of individualism."

HARTLAND, WIS., REPORTER: "There has been a great deal of talk that the new administration may well be advised to make some temporary tax cuts as one means of getting the economy 'moving' again. The dissident thought occurs: Is this what taxes are for? Are they meant to provide the necessary costs of government, or are they intended to be a magic wand that will change or cure, speed or retard our economic and social enterprises? A tax cut, even though temporary, would of course be welcome. But it would be far sounder and more beneficial if it reflected a reduction in government expenditures."

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

O'Neill high school baseball team went up to Atkinson and dropped a game to Atkinson, 1 to 0. William Gill and Attorney J. A. Rice of Stuart were in the city last week. Methodist church ladies will serve supper at the parsonage on Friday evening and there will be a very enjoyable time with plenty of good things to eat. J. P. Mann & Co. advertises ladies' fancy dresses of white lawn and dimity in blue, pink and lavender lace and embroider, \$3.50 and \$5.

25 YEARS AGO

L. G. Gillespie and F. J. Brady get nominations for the unicameral legislature. H. R. Allen is now operating a horseless farm. Nancy Dickson will teach at Norfolk. Harold Shoemaker and Ramona Margaret Haun are married April 13 in St. Patrick's church. Mrs. Bordson of Spencer purchases the Chapman Style Shop. Miss Constance Golden entertained sixteen of her little friends with a dinner party at the bakery and later at her home with games.

10 YEARS AGO

Claryce Johnson is named as Girls Stater. New traffic signals installed by O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell of Page will celebrate golden wedding April 22. All personal effects of Orville Neal family lost in fire which destroyed their frame house. Funeral services held April 10 for Sadye Erion Jones of Ewing. Virgil Pock sells Atkinson greenhouse to Raymond Grofs.

5 YEARS AGO

New Seger Funeral Home under construction in Atkinson. Evangeline Daugherty, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Daugherty of Inman, has fractured left leg as result of tractor accident. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cranford of Lynch celebrate golden wedding anniversary April 22. J. B. Donohoe, 86, pioneer settler of O'Neill community, dies April 17. Mrs. Mark Muff is elected president of Friends of SMA. Dr. J. W. Lambert, son of Mrs. Carl Lambert of Ewing, is enroute to Sweden for plant breeding research.

Homemakers Corner

By Catherine Indra Home Extension Agent

Bit by bit spring and summer vegetables will be or are appearing in the markets. You might say "haste makes haste" if you follow approved methods of vegetable cookery. Too, you save time and fuel as well as nutrients, texture and flavor.

Cut vegetables into small pieces. This cuts cooking time of turnips, potatoes, carrots, etc. Shredding cabbage makes it cook more rapidly.

The quantity of water needed depends on the cooking time and midness of the fresh vegetable. The less water you use, the more quickly it will reach the boiling point.

Covering the saucepan speeds up cooking, but whether to cover or not to cover depends on what's cooking. To preserve the green color of vegetable, cook it uncovered for two or three minutes.

Cook fresh vegetables with living care and their natural goodness will make them good without sauces. Butter, cream, or a little minced parsley, chives, or onion will be all that's needed.

These general directions apply to most vegetables. Here are some speed-up hints for a variety of fresh vegetables. After you've washed and rinsed green beans, take a small handful of beans and jounce them a bit to line up the ends. Lay on a cutting board and trim with

one cut. Trim opposite end the same way and cook whole.

Broccoli cooks more rapidly if you start cut-up stems in boiling water to cover about five minutes before adding the buds. Same thing applies to asparagus.

Cabbage is a fast cooker and requires a minimum of advance preparation. Cut in eights and cook uncovered for five minutes. Then cover and cook about 10 minutes longer.

Don't peel or scrape fresh carrots—and that means most carrots sold today. Add a scant teaspoon of sugar and a good piece of butter r margarine to the cooking water. Sprinkle with chopped chives or parsley before serving.

Corn-on-the-cob needs to boil only until the milk in the kernels has set about five minutes. Cook just before serving.

There are several little speed-up tricks with potatoes. French-fry them whole. They're quick and perfectly delicious. Heat deep fat to 350° F. Wash and dry small to medium potatoes (about 1 1/2 to 2 inches) but do not pare. Pierce with a fork 1/4 inch deep into each end of potato. Cook 20 to 30 minutes in hot fat, depending on size.

Scalloped potatoes take only a few minutes in the pressure cooker. Place rack in bottom of a 4-quart cooker and layer sliced potatoes and other ingredients as you would in a baking dish. Hold cooker under cold water as soon as potatoes have cooked about 1 1/2 minutes under pressure. This is to prevent over-cooking.

To cut the baking time of Butternut, Hubbard and other winter squash, cut in serving-size pieces. Place in a large saucepan with 1-inch boiling water and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Cover and cook 12 minutes or until almost tender. remove from water and dot with butter, brown sugar or other seasoning and bake an additional 10 minutes in a moderately hot oven.

Lettuce, romaine, escarole and other leafy greens are done in a

A Poem

From Mrs. Eby...

—AT CALVARY—

A pilgrimage transformed my life and overwhelms me still. The centuries rolled back, I walked on a wind-swept hill; I looked beyond and lo: a scene of horror met my eye. Three crosses stood in silhouette against a laden sky; Upon each cross a form, but one alone I seemed to see, And tho I stood afar, I sensed His eyes were beckoninb me.

I blindly ran across the rocks, and as I neared the place, My heart stood still when I beheld the anguish on His face; Upon the ashen thorn-clad brow, sweat-drops of blood had dried;

Great gaping wounds in hands and feet, and a sword wound in His side, But in His eyes a glory shone, a holy radiance sweet, I threw myself beneath the cross and clasped the bleeding feet.

"Oh Lord" I cried (I knew 'twas He) "What fiend did this to thee?"

Had they no shame, no trembling fear, no love, no sympathy?" "How dared they touch the Son of God" but as I cried He spoke in voice so passionately sweet my slumbering soul awoke, My erring child, you placed me here, by His grace divine, "Because you came in faith, I gladly gave my life for thine." Lillian Meiners

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