

Prairieland Talk

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"A Whole Years Pay"

Schools and higher institutions of learning in our Capital City were having graduation exercises, so a Gentleman of the Cloth came up from Oklahoma to be present when a grandson graduated. I met him by chance and we visited. He told me he was a retired preacher and that from the sources of "retirement pay" of today he gets a little more than \$300 a month. Three hundred a month! If that pioneer pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill, Father Smith, and Bartley Blaine pastor of the Methodist had each received three hundred dollars in a year they would have been happy. They carried on their ministerial duties but received but little of material wealth but felt rich in the wealth of the soul.



Romaine Saunders

At the barber shop you meet them. He told us the story and as he is a good Presbyterian church goer we swallowed it all. His grandfather was driving a herd of cattle across the open country from a point in Texas headed for Seattle, Wash. In Wyoming he came upon the body of a dead man lying on the ground. Not himself a mortician, but he gouged out a grave as best he could there in lonely Wyoming prairieland, buried the dead, stuck up a stake to mark the grave and attached a note to it telling of his find. Moved on with his herd. Some years later he came back that way again to find a town had built up by that grave and the town bearing his own name. And those gallant Wyoming patriots took granddad in and gave him a royal reception.

Early in June, red, blue and white flowers in full bloom; tall stately trees and sheltering brush now robed again in silken green, grass grows lawns along city streets. On farms grain fields rich in promise of abundant harvest. Sunshine and showers of rain-nature smiles today here on Prairieland as we gad about and fuss around unmindful often and careless of that Gidding Hand and Watchful Eye that is over all. I shall give that One thanks again—will you?

He was holding down a homestead some five miles south of Inman when he wrote the Little Old Sod Shanty bit of Prairieland verse, saying he was "happy as a clam in this land of Uncle Sam." So am I. How about you?

Our millionaire occupants of the white house in Washington, D. C., went up to Canada, now over hobnobbing with the French. They have what it takes to travel—may come this way someday and spend the night in Omaha.

He was up from the deep south, a native of Louisiana just to look around a bit and get in with a look in at the graduation exercises of one of our Capital City's institutions of learning. Said he liked the looks of things in Nebraska. Also informed us that the talk of trouble in the South over the Negroes was mostly "northern talk," they were dwelling peaceably with the colored people in his community.

Stores in O'Neill in the 1880's and 1890's now no more. Why? The merchants of other days are in their graves. Who were they? Well, Pat Hagerty's pioneer trading post where Hotel Golden now stands. And at the other corner of that block where now is the bus depot was J. J. McCafferty's hardware. Across the street Schram Bros., later the Bentley store, in the block to the west J. P. Mann's "department" store, then two drug stores, on another door or two Heinrichsons, the M. M. Sullivan, Neil Brean, H. W. McClure. And on south Fourth street Charley Slocum, Pat McManus and J. P. Gallagher. But one still survives on south Fourth street, the Stannard Store runs today by the daughters of the late Dave and Mrs. Stannard. And the good old meat caryer at his block with knife in hand, Fred Gatz, is gone too. I was 16 years old the time Fred gave me \$16 for a nice three year old I brought in from the herd out on the prairie.

The supreme court, two dissenting judges, uphold Sunday laws and say it is not a religious day. But citizens every where know that Sunday is a church going day and think of it in a religious sense.

The post office has its fifth resting place in O'Neill. The office first was in a small building on south Fourth street, that building the home of Doc Matthews' Frontier. That little building burned down, then a larger building at the same spot was the post office, Frontier print shop and Odd Fellow hall in the 1880's, '90's and 1900 for a number of years. Next it was located across the street north of the alley. The building next to the O'Neill National Bank was the third location of the post office, then moved a block to the north where my good friend then postmaster did it for me, informing the merchant that wanted to know what paper to contact with for advertising. Henry told him The Frontier had twice the circulation of any other publication going through the O'Neill post office. We got that merchant's ads. The post office today is a notable building built by the government and stands where in pioneer time Dr. Conoly had a drug store, later a hotel where you got bed and breakfast for four bits. Later the building became the home of County Judge B. S. Gillespie and family, they followed by the Skirving family. The next to take over operated lodging quarters for a time until Uncle Sam came along to take over, remove the old building and erect the new post office building with Postmaster Cross and helpers on the job.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Last Saturday Judge Malone issued a marriage license to Homer H. Lowry and Miss Sarah M. Cole, both of Emmet. On Wednesday James Mullen purchased 232 head of hogs for which he paid the sum of \$3,057.85, the hogs selling for \$5.45 per hundred. Lawrence Murray brought in nine loads of hogs for which he received \$745. Mrs. Margaret Vaughn, mother of Mrs. P. S. Hughes, died at the residence of her daughter Friday night after an illness of several months. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Enright are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter at their home.

25 YEARS AGO

The Episcopal church building will be moved a couple of blocks west from the lots which have been purchased by the government for the new post office. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin drove to Omaha Tuesday morning where Bill attends the annual meeting of the Nebraska Funeral Directors association. Miss Helen E. Givens, who has been employed in the local office of the Nebraska Securities, has been transferred to the Omaha office. Mrs. William Nollkamper of Omaha, formerly of this county, died at her home in Omaha last week at the age of 81 years. Mrs. F. J. Dishner will head the ladies activities during the annual golf tournament here June 21-23.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Gilman Davis, 75, Stuart farm woman dies Monday of heart attack. Jack Sullivan of Butte, Mont., illustrious figure in sporting world, here for visit and to attend golden wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stout. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lamason of Page entertain 125 at golden wedding observance. Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley of Dorsey celebrate 30th wedding day. The Rev. Richard Parr of Battle Creek has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph's church at Atkinson. Miss Ruth Harris returns to states after serving 4 1/2 years in China as a Methodist missionary.

5 YEARS AGO

W. A. Summers, Bartlett and W. O. Jarman, Atkinson, two pioneer shippers, are honored by Omaha Livestock Market and Chamber of Commerce in Omaha. Extensive showers brighten crop hopes. Merle Sieler, Lynch farmer, leaps from tractor when machine upsets. Mrs. Carrie Holloway, 93, of Chambers, has first plane ride. Bertha E. Orsborn and George Mumm jr., are married May 24 in O'Neill. St. Paul's Lutheran church at Chambers will mark 50th anniversary Sunday.

Dailey dies May 22, services held at Chambers. Lewie Harley has traded Leo Adams his two-houses in the east part of town for Leo's home and grounds in the south end of town. Dedication services for the new Methodist parsonage held Sunday.

Fort Randall News

Janice Kirwan

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson and Kathy of Palo Alto, Calif and Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cover of Picktown, and Mr. Cover's mother, Mrs. Leona Cover, were Wednesday evening visitors at the home of Miss Olga Bengston.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kocer jr. were Saturday evening visitors at the Dan Kirwan home.

Mrs. John Cassidy of Spencer spent Monday visiting at the home of her son, John Cassidy jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hyde of Brockton, Mass. were guests at the home of Mrs. Hyde's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hausmann, Friday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde were enroute to their home after spending 10 days at Bonesteel with her mother and family. They were called home due to the serious illness and death of J. P. Hausmann, Mrs. Hyde's and Harry's father.

Judi Harvey of Picktown and Janice Kirwan visited Mrs. Elwood Boelter and infant son at the Armour hospital Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Janousek of rural Fairfax and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray of Fairfax were Friday evening visitors at the Harry Hausmann home.

Phillip Kirwan left Sunday afternoon for Aberdeen, S. D. to attend Boys State. Phillip, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kirwan, is the Pickstown representative. The Rev. and Mrs. George F. Serson and Kay, Bonesteel, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. John Beltman, Platte, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Mel Livingston, Picktown, S. D., Mrs. Emil Mashek and Dougie, Fairfax, S. D., and Jim Mashek, Waverly, Mo., were Sunday evening lunch guests at the Clarence E. Olson home after church services.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Trotter of Picktown were Tuesday evening callers at the G. R. Kirwan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Anderson and family, Friedolf Pearson and Dave Lundstrom were Tuesday evening visitors at the home of Miss Olga Bengston.

Mary Jane Kirwan is attending catechism classes held in the St. Anthony's Catholic church in Fairfax. Several from this community attended the post-nuptial shower honoring Mrs. John Hindes Sunday afternoon at the Pickstown region hall. Mrs. Hindes is the former Dorothy Trotter.

Miss Olga Bengston sang at the Memorial services held in Bristow. She was a dinner guest at the Duane Mahlendorf home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hausmann and Jill were Sunday evening visitors at the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Verlon Moos of rural Fairfax.

Don Olson and son, Leon, Melvin Anderson and son, Joey, and G. R. Kirwan attended a horse sale in Burke, S. D. Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Kirwan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kirwan and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hausmann and Jill, Mr. and Mrs. Emphery Olson and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Nyquist and Charles, Elmer Mostrom, Dave Lundstrom, Clarinda Pearson and brother, Friedolf, Olga Bengston and brother, Mauritz, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Olson and Waldon and Fingle Olson attended a farewell party held in the Melvin Kirwan home honoring Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kirwan and family of Leadville, Colo. and Gene Kirwan of St. Louis, Mo. who were returning to their homes after spending sometime visiting with relatives and friends of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hausmann and Janice Kirwan were Wednesday evening callers at the Bob Hausmann home of Bonesteel.

Many friends from this community attended a farewell party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Mel Livingston and family of Pick-

town who are moving to Pierre S. D. soon. It was held Sunday evening in the Randall Covenant church. A musical program was presented and a pot luck lunch served at the close of the evening.

Mrs. Louie Janousek, Dougie, Debbie, and Kevin of rural Fairfax were Wednesday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Harry Hausmann and Jill.

Sunday afternoon the G. R. Kirwan family went to the Ed Kehn Ranch near St. Charles, S. D. to see the buffalo cow and new calf. Harold Roeder accompanied them and took moving pictures. Mr. Kehn has a small buffalo herd consisting of a bull, three cows and two calves.

Mrs. Harry Hausmann, Jill, Mrs. G. R. Kirwan and Mary Jane were Friday afternoon visitors at the Louie Janousek home of rural Fairfax.

Inman News

By Mrs. James McMahan

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Watson and son Sam went to Lincoln on Friday evening where they spent the weekend visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Langley and Lisa. On Saturday morning they attended the graduation exercises at the University of Nebraska College of Law, where Mr. Langley was one of the graduates.

WCSM met Thursday afternoon at the church annex for the regular meeting. Installation of officers was held with Cal Geary, the installing officer. Lunch was served at the close of the afternoon by Mrs. Otto Reike and Mrs. T. J. Davis.

Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. South were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oberle, O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Oberle, Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Harden Anspach, O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. John Conard, Emmet. During the evening Rex showed movie pictures.

Mrs. Mary Tomlinson of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harte Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Harte and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony's Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. South visited Mr. and Mrs. Harden Anspach at O'Neill Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. South visited Mrs. Lulu Quig at O'Neill Saturday.

Mrs. E. E. Keyes and daughter, Donna, of Newport were callers Wednesday in the F. E. Keyes home.

Mary Morsbach, who is employed at Neligh, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Morsbach. The Morsbach took their daughter back to Neligh Sunday evening and visited in the M. M. Crosser home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ries and daughters returned to their home in Omaha Monday evening after visiting Mr. and Mrs. David Morsbach and relatives in Atkinson.

Mrs. Earl Watson entered St.

Anthony's hospital Friday for medical treatment.

Robert Harte left Wednesday for his home in California after spending a few weeks visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harte and family, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Kenneth Coventry returned Wednesday night from Denver, Colo., where she spent a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dempsey and family and Mrs. Helen Colman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tucker of Ewing were visitors Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Violet Sholes. Robert Sholes of O'Neill visited Rufus and Violet Sholes Saturday.

Mrs. James McMahan attended a stated meeting of Symphony chapter OES at O'Neill Thursday evening.

Mrs. Robert Gillahan and daughters of Lawrence, Kan., came Saturday to spend a week visiting Mrs. Gillahan's mother, Mrs. Leo Mossman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Abney were Friday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelly and family at Wisner. Janet and Gib Kelly returned to Inman with their grandparents for a visit.

Dean Gorgen and Leonard Butterfield spent a few days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Milo Gorgen and son at Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hibbs and family of O'Neill visited Mrs. Ray Siders and Marilyn Sunday afternoon.

Joe Peters, who is employed at Norfolk, spent a couple of days last week with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wrede and family of O'Neill were Inman visitors Friday evening.

Mrs. Vaden Kivett, who attends summer school at Wayne, spent the weekend with her family.

Mrs. Merle DeLong and Mildred Keyes, who attends summer school at Blair, spent the weekend at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anthony and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mutschall and family at Page Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. South visited Mr. and Mrs. John Conard at Emmet Monday.

Harold Sobotka of Valentine spent the weekend visiting his father, John Sobotka.

A Poem

From Mrs. Eby . . .

—If man should reach the Moon—
I'm sure you've heard or read about the satellites in space, How Russia and United States are in a rocket race, To hear them talk it won't be long till space they conquer soon, And then what next will man attempt, if man should reach the moon?

If man should ever reach the moon, there's one thing that is clear; He'll ruin everything up there, just as he has down here, With sin and crime, with lust and greed, he's got enough to do, To clean the mess he's made on earth and you know that is true.

The sickness and the want, the fear, the broken hearts and shame, The cry of hungry millions—and man is all to blame, So I think we'd better set our sights above the moon and space; So let's explore eternity, while their is time and grace.

It's not the moon we need to reach, it's God who put it there, The One who went to Calvary, a rugged cross to bear, For sins of men with wicked hearts, He died one day at noon; With faith in Him you'll have no fear, if man should reach the moon.

Walter H. Huntley

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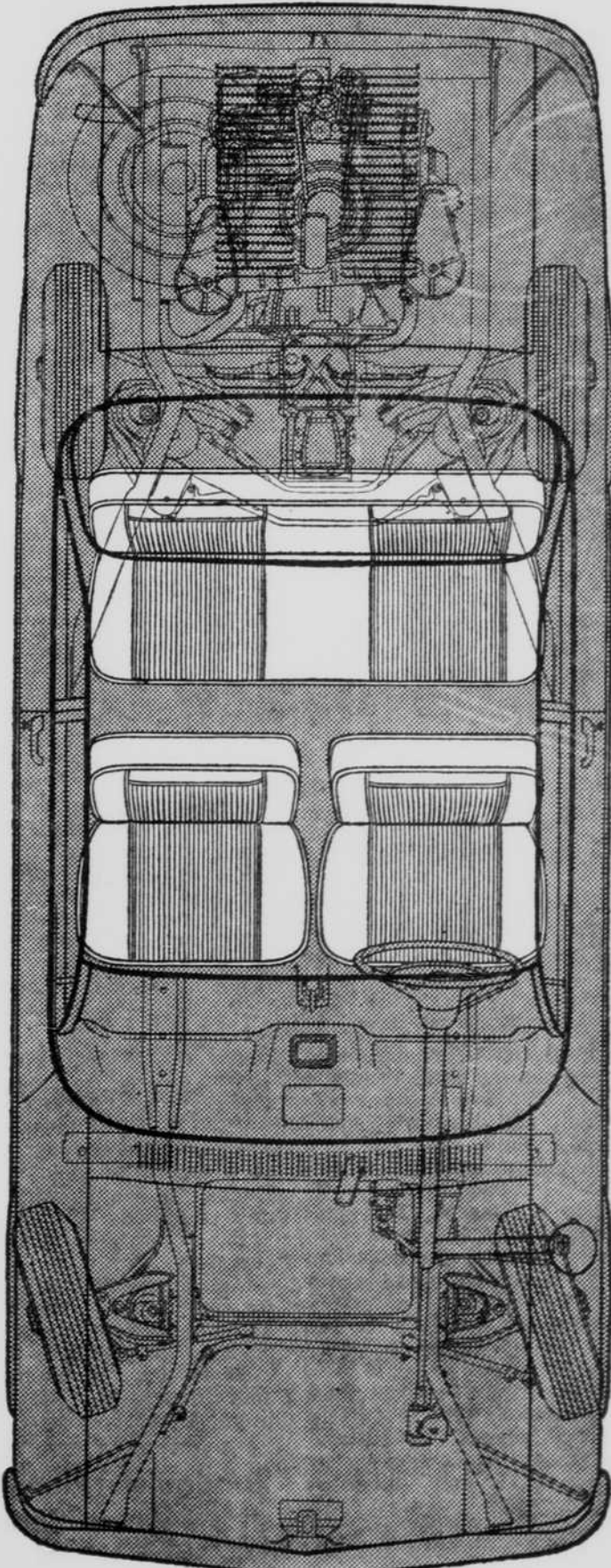
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Editorial

Entitled To A Choice

There may be a deep significance in the recent U. S. Senatorial election in Texas. The winner, college professor John G. Tower, is the first Republican ever elected to this office by Texas voters. And, partisan political considerations to one side, he is an unqualified conservative. He is unequivocally opposed to any and all "welfare state" proposals, such as the compulsory health programs and federal aid to education. He believes in a free market for agriculture, and in the right-to-work laws.

The possible significance of this lies in the fact that it is not an isolated example of a resurgence of traditional conservatism. For example, Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, whose views are similar to those of Senator-elect Tower, has developed a remarkably large national following. Great numbers of people, it is clear, are deeply concerned with the drift in this country toward a monolithic, do-everything-for-everybody state, operated on a deficit basis despite crushing and punitive taxes, and are seeking ways to stem the tide.

In any event, all should welcome the rise of reasoned opposition to the centralization of power in Washington. The American people are entitled to a choice—and forthright, personable and dedicated conservatives, liberals, and middle-of-the-roads must all join in the political frays if that choice is to exist.

GULFPORT, MISS., GUIDE: "TVA, according to its creators, was designed to become a yardstick to take the measure of electric current—to determine its cost and a fair price for it.

"TVA was subsidized by the Government, having no stockholders it need not produce a profit, a political pet it is not forced to pay any taxes. How can such a crooked yardstick take the fair measure of electric current produced by privately owned companies that must be financed under the good old free enterprise system, and must show a profit over and above a heavy tax burden to stay in business?"

On May 17th, government, industry, and labor union economists will participate in a one-day institute sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States on "Employment and Unemployment—The Problem of the 60's." Discussion will revolve around such topics as the size and texture of the labor force in this new decade, the effects of the automation, technological and product changes.

Americans donated 2,422,700 pints of blood through the American Red Cross in 1960, for a peacetime record. In the 1959-60 fiscal year, the Red Cross spent \$12,500,000 on its blood program.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Perrin took 5,500 pounds of cream to O'Neill which they took in at the station Monday. Charlie Graham and Neil Alderson bought some horses at the Ditch Co. sale Tuesday. School closed in O'Neill last Friday and the Chambers girls are home again. Frank Holcomb brought a 10 pound pickerel to this office yesterday. A total of \$110 has been received from contributors for the July 4th celebration. The Chambers young people had a very enjoyable time at the party in the hall Saturday night. Plain, fancy and lace openwork hose at 25 cents in Smith Bros. store.

25 YEARS AGO

Frank Allen, treasurer of Holt County Corn-Hog Control Assoc., distributed checks here Monday amounting to about \$6,000. The South Fork, Holt County Fair Board have announced that the 1936 dates will be September 8, 9, 10 and 11. Mrs. Enoch W. Nye of Crawford Valley, 50, dies May 21 in Lincoln. C. Raymond Bowers and Marie Clarke wed June 4 at Chambers. M. B.

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