

Prairieland Talk

"Under the Old Shade Tree"

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By the walk in front of the John Smoot barber shop on the west side of south 4th street stood a tree. There they gathered summer afternoons in the shade the town's philosophers, statesmen and loafers making up what became known as the Green Tree club. John Smoot, Tom Coyne, Odie Biglin, John Horiskey, Pat Biglin, Jess Mellor, Roscoe of the Commercial Hotel just across the street to the south, Sliver Triggs, George Triggs. A wise if unsightly group that talked it all over together. A feature of life and neighborly fellowship in O'Neill in the days now gone with not one of that Green Tree club seen on the streets of O'Neill today.



Romaine Saunders

It is always a pleasure for a former O'Neill resident now holing up elsewhere to have one of them come along and take me by the hand. That sturdy pioneer couple of the O'Neill community, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brennan, has a son living here in the Capital City. I should not say has a son, but rather a son of that good father and mother now long dead, the son living now here in Lincoln and Prairieland Talker had a visit recently, Tom coming to see me one afternoon. Yes, two former O'Neill patriots enjoy a visit together talking it over. And we both expressed regrets that we get nothing over the air these days from up there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fickling and their two boys of the Atlanta, Ga., community spent a week in Lincoln visiting Mrs. Fickling's father, Prairieland Talker, and the households of her sister, Mrs. Amy Eno, and her brother, Ned Saunders. Mrs. Fickling whose husband is a minister was born in O'Neill and enjoys coming to her home prairieland state from time to time. This trip we did not get up to Holt county as her preaching husband had to be home to fill appointments.

Down there is southwest Nebraska we call it the Pan Handle. Near me I see a tin pan. It has no handle... Iron curtain—another play upon words. No curtain hanging up, iron or silk or otherwise. But they say they know about it when they get behind the Iron Curtain.

Flo Bently in their little store on east Douglas street for one thin dime handed you a whole fresh baked pie. The other day I paid 25 cents for a little piece of pie at a lunch counter.

An unsigned letter comes to me inquiring about what appeared herein recently about our district judges, four of them making their homes in O'Neill. Occasionally a judge from another district would come here and preside at court trails in Holt county. One of the long time district court judges, M. P. Kinkaid, was elected to congress and gave us the one section homestead law.

County and state fairs now on hot summer days. Formerly we gathered at the fair grounds on mild autumn days. The first Holt county fair was held in the year 1884 or 85. Fair grounds a mile or more east of the town of O'Neill. A race track with a capacity crowd taking in the races and performances there on the race track, maybe startled with fright when Al Heilman flashed out his six shooter and shot a dog. An attractive feature one fair was the wedding on the fair grounds of Elmer Merriman and the charming lady of his choice from the Page community. And the first bunch of black cattle to come to the prairies of Holt county were exhibited by Rancher Elwood. One year the fair was held south of town, then for a few years to the northeast, now taken over by homes of citizens. What formerly was the South Fork Fair down at Chambers is now the Holt County Fair, and a good one at that. Formerly we printers and newspaper workers were given free passes to the fair grounds with "freedom of the grounds" stamped on the pass. How is it today?

August 14 some attention was given to the event on that date 16 years ago, which ended our war with Japan. The bombing of Pearl Harbor started that war. At that time wife and I were at our home in Swan precinct five miles west of Amelia. Our son, Romaine, was in Coast Guard service in Hawaiian waters at the Pearl Harbor base. That evening the news came over the air of the bombing of Pearl Harbor our good neighbor, Tom Baker, came to get us to hear the story over the telephone, the Bakers being on the telephone line. We of course were concerned for our son and we were made to rejoice some days later that he was still on the go unharmed. And the Japs were brought to their knees when their great city was bombed and thousands of their people killed. Such is war, death and destruction.

It was said to the Shepherd, "Thou hast here thy ninety and nine. Are they not enough for thee? But the Shepherd gave answer, One of mine has wandered away from me, so I go to the desert to find my sheep." Am I a lost sheep out in the desert of sin? Our spiritual Shepherd is looking for such and calls, Come home!

The precinct assessor has a tough job and even his next door neighbor may thumb a nose at him. The job has to be done and to have your assessment about as you want it be friendly with the assessor. He does what the law requires him to do.

Our Capital City being an educational center they come here from distant lands to study. I met one recently, a little short brown skinned gent from far away Manila. The day this is written he was to leave for home after some weeks study at Union college. He was to go by train to San Francisco, there board a ship and sail across the great Pacific ocean, the trip home to cost him \$400. He told me the weather in the Philippines is the same each year, never gets above 80 in midsummer nor below 60 above zero at other seasons.

Chambers News

By Mrs. E. R. Carpenter

Mrs. Ralph Blair returned home Sunday evening from Omaha where she had spent a week with her sons and daughters and attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Nola Saseck. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Seiders, and Mr. Seiders' father, Clarence Seiders, Red Oak, Ia., brought her home and are visiting here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wilkinson and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson, Phillipsburg, Kan., who were visiting the Wilkinsons, left Monday of last week for the Black Hills. Another sister, Mrs. Hazel Boatman, O'Neill, accompanied them. They returned Wednesday.

Troxel Green, Amelia, delivered the message at the Methodist churches in Chambers and Amelia Sunday morning due to the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Charles Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Burch and Mrs. Carl Schmeil, O'Neill, called at the R. K. Platt home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bishop, Mead, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hertel. The Bishops' two sons, Randy and Robin, who had spent a couple of weeks with their grandparents, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Evert Jarman returned Saturday night from a vacation spent at Estes Park, Colo. Their son, Douglas, accompanied them as far as Denver and from there returned by train to Omaha and is spending a while with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ringle and Karrie.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dankert were Sunday callers in the R. K. Platt home.

Chester Jungbluth, Beatrice, is visiting friends at Chambers this week and also doing some work at his place west of town.

Several families from the Chambers and Amelia communities attended a picnic dinner and program as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Daves and family who are leaving this week for their new location at Fairbury.

Mrs. Tim Read was a Wednesday visitor in the Leon Hertel home.

Dean Wilkinson and Francis Root, Mead, spent the weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffin and her mother, Mrs. Althea Snodgrass, Lincoln, came Tuesday and visited until Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Platt. Mrs. Snodgrass is a sister of Mr. Platt. Mrs. Wayne Smith and son, Dean, drove to Kearney Monday. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Richards, Chadron, spent from Monday until Wednesday of last week with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Duane K. Miller and family.

Mrs. Don Medcalf and sons, Ainsworth, came Wednesday accompanied by several boys of the Ainsworth ball team. The group attended the Fair and visited the E. H. Medcalfs. One son, Bruce, remained until his father came Thursday and the two returned to Ainsworth Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thorin, Duncan, came for the Fair Wednesday bringing their granddaughters, Norma and Janet. Wintemote home after having spent nearly a week with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Sammons and son, Duane, Kimberly, Idaho, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Miller, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller and family, and other relatives and friends. The Sammons family is formerly of the Chambers and Amelia communities.

Bob Gibson, Papillion, visited Wednesday evening with his grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Gibson, and in the Darrell Gillette home.

Mrs. Hattie Tibbets, accompanied by her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Powell, Stromsburg, left Thursday for Ft. Collins, Colo. The former visited her sister, Mrs. Genevieve Bell, and nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grimes, also her niece, Mrs.

Charles Gustafson and family at Eaton. The Powells were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olson and family at Ft. Collins. The group returned to Chambers Monday and the Powells left soon after for their home at Stromsburg.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Cox went to Oakdale Sunday where he performed a marriage ceremony for Dale McCain, Ericson, and Lila Mae Pitzer, Oakdale. They called at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox, Tuesday evening.

Guests in the Clarence Dammé home Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Les Dammé and family and Terry Peterson, all of Clearwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fisher and Dorothy, Amelia.

Connie Werner returned to her work in Denver, Colo. after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Werner.

Judy Thomson, who is attending school in Lincoln, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thomson.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Loeske spent the weekend at Schuyler where they attended the Loeske-Bohman wedding and visited relatives.

Judy, Joan and Burton Grimes, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grimes, West Covina, Calif. who have spent several weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Grimes, left Thursday for Milwaukee, Wis., to join Mrs. Grimes. She is visiting her relatives while Mr. Grimes is in school at Bemidji, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burge and family drove to Clearwater Sunday to visit her cousin, Mrs. Winford Weeder, of Chula Vista, Calif., who is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Finley.

Mrs. James Grimes and grandson, Steve Conley, left Wednesday for the latter's home at Montrose, Colo., after Steve had spent the summer with his grandparents. Mrs. Grimes plans to remain for a short visit.

O'Neill Locals

Mrs. McKinley Simonson entered St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, August 14. She will be there two weeks or more for a check-up.

Jim Hartly and family, Denver, arrived Saturday to spend the week visiting with Mrs. Simon Bohn and Mrs. W. H. Hartly. They visited Thursday in Creighton with relatives.

Walter Donohoe and family returned a week ago from a vacation to the Black Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat E. Hickey, Omaha, arrived Friday to spend a few days visiting relatives.

The women of the O'Neill Bowling teams held their annual meeting Thursday night at the Legion club room. Mrs. Norbert Clark, president, presided. Minutes were read and the treasurer's report given by Mrs. Derald Graham. After an open discussion, meeting adjourned, followed by meetings of individual leagues.

Starting dates of leagues for 61 and 62 season were decided upon. The president appointed necessary committees for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weber and family, Omaha, arrived Saturday to spend the weekend visiting Mrs. Weber's parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Don Enright and Jim. They returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaskill, Denver, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Gaskill returned Thursday from St. Paul, Minn., where they had been visiting the Russel Borgs. The Richard Gaskills returned to Denver Saturday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Rex Horner and family, Fort Ritchie, Md., arrived Wednesday to visit a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fuhrer, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert

Robertson, and other family and friends, enroute to Arizona where they will make their home. Sgt. Horner will be stationed at Fort Matucka.

Edna Coyne returned Thursday from Trenton, N. J., after spending three weeks with her daughter and family, Captain and Mrs. H. M. Christensen. She also spent several days, sight seeing in Washington, D. C., and several days in Omaha with friends.

Convention Date Set
Altar society met Thursday evening at St. Mary's Academy. Mrs. William Kelly announced that national council of Catholic Women convention would be held in Columbus September 26. She urged as many women as possible to attend. Mrs. Joe Dufek gave a report on the coupon drive for silverware which the Altar society is handling. The meeting was in charge of St. Catherine's guild with Mrs. John Laska as chairman.

Bowling Party Held
The Ten Pin Lanes team held a bowling party and steak fry Monday evening at Slat's Supper club. Six couples attended.

Mrs. Mary Clauson and granddaughter, Sharel Dooze, Denver, Colo., returned home Friday after visiting the J. R. Gallagher family. John Gallagher Jr. and his grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Honke, accompanied them to Denver, where they will visit about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Marcellus and family returned home Friday from a week's vacation at Estes Park. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gettler, Crawford, formerly of O'Neill.

Mrs. Harold Williamson and Bonnie, Columbus and Mrs. Jasper Hitchcock, Lincoln, were Sunday and Monday visitors at the Billie Marcellus home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Humrich returned Wednesday from Minne-

apolis, Minn., where they have been visiting Mrs. Humrich's sister, Mrs. William Lyders and family.

Theresa Bohn returned Saturday after visiting her sister in Delaware. She will work at the hospital here until January, and then plans to attend school.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Donohoe and family over the weekend, were Mr. and Mrs. Vurl Cloyd, Sidney, Ia.

Mrs. Bud Cloyd and boys, Omaha, are visiting this week at the home of Mrs. Cloyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Donohoe and family.

Ed McCarthy, Columbus, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hetherington and family, Lincoln, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earley and family returned Wednesday from vacationing in the Black Hills.

Mrs. Emmet Carr, Karen and Charles, Santa Monica, Calif., are here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Pauline Walston and Miss Castle Crain, Red Field, S. D., arrived Sunday to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Winnie Barger.

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Editorial

Trans-Curtain Skyway

Christian Science Monitor

At the moment the dark hues in the world picture—intensified by the storm at Berlin—cloud over what would be small but bright rifts in a less troubled sky. For example, an agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union has been reached to provide nonstop plane service between New York and Moscow beginning next spring.

There may be, to be sure, an ironical contrast in any Russian agreement to advance the movement of people across such distance at a time when Communist guards are preventing them from traveling by subway from East to West Berlin. The same point might be made about cultural exchanges which somehow do not provide, in the Communist book, that Germans should know Germans better.

Nevertheless the New York-Moscow air link is a useful reminder that some zephyrs are blowing against the hurricane, and may still be blowing when the stronger wind has subsided.

It is also a reminder that so-called "disengagement"—the withdrawal of Western military power on one side, and Soviet military power on the other from the storm center in Eastern Europe—will be largely meaningless so long as missile pads in North America and the Soviet Union remain mutually engaged. The New York-Moscow air service would be a desirable substitute for the theoretical trajectories of nuclear rockets.

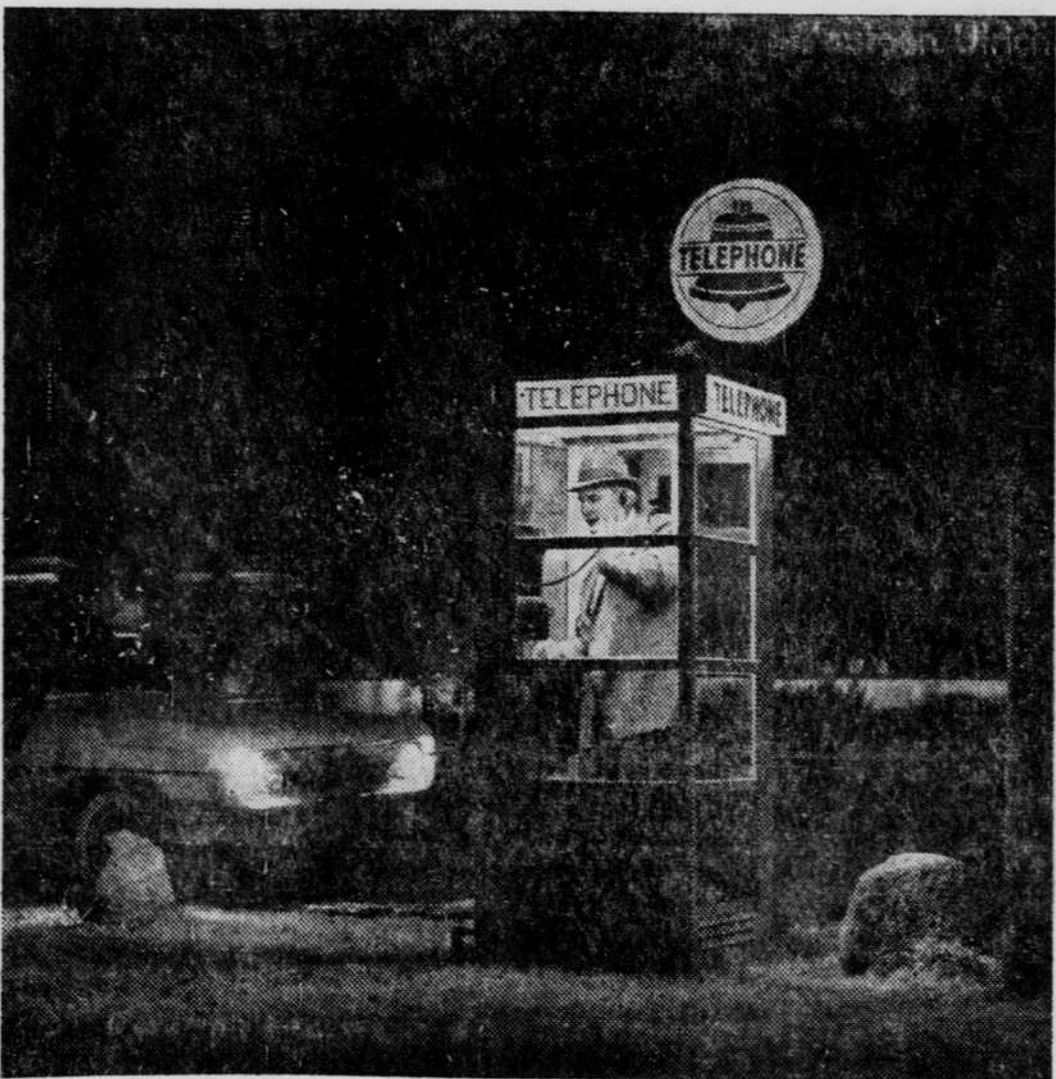
BEAVER FALLS, PA., NEWS-TRIBUNE: "In a recent address in Chicago, John G. Tower, history's first popularly elected Republican senator from Texas or any other former confederate state, has something to say that should be repeated often."

"Said Tower: 'Capitalism is not a dirty word... The men who build the railroads and banks and insurance companies and industries that have made the American people the most productive, the most comfortable, the most resourceful and most reliable in the world were not do-gooders. They were capitalists.'"

FRANKLIN, N. C., PRESS: "If federal aid to education is not necessary, and if it is not the most economical way to finance the schools, why take a chance—even a remote chance—on federal control? The truth is, the whole concept of federal aid to education betrays a lack of faith in democratic processes. It is a vote of 'no confidence' in the intelligence and integrity of the average citizen."

HILLSBOROUGH, N. H. MESSENGER: "Free enterprise, someone once said, has nothing to do with politics, or wealth, or business, or class. It is a way of life in which the individual, you and I, are important."

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