

## Prairieland Talk

## "Autumn in Prairieland"

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Mild autumn days come once more to prairie-land. From east to west and north to south this favored land we call Nebraska has its cities, towns, farms and ranches, flowing streams and inland lakes, clear soft water in abundance; hills and valleys and miles of open prairie robed in silken green and touched here and there with the golden rod, the prairie rose and the blooming flowers our charming prairie maids have put there along the way. High above the silken green at our feet is the rich blue sky lighted day by day in golden glory and where at times rain clouds gather and sprinkle the land. Abundance grown another year under the blessing of the One upon his golden throne far above us and the work of human hands all about us. Yes, cities, towns, farms and ranches and our prairieland people law abiding, industrious and God fearing, with as few in the synagogues of Satan as can be found anywhere.



Romaine Saunders

She sat upon her porch railing looking at the "Man in the Moon." Eyes closed in slumber, then she took a tumble. Got up with a broken collar bone. The "Man in the Moon" looking on.

The first week in September brought crowds to our Capital City to take in another State Fair, cattle and horses, sheep and pigs on exhibition, machines, farm and orchard products and the races and show places.

A hot day the 2nd of September, just about up to 100 on the weather gauge. Next day overcoats were put on as out we went. Cool weather State Fair week. Yes, its coming—blizzard time just ahead.

State Library Commission officials are planning for a gathering in Omaha sometime in October to promote interest in the work of the commission, the gathering to be held at the Paxon hotel in Omaha. Serving a one time as a member of the Library Board at the State House Prairieland Talker still has an interest in what the commission does to carry on library work and supply Nebraska citizens with plenty to read of historical and literary interest.

When our walk down life's highway is at an end have our steps day by day led us to eternal death or eternal life?

Another day we have traveled along life's highway, with its smiles, its tears. Struggles and pleasures along the way, and now a night of rest with eyes closed in slumber and dreaming sweet dreams.

When O'Neill got the Short Line railroad, now the Burlington, the railroad needed a Round House. Does it stand yet at the southeast limits of the city? And it was in the Round House the town had its first electric lighting plant which became a place of interest and you and I, Jack and Jim, Kate and Sue went there from time to time in the evening to see the wheels and belts and bolts make that strange thing glow an electric glare. At first the plant produced its electricity only until midnight, so we still had to have our oil lamps. But you have that electric current day and night now in home and factory and shop, giving light and turning wheels.

That city in central Europe has the attention of the people of all lands as it seems likely that there it will begin, a third world war. A city that had been the seat of government of a great people the great German empire, now split in half east and west Berlin. Why has Germany come to it, a great people to become but a memory. Yes, other "great nations" have disappeared from the scene of human history—Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome and now the once great Germany to be no more. Time moves on to close the door on human history and open the door to eternity where all is to be peace and joy.

For nearly a year a change over in occupants of the White House in our nation's capital and other occupants of the Governor's Mansion in our state's Capital City. What has it meant to you and me? Nothing much. Prairieland patriots carry on year by year and leave the concerns of state and nation to be solved by those elected to office. And from Douglas street south on First street in O'Neill for three blocks no one there who was there 60 years ago. And I count two old guys beside myself and one aged lady that were in "our crowd" less than 60 years ago. Where now those smart young chaps, charming young ladies? And another election may remove present occupants of White House and Governor's Mansion.

Many Lincoln householders have a garden in their back yard. This has been a season to raise tomatoes and we have a lot of the large red ripe fruit of the tomato vine. So much better than the high priced ones shipped in from the west coast.

## Editorial

## Welfarism Marches On

A last ditch effort to push a Federal Aid to Education bill through Congress in the current session is under way.

The case against centralized government control of education should be obvious—and never for a moment believe that government "aid" would not mean government control. As the Supreme Court of the United States held in 1942: "It is hardly lack of due process (of law) for the government to regulate that which it subsidizes." This is the principle at the heart of the whole matter. Moreover, aside from principle, the federal government is in a worse financial position than are the state and local governments. Federal debt is now 367 per cent of federal yearly revenues as compared to a state and local debt of 192 per cent of their annual revenues.

There is nothing wrong with our schools that cannot be corrected at the local level. Since 1952, according to the President's economic report, public school enrollment has increased 35 per cent; instructional staff, 45 per cent; teachers' salaries, 52 per cent; current expenditures per pupil, 53 per cent; school revenues, 103 per cent. Significantly, the National School Boards Association has gone on record as being opposed to the further extension of federal aid to education until the school boards of America express the need for such funds.

Once the government moves into the field of education, there will be no turning back. In all likelihood, the majority of school board members agree with Senator Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire, who recently observed: "As a former Govern-

nor and as United States Senator for almost 25 years, it has been my observation (1) that education is the foundation of freedom, (2) that most citizens want public schools to be directed by the States and communities, and (3) that mothers and fathers of each locality apparently want to make the decisions about the education of their children . . . The issue has been hanging in the balance for years; the time for a decision appears at hand . . ."

Attempts to cure motorists' driving ills through "fright campaigns" may actually do more harm than good, according to Dr. James L. Malfetti, director of the Safety Research Project of Teachers College, Columbia University. He finds that the failure of most safety efforts is attributable to the fact that they raise a high level of fear but then fail to capitalize on the fear by suggesting specific actions to reduce it.

The Masonic Service Association of the United States says: "If we slip into socialism as proposed by a welfare state philosophy of government, we will have removed the last obstacle to world Communism. The Communists fear only America. The greatest opposition to their threat is our traditional democratic system of free enterprise, with an emphasis on personal responsibility and initiative. The stronger we main and implement this traditional American philosophy, the surer is our continuance as a society of free men."

## Frontiers Ago

## 50 YEARS AGO

Howard P. Greeley, Atkinson, and Miss Signora Peppina Muratori, music teacher at Randolph were married at Omaha last Wednesday . . . Neil Brennan, agent, announces the 1912 Studebaker Flanders "20" with four doors at \$840 . . . John Horriky returned Tuesday morning from a protracted visit with friends at Cody, Wyo., rigged out in a genuine "cowpuncher" hat . . . The ladies of the Methodist church will serve a chicken pie supper in the Market building with supper served from 6 p.m. until all are fed and satisfied . . . Miss Rose Fallon returned to Chicago where she has been taking vocal lessons the past year.

## 25 YEARS AGO

A. T. Crumley, living about 10 miles east of O'Neill says they harvested over 4,100 bushels of rye from 410 acres, but other crops are about a failure for him . . . F. C. Gatz, 84, dies last Friday evening at his home after a short illness . . . A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard McConnell, Emmet, at their home Friday morning and he has been named Larry Gene . . . LaVerne Stahley is riding five miles a day on his new bicycle to attend Emmet high school . . . Lightning caused two fires Monday night, one a hay stack fire on the Karl Miller's place, and the other was in the pastures of Joe Stein and Blake Benson . . . A shower was given Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Muriel Chickens, Inman, who is to be married to Donald Noe, Allen September 2.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lowry celebrate their 50th year of marriage . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sedivy, who reside 12 miles west of Verdre, September 1 marked their 60th wedding anniversary . . . Nine Holt county men departed Wednesday for military induction . . . The 20-month old twin brother, Terry, runs, to house for help when sister Sherry Kaplan, Atkinson, falls in stock tank; her life is saved . . . "Grandma" Sarah Hull, beloved northeast Holt county resident celebrates her 96th birthday Thursday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Orland Fryrear, Amelia, purchase John Allen ranch selling for \$45,25 an acre.

## 5 YEARS AGO

Public school has 539 students enrolled at opening of school year; 431 listed at St. Mary's . . . The farm house south of Ewing belonging to Mrs. George Koch, was destroyed by fire August 29 . . . The 4,000-acre L. W. Barthel, located in the southwest Holt county, will be offered at referee's sale September 24 . . . Vernon Whitaker recently received notice of his appointment as rural mail carrier on route 1 out of Chambers . . . A group of relatives and friends gathered at the Paul Krugman home for a surprise party to observe the Krugman's 20th wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hanlon, new owners of the O'Neill Cleaners, Monday moved from Atkinson to O'Neill.

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## The Long Ago At Chambers

## 50 YEARS AGO

A former Chambers resident, Mrs. Sarah Schmutz died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter in Grand Island following a short illness of heart failure . . . Dr. Hardy, Eli Root and several others expect to go to Omaha this week to confer with Burlington officials as to the practicability of securing a Burlington extension to Erina . . . Rolly Blair, who had his foot crushed in a mowing machine last week, is improving and there is great hope of saving his foot . . . Percy Holden has accepted a position as railroad claim agent in California.

## 25 YEARS AGO

A large portion of Chambers and community were in O'Neill Friday afternoon and evening to see a whale which was brought in on the railroad and was there for a few hours . . . Saturday morning Leonard Miller, Leo Adams, Ernest Farrier, Eugene Baker, Robert Kiltz and Harry Cooper joined a group of country enter-tainers to go to Yankton, S. D., where they advertised the coming South Fork Fair . . . The local Rebekah lodge enjoyed initiation services Friday evening when Miss Dorothy Grimes was taken into the lodge . . . This week, a deal was closed whereby C. E. Remington sold his personal, livestock, machinery and feed to one Joe Kearnes, Laurel, with possession given at once . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adamson left Friday morning for school where they will study French before returning to the Congo.

## Report from Washington

By Congressman Dave Markin  
Fourth District, Nebraska

The education and Labor Committee, of which I am a member, met this morning to consider the two compromise aid-to-education bills recommended by Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Ribicoff.

These were entirely new bills and had not even been seen by most Committee members until we went into session. Steamroller tactics were used by Chairman Adam Clayton Powell, and a motion was immediately made and adopted by the Democrats on the Committee that the bills be considered as read and open to amendment. (Normally, in full Committee, a bill is read section by section with amendments being offered during the reading.)

A second motion was promptly made that all debate on the bill and amendments cease in one hour and fifteen minutes. Ninety percent of the Committee members on both sides of the aisle had not set eyes on the bills before this morning; and, as a consequence, the Federal aid to education bill for public school construction (\$325 million per year) and the higher education bill for assistance to colleges and universities (900 million for construction grants over five years) were reported out by the Committee without the members having adequate opportunity to study the contents of either measure.

The "gag rule" was successfully applied by Chairman Powell, and the legislation was not even intelligently considered by the Committee. The Chairman wanted to get both of these bills reported before twelve o'clock in order to bring the public education bill to the floor of the House on Calendar Wednesday — under Calendar Wednesday procedure, the

Rules Committee is bypassed and Committees are called alphabetically to bring up bills for House consideration.

I condemn such tactics by any committee on any piece of legislation and particularly on legislation of this importance which involves the expenditure of over \$2 billion. I feel the people at home should be properly informed on the situation of the ruthlessness to which some members of this important Committee resort. It is an insult to the intelligence of the citizenry and voters of this great country of ours and a mockery of our legislative system established by the constitution.

The Tariff Commission has submitted an unfavorable report to the House Ways and Means Committee on the bill which I introduced early in this year to increase the duty on beef imports from foreign countries. The duty on beef in 1935 was six cents per pound but, under the Reciprocal Trade Program which gives the President the power to reduce all duties by fifty per cent, this rate was cut to three cents per pound, where it remains today.

A substantial amount of beef is coming into the United States from foreign countries and is competing in the domestic market with our own livestock producers in the United States. These livestock men have not asked for any government supports nor for assistance under the agriculture program, and I feel very strongly that they are entitled to the protection of an adequate duty on beef imports. My bill would impose a 25% duty on meat and meat animals in excess of imports during 1957. The Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program expires June 30, 1962, and a major battle looms ahead to change the provisions of this Act. A duty of three cents a pound on beef is certainly not much protection for the ranchers and livestock feeders in the United States.

Heard on Capitol Hill: Definition of the NEW FRONTIER — out where the WASTE begins.

## A Poem From Mrs. Eby . . .

—The Masters Touch—

The world's noted violinist, Old Bull by name,  
Loved to wander in the woods,  
sort of game  
On day he became lost and wandered 'til night,  
Stumbled onto a hut with a very dim light,  
The home of a hermit who took him in,  
Fed and warmed him, then took down a scratchy old violin,  
He picked a few tunes on the battered old wreck,  
"Do you think I could play that?" old Bull craned his neck,  
"Oh, No! it took me years to learn the thing."  
But old Bull took the bow and drew it across the string,  
The hut was filled with music divine,  
The old hermit wept at the music sublime.

Our lives may be wrecks, our strings snapped and bent,  
But if we let the Master touch the marred instrument  
He'll bring fourth music fit for angels to hear,  
If we only trust Him without doubt or fear,  
I firmly believe any broken life jagged with discord,  
Unadjusted and tossed in some dark corner need not be lost,  
A Master's hand though wounded and scarred,  
Can mend broken lives that sin has marred,  
"So are ye in my hand!" Jeremiah 18:6.  
(Della Stuart Eby)

## Monowi News

By Mrs. Mike Pikhapp  
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Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Eiler and children and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Stringfellow visited in the Dwayne Pikhapp home at Huron, S. D., Sunday. Mrs. Mike Pikhapp came home with them after visiting the past week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Heiser left Tuesday for a trip to Washington State.  
Ed Kopke, Jim Eiler, Terry Zach and Vic Carney were Lynch and Monowi visitors Monday afternoon.

John Chvala was a business caller in O'Neill Thursday.  
Lena Johnson called on Mrs. Frank Lewis Monday afternoon.

School started in District 79 September 4 with Mrs. Velma McDonald as teacher.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zach and family visited in the Rudy Eiler home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Frank Ertz sr. returned

home Sunday evening after spending the past week at the home of her sister in Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McGeorge and boys spent Labor Day weekend at McCook with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Christensen and daughter, Melba and family visited a few days with their daughter, Tolsa and husband at Colorado Springs, Colo., last week.

Lois Geuser and family were business callers in Lynch Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Kolar and daughter, Norfolk, are spending this week with relatives and friends here and at Bristow.

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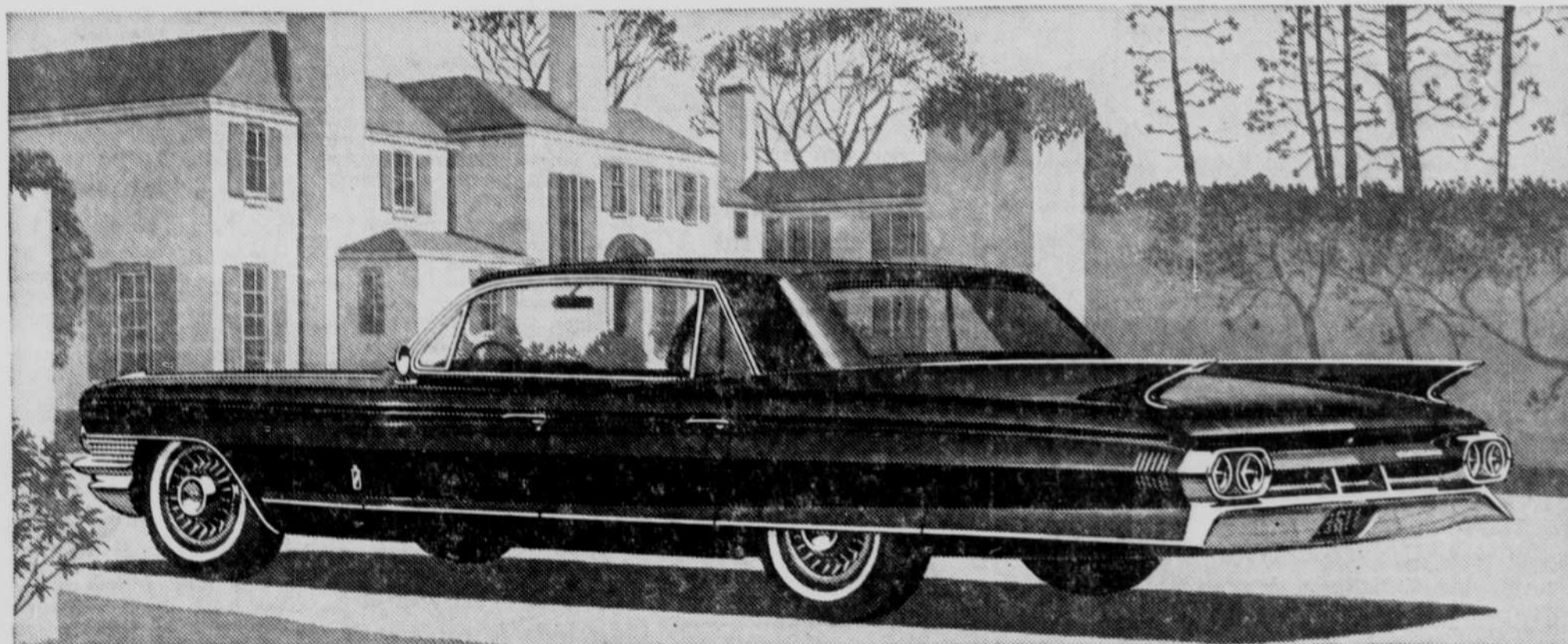
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