

Prairieland Talk

"Friends Lend Helping Hand"

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The milk of human kindness still throbs here on prairieland. A wife, a mother of a poor struggling family, was killed on the highway. Citizens of that Nebraska community banded together, gave that dead wife and mother an honorable burial and gave that bereaved husband and motherless children a tract of land and are building a house on the land that is to be the home of the dear ones left to mourn the death of wife and mother. Those prairieland patriots have taken it to heart—Do unto others as you would they should do unto you.



Romaine Saunders

By Thanksgiving Day the blanket of November snow was gone and again the sun shines out of a cloudless sky. Bright autumn days as we march along the highway of life toward the joyous Christmas time. Thanksgiving Day—Men lay in bed and snooze the forenoon hours away, hives up and at it, making pies, roasting and cooking a big dinner. Yes, dad will be up to fill up on the goodies she has prepared.

A gent from far away Australia with a gift of gab talked to a crowd down at Omaha, interested listeners, as he raved on for more than an hour about designs of Russians to take over affairs of America and the rest of the world. Aspiring men throughout centuries have tried that only to fail, so will the communists.

Politics some sixty or more years ago at times turned to blows. L. G. Gillespie was standing at the entrance to the drug store third door west of the First National Bank. Sherd Simmons, a defeated candidate for county judge, stood there, too. The election outcome was mentioned, Gillespie saying something that Simmons took offense at and whaled away and about knocked Lloyd down. Another time Simmons of some fictive fame tried on the wrong guy. I see it again, R. R. Dickson, lawyer and politician, had Simmons by the throat up against a tree that stood in front of the Critic just across the street from where the postoffice then was. "O, let me go," was Simmons's plea and Dick did that after giving him a jolt in the jaw. And it was a bit of politics that aroused Gus Doyle to give Charley McHugh a beating.

Editorial

A Definite Need for Industry

In listening to conservation around the fair city of O'Neill, it seems to be a general consensus among the old timers and newcomers alike that there is a definite need for industry here. Apparently the local Chamber of Commerce has worked for years on this problem and the good members have delved into the subject numerous times in attempts to bring some type of manufacturing company to this locality to provide extra employment in the area, beside the financial benefits.

Why have they failed? There seems to be various answers to this question. Among the many is the lack of adequate freighting facilities; the shortage of manpower; the absence of funds to provide land and buildings to offer prospective firms bonus interests in settling here; inadequate school and housing facilities.

But more important than all, the reason seems to be the absence of united drive. Please don't misunderstand. We are not judging the Chamber of Commerce for it is only too apparent that businessmen not only here but in other communities are faced with such individual problems of keeping their own establishments in working order, combating out-of-town shopping, civic duties and the constant demand for funds that it is a miracle the amount of time they still can offer for the betterment of the community.

What we feel is missing is the urgent awareness and the concentrated effort needed to make new industry come here. It must be a selfless drive, an all-out concentration by the most energetic, up-to-date people of the community.

Not just Chamber of Commerce men should be on the committee. The pick of the leaders should be named to the committee and these men should come from the rural areas and towns in the county as well as O'Neill. For farmers and ranchers sons, members of families in each town could be future employees if such an industry could be found. All in the county would benefit through additional tax monies, customer prospects and employment.

As a starter the committee could offer a prize for the best idea for an invention which could be manufactured here. Since all would benefit, city, county and individual money should be given to this project.

The idea of manufacturing a locally promoted item is not a new one. In a town not 50 miles from here two men invented agriculture items which are sold on a national scale now and are being manufactured in the same town. The owners hire extra men, new homes were built and other benefits were obvious because of the ingenuity of these two men. Often one reads of towns getting a sound financial standard due to such beginnings.

The people in this area are intelligent. Give them an opportunity to contribute their ideas and their help. O'Neill needs industry—let's get it.

One Way to Handle Khrushchev

One way to avoid war: Have Premier Crankshaft come over from Russia and live in America for six months. Instead of absorbing the principles of communism he would find Yankee youth engaged in drinking oaks, speeding automobiles and inciting riots.

Engaged in a conversation on a street corner with leading citizens of a community, he would discover the great problem is finding a place to park.

Churches are submerged in campaigns for air-conditioning, larger gym facilities, better kitchen and dining accommodations, bigger and better parking lots and providing modern homes for the preachers.

Civic clubs strive to find more play for youth

There were eight of them, girls and two married women, in the days of handset type that did the job of typesetting for the O'Neill papers. And I count twenty men and young fellows that stood or sat by a case of type day after day. Three columns of type set in a day was considered enough for one typesetter to produce. Lish Graham, Ezra Sanders and Clyde King were the three swiftest typesetters.

In our youth we knew him as Will. Since then he has labored for the Lord as the Rev. W. J. Lowrie, son of the first resident pastor of the Presbyterian church in O'Neill. Will, now retired from the pulpit because of advanced age, makes his home up north in Minnesota, but writes me that he and Mrs. Lowrie own a home in Auburn in south Prairieland. Will promises to visit me and of course we will be glad to clasp the hand again of a dear friend and pal of the long ago when we both held up in O'Neill.

A good name is more to be desired than riches, said that wise man centuries ago. And maybe about as hard to get.

How do you like that cabbage that you gathered in from your garden; O yes! Here I stand stiff and stout, with my belly full of sauerkraut!

Released from the state hospital for the insane a young man thought to be recovered mentally walks into a booze joint, flashes a gun and shoots and kills a man. Otherwise all is peaceful in our Capital City.

The following letter came to me from a lady up at Stuart whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting in person. She writes of pioneer days and I found her letter to be very interesting and wish to share it with Frontier readers. She writes of the flourishing community of Dustin of long ago, now none there of pioneer days. About 1885 my brother, Ezra, the first printer at The Frontier plant, went to Dustin and started publishing a paper, the Dispatch. A year or two later my brother, Grant, another Frontier printer, took over the job of running the Dispatch. Ezra died in O'Neill in 1894 and was buried here. Grant died in Council Bluffs in 1908. He had been with the Omaha Daily News as foreman of the composing room. Omaha at that time had three daily papers, today but one, the esteemed World-Herald.

and a greater volume of luncheon singing. Business men seek larger profits, fancier fronts, more parking and less competition. Colleges whoop it up for mightier football teams, loftier basketball squads, shinier marble halls and a higher professional wage scale. Housewives need more hours for leisure, bridge, marketing for canned meals and new ideas for more glamorous cocktail parties. Men spend more time comparing golf and bowling scores than concern over America's part in the international crises. Millions buy seats to sports events, movies, auto races, prize fights, baseball and football games and girly shows. Clothing never wears out—it is discarded because of changing styles. Popular magazines sizzle with yarns about men with flocks of wives and women with strewn paths of over thrown husbands. Mister Crankshaft would hurry home, convinced America is too big a piece of cake to swallow! — Topeka State Journal.

The Basic Route

"An Apple A Day Will Keep The Doctor Away," is a famous old saying that must please apple growers. Whether there is any truth in it something probably no one has bothered to examine closely. Still it is heard. The phrase is mildly catchy and sounds healthy. As every parent knows, an apple in the hands of a hungry youngster is much more gratifying to see than a candy bar.

The phrase expresses simple and basic faith in the apple's ability to provide the type of nutrition needed to stay healthy. There are too few people who believe maintenance of good health can be reduced to such a low common denominator as the apple. This would be too simple in the modern age of electronic brains and medicines potent enough to almost bring one back from death.

A local woman has suggested that possibly the apple theory is only one of the many basic American virtues which have been waylaid by complexities. She has proposed a Free World motto, using the apple jingle, "A Prayer A Day Might Keep Khrushchev Away." It deserves some thought, considering the lack of state department successes during the recent years. — J. L. S. in Lyons (Kan.) News.

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Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

John Hopkins, who is attending Creighton university, came up from Omaha last week to spend Thanksgiving at the home of his mother. Miss Agnes Kelley left last Saturday morning for Albion, where she has been elected as one of the teachers to fill a vacancy caused by resignation. See the Lady Isabel's Daughter, (sequel to East Lynne) in a one night performance December 12 at the K. C. hall. John "Happy" Hopkins, who hails from O'Neill, was elected captain of the Creighton football team in a unanimous vote for his star right tackle play. Gary Benson, editor of the Evening Advocate, was an O'Neill visitor last week. Thomas H. Tierney, one of the pioneer residents of this city, died at his home here Friday morning after an illness of five years.

25 YEARS AGO

Thirty-one Holt county students are attending school at the University of Nebraska. Red Cross drive nets \$200. Mrs. Julia M. Thomas died at her home in this city Wednesday after a week's illness of pneumonia, at the age of 63 years. The O'Neill high school brought home a Turkey Day victory over Atkinson of 12 to 6. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Taylor of Opportunity celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 16. Miss Helen Sullivan has been appointed assistant county superintendent. Mrs. C. F. McKenna entertained the Martez club at her home Monday evening and Mrs. W. J. Froelich, Mrs. P. B. Hartly and Miss Marjorie Dickson received the prizes. The brick work on the new post office building is completed and the roof is about ready for the roofers.

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10 YEARS AGO

Kathleen Flood Hansen, Stanley J. Lambert and Joseph George Jr. will present vocal solos at community presentation of Handel's "Messiah" Sunday afternoon. Funeral services held December 4 for Mrs. Vernon Whited, Atkinson. Daughter of pioneer family of the O'Neill community, Mrs. Leora Belle Bradstreet, dies November 28 at home of daughter, Mrs. E. A. Stevens, Neigh. Miss Mary Ann Fisher, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Fisher returns from her second European trip. Miss Donna Gallagher weds Delbert Charles Larson December 1 in Chicago. H. R. Holcomb, Chambers, catches 7 pound pickerel from Elk-horn river December 1.

5 YEARS AGO

Jerry Terrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Terrill, Page, recently was selected to be listed in "Who's Who" among students in American colleges and universities. A group of Shorthorn breeders meet December 3 at the Lloyd Gleet home in Chambers to form group for Shorthorn promotion. Junior Chamber of Commerce members make toy collection. George Egbert Laney, 90, died December 4 after month of illness; was Inman and Holt county resident since 1878. Miss Sharon Boelter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter, Page, and LaVern Warriner, son of Mrs. Johanna Warriner, Center, are married November 28 at Bazile Mills.

The Long Ago At Chambers

The Methodist ladies will hold a bazaar December 14 and 15—Thursday a good dinner will be served at noon for 25 cents and Friday evening Madam Jarley's Wax Figure Show will be given for 15 cents followed by a social hour. Mrs. Ivy Linhart commenced clerking at Baldwin's store this week. Jack Kellar took a load of hogs to O'Neill Monday. Miss Lulu Wilcox will have a basket social at the Scafe schoolhouse Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Perkins moved into their new house yesterday. George Anderson took a load of wheat to the mill Monday and brought back a load of coal.

25 YEARS AGO

A. B. Rankin, 60, dies unexpectedly Wednesday while cutting wood near his home in Willow township. Seventy-five people gathered at the pie social given at school District 156 Thursday at which time Mrs. Art Walters, the teacher, rendered a very good and interesting program. Larlin Collins pilots Chet Fees' new plane to Chambers from factory at Cherry Grove, Minn. A baby girl was born November 20 to the Rev. and Mrs. John Daly. The seniors of Chambers high school realized \$135 from their carnival Friday to be used for basketball suits and other new equipment.

Church Notes

All ministers are invited to send their church notes to The Frontier. For guaranteed publication, we ask that the notes are in our office by Saturday, one week prior to the services.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church (The Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan and Father Robert Duffy, assistant) Sunday: Masses, 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Saturday: Confessions from 4 until 5:30 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Masses in the church every day at 7:45 a.m.

Bethany Presbyterian Church (The Rev. John Hart) Sunday: Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph's Church (Father Ralph O'Donnell) Masses at 10:30 a.m. the first third and fifth Sundays of each month; 8:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays.

Wesleyan Methodist Church (Rev. Bernice Hubby, Pastor) Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m. Monday: Wesleyan Youth; evening worship, 8 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer hour, 8 p.m.

Center Union Church Sunday: Morning worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 11 a.m., and Christian Endeavor, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday: Cottage prayer service, 8 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church Page (The Rev. Mina Smith) Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; WY service, 7 p.m.; evening service, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday: Choir, 7 p.m.; prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 505 East Williams Sunday: Bible school, 10 a.m., worship and communion, 11 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Atkinson (The Rev. A. S. Gedwillo) Saturday: Confirmation class, 1:30 p.m. Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. with Holy Communion. Announcements are by registrations. Tuesday: Junior choir, 7:30 p.m.

Methodist Church Chambers (The Rev. Charles Cox) Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church (The Rev. John Hart) Sunday: Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship, 11 a.m. Monday: Bible study, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday: Junior Youth and Choir, 7 p.m.; Senior youth 8 p.m.



Emmet Methodist Church (The Rev. Glenn Kennicott) Sunday: Sunday school, 9 a.m.; morning worship, 9:45 a.m.

First Methodist Church (The Rev. Glenn Kennicott) Thursday: Prayer group, 10 a.m.; WSCS, 2 p.m. Friday: Dorcas, 2 p.m. Sunday: Church school, 9:45 a.m. morning worship, 11 a.m. Sub-district meeting for church lay leaders, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday: WSCS covered dish supper and gift exchange, 6:30 p.m. Bring table service and gift not to exceed \$1. Wednesday: Junior choir, 4 p.m.; Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m.; Senior choir, 8 p.m.

Assembly of God Church (The Rev. Ivan Christoffersen) Friday: Young married class social, 8 p.m., at Delbert Rouse home. Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; morning worship and Junior church, 11 a.m.; young people service 7 p.m., Evangelistic service, 8 p.m. There will be a Sunday school teachers and office meeting, 1:45 p.m. Wednesday Midweek service, 8 p.m.

Episcopal Church The Rev. Ralph Cogswell Sunday: Holy communion, 7 p.m., M. L. Burney home.

Church of Epiphany Emmet (Father Ralph O'Donnell) Masses at 8:30 a.m. the first, third and fifth Sunday of each month; at 10:30 on the second and fourth Sundays.

Page Methodist Church (The Rev. Robert Linder) Sunday: Church school, 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Wednesday: Choir and MYF, 7 p.m. Thursday: WSCS, 2 p.m.

Inman Methodist Church (The Rev. Robert Linder) Sunday: Church school, 8:40 a.m.; worship, 9:40 a.m. Wednesday: Choir and MYF, 8 p.m.

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