

Prairieland Talk

"Trains -- Now Going Out"

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, 4110 South 51st St., Lincoln 6, Nebr.

Here she comes! Again it comes to mind—the Sunday afternoon crowd down at the depot to see the train come in. And as it came in sight down the track to the east you would hear watchers exclaim, "Here she comes!" Yes, the newspaper guys were there to see who might get off the train coming home after being away or who might get on the train for a trip to the Black Hills. Now no passenger trains rolling into O'Neill. Save the train failed to save it. Railroads were the big IT in the long ago, but now other means of travel have taken over. Automobiles, buses, airplanes. Many gather today at the air flight depots, only a few are seen at the bus depot as we get off the bus coming up from Grand Island. Those dandy passenger trains we once so loved to see and ride now going out. Airplanes and buses—what next?



Romaine Saunders

She sat on a stool at a type case by that south window in the old Frontier building on south Fourth street, tears in her eyes. A troubled soul, an aching heart. The little she earned in those bygone days of hand set type for this paper you have in hand today went to support herself and aged parents. A brother who could and should have been a help left home and tear stained and heart broken Mary did not know where that brother was. But father and mother had that daughter's love and devotion. Yes, a bit of human love and human sorrow along life's way. Mary's tears are wiped away, her aching heart beats no more as her lifeless form rests in the grave beside her father and mother up there on the hill in home of the dead.

Winter days come and go. All are at peace on Prairieland as they sit by the fireside and read the stories that come from distant troubled lands.

Cal Stewart, the 7th to have worn the golden crown as editor of The Frontier, is now in our Capital City heading up four newspapers and true to Stewart traditions is doing a good job of it.

Write it '62. And I look ahead to '62, my next mile post along life's highway. A voter and taxpayer for over 70 years. Where are they that traveled the highway with me?—Jim Davidson, Sam Thompson, Mark Murphy, Hay McClure, Harry Gillespie, Guy Green—and the others. No longer among the living. And when my time shall come and I am called to go where friends now rest under the sod I want to be ready for what is to come next, the step over into Newness of Life.

Back in the 1880's it was not only the horse and buggy days but mostly horse and saddle. Even the late M. F. Harrington climbed onto a horse at the Ward barn one day and headed down the street on a trot, bounced up and down in the saddle, gave it up and took his in a buggy from then on. J. P. Mann introduced bicycle riding up and down Douglas street in O'Neill; first the high wheel kind, then the so called safety. But Doc Mathews scorned the safety bikes as a thing that came as a gift when you bought a can of baking powder. But Fred Alberts took to the safety bike and made a trip or two to Omaha on one. Hay McClure, Harry Gillespie and Prairieland Talker still sat in their double cinched saddles.

Holt county has had and still has notable citizens. A half dozen or more who served as members of the state legislature, one of our good citizens still at it. And that lonely but polished gent in the upper room above the old bank building, a member of Congress. But the gent who was "happy as a clam in this land of Uncle Sam," held down a homestead five miles south of Inman.

Seventy-four years ago the 12th day of January the Nebraska prairies were the scene of the worst winter storm up to that time or since. In our Capital City there functions an organization known as the Blizzard Club which meets annually to call to mind again that terrible day so long ago. It has been the custom to hold these Club meetings on the 12th of January but this year for some unknown reason the Club will have its banquet and rag chewing on the 13th. The 13th 74 years ago was the day after the storm and the day that gifted old O'Neill printer Bates coined the word "blizzard" and the day the tales of the dead began to come in. Today we have storm warnings, none 70 years ago.

The old year passed out cold and snow bound the whole country over. Sunny Florida has caught cold too. And fog and chilly gloom covers much of California. Prairieland lies under a blanket of snow today ready for the January thaw. Cheer up! Spring days and summer sun shine just ahead. Yes, we will see the prairieland rose blooming again, hear the morning and evening song of the meadow lark and see the landscape robed in green. Then you go down to Swan Lake and catch a mess of fish.

The story has been told again of the Babe in the Manger for whom there was no room in the Inn. That Babe lived to become the Man, suffered and died for such as you and me, lives now forever and will come again when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess."

Editorial

Sportsmanship --- Is it Dead?

Sportsmanship — Conduct becoming a sportsman, involving honest rivalry, courteous relationship with graceful acceptance of results.

After witnessing the O'Neill-Neligh basketball game Friday night at Neligh it appears Neligh sports fans have made their sportsmanship conform to the size of their gymnasium—both fall far short of being adequate. In fact we would say their sportsmanship has decreased to the point where it no longer bears any resemblance to the original definition.

If the vulgarity and obscene remarks made to some of the O'Neill fans as they were leaving the gymnasium are the only way some of the Neligh fans can express their feelings about the outcome of a sports event between two rival teams we can only hope that the Neligh schools will soon add a course on social behavior.

Rowdysm seems to have replaced natural exuberance. One couple reported frozen pieces of ice were thrown against their car as they left their parking space.

Surely the Neligh fans need not feel any animosity toward rival schools. Neligh's teams are well rated both in basketball and football and have provided their school with an enviable record. We feel the teams have done their share toward bringing honor to their school. It is too bad to have the fans bring discredit to Neligh.

We cannot help feel both parents and teachers are falling one of their most important obligations . . . teaching and demonstrating sportsmanship.

We only hope the reputation earned by the Neligh team in this area will be earned by the boys who are playing the game and not by the spectators. —BJR

Violets and Violence

From the Chattanooga News-Free Press

Among the numerous unnecessary things the Federal government does at great cost and little advantage is publish pamphlets on a variety of subjects far from the realm of reasonable governmental activity. It was natural, therefore, for Senator Mike Monroney (D-Okla.), when he received a letter from a constituent for information on the growing of African violets, to turn the matter over to an assistant to get a pamphlet for the constituent.

The assistant dutifully called the Government Printing Office and asked for a pamphlet on African violets.

"I'm sorry," the voice on the GPO phone said, "but you'll have to call the State Department for material on African violets."

Perhaps we'd all be better off if constituents, senators, GPO—and the State Department—paid more realistic attention to African violence (such as the aggression against Katanga sponsored by the UN with U. S. financing) than to African violets, leaving the latter for personal rather than governmental attention.

Remember when—if you were late for church—you could never find the button hook for your shoes? . . . Remember the cigar store gas flame burning like the Eternal Light? . . . Ordinary autos had wooden spokes, but the snazzy ones had wire wheels? . . . There were 913 dogs in town, but the hardware store didn't sell five leashes a year? . . .

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mrs. B. Welton in this city yesterday afternoon when her youngest daughter, Etha G., was united in marriage to Floyd L. Pilger of Plainview, Judge Carlson officiating. . . . At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank of this city held last Tuesday, Ed F. Gallagher was advanced from cashier to the presidency and J. F. Gallagher was elected cashier. . . . Miss Anna McCafferty returned to her school duties at Winetoon after spending the holidays with her parents. . . . Names of persons having unclaimed mail was printed in this week's issue of The Frontier. C. C. Lisch, Inman, left last Wednesday for Hinton, Ia., where he is engaged in the newspaper business.

25 YEARS AGO

S. W. Schaff, proprietor of the West garage in Atkinson, escaped possible death when the motor of a car he had started, exploded and the flywheel zoomed through the floor boards and lodged in the back of the car. . . . A marriage license was issued January 12 to John Rotherham, Inman, and Miss Adeline Spittler, Ewing. . . . J. E. Stein is elected chairman of the Holt County board of supervisors. . . . Many county cross roads were opened by farmers last Saturday but heavy winds again block roads with snow. . . . Mrs. John Barrett, former resident of this county, died in a hospital in Hot Springs, S.D. last Tuesday after a short illness, at the age of 50 years.

10 YEARS AGO

Hugh Ray retires from management of the Speltz-Ray Lumber company and is succeeded by his son, Elgin. . . . Laurence Haynes is appointed by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce to succeed James Rooney as secretary. . . . Linda Lee Tolbert, the daughter of Marine Cpl. and Mrs. James R. Tolbert, born January 4, is winner of Frontier Baby contest. . . . Mrs. Henrietta Lieswald, 77, Chambers, dies unexpectedly January 6 at home of daughter, Mrs. George Ruroede near Orchard. . . . A. M. Batenhorst is elected as chairman of Holt County board of supervisors. . . . St. Mary's defeats Inman crew; O'Neill Eagles win over Neligh. . . . Miss Ruby Fox becomes bride of Francis Belzer in January 2 ceremony at St. Patrick's church.

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ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 875,795.57
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	2,180,928.20
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	511,564.25
Corporate stocks (including \$7500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	7,500.00
Loans and discounts (including \$579.57 overdrafts)	976,171.94
Bank premises owned	3,000.00
Other assets	10,727.75
Total Assets	4,565,687.71
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	3,320,425.62
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	163,950.00
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	115,073.58
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	313,433.50
Deposits of banks	169,107.23
Total Deposits	\$4,081,989.93
(a) Total demand deposits	\$3,918,039.93
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$ 163,950.00
Other liabilities	10,600.00
Total Liabilities	4,092,589.93
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided profits	223,097.78
Total Capital Accounts	473,097.78
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	4,565,687.71
MEMORANDA	
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	681,000.00

I, O. D. French, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. D. FRENCH, Cashier

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

F. N. Cronin, J. B. Grady, Julius D. Cronin, Directors

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Despite the severity of the weather the attendance of the revival meetings is very large and a gratifying number of conversions have been made. . . . Owing to the bad roads the stage did not return to O'Neill Monday. . . . Lienthart & Bogart, the new owners of the I. Baldwin store, are getting their mercantile machinery nicely started. . . . A high school is one of the necessary things that Chambers has in view for next summer. . . . Hunting rabbits by moonlight is the latest sport in Chambers. . . . Miss Marjorie Abbott arranged with the neighbors to surprise Salen Magnusson and were received very cordially by Mr. and Mrs. Magnusson and highly entertained until about 2 o'clock in the morning.

25 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hanna and children and Mrs. Hanna's mother, Mrs. Etta Cooke, returned home Sunday afternoon after a six-week visit with relatives in the west. . . . Funeral services were held Sunday for Frank Charles Urban, who died January 4 at the age of 67 years. . . . Freeman Rowse of the Ballagh area had the misfortune of running into the snow plow in the canyon badly wrecking his car. . . . Mrs. Clifford Newman entertained a group of friends at a 7 o'clock dinner Thursday evening in honor of Clifford's birthday. . . . Hi-Lo Bridge club met Thursday evening at the home of Miss Doris Starr.

Celia News

Mrs. Merrill Anderson

Mrs. Charles Freout was hostess to the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary society Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2 at her home in Atkinson. Fifteen members were present. Mrs. David Rahn presided. Roll call was answered with individual assignments. Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Merrill Anderson. Mrs. Leonard Chaffin conducted a study which will be presented at subsequent meetings. Mrs. David Hahn, Mrs. Robert Hendricks and Mrs. Elmore Blain were chosen to arrange for the Youth Banquet to be held February 1 at the church parlors. Lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Elmore Blain

will be hostess for the February 6 meeting.

Linda Chaffin was an all-day guest Sunday of Evelyn Slaymak.

Phyllis Lewis returned by bus Monday evening after spending the holidays with her parents at Longford, Kan. She resumed teaching Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Anderson visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMillian in Atkinson Friday afternoon.

Sunday dinner guests at the Frank Kilmurry home were Mr. Kilmurry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kilmurry. The occasion was in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Pat Kilmurry and her grandchildren, Eddie, 4, and Christine, 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Natchel Rzeszotarski and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meals, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Meals and Mrs. Bertha Gonderinger were guests New Year's Day at the Harry Van Fleet home.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Colfack attended the basketball game at Spencer Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Summers visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Natchel Rzeszotarski Wednesday evening.

New Year's Day dinner guests at the LeRoy Hoffman home were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Mommson, Dale Milnar and Dorothy Scott. Dorothy Scott was a dinner guest Friday at the Duane Beck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Focken took their daughter, Karen, and June and Susan Davids to Meller, S. D., Thursday to resume their studies at the Sunshine Bible academy.

Forty-four attended a New Year's Day dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garold Hoyt at Naper. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyer sr. and Beverly, the Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Meyer and family, Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neiman and family, Wakefield; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyer and Vicki, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dobias and family, and Kenneth Meyer, North Platte. Mrs. Hoyt is a sister of Mrs. Herman Meyer sr.

Patricia Kilmurry was an overnight guest Thursday in the Victor Frickel home, helping celebrate the birthday of Bethene, one-year-old.

New Year's Day dinner guests at the Clarence Focken home were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Focken, Wakefield; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Focken jr. and family, Bristow; Doyle Focken, Stuart, Karen and June Focken and Susan Davids, Norwalk, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyer and Beverly were guests at a steak supper Friday night at the Herman Meyer jr. home in Atkinson.

Michele Rzeszotarski was an overnight guest Thursday of Maxine Baker.

Supper guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck and family were Duane's mother, Mrs. Helen Beck, and his grandmother, Mrs. Libby Milnar and Dorothy Scott.

(Last Week's News)

Frances Chaffin and Bruce Hoffman were Tuesday afternoon and supper guests at the home of Miss Chaffin's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mellor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks attended the Klinger-Sandall wedding at the United Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Frickel and Kurt, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks and Arlin, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Poynts, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Collins and son, Omaha, were New Year's dinner guests at the Paul Nelson home, O'Neill.

Percy Anderson and son, Randy, Columbus spent New Year's at the Merrill Anderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellor spent Wednesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Leonard Chaffin and family.

Mrs. Omer Poynts and Mrs. Mark Hendricks spent Tuesday with Mrs. Richard Klinger helping to celebrate her birthday.

New Year's eve guests at a chili supper at the Merrill Anderson home were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyer and Beverly, Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Meyer, Karen and Keith, Wayne, and Kenneth Meyer, North Platte.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klinger and family and Mr. and Mrs. Omer Poynts spent Sunday afternoon and Christmas eve at the Mark Hendricks home. A birthday party with home-made ice

cream and cake featured a part of the activities. Richard Klinger was the birthday celebrant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Marshall and family were supper guests Wednesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks. Prayer meeting was held at the Hendricks home.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Frickel and family were New Year's supper guests at the Hans Lauridsen home.

Bonnie Frickel spent Saturday with Joan Straka.

Mrs. Robert Hendricks entertained her Sunday School class at a supper at her home Friday evening. Guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Elmore Blain, Edith and Charles Chaffin, Gerold O'Connell and Ralph Heiser.

Ralph Ernest and Leon Hendricks and sons arrived Saturday evening to spend New Years with relatives here and in O'Neill. They were all dinner guests New Year's Day at the Robert Hendricks home. They left for Kansas Monday afternoon. Sunday Mr. Ernest and Becky Hendricks visited at the Otto Lorenz home at O'Neill. Leon and sons spent Sunday at the Mark Hendricks home.

Mark Hendricks and son, Arlin went to Bassett Friday. Mrs. Hendricks spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. Markita Klinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks attended a New Year's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Wayman Saturday evening.

Kay McKathune spent Friday with Bonnie Frickel.

Attending a New Year's eve party at the Robert Hendricks home were Rev. and Mrs. Elmore Blain, Mrs. L. Chaffin, and Linda, Edith and Charles, Mrs. Charles Phipps and Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks and Arlin, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Poynts and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klinger and family. Instrumental music, games, and visiting provided the evening's entertainment.

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