

Prairieland Talk

"Lives on in Loneliness"

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Fifty years ago she was an attractive young Miss on the prairies of Wheeler county some 30 miles from O'Neill. Today she is a lonely old soul in a "home" in a community of our Capital City.



Romaine Saunders

For a year or less John McDonough published the O'Neill Tribune, his little printing outfit in the basement of the newly built First National Bank building. John was a polished sort of gent but not too exalted for the pioneer way of life.

Having elected the head of the house to a county office the family moved into O'Neill from their prairie home some 15 miles out. After a time in town some girls got up this one about one of the boys of that county officials household.

"I'll be seeing you." A nice way to tell you to go on and don't bother me.

I stood today in memory by the grave of my dear departed loved one. And again out of the visions of life as we traveled together the many years of love and sweet things along the way are lived again.

Editorial

Rank Stupidity

D. J. Shultz in the Adams County Record, Hettinger, North Dakota

There was a time in weekly newspapers—and many other small businesses—when we could take a youngster of 13 or 14 and after school hours, during vacations, and on Saturdays train him in the newspaper or printing profession.

He usually started out by running errands, sweeping out, and doing some of the minor jobs around the plant, advancing as he learned. Usually, by the time of 18, he had learned a trade or profession that guaranteed him better opportunities than average throughout his lifetime.

That time is no more. Now, by government edict, we can't train him. We can't even train a youngster on a machine with a one-fourth horsepower motor.

All a person has to do is to think a bit to realize what a silly, foolish idea is contained in such restrictions, and to realize too, how much juvenile delinquency is induced thereby.

Almost every farm boy in this nation handles machinery from 14 years onward. We take them into the armed forces before 18 and let them handle machinery worth many thousands of dollars of we taxpayers.

Many of our people think we ought to give the vote to youngsters of 18 with which we could agree if we would try to develop them into men at 18 instead of restraining their development and treating them as babies until 18.

Doesn't it seem awfully silly to you that we can't train a youngster of 15, 16, or 17 on a machine with a simple little one-fourth horsepower motor when we take youngsters as young as 14 and give them legal license to be the pilot of a 300 horsepower death-dealing automobile on our highways? How silly and how foolish can we get?

Out of the deep blue sky above us the golden glow of sunshine for three brief days and the January thaw froze over. Clouds, cold, the north winds sullen roar, and the snow man again spread a blanket of white over the land.

John Smoot or Maylon Price would have had to cut the hair of six gents heads to get as much money as I paid today for a haircut.

State Senator Fern Hubbard Orme sniffled and sneezed as I called her this morning by phone. The senator was just out of bed where she had rested in her winter illness. Too much holiday indulgence lays you up out of circulation for a spell.

He was the town's dude, well dressed, shoes polished, his hat the best and worn becomingly, a smile for those he met as he sauntered up the east side of lower Fourth street.

After publishing and editing one weekly newspaper in O'Neill Cal Stewart now has four of them on his hands here in the Capital City. My picture recently appeared in Cal's papers showing me holding a section of that Ulster County New York Gazette published the first week in January 1800 that has the story of the death and funeral of George Washington, a paper handed down from my ancestors.

Many killed in train and highway wrecks, earthquakes, snow and cold all over the land, and United Nations thumbing their noses at each other. We on Prairieland keep going on the snow and ice.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

The Uvick-Sullivan fight in Omaha was cancelled due to the illness of Uvick. O. B. Long, postmaster at Scottville, died Tuesday night after a lingering illness of considerable duration.

The supervisors of Boyd county want to build another bridge across the Niobrara near Naper and sent a resolution to Holt county which was rejected as Holt county is pledged to building another bridge across the river.

25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Margaret Mains died at the home of her son, T. S. Mains, in this city Tuesday afternoon after an illness of three weeks at the age of 82 years. All the members of the Holt County Publishers association were guests of D. H. Cronin of The Frontier at dinner Tuesday evening when they met for the annual meeting of the association.

10 YEARS AGO

Burglars fail in attempt to rob Bristow bank. Alfonse Beelaert, retired Ewing farmer, dies following stroke at Norfolk. Twenty-one young Holt county men enter armed forces.

5 YEARS AGO

Compulsory school redistricting rapped by overflow crowd representing every district in county. Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Platt, Chambers, celebrate golden wedding anniversary.

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The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Evangelist Wright preaches sermons that convince and convert as is shown by the printing of a list of nearly 100 converts. A Christian men's society has been formed in Chambers with a large membership which will meet every Friday evening.

The prospect is pretty certain that Chambers will have a German Lutheran church early this spring. The ice harvest this year amounted to 200 tons of the finest ice ever seen in this vicinity.

25 YEARS AGO

The high school teachers were entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner by the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Brittain Wednesday evening. Mrs. H. Spence suffered a stroke last Tuesday and is being cared for by her son and wife.

Clearwater News

Mrs. Charles Curtright Hunter 5-5290

Band Sponsors met Monday evening in the high school recreation room with 14 members present. Wayne Switzer conducted the business meeting which included payment of bills and a discussion of future meetings.

Kindergarten classes opened here Monday morning with Mrs. Ava Ruby, Ewing, as instructor. She replaces Mrs. Francis Anderson, Norfolk, who resigned effective January 15.

M/Sgt. Walter H. Patras left by train from Grand Island early Thursday morning for Treasure Island. He will serve in the U. S. Marines overseas for 13 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Avall Sanne entertained at a 10-point pitch party at their home Sunday night. Prizes were won by Mrs. Sterling Legate, Sylvester Bauer, Mrs. William Knievel and Walter Minnebaker.

O Meyer, Lake Head, Calif. left Thursday for his home after visiting his brother Henry and family and the Mummert families. Otto came by plane from California to Omaha, taking a bus to Wisner, and then by car to Clearwater. His son-in-law, Ralph Martins, accompanied him.

named chairman of the local March of Dimes. Boy Scouts will make a house to house canvass January 20. Coin containers have been placed in local stores.

The Concordia Lutheran aid is planning the annual chili and oyster supper to be held at the church January 27. Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Mock, Kathy, and Bobby, Sidney, were recent visitors in the Duaine Flisinger and Emery Carey homes.

Orchard News

Mrs. Wilbur Mahood Phone TW 3-3185

Oris Hall, local commercial teacher, started a typing class with 14 adults attending Thursday evening. This will continue through the school year meeting each Thursday evening for a 2-hour session.

ton, Walt LaFrenz, Lester Withee, Jack Hildreth, Darlene Snyder, Leo Cleveland, Wayne Lautenschlager, Homer Barton, Leon Mitchell and Archie Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jacobson, Clarence Juracek and Mrs. Kasim.

Mrs. Hannah Johnson, Mrs. Olive Everhart and Gertrude Gribble were guests when Mrs. Allen Hill entertained Thursday bridge club January 11. Mrs. E. Bruce, Mrs. Cecil Lee and Mrs. Ted Berry won prizes. The hostess served lunch. Mrs. E. Bruce will be the next hostess. This will be a housewarming as they are living in their new home.

WSCS made the annual \$5 contribution to polio when they met January 10. Arrangements are being made to observe World Service Sunday January 21, as the local minister will be away on that date and there will be a guest speaker. A new church kitchen appliance is a token of appreciation from a friend. January 31 was set as the date for the annual book review. Mrs. Hoyt

Sirek presided. This will be an all-day meeting with a pot luck dinner. Lesson leader was Mrs. D. Lenz. She was assisted by Mrs. Mitchell, Miller, Thelander and Van Ostrand.

The Orchard Garden club met with Mrs. D. Lenz January 8. Mrs. D. L. Fletcher was lesson leader on the care of house plants. Next meeting will be with Mrs. E. Bruce with Mrs. Gordon Drayton as lesson leader.

Mrs. Evelyn McManigal returned home Thursday from Los Angeles, Calif., where she had spent the past 2 weeks visiting in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russ McManigal.

Mrs. Gordon Drayton sustained a cracked bone in her right arm when she slipped and fell in her home last Sunday evening.

Bill and Newell Mitchell, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mitchell, returned to Wayne following Christmas vacation. Bill will practice teaching physical education and be assistant basketball coach at Wakefield for the second trimester at Wayne.

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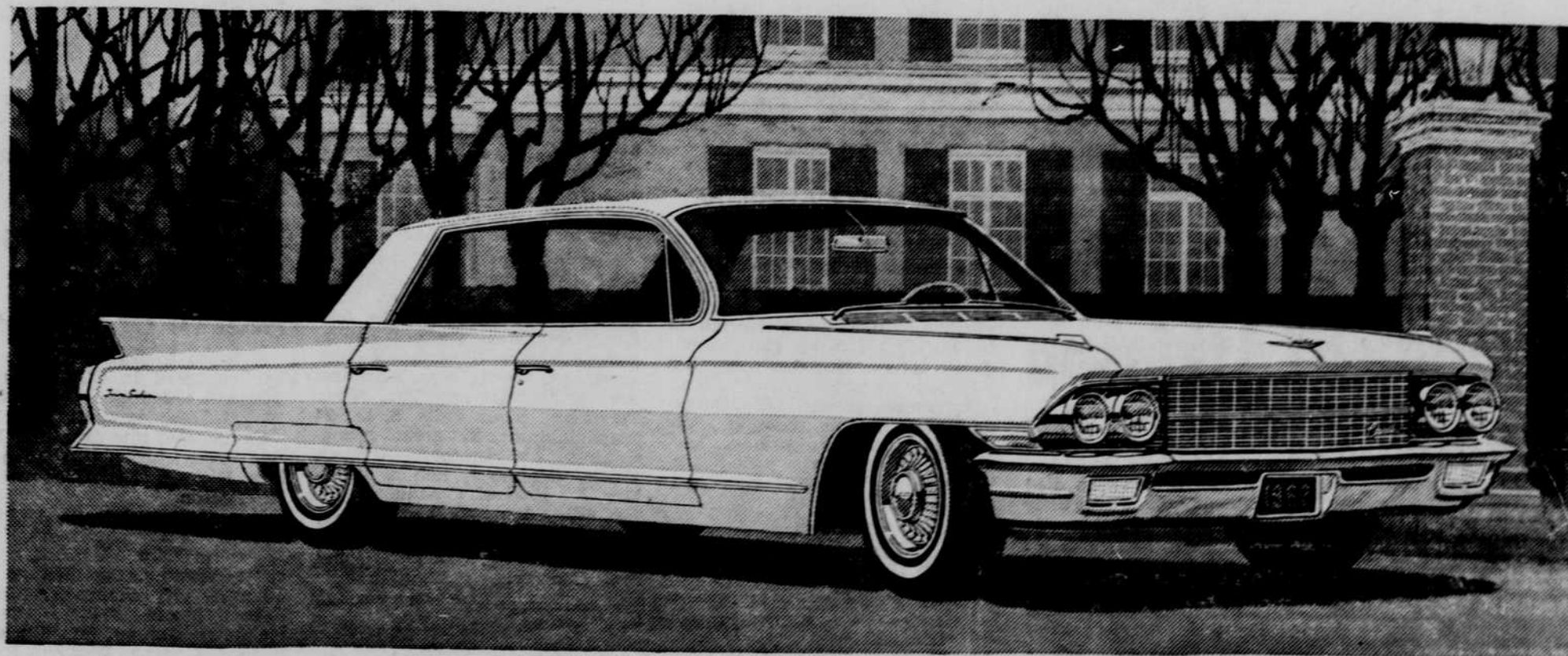
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