

Prairieland Talk

"Straight Shoot Halts Flood"

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North Nebraska snowbound in mid March, snow drifts said to be 14 feet high in some communities. Friend Cal Stewart went home over the weekend and was snowed in up at O'Neill so was not at his editorial desk when daughter and I drove up to the Sun office in northeast Lincoln a day or two before this is written. It may not be thought best but by March 16 it was rumored that our governor might call a special session of the legislature to provide aid for a few communities hard hit by winter storms. Now spring thaws may mean flood waters where rivers flow. We had just that at O'Neill in the 1880's when the Elkhorn flowed out nearly a mile wide south of town, but Neil Brennan and others got us busy with teams and we constructed a straight shoot for Elkhorn waters to do away with floods.



Romaine Saunders

I was recently asked to go to one of our Capital City's numerous schools and tell the pupils of the second and third grades some experiences of pioneer days out on the Nebraska prairies. Glad to do so and to know that school kids today are interested in their state's history. Yes, I was able to tell them some experiences of pioneer life in Holt county back in sod house, hay burner days and Indian raids. The teachers and pupils were nice and a roaring hand clap seemed to say, "Good enough, Old Timer".

Out of Russian realms comes the boast that soon the Muscovites will have flown to the moon and stars and given us a kick in the pants. What is being done over in Russia is the work of German scientists, now his captives, who are abiding their time and when ready will give the Russian bosses a kick in the pants and re-establish the great German empire.

It stands there today on south First street just where it was put in the year 1888 on two lots in Riggs Addition to the growing town of O'Neill. It had been my home for more than 20 years, the main part of the house moved in on wagons drawn by horses from the prairie five miles out, two rooms built on and some more cold. No electric lights, no bath rooms or hot and cold water faucets in my day. All living in that part of town when I and mine were there now dead and gone; and Jim Riggs of the Riggs Addition is no more. Time steps along life's highway and we are laid away to await the call on the first and second resurrections. So let us walk the highway of life circumspectly and be among those who hear and respond to the call the morning of the first resurrection.

Editorial

More About This Land of Ours

Whatever happened to the tried and true economic laws of supply and demand? A great many people in this fair country of ours would like to see those laws re-applied to solving the problems of what we all recognize as THE LAND. To that end, one organization, the National Association of Manufacturers, is commanding attention for its published stand, to wit: "The nation's agricultural problems can best be solved through the operation of the free market—and not through Federal controls and subsidies." The NAM is not seeking to win the top popularity award on how to win friends and influence farmers. Bit it is urging the government to spend more time advising the farmer on how to gain a decent livelihood within the framework of free enterprise—rather than have Uncle Sam try to guarantee him income through control and subsidies. The various steps advocated by the NAM on how to keep 'em happy down on the farm without subsidies is now on the desks of Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman and members of the Agriculture Committees of the Senate and House. We trust this statement gets a repeat reading: "The effort to erect an economic umbrella over all users of rural land to protect them from economic forces is no more justifiable than a law to protect all users of urban land from economic forces. "The most efficient use of our resources can come about through competition and the operation of the economic laws of supply and demand."

BROOKVILLE, PA., JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRAT: "In some kind of an economy (?) driving the United States Post Office Department is clamping down in no uncertain terms on mailing technicalities that will affect practically every citizen in the country and cause them inconvenience and annoyance. But Mr. Khrushchev's Communist propaganda, by the millions of pounds, is still accepted and distributed free throughout the United States . . . and Mr. Kennedy says we shouldn't stop it . . . doing so might be an obstacle to the distribution of U. S. mail in the Soviet Union! My, oh my!"

JUNCTION CITY, ORE., TIMES: ". . . Secretary of State Rusk is making an all-out effort to swing the Latin American nations into line in an effort to halt the spread of Communism in the western hemisphere. . . . While this is a most commendable objective, one of the serious deterrents toward Communism is being pushed more and more into the discard. This is the time-honored dynamic policy of a nation operating on a basis of freedom of enterprise and private ownership of property."

EL DORADO, KANSAS, TIMES: "Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona . . . told the Republican national committee that the GOP will have to offer voters 'something different' if it hopes to beat the Democrats. The senator is so right. The answer to 'something different' is right under the party's nose if it would only take a deep breath. A platform based on solid government, solutions to present day problems that don't create chaotic bankruptcy, a cleansing of waste from all departments and a return to sensible management ceasing to throw good money after bad, is the something different for which the senator yearns."

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO Frank O'Donnell, Roddy Ryan and Laurence Chapman, representing O'Neill high school, wrestled a victory from the Atkinson high school wrestling team Friday and this gives O'Neill the championship of this district. Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Yantzi and family left the first of the week for Seward where Mr. Yantzi has purchased an interest in the creamery. W. N. Coats of Stuart is candidate for the republican nomination for the state senator from this district. The school board Monday night elected C. A. Gorby as superintendent and Margaret Martin as principal. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland St. Patrick's Day. A social was given at Berntha Rouse's school Friday night.

25 YEARS AGO O'Neill stores will close for three hours on Good Friday. . . Cattle show upward trend in sale held Tuesday at Atkinson. . . Dr. C. A. Perrigo died in a Norfolk hospital Monday; he had been making monthly trips here as an optician the past 20 years. . . Holt County 4-H club members invited to attend the Aberdeen Angus show. . . Hugh James is convalescing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. James, from injuries sustained in a railroad wreck in the vicinity of Council Bluffs. . . Mrs. I. L. Watson and Mrs. E. L. Watson, Imman, entertained for the 24th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Butler and the 27th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tompkins.

10 YEARS AGO Spring storm strikes region with heavy snowfall curtailing transportation and communication. . . The Frontier's Holt county basketball team has the following players: Don Godel, Gary Buckmaster and Davey Eby, O'Neill high; Bernard Mohr and Don Becker, St. Mary's; Ronald Park and Bob Sorenson, Page and Bob Knapp, Ewing. . . G. V. Mott, 74, expires March 22 at Page. . . Brother and sister, Mrs. Emogene Baker Bower, 78, Chambers, and Harry Hubbard, Rushville, die same day, March 22. . . Miss Bernelda Bolen and James Mashek jr., both of Stuart, are united in marriage March 22 in O'Neill at the First Presbyterian parsonage.

5 YEARS AGO Mrs. James Davidson, 94, a Holt county resident since 1876, died May 22 in St. Anthony's hospital. . . Mr. and Mrs. John M. Grutsch celebrate their golden wedding anniversary March 27. . . Well-known Stuart woman, Mrs. Ora R. Yarges, dies March 24 after lingering illness. . . First Lt.

Out of the bright blue sky the golden glow of sunshine this mid-day of March. Snow is slowly fading away to make room for the green robed beauty of spring and summer. Flowers to adorn the scene again, song of birds and buzzing bees, life and growing things. Come on, Joe, let's go swimming where a few weeks ago we went skating.

Three quarters of a million humans in the great city of Chicago on "relief"—that is supported at public expense, and training is now given many of these thousands to fit them for jobs to support themselves.

In a horseback performance in a distant land our White House First Lady Kennedy is reported to have shown those Asiatics how to do it.

At the state hospital here in our Capital City, where my daughter-in-law is helping care for the unfortunate human specimens and informs me that there are a number of teenage crazies mentally crazed in the institution. Kids gone crazy!

The sun shines the day this is "talked" to you, snow all gone and for the first time in many weeks we see the family washings hung out on the lines to dry. The cold long winter over? Maybe so and now the scorching heat of summer just ahead. But I will walk out in the sunshine today after being in for a month or two. Come—take a walk with me.

A prairieland clothopper has in his pens those short legged grunting creatures from which you get your pork chops, so he does not approve of Nebraska being known as the beef state. Well, here we have it—hay, corn, wheat, potatoes, horses, cows, sheep, pigs, dogs and cats.

Has that gifted newspaper writer down at Amelia, Miss Lindsey laid aside her writing tablet and gone away? No Amelia news in my last Frontier. Maybe Florence and her mother went down to Omaha for a visit, closing their Amelia store for a time.

Where some 60 years ago there were open spaces in O'Neill, today fine modern homes stand. To the west of where I lived in southwest O'Neill it was open prairie and below the railroad tracks to the south, a corn field. Now modern homes everywhere. A city today is the county seat town of Prairieland Talker's little hometown of other years; on the streets today automobiles and loaded trucks in place of the saddle horses and covered wagons we once enjoyed seeing. But no gilded passenger trains now rolling in and out of town. What next?

Valentine Newspaper

Publishing a hometown newspaper has many compensations, but being well-liked is not one of them. Everyone hates the editor.

An editor who takes a firm stand on controversial issues, and tries to print all the news in an unbiased manner, may be respected (in a fair-minded community), but he will never be popular. Sooner or later such an editor will tread on the toes of everyone who reads the paper, be he friend or foe, neighbor or stranger.

Prime sources of an editor's woes are weddings, obituaries and court news. The description of grandmother's dress must be included in the wedding write-up and uncle Joe's favorite poem must be appended to his obituary or the editor is an unfeeling barbarian, not fit to associate with genteel human beings.

Persons whose names appear in the court news usually fall into two classes — those who were badly mistreated by the law, and those who admit guilt but want to protect someone else by keeping their name out of the paper. This desire to protect dear old mother who has a bad heart, or the grandchildren in school, or the minister from embarrassment, has led people to offer us bribes, threaten us with mayhem and check the possibility of filing a libel suit. We have often pointed out that we don't make the news, we just print it. All anyone needs to do to keep his name out of the court news is to stay out of court.

Other ways to incur the wrath of readers are: Disagree with them on a school issue; misspell their name; give another church more space than you do their church; refuse to print an item so old it has long since ceased to be news; decline to work at night on a rush printing job for someone who would have ordered it out of town to begin with had he not been in a hurry; suggest on the fourth or fifth statement that you would like to be paid; decline to print all the personal letters, magazine articles and other material people bring in; get poor reproduction of a poor picture, etc., etc.

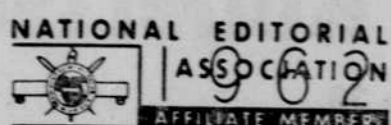
We sometimes think what really irritates readers is the crusty old editor's steadfast refusal to drop dead. That seems to be the only way to please a big majority at one time.



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Donna Shelhase to leave March 31 for states from Sendai, Japan, where she has served with the army nurse corps since April, 1955. . . Joe Sobotka jr. receives the highest grade among 125 students in the medical school at the University of South Dakota. . . Bernard Allen, resident engineer at St. Anthony's hospital, attends hospital engineer meeting at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gunter

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO The young people of Imman expect to present a home talent play in Chambers in the near future. . . Jim Greenstreet lost a couple of cows recently. . . Lake Litherland is gradually growing deeper, if this weather keeps up, and in a few days it will be connected with Lake Colman. . . R. H. Atwood left early Tuesday morning with John Baterson to look up a cream route in the southwest part of the county. . . Mr. Wagner of College View plans to locate for the coming year on the Green ranch 15 miles southeast of here. . . Ray Lienhart went to Amelia Tuesday to meet their freighter there with flour from Atkinson. . . Mr. Ben Hubbard and Miss Mabel Earl were united in matrimony March 20 at the O'Neill Presbyterian church.

25 YEARS AGO Mrs. J. Emmett Medcalf died March 19 at her farm home being ill four years due to heart trouble and complications. . . Prof. A. B. Sageser is spending his Easter vacation here from his duties as instructor at the Presbyterian college of Emporia, Kan. . . Fred Lowery is now making his regular trips on the mail route after being in the Veterans hospital. . . A heavy snow storm struck here Friday afternoon. . . Chambers riflemen, Frank Clarter, Lurline Collins, Chet Fees, Clarence Tibbets and Eugene Baker, tested their ability with rifles by contesting with the High School Rifle club. . . Clet-

Mrs. Don Larson entertained the Seek and Share club at the church annex Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Dave Anson serving the lunch. Twelve members were present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery visited in Neligh Tuesday and Friday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wayne Fry and Kevin and Z. H. Fry visited in Norfolk Friday. Kent Fry stayed with his grandmother, Mrs. Z. H. Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ritter and family, Tilden, had dinner last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ahlers. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ahlers, family, Wisner, were evening visitors.

Mrs. Daisy Miller, Linda Striker and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Napier and Carol Ann were dinner guests last Sunday at the Bert Fink home. Tammy Mott stayed at the

Arlen Miller home Thursday afternoon while her mother, Mrs. Grant Mott, helped with the Athletic Banquet at the Ewing high school. Mrs. Leo Miller and Mrs. Wendell Switzer also assisted at the banquet. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pollock called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Grant Mott, Sharon and Tammy visited Mrs. Everett Keesler Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nelson and Jimmy, Plainview, were guests last Sunday at the Dewitt Hoke home. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mott, Sharon and Tammy were guests last Sunday at the Rev. George Francis home in Neligh. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mott. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fry and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader visited in Norfolk Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Art Buschardt and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pollock and family visited last Sunday afternoon at the Dave Pollock home and were guests at a lunch of ice cream and cake and coffee. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fink and Jill were guests last Monday at

the Bert Fink home. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ahlers and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ritter visited in Sioux City, Ia., Sunday. Ralph Pollock, Seattle, Wash., came Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pollock. He will also visit relatives in Neligh. The John Napier family visited last Sunday at the Jerry Cuddy home in O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller visited Howard Miller in the Antelope Memorial hospital Friday evening. Mrs. Howard Miller came home with them after spending the past few days in Neligh. Mrs. Alvin Nelson and Mrs. Irene Ashburn, Plainview, were luncheon guests of Mrs. Keith Biddlecome Saturday. Mrs. Mildred Wright visited Mrs. Biddlecome Friday evening. Grant Mott and Tammy and Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Montgomery and Debra visited at the George Montgomery home Monday afternoon.

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