

Prairieland Talk

"Springtime Again"

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Dr. A. H. Corbet was the first dentist to start the job of pulling aching teeth here in O'Neill. Corbet started life in Holt county on a homestead three miles east of the northeast limits of O'Neill, later came to town and established his home on what is now First street at its southern limits, had a dental office on East Douglas street and also took pictures of citizens. I have said Dr. Corbet was the first dentist to come to O'Neill, but my revered dad was the first though he did not open a dental office as he was an outdoor man and settled on a homestead just to the northeast of Corbet's prairie home. Both had come from Pennsylvania to the then wild west of north Nebraska and both today rest under the sod in the abode of the dead on Prospect Hill.



Romane Saunders

As a girl Nellie Cronin was helping a bit in her brother-in-law's little print shop in the basement of the O'Neill National Bank building. Nellie was a sister of Dan and Will Cronin of pioneer days. Nellie became the wife of Den Hunt, they for some time remaining in O'Neill, then went to Lincoln to make their home. Three years ago Mr. Hunt died, his widow and their son and his family living together in our Capital City. I recently had a telephone visit with Nellie. She has not been well all winter and could talk but little, expressing herself that the end is near for her too. Yes, we may survive for many years to help some traveler along life's way, but some day the Death Angel closes our eyes to open no more until the Resurrection Morning. Are we ready for it?

So down at Grand Island they want you to go to Sunday school and church or set at home sucking your thumb and doing nothing. A Sunday closing of business places being promoted in many communities.

Winter winds and drifting snows gone again. Out across prairielands miles of landscape a robe of velvet green and a spot of drifting sand at long intervals. The blooming prairie rose and dainty blue bits of floral beauty; birds flying from fence post to fence post; the buzz of insects and hum of bees. Stately trees clothed in green and apple blossom time on the way; cattle feeding again on pastures green and farmer boys at it once more in their fields. Snow and cold hit us hard another winter and now the time of summer sunshine and happy growing days as we travel life's highway.

Editorial

The Budget Myths

By Dr. Harley L. Lutz, Professor Emeritus, Public Finance, Princeton University

For the average person the federal budget is a closed book. When he reads that the government will spend \$92.5 billion in fiscal year 1963 it leaves him not only cold, but numb. No one can grasp the real meaning of one billion dollars, to say nothing of 90-odd billion.

Let's deal with some of the unfounded reasons that have been given in support of the present immense total of our money that Uncle Sam plans to spend. Let's call them budget myths.

MYTH 1. The budget rise has been caused by national defense spending.

Since 1955, spending for major national security has risen by \$12 billion while nondefense spending has gone up by \$16 billion in the same time.

MYTH 2. We can afford it.

From 1955 through 1963 the government will have spent \$25 billion more than was collected in revenues. No family, and no business, could afford to operate that way.

MYTH 3. The people have demanded more spending.

The popular demand for spending has never been tested, let alone proved, in a straight-out question to the people.

MYTH 4. There is urgent need for more federal spending.

It is pure myth that the Federal government has an obligation to pay for public improvements or even to help pay for them. The government has no money except what it takes from the people.

MYTH 5. Government spending promotes economic growth.

Mullen Brothers, two of them bearing that name, served the community in the livery and feed barn business at the old Ward barn on East Douglas street in the days of the horse and buggy, horses and wagons with wide tires, bucking broncos and double cinch saddles. Later as livery business declined and rubber tired rigs with a steering wheel took over and the Mullens quit the "horse and buggy" business, as did the other four or five livery stables. Now it is "filling stations" on many corners. What next to get you on your way to the journey's end?

My printer friend here in Lincoln, Mr. Rocky and his wife entertained friends from Ewing recently. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman. They visited in Lincoln for a few days before returning home. And now Printer Rocky tells me they will soon be in Ewing for a short stop on their way to Wyoming for a visit.

He had made a fortune in the Synagogues of Satan, but lays lifeless straightened for the grave. "What shall it profit a man if he gains much wealth but loses his own soul?"

The sun glows in all its golden glory out of the bright blue sky this April day. Snow banks gone and ice along the way now no more. Capital City citizens are well behaved for the most part and house wives here and there are out putting things in order about their homes as blooming morning glory time comes again. But Prairieland Talker is still within his four walls with a lame left leg that permits no walking along city streets. No wind today, calm and serene without and peaceful all within.

It has been many months since I had word from my good friend the Postmaster in Atkinson and I wonder if he now has that new post office building that was to rear its architectural beauty in the old cow town of north Nebraska. Chunks of roast beef come from up there and city dwellers down this way are well fed. And my good friend and cousin George Meals has not picked up his pen or pencil for some time to write to me of life with him and his dear ones a few miles out from Atkinson. And I had hoped maybe Editor Kelly—is that his name—might at times send this old Holt county printer a copy of the Graphic. Trust all is going well in the Atkinson community.

I trust Walter O'Malley survived the months of snow and ice and had no frost bitten toes. Maybe a cheering word will come from that hardy Irish pioneer now most any day. Hi, Walt.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO A destructive cyclone visited Holt county Friday evening causing thousands of dollars worth of damage but no loss of life. Patrick Shea, who has been visiting friends here the past two months, left for Buffalo, S. D., where he expects to make a proof of his homestead sometime this coming summer. Eric Borg and son, Axel, are farming Mrs. Carrie Hubby's farm this spring. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffith are rejoicing over the arrival of an eleven pound boy who took up his residence with them April 8. Robert Carley, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carley who live on the old Larson place, died early Monday morning from injuries received in the cyclone Friday evening.

25 YEARS AGO James P. Marron, local attorney, was appointed Councilman Commissioner for Holt county by United States District Judge J. A. Donohoe. Calvin Tipton, a member of the Grand Prairie 4-H Farm Account club, was named county 4-H account champion. Three new 4-H clubs formed in county, the Emmet Best Cooks, Elkhorn Valley Feeder Calf club and Honey Turkey club. Nadine Kilpatrick, O'Neill high school junior, placed first in semi-finals and third in finals at the District Declamatory contest at Wayne Saturday. Funeral services held for old settler, Jacob Erb, who died Friday. Dr. L. A. Burgess is named as head of the O'Neill Country club for sixth time.

10 YEARS AGO City voters face \$12,000 bond issue in special election for new well. President Max Golden announces membership drive for O'Neill Country Club. Mrs. Thomas E. Sullivan, chairman, announces \$3,424 received so far in Red Cross drive. George L. Smith, 55, prominent Chambers businessman, dies April 6 in Omaha hospital. Robert Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carroll, and Helen Harty, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Harty, have been selected as Boy and Girl Staters. Mr. and Mrs. Herman DeGroof are celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary April 20. Miss Helen Martens entertained the pupils of District 20 at an Easter party Thursday.

5 YEARS AGO Ed and Alice Hrbek, Redbird, pay \$101.50 per acre for 80-acre unimproved farm tract near Dorsey offered at public auction Friday by Mrs. Leta Miles, Dorsey. Ervin Hilligas, Lloyd Hilligas, both of Chambers; LaVern Finley, Orchard; Clarence Gokie, O'Neill; Irwin LaRue, Ewing, and LuVern Oberling, Stuart, take top honors as corn growing champions in county. Norma Jean Burgess, Emmet, and Louis Gerald Coburn, O'Neill, are united in marriage April 13 at First Presbyterian church in Atkinson. Elizabeth Schaffer has accepted a teaching position for next year at the Sheldon Jackson Missionary school in Alaska.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO W. R. Bell is busy these days assessing the people of Chambers and vicinity. Art Cowerpwaite was down from O'Neill Tuesday buying cattle. He was refused a bid of \$60 per head for fat cows by Charles Farrier. In spite of the wind and hail storm Friday the "Lady of the Lake", played to over a \$60 house, the troop coming 20 miles to keep their appointment. Mrs. J. D. Grimes

sent up a dozen thoroughbred Buff Orpington chickens to R. N. Brittell's the first of the week. The carpenters, Porter, Smith and Jones, are busy this week repairing Jimmie Doherty's house. There will be roller skating Saturday evening in the hall where the floor and skates have been cleaned up.

25 YEARS AGO Axel Stromquist, 34, was found dead in bed about 9:30 a.m. April 15 at his home seven miles south of Chambers. His death was due to heart failure. Bud Thomson is now at Casper, Wyo., with his Uncle John, having left Chambers something over a week ago. Mrs. Dora Fix, 78, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Smith, Amelia, at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday after being in poor health for some time. The Kellar Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Addie Kiltz Thursday for a noon luncheon and social afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. John Botetger's fifth wedding anniversary was observed at a dinner Friday evening with family members.

Orchard News

Mrs. Lester Withee Ken S. Withee, a member of the Plainview high school faculty has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, Ill. School begins June 10 and continues for 10 weeks. Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Withee, Orchard.

Octet bridge club met Tuesday afternoon, Apr. 10. Mrs. Waldo Rodgers entertained. Mrs. Allen Hill was a guest. Game winners were Mrs. James Clifton and Mrs. Ted Berry. Mrs. Gordon Drayton will be the hostess in two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Gerold Hill, newly weds from Omaha, spent the weekend with Gerold's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hill.

Clearwater News

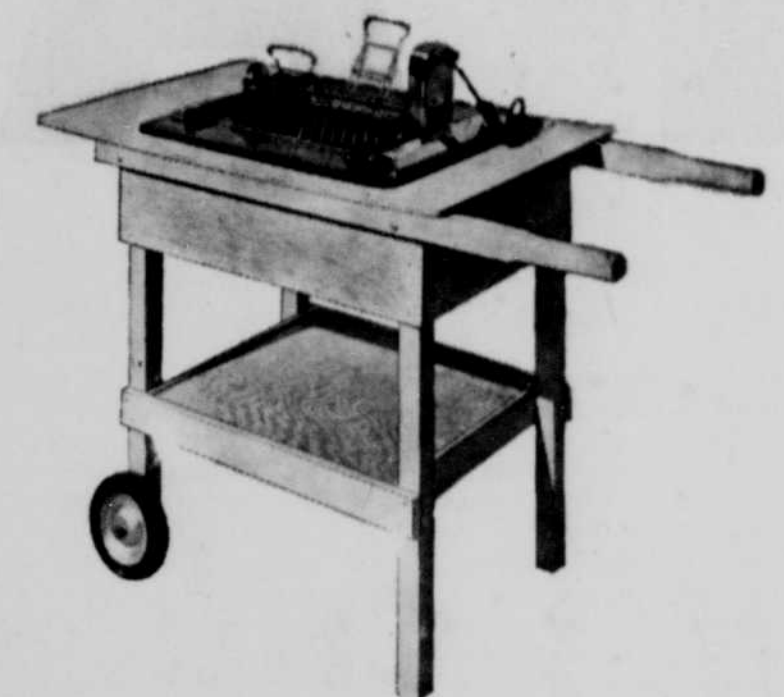
Mrs. Charles Curtright Hunter 5-2290 Mr. and Mrs. Don Luben, Weeping Water, spent the weekend with relatives in Clearwater. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Alleman and son, Norfolk, spent the weekend at the William Alleman home. Mrs. John Thiele accompanied Lois Moser to Omaha Sunday night, and on Monday morning left by train for Chicago where she will visit relatives and from there go to Defiance Ohio, then on to Levittown, N. Y., to visit her youngest daughter, Loretta, and family over the Easter holiday. She plans to return to Clearwater shortly after Easter. Mr. and Mrs. Erick Minerich, Mr. and Mrs. James Wiegand, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Prater, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Snider were in Omaha Saturday night and Sunday, where the ladies, who are members of Ashcraft's bowling team, bowled in the Class A

state bowling tournament at the Ranch Bowl in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Erick Minerich and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Olds while in Omaha. The Wiegands also visited the Lorraine Hemenway family in Fremont. Mrs. Lloyd Ashcraft also joined the group in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kelly and family of Marysville, Calif., are visiting relatives and friends in Clearwater. William Laben received word of the death of a cousin, Ollie Grenier at Coulterville, Calif. Ollie was well remembered in the area. He is the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grenier, who were long time residents of the community. Their home was the place now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Twiss four miles west of town. Burial

was in the National cemetery at Bakerfield, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller and daughter, Maskell, spent the weekend at the Reuben Rundquist home. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Rice and son, Omaha, visited relatives in Clearwater over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jacobsen were Friday evening guests in the Charles Curtright home. "The Prodigal Son" was the topic chosen by the Rev. D. L. Braunersreuther for the April meeting of the Concordia Lutheran Ladies aid. The meeting was held Thursday in the church. There were 21 members and one visitor present.

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