

## Prairieland Talk

## "Nature Beckons Us"

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Out of the deep beautiful blue sky the sun glows in golden glory this calm May day—all is hushed, not a breeze in motion, calm and quiet along city streets and lawns robed in rich summer green, stately trees in silken leaf and budding floral bloom adding beauty and fragrance to nature's scene. Out on Prairieland away from the crowded human haunts in cities the Hand of Nature beckons us to come and view the lovely scene.



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McTagerty was their family name, father, mother and three kids. They had come from Iowa and longingly looked forward to the time they could shake off the dust of Prairieland and "go back to Iowa". A homestead family six miles out from O'Neill, yes, the time came that McTagerty could put a plaster on that quarter section homestead, and with the money in his pocket they loaded up and pulled out for the beloved Iowa from whence they had come. Some four or five other families holding down claims in that spot of Holt county and happy at it in this land of Uncle Sam, but they too are gone and herds of cattle have now taken over where McTagerty and the others had lived for a few years. Prairieland Talker might have grown up and withered away a half mile or so from his girl friend Mary but shortly before they left for Iowa my father, in the year 1887, died and the rest of us moved to town.

One of the business women in O'Neill 60 years ago was Mrs. Zeimer who had a hotel and ample dining room just across from Hotel Evans, now the Western. The Zeimer hotel served good meals and plenty of it, and many were there at meal time.

She was born in O'Neill. He was born in Boone county. Twenty years after that baby girl came to our home in O'Neill she and he met in our Capital City, and another romantic courtship brought two souls together. And now for nearly 40 years they have traveled life's highway as husband and wife. She and he have been in Lincoln for several days, he to be with his mother and sister, she to see dad, her sister and brother. May 15 they left for their home in New Mexico where he is engaged in important government service. New Mexico, the land of the Cliff Dwellers from whom came the Indians of that land today. Yes, a Holt county rancher and cowboy went to that region some 70 years ago and became a great ranchman selling cattle for a few dollars a head. Today daughter says she pays \$1.20 a pound for beef in her town.

A class of boys and girls graduated from the eighth grade now ready for high school when another school year begins. The girls of that eighth grade class had learned a bit about cooking in school and the boys could look on encouragingly. So an evening the first week in May that class of boys and girls put on a party for their fathers and mothers and served a good meal that they prepared themselves. So mama and dad were made happy that they had fathered and mothered such a fine group of young Nebraskans.

Few if any Prairieland towns had in early times or now the men of ability that O'Neill has had, lawyers, statesmen and business men. M. P. Kin-kaid, M. F. Harrington, R. R. Dickson were three of the early day legal lights and political big wigs. Pat Hagerty, John Mann, John McCafferty, Neil Brennan, Pat McManus were early day merchants. Doc Mathews, John McDonough, Jim Riggs, Ham Kautzman editors and publishers. Dr. Gilligan, Dr. Trueblood, Dr. Conolly the leading medical men. So today I drop this bit of tribute to the memory of a few of the great that had stood on the corner where the First National Bank opens its doors.

Evenings in the month of May many years ago youthful pioneers sat on the steps of the recently erected bank building that still stands at the town's principal intersection. We kids of early day Prairieland mothers and dads got together on those bank steps to spend the evening. One of our group whose name is forgotten was always on hand and asked me to "tell some more stories". Those stories were what I had learned in early childhood at my mother's side and were of sacred Bible characters. I wonder where that youthful friend is today who so delighted to hear the stories as we were together on those bank steps. He may be gone the way of all the earth by now and we trust shaped his life after those recorded in Holy Writ.

In these United States there are four time zones. When it is 12 o'clock noon in New York it is 11 o'clock in Chicago and Omaha, 10 o'clock in Denver, 9 o'clock in Los Angeles. It once was on the railroad that mountain time in Nebraska started at Long Pine, 60 miles west of The Frontier office.

Printer Editor Captain Stewart felt he needed rest so retired as editor and publisher of O'Neill's best and oldest newspaper. If one paper was an exhausting job for Cal what must he be up against today with four weekly sheets to keep going. Evidently has him swamped as Cal had threatened to come to my holding up place in the Capital City and give me the glad hand but Prairieland Talker has not seen him.

## Editorial

## King-Anderson Bill

President Kennedy's frantic campaign to get acceptance of the King-Anderson bill to provide medical care for the aged has loosed a storm of comment — pro and con — across the nation. Many half-truths are being employed in an effort to bring the public to their knees and vote for the bill.

One of the strongest opponent groups is the United States Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is opposing the King-Anderson bill for many reasons. Among them:

—The program is **compulsory**. Employers and employees would have to pay the higher taxes whether they wanted to participate in the program, or not. On reaching 65, they could not obtain any health care services unless they went to a participating hospital or nursing home. Their freedom of choice would be limited.

—It is **not needed**. Private insurance plans are available in ever increasing numbers for those needing and wanting health insurance. Also, the Kerr-Mills Act, passed only in 1960, has not yet been given a chance to prove its effectiveness (this federal-state program is designed to help those who cannot afford a private plan).

—It would **pervert** the Social Security system. For the first time, a Social Security beneficiary would be forced to accept part of his benefit in the form of government-paid service instead of cash. This presupposes that upon reaching 65, Americans suddenly become incapable of taking care of themselves and managing their own finances.

—It is **unfair**. A young married couple, already hard-pressed to meet expenses, would be compelled to pay higher Social Security taxes for a lifetime to finance health benefits for wealthier older citizens who have contributed relatively little to the fund.

—It is **illusory**. Many aged believe all their medical costs will be taken care of. They should realize that the plan would cover only part of their hospital and nursing home expenses. For the average older person, no more than a fourth of his health and medical costs would be paid for. He would still have to pay for surgical fees, physicians' bills, dental care, and medicines he needs at home.

B. R.

BETHEL, OHIO, JOURNAL: "Are we too soft toward the drinking driver? In Sweden a driver with .04 per cent alcohol in his bloodstream is considered over the 'threshold' of intoxication. A reading of .06 per cent costs him his license and a \$250 fine and one with .15 per cent draws one to three months' hard work behind prison walls. In some states, a reading between .05 and .15 per cent is regarded only 'relevant' in court and not an index that the man was too drunk to drive. Different people react differently to alcohol, of course, but a standard figure should be set for all and set low where conviction would be mandatory. If that were done, the slaughter on the highways would very likely slow down."

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## Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO  
Gene Sullivan won his fight in Lincoln last Thursday night knocking out his opponent, Harry Lewis of Houston, Tex. . . . The O'Neill and Valentine high schools played two interesting ball games in this city last week, resulting in a victory for each team. . . . Drug stores of Gilligan & Stout and F. M. Pixley gutted by fire early Thursday morning. . . . John Mullen, who is attending the state university, came up from Lincoln last Tuesday evening to attend the wedding of his sister, Miss Phoebe to John O'Donnell. . . . Hugh J. O'Connor of Emmet and Miss Catherine Goldfuss of Atkinson were granted a marriage license by County Judge Carlon Monday.

25 YEARS AGO  
Fire Wednesday evening nearly destroyed local Armour creamery plant. . . . The Miller Bros. Chevrolet company has rented the lots behind the K. C. hall for a used car sale yard. . . . Mrs. Newton Carson, Redbird, celebrates her 85th birthday May 16. . . . The Frontier publishes its first edition May 29 of its 58th year. . . . Barn and granary on John Sullivan place are destroyed by fire. . . . Opening dance of Country club season will have following new members present, Bennett Grady, Clarence Saunto, Orville Winchell, L. D. Putnam, A. J. Kubitschek, Atkinson, and W. P. Dailey, Emmet. . . . Gatz Brothers are building an addition to their ice plant and beer storage vault.

10 YEARS AGO  
Richard Loock, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Loock, Spencer, earns state 4-H award. . . . The silver jubilee of Sisters M. Flores, M. Serafica and M. Emelia will be celebrated May 25 at St. Patrick's church. . . . P. E. Hart, 62, died unexpectedly May 12 while seated at his desk in his place of business. . . . Reward for apprehension of Chet Calkins slayer now stands at \$1,550. . . . Joseph Zaborowski, 92, died May 11 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Chmiel south of O'Neill. . . . Miss Elizabeth Jean Gallagher, Inman, becomes the bride of Alfred M. Hamik, Stuart, May 12 at O'Neill.

5 YEARS AGO  
Mrs. Alice Axtell, 105, believed to be Nebraska's second oldest resident, died May 18 enroute to

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Atkinson. Agriculture outlook for county is excellent in late May. . . . A. L. Hynes, retired rancher, is victim of heart attack May 23. . . . Clyde Widman, Amelia, was elected president of the Nebraska School Improvement association, succeeding Lloyd Waldo, also of Amelia. . . . Atkinson's Iris show set for June 1. . . . Patricia A. Rotherham, daughter of Mrs. Mary Rotherham, Ewing, has won the silver wings of a United Air Lines stewardess. . . . Ruth Ann Damme and Doreen Gled, Chambers seniors, are co-valetudinarians.

The Long Ago  
At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO  
Work has been started on the grade south of O'Neill. This is a much needed repair and will certainly help the travel from Chambers. . . . The trouble with the telephone line has finally been found and adjusted, the phone now being in fine working order. . . . Band closed the skating season Saturday night by giving a mask skate. Two prizes were given, the first being won by Dale Bell as Mother Goose, and the second by Clyde Putnam as a negro. . . . We hear that Ruth Beebe has been sent to the hospital for an operation and that she is getting along fine and soon expects to resume her work. . . . We hear just as we go to press that a fire in O'Neill destroyed the stock of goods in both drug stores.

## Deloit News

By Mrs. H. Reimer

Mrs. G. A. Bauer arrived home Tuesday evening from Montana where she had been visiting relatives for 3 1/2 months. She made the trip by train.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Stearns, Mrs. Martha Kinney, and Mrs. Mary Stearns visited Madine in Lincoln Sunday.

Mrs. Verhunc arrived Saturday from Oregon to visit the Ewald Spahn home and attend Sam's graduation Friday evening.

The HEO club met Wednesday in the Mary Stearns home. Mrs. Verhunc and Mrs. Ingraham and son were visitors. Maynard Stearns visited Fern in the Tilden hospital Wednesday evening.

## Venus News

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

Viola and Rita Mae Pospeshil were Creighton visitors Monday. Mrs. George Jeffrey entertained the Help U club in her home Wednesday, May 16, 13 members were present. Dinner was served at noon by the hostess. Rose Brookhouser won the door prize. Mrs. Irvin Held will have the first meeting in June.

Leora Strobe left for Haiti by plane from Sioux City last week. She will be a missionary nurse for four years. Leora is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Strobe.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hamilton are employed at the Paul Golder ranch near Orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Golder and family moved from the farm home of her parents to the Grubbs place near Orchard, which they

purchased some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Faulhaber returned from Springfield, Ill. and are living in their farm home near Venus.

The Rev. and Mrs. Guering, Creighton, visited in the home of Grandma Evans, Thursday. Mrs. Ernest returned with them to resume the care of her mother after a visit in her Creighton home.

Mrs. Harry Caskey and granddaughters accompanied Mrs. R. Brookhouser to Verdigris Thursday where they visited in the Joe Jacot sr. home while Mrs. Brookhouser attended a meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boelter and their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Boelter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Boelter attended the reunion of the Parks family in the Page park Sunday, May 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bennett were Tuesday evening supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Caskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter were Sunday visitors in Verdigris where they visited her mother, Mrs. Emma Wirth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Waring visited in the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Ernst Boelter Saturday evening.

Connie and Cathy LeMasters visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Montgomery Tuesday and visited their cousins school.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Orchard, visited with friends in the Grington vicinity Tuesday. Visitors in the Howard Tyler home Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Caskey, Omaha, spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sukup. They spent Sunday and Monday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sukup. They returned home Monday evening after attending graduation exercises in Orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hansen and family, Omaha, were Saturday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey and twins.

Mrs. Donald Caskey and children and Mrs. Harry Caskey were Norfolk visitors Wednesday. Suellyn and Joan Caskey, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caskey, Norfolk, returned home with them.

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