

Prairieland Talk

"No Prayers In Today's Schools"

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When the first school house stood where the present high school building now stands to the north of Holt county's courthouse I was still of school age and was one of the young Americans and young Irish in that upper room on the southwest limits of the school house, our teacher being the charming Miss Evans who left the lumber yard down the street to teach school for a time until she took on the job of housewife and moved to Kansas. Our federal supreme court now says no religious devices in public schools. In Miss Evans' day there was in our school room brother and sister who could sing beautifully and teacher would have them sing sacred songs. Agnes Loftus Conly, a sister of William McNichols' mother was the next teacher in that room, she soon left to return to her home in Iowa. Of the boys and girls in that school room still living I know of but one beside myself, Miss Elizabeth O'Malley. When I was a ten-year-old in school in that southern Wisconsin city our good teacher Miss South opened school by reading a bit from the Bible and we all joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer. Now the federal high court says don't do that in public school. Are school kids today any better than those of 80 years ago?



Romaine Saunders

July, firecracker time. And did you hear the 100 guns at sunrise the Fourth? No, Independence Day is not what it was in the days now gone when Chamberlain Hall, John Smoot, Pat Biglin and Alice Coykendall with her lady pals put on a great Fourth for us. But we are still 'happy as a clam in this land of Uncle Sam'.

A flash of lightning, a crash of thunder and the rumble and grumble and roar bring the down pour. Nature brings to us sunshine and shades of night, bright days and dark days. And as we travel the highway of life there comes to us smiles and tears, joy and sorrow, happiness and heart ache. But we move along amid joy and sadness till we come to the end of life's trail, lay then to rest to smile and cry no more, until the call from heaven sounds the note to awake and come out of the grave to suffer no more in a better world than this.

Editorial

This Is Progress?

(By Dorothy Johnson, Manager Montana State Press Assn. in the May 1962 "Montana Fourth Estate")

You can't say our public schools don't try to fit people for the problems of daily life. As one of the judges of high school newspapers submitted for rating by Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association, I noted this:

A feature in the Harlo Rebound (Harlowton High School) told of the troubles of seniors in P.A.D. class who had to do problems involving income tax. They simply hated it—although they didn't even have to pay the amount due.

Forty years ago in Whitefish High School, seniors didn't study P.A.D., whatever that is, and they didn't even KNOW anybody who had to figure income tax. I guarantee it; I was there.

Four years before that, in eighth-grade arithmetic, we beat our brains out on 'partial payments', which were so long and involved that we virtually never finished a problem, and so dull that the teacher couldn't bear to check them.

We computed and added interest and subtracted payments made on account, and that sort of stuff. This was almost pure theory, however; whoever bought anything on time except a house? And "mortgage" was a dirty word.

Now, when almost any family has partial payments to be made on at least a dozen appliances and a car, and is wildly encouraged to stick its neck out for a dozen more, what citizen understands how his partial payments work? He faces the monthly bit but ignores the ghastly total. And if you're able to figure out the percentage of interest on the deal, then you got more out of eighth-grade arithmetic than I did.

Mrs. Vanlom, Mr. and Mrs. Will Riley, the Will Carpenter family, Jay and Rose Robler, the James family, the Berry families all but one of the third generation, Prairieland Talker and his beautiful Rosa are no more down there west of Amelia but a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riley and her husband lives yet on the old ranch. And the green robed landscape is still under foot, stately trees reach leaf in bloom and the bright goldenrod along the way. Men and women come and go, the velvet robed prairie remains forever.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Hammer for some time published the Chambers Sun, the last of three papers that flourished in that southern Holt county town. The Hammers had their print shop in the north room of a building on the main street and made their home in the same building. Sold out and pulled out for Idaho and Ezra came to life's end out there, but Mrs. Hammer still lives in that state. Chambers now has no print shop and newspaper but The Frontier gives its readers the Chambers and South Fork news.

H. W. McClure, rancher, banker and then merchant, the McClure store on the north side of the street across from the Evans Hotel now the Western. The McClures disposed of their store and moved to Sioux City. Other O'Neill families went to Sioux City in those days, among them Heinrichs who had been operating a grocery store in O'Neill. But Hay McClure stayed on the ranch, later married and moved to Wayne where he died some years ago.

President and Mrs. Kennedy are stepping about in old Mexico. Our president gets about to other lands on stately and friendly visits. Or is he making us friends or inspiring envy and hatred of those in distant lands. It matters not we are still up and on the go.

Two or more cents many years ago in O'Neill were good at baseball, pitch, catch and bat, but were no good at business or making a livelihood for themselves. Good at baseball but no good at making a living.

Traveling down life's lengthening lane we smile and frown; walk another mile and then sit down. And may the Creator of us all "So teach us to number our days that we may seek wisdom".

Straws In The Wind

A highly centralized government creeps up on a people slowly. In the United States it invades the various states bit by bit. The people accept a gift from Washington and in so doing lose a little more local independence. Eventually states fall under federal authority in local affairs as federal aid extends from the cradle to the grave.

We have federal money loaning, federal housing, federal planning for our future, federal farm controls, federal taxes for travel, plans for federal medicine, federal electricity, etc., etc. Each one limits individual activities.

Just another straw in the wind of federal control of the individual is the proposed federal tax on boats and the elimination of the right to claim a 2-cents per gallon refund on non-highway gas. The Oregon State Marine Board claims the federal proposal usurps the prerogative of states to regulate and license boats.

In the majority of measures which extend federal authority over states, the people are not aware of what is happening to individual and states rights.

The boat license issue brings federal control right home to the individual so he can understand it. If it is right for boats in a state, why not a federal license for cars, marriage licenses, dog licenses, building permits or any other function now under state jurisdiction? It's something to think about.

SARANAC, MICH., Advertiser: "If communism is as great as the Russians would have us think, why don't they take down the iron curtain and put in a picture window?"

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Corn has been doing fine the past week and seems to be doing its best to make up for the late start, owing to a backward spring. . . Rev. M. F. Cassidy, Rev. Father O'Sullivan, O. F. Biglin, Mrs. T. F. Birmingham, H. J. Boyle, Hugh Birmingham, Miss Mamie Cullen, Miss Dolores Mullin, Miss Bea Ryan, Lenora Daily and Charles Daily drove to Stuart last Tuesday morning to attend the dedication of the new Catholic church recently erected there. . . An estimated 5,000 people were in the city to celebrate the fourth. A carnival and first class ball game provided entertainment. . . Charles Lowell, fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lowell met with serious and painful injury Saturday night when a roman candle caught fire inside his shirt. It caught fire from one that he was shooting.

25 YEARS AGO

More than inch of rain gives hope of a good corn crop. . . Last Saturday afternoon, fire gutted the State Highway garage. . . A large delicatessen of O'Neill accompanied the High School band to Elgin where the band gave a concert. . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Osborn are rejoicing over the birth of a son Monday afternoon. . . A group of young folks assembled at the Country club for a pre-nuptial shower for Miss Geneva Grady, who will wed this coming week.

10 YEARS AGO

A top notch air show troupe will come to O'Neill Sunday, July 20, and present a 10 act performance at the Municipal Airport. . . "If everything goes as planned, the new St. Anthony's hospital will be opened in September." . . A 1936 model fire truck was placed in retirement this spring with the arrival of a new 15 thousand dollar truck authorized by the O'Neill citizens in a special election. . . Future subscribers, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Belzer, a son, James Francis, weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born Friday, July 4. . . George Hammond is elected president of Holt County TB association.

5 YEARS AGO

Band concert is planned Friday evening in Ford's park at 7:30 p.m. . . Dance — American Legion Ballroom, July 13, music by Paul Quintet. . . O'Neill's Municipal swimming pool did a landoffice business Sunday while the mercury climbed to the 100-degree mark. The biggest crowd in history. . . Free wedding dance July 16, American Legion Auditorium, Cecilia Peter-Darrel Carr.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

The hotel has again changed hands, Mr. Urwin selling out his interest to Wade Grubb, who took possession the first of the week. . . Ernest White was in O'Neill Tuesday in his new Flanders. . . Bert Wilson and wife, John Wintemote, Elias Dorothy and Mrs. Charles Dorothy went to the sale Wednesday in Bert's new Ford. . . There will be a baseball game Saturday afternoon between Amelia and Chambers on our home diamond.

25 YEARS AGO

A Tomlinson family picnic was enjoyed at the Chambers swimming pool Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. William Turner's aunt. . . Sunday was the 80th birthday of Richard Burdette, sr. . . Chet Fees brought his airplane up from the air port and housed it in the Ford garage. . . W. E. Martin and family moved their living quarters to the rear of the 100F building last Friday. . . Marilyn Harley is spending several weeks in the country with relatives and is at present at the Glee Grimes home. . . Mr. Wandering and Mr. Westover of Chambers are building a new barn and painting the Erina school house.

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Rosedale News

By Karen Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Snider were Wednesday afternoon visitors at the M. B. Nelson home.

Karen Anderson was a Thursday supper guest at the M. B. Nelson home. She helped Jill celebrate her second birthday. Margaret Johnson enjoyed a picnic supper with the Carl Andersons Wednesday. She was also an overnight guest of Karen Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Landholm, Mrs. Morris Johnson and LaVonne celebrated the holiday Wednesday by having a picnic supper at the Edwood Martinsons.

Mr. and Mrs. David Landholm and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nelson, Omaha, were Sunday evening coffee guests at the Herman Landholm home.

Effie Martinson arrived at the Herman Landholms Tuesday, where she will be spending her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Landholm, Mr. and Mrs. George Martinson, and Effie Martinson enjoyed a picnic supper at Ft. Randall park Wednesday evening.

LaVonne Johnson was a Saturday evening visitor at the Herman Landholms.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Landholm and Effie Martinson called at the Harry Mahlendorf home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martinson were visitors at the Herman Landholms Tuesday.

Gary White, Omaha, spent Thursday night and Friday visiting his cousins at the Ivar Johnsons.

Wayne and Jeff White, Omaha, came Saturday to get Gary and Linda, who have spent the week here visiting their cousins.

Lester Johnson, Ivar Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson returned Monday evening from Illinois.

Anderson, Butte, did farm chores at the Lester Johnson and Ivar Johnson farms the three days they were in Illinois.

The Rev. and Mrs. D. Elroy Anderson and family attended a ministerial meeting and picnic Tuesday at Oakland. From there they went to Iowa. They visited relatives in Essex and Shenandoah. They returned Friday.

Mrs. Ivar Johnson and Darwin were Thursday forenoon callers at the Dave Landholms.

The Rev. and Mrs. Everette Wilson and Mariam were Tuesday morning coffee guests at Mrs. Morris Johnsons.

Mrs. Edwood Martinson and Wayne called on Mrs. Dave Landholm Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Peterson enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mrs. Morris Johnson and LaVonne.

Mrs. Edwood Martinson and Wayne visited with Mrs. Morris Johnson Tuesday.

Tom Swan and Carol Mahlendorf spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting at the Harry Mahlendorf home.

Mrs. Harry Mahlendorf, Leonard and Carol and Tom Swan enjoyed Wednesday dinner at the Duane Mahlendorf home.

The Bill Roofs were Sunday afternoon callers at the Harry Mahlendorf home.

Carolyn Roofs was a visitor at the Adolph Sedivy home last Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bridge and family were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Harry Mahlendorfs.

Mrs. Rose Wilson, Spencer, was a Sunday afternoon caller at the Adolph Sedivy home.

The Gay Hull family from Lynch were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Sedivy.

Todd, Jill and Jock Nelson, children of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Nelson, spent Saturday evening at the Bill Snider home in Butte.

Mrs. Mark Lippert and Mike, and Mrs. Art Fredrickson were Monday visitors at the Lawson Lightfoot home.

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Mike and Vincent Nygren, California, spent a couple days visiting with Mrs. Carl Nygren and Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bowman and Emil Lomborg were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Carl Nygren and Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmberg and children spent Wednesday at the John Pele home in Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmberg and children spent Sunday with the Nels Holmbergs in Dallas, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwood Martinson and boys and Mr. Alvin Lomborg enjoyed a picnic supper Sunday afternoon at Ft. Randall park.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mahlendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson and Diane and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Martinson were all Sunday afternoon visitors at the Fred Nelson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nelson and Judy, Eugene, Ore., and their son, Robert Nelson and his family, were visitors at the Fred Nelson home from Tuesday till Friday.

A family reunion picnic was held at the Fred Nelson home Thursday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Armfield and Shirley, Burke, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Armfield and Danny from Holt Co., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nelson and Judy, Eugene, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson and family, Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nelson and family, Bristol, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson and Diane, Fairfax, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Devall and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Devall, Kathryn and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Woldneck and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Anson and girls, Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson, Larry and Sue gathered at the O'Neill park for a picnic dinner. The children enjoyed an afternoon of swimming.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kaczor, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse spent the evening at the Lawrence Rouse home where they enjoyed their fireworks display.

Word was received here by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kaczor of the tour taken by their son Gerald, during his 3 week furlough. He visited Austria, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, England, France and Switzerland before returning to the base at Vicenza, Italy, where he is serving in the armed forces. Gerald took many views of interesting places and had many experiences, especially with languages and customs. He is planning on returning to the States in October.

A family gathering was held Sunday noon at the O'Neill Park. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Milton McKathie and family, Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Summerer and family, Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse and Lloyd, Ralph, Thelma and Edward Young, Mildred Keyes, Blanche, Marvin and Walter Rouse, Inman, Mrs. Carrie

Borg and Marvel, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Anderson and girls, Bertha Hayden, Wiggins, Colo., Edith Young and Maude Rouse. The occasion marked Maude's birthday anniversary.

Carl Anson spent Thursday and Friday with Jeanette Woldneck.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walters and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Anderson and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Johring and family gathered at the Henry Walters home Friday evening. The occasion marked Mildred's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Johring and family visited at the Gene Libby home, Omaha, Sunday. The Libby baby's condition is improved and the baby is out of the hospital.

Donald and Nancy Wilkins, Palo Alto, Calif., arrived Monday to spend the rest of their vacation at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindberg and with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rosenkrans, Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Callan, Lincoln, stopped at the Frank Nelson home Friday morning enroute to the World's Fair. Carl was a former teacher at school District 170 also 16 during the years 1911-1914. He has been employed in the Lincoln schools for many years, but is now retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wabs and Carl's mother and Stanley and Martha Stableman were July 4 supper guests at Martha Johrings. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johring and family and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johring, Clearwater, were supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Searies and girls took their birthday cake and trimmings to Gerald Risors Saturday evening. Judy was the honored guest as the celebration marked her eighth birthday.

Mrs. Dewayne Anson took part of the Midway 4-H group to Nebraska camp Thursday. Diane and Kathryn Devall, Linda Woid-

neck, Larry and Sue Nelson and Sharon Anson attended. Mrs. Walter Devall brought the group home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schaaf, Atkinson, spent Sunday at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schaaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hayford, Casper, Wyo., were Monday evening callers at the Axel Borg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Krogh and family, Faribault, Minn., were Friday visitors at the Carl Krogh home. They were dinner guests at the Nyal Rowse home, Chambers.

Mr. Gerald Risor, Janice and Marilyn were Thursday evening visitors at the Virgil Hubby home.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Searies and family attended a family picnic Tuesday evening at the Clarence Ernst home in honor of Gladys' aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, Scottsbluff, who have been visiting relatives. They left for their home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubby and Mrs. Jessie Kaczor and Salina Heber, Butte, were Sunday dinner guests at the Dave Jensen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rich and family, Dakota City, came Friday to spend a few days at the Delbert Rouse and Allen Walters home. The men were buddies while in the service.

A meeting has been called for Monday evening at the Meek school house to make preparations for the Old Settlers picnic.

Mrs. Paul Nelson, Mrs. Frank Nelson and Mrs. Ed Kaczor attended a miscellaneous shower for Miss Nancy Row at Spencer Friday evening given at the Methodist church parlors. Sixty women were present. A mock wedding and songs were used for entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Anderson visited at the Russell Woepel home, Ewing, Wednesday and at the Hi Johnson home Thursday evening.

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