

Prairieland Talk

"Outlaws In O'Neill's Past"

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We have in this department heretofore mentioned the notables that were in business, professional and political affairs here in O'Neill. Now we will pay a little attention to the notables on the other side of the schedule. The outlaws. There was Doc Middleton who came to his end on a cot in a jail in Wyoming where he had spent the night. And poor Kid Wade! The last word that he spoke was this, "I have been feeding you fellows and now you are going to hang me." So they did, some of his associates took him away from the sheriff and hung him. Sheriff Ed Hershizer had the Kid in custody, bringing him into O'Neill to be tried in court when the bunch of bad boys got together to take him away from the sheriff to take him out and hang him. The Dutcher Brothers: three of them lived their days out in the Eagle Creek country and came to their end out there. Al Hylman as far as I know ended his days out near the Whiting Bridge.



Romaine Saunders

I was at work late that night in the old Frontier office. I had started to go home and had gone a block south, turned to go west to my home when a man jumped out in front of me. I thought it was a holdup. I was frightened but it was a friendly holdup. He said, "Where is the convent?" What today is St. Mary's academy was then a convent. I told the fellow where the convent was and he left me unharmed. I went on to my home to spend the rest of the night at rest. And then the next day I learned that a girl in the convent had made her get-away the night before. So I felt that I had had a hand in getting a young lady away from her church obligation to join her sweetheart.

Twohull bought a load of corn from me and gave me 22c a bushel for the corn. That was my first income from the products of the country here in the O'Neill community. Another income source of a little money was from Fred Gatz who gave me sixteen dollars for a nice fat coming three year old heifer. Those two items were the beginning of a little income from the investment here in the community.

Editorial

Not Acceptable

One of the penalties of being an outstanding success in any field is to be criticized, not reviled, by those who are envious. From the Orient we take the story of Buddha whose reputation in his time for holiness was widely known.

A man met him in the street one day and began to call him mean and ugly names. Buddha listened quietly and thoughtfully until the man ran out of epithets and had to pause for breath. "If you offer something to a man and he refuses it, to whom, then, does it belong?" asked Buddha. The spiteful man replied, "It belongs, I suppose, to the one who offered it." Then Buddha said, "The abuse and vile names you offer me, I refuse to accept." The defector slunk away.

I mounted my horse that morning and spent the day riding the cow trails. Late afternoon toward evening I rode into an Indian camp and there at the camp were three squaws cooking something at the campfire. I sat there on my horse and off a little distance were some Indian men, bucks they were called and they were communicating with one another and pointing to me as I sat on the horse. I watched them for a minute and then got uneasy. I thought I better get out of there. So I touched him with my heel and made my getaway. I still have my scalp, those Indians didn't get it.

I have received a letter from a woman who signs herself Mrs. C. (Florence) Jensen, from Garden Grove, California. Her memories do not reach back into the 1890s but since her mother was born in the 1890s she is interested in that period. So she asked me to deal in Prairieland Talk with that period. Very well, that was a time that we were looking for railroads to come our way. And one came. The short line from Sioux City to O'Neill. And that induced some O'Neillites to move to Sioux City. And I travelled a month or more on that short line between O'Neill and Sioux City travelling back and forth, aside from spending a winter in Sioux City. I went from there to a little town in the south east and was there for a few years. Then back again to O'Neill and from there to California for a year or so. And now today railroads are but a memory and we have bus lines going north, south, east and west.

And it was in the 1890s that Barrett Scott was taken by the Vigilantes to the Whiting Bridge and hung and dropped in the icy waters of the Niobrara River.

My son Ned an active lad in the thirties in Swan precinct west of Amelia has now for some years been in the building work here in the city of Lincoln directing the construction of buildings. Last night was the opening of a beautiful building. A building of an educational institution here in the city of Lincoln. It was pronounced a very beautiful structure and now Ned takes over the supervision of building the Christian Record, a new structure for printing for the blind. Then he has some thought of going to Boulder, Colorado to engage in building houses out there.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Miss Lenora Daily arrived in the city Tuesday from Lincoln and will remain here to perform the duties of stenographer in the office of J. J. Harrington. Frank Biglin came up Saturday from Columbus where he has been the past year. He returns to take charge of his father's implement and furniture store. Carl Homes and Clara Bernholtz both of Randolph were married at County Judge Carlson's office Thursday. T. V. Golden says his new hotel building is all completed now and ready for the furnishings. Peter Curtis has bought an interest in the Harding drag line which will now be operated under the firm name of Harding and Curtis. Monday a case against the village board of Ewing restraining them from installing a new pumping outfit came on from hearing before Judge Dickson, who had previously issued a temporary restraining order.

25 YEARS AGO

Sixty-four Nebraska counties have been designated commercial corn producing countries by Secretary Wallace under the new corn bill. Holt county is noticeable by its absence from the list of counties. Both of O'Neill basketball squads won in their first round games at the Class C tournament in Atkinson. The Cardinals of St. Mary's won from Bassett 18 to 16. O'Neill high swamped Lynch 42 to 13. Elmer Juracek and Miss Veda Stewart both of Star, are announcing their coming marriage by giving a free wedding dance to be held at Oak View park on March 9. The city election gives every evidence of warming up and there will be a real old time campaign. Papers were issued the first of the week and will be circulated tomorrow, placing in nomination for the office of Mayor, Hugh E. Coyne.

10 YEARS AGO

Ol' Man Winter delivered his third history making assault in four years Thursday and Friday, February 19 and 20 in a 48 hour siege that left 18 foot snowdrifts in the heart of O'Neill. An 18 year old Atkinson youth, Clifford Boettcher, a senior in high school and a member of last fall's Atkinson high football team died Sunday, Feb. 22, in a two passenger aircraft in which he was taking off from an improvised airfield. Army Pvt. Patrick Boyle of Camp Roberts, Calif., and Marine Pfc. Edward Boyle, who is stationed on Hawaii, were granted emergency furloughs in order to be home because of the critical illness of their mother, Mrs. Edward Boyle, who is a patient in St. Anthony's hospital. Tuesday night's game with the Albion Cardinals at Albion was a rouser, but Coach Paul Baker's O'Neill high Eagles trailed by one point, 57-58 when the final gun sounded.

5 YEARS AGO

Neal Kelly and Carol Cadwalader were crowned King and Queen of Sports following Inman's 65-27 romp over the Oakdale cagers. Alvin H. Heese, World War II veteran and a Page farmer, has been appointed county service officer succeeding J. Grutsch. Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Friday in St. Patrick's church for Anton P. Tomjack, 88, an O'Neill resident since early January. John R. Gallagher, O'Neill attorney, Monday filed for the nomination for Holt county attorney on the Democratic ticket. Kenneth Waring, chairman of the Holt County chapter of American Red Cross has appointed Howard D. Manson as chairman of the 1958 Red Cross campaign for membership and funds. Dr. R. H. Gallagher, 88, who practiced dentistry at Page and Ewing for many years, died Wednesday in California.

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The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

A cross country trip in autos from Chambers to Ord was planned by the Commercial club for the first of the week, but was postponed on account of the snow until the road gets better. Dr. Gill reports a fine baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Evert Whitcomb of Swan Monday, Feb. 25. Just as we are going to press it is reported to us that Mr. Krueger of Bliss was found dead in his bed this morning and Mrs. Krueger found sitting by the road side nearly frozen, having started to one of the neighbors to call a doctor for her husband and got lost. The WCTU will meet at the home of Mrs. E. V. Sageser on Thursday, March 13 at 2:30. Sr. F. A. Bernard went to Omaha Tuesday to attend the automobile show there this week. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brittle came down from O'Neill Sunday and visited at the home of Mrs. J. D. Grimes until Monday.

25 YEARS AGO

Victor Harley received his artificial arm and hand Saturday; also a hook to use for work; this device can be coupled on the arm when the hand part is removed and will be quite a help to Victor. The marriage of Miss Mable Raymer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Raymer of Atkinson, to Vladek Sladek, son of Mrs. Julia Sladek of Chambers, took place Monday morning at 10 o'clock at O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. John Wingert and Robert Bruce left yesterday for Omaha to attend a welders' "conflab" they expect to return home Friday. March came in quite "lamb like" Tuesday; and Wednesday morning was just like spring. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart are the proud parents of a 10 pound son, Edward Vernon, born Thursday, Feb. 24. An 8 1/2 lb. daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Asa Watson, Amelia at the hospital in Stuart, February 27.

Pages Past

50 YEARS AGO

Arthur McClure was down from O'Neill the first of the week and departed Tuesday for Des Moines, Ia., where he will work this summer. The team belonging to John Maple of Venus took a lively spin from the Edwards-Bradford lumber yard scale Saturday up main street. The horses ran into the rear end of a wagon belonging to Tom Roche, doing some damage which the owner of the team paid for. Miss Hazel Walker won first prize as the most popular lady at Page at the Medicine Show Saturday night. Another keg of cider arrived Tuesday. Better try some at Timmermiers. The Downey family returned from Independence, Mo., the latter part of last week. A bouncing baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper Wednesday, Feb. 19. Mr. Roy French returned from Kentucky Monday. Mrs. Will Townsend of Johnston visited here Tuesday. Vernie Hoshaw departed Monday for Lang, Saskatchewan, Canada, to look over the homestead country. Mrs. Ed Carter and two children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Waring. Hot meals and quick lunches any hour of the day at the Snell cafe.

40 YEARS AGO

The Venus entertainers, coached by Mrs. S. O. Juelson presented a program Wednesday evening at the Page church. Those taking part in the plays were: Margaret Walker, Amy York, Mable Balber, Pat Hamilton, Earnest Matschullat, Laurance Munderloh, George Hamilton, Adeline Grosse, Charlie Vrooman, Charlotte Hooge, Miss Hatfield, Ernest Ames, Herbert Kemper, Edna Bright, Willie Weisman, Besie Hildreth, Forrest West, Hadley Gentsler, Rose Vroman and was concluded with a reading by Forest West, "Spartacus To The Gladiators". Luella Rakow, Anna Park, Alma Michaelson and Viola Park were initiated into the Rebekah lodge Tuesday evening with the Inman camp invited guests. A shower was held for Evelyn Faulhaber. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Tegeler entertained

the Eden Valley Sunday school class Friday evening. Roy Snyder won first prize for eating 30 pop corn balls and Ed Coon ate the most taffy. In the interest of jug balancing, Lake Rakow x-y-z-d (sist) on top of a jug, in his hand a pencil and paper and wrote "George Washington" (without his hatchet) and got a prize for not falling off the (hoochless) jug - Ray Sider sale Feb 23. Mrs. H. A. Skelton of Texas wrote her father, postmaster, P. E. Chase, that a northern storm struck down there and killed 10,000 head of cattle (frozen stiff) in one county and where they were the beech trees were blooming and the strawberries ripe. Just-A-Mere club met with Mrs. George French Thursday with one guest, a daughter of Mrs. Blain. F. B. Dwiggs of Orchard was a Page visitor Monday.

Report from Washington

By Congressman Dave Martin Fourth District, Nebraska

The Education and Labor Committee, of which I am a member, has started hearings on the Youth Employment Act - a bill to set up the old CCC camps for youths between the ages of 16 and 22 to be called the Youth Conservation Corps. The number of enrollees shall not exceed 15,000 the first year and 60,000 in subsequent years. This section of the bill provides that the young men shall be provided "opportunity for healthful employment in carrying out such programs of conservation, etc., planned by governmental agencies, and (2) to help to develop natural resources and recreational areas."

The second section of the bill would set up the "Local Area Youth Employment Program" to provide useful work experience opportunities for unemployed youths, same age limits, and with a limit of 50,000 in this phase of the program. Total estimated cost of both sections - \$100 million the first year - \$300 million annually thereafter. Secretary of Interior Udall led off the list of witnesses, followed by Attorney General Bobby Kennedy, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman and Secretary of Labor, Willard Wirtz - the big guns of the Administration.

President Kennedy in his special message to the Congress on this subject said, "A common subject for discussion in mid-century American is assigning the blame for our mounting juvenile delinquency to parents, schools, courts, communities and others." But the place to begin, he went on, is with the "malady which

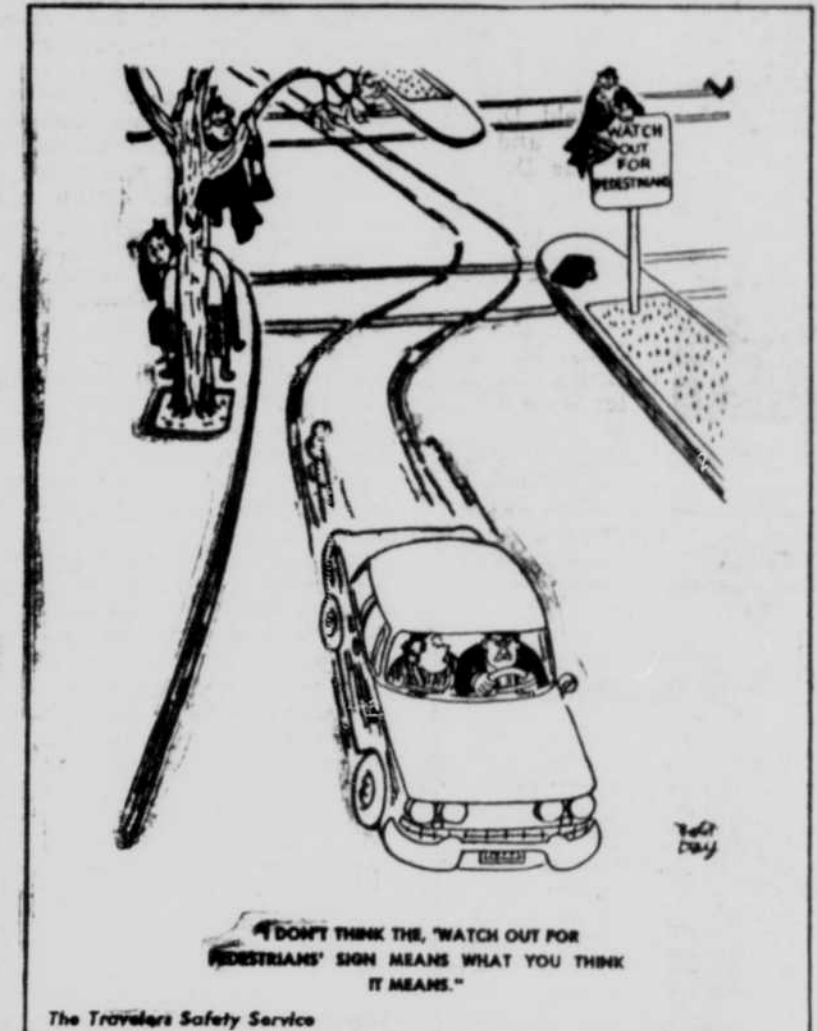
underlies so much of youthful frustration, rebellion, and idleness and that malady is a lack of opportunity."

It's true enough that, by and large, fewer jobs are available these days for young people, especially for those without some sort of training. It is also true that opportunities open up for those who seek and for those who risk. Could it be that we are getting so many government programs that individual initiative is being stifled and that our people are becoming more and more dependent upon Federal programs? Mr. Kennedy's program would go far to extend that Federal way. In weighing his proposals, it is well to ask whether people who are willing to transfer the responsibility for youth to Washington may be fooling themselves about the location of the malady.

Brief hearings are winding up on the President's Omnibus Education Bill - 25 separate proposals wrapped into one - \$6 billion over the next four years. This will probably be killed in Committee for even the Chairman, Adam Clayton Powell, isn't keen on this one. The Chairman opened the hearings the first day, then skipped off to Puerto Rico for two weeks, turning the pre-

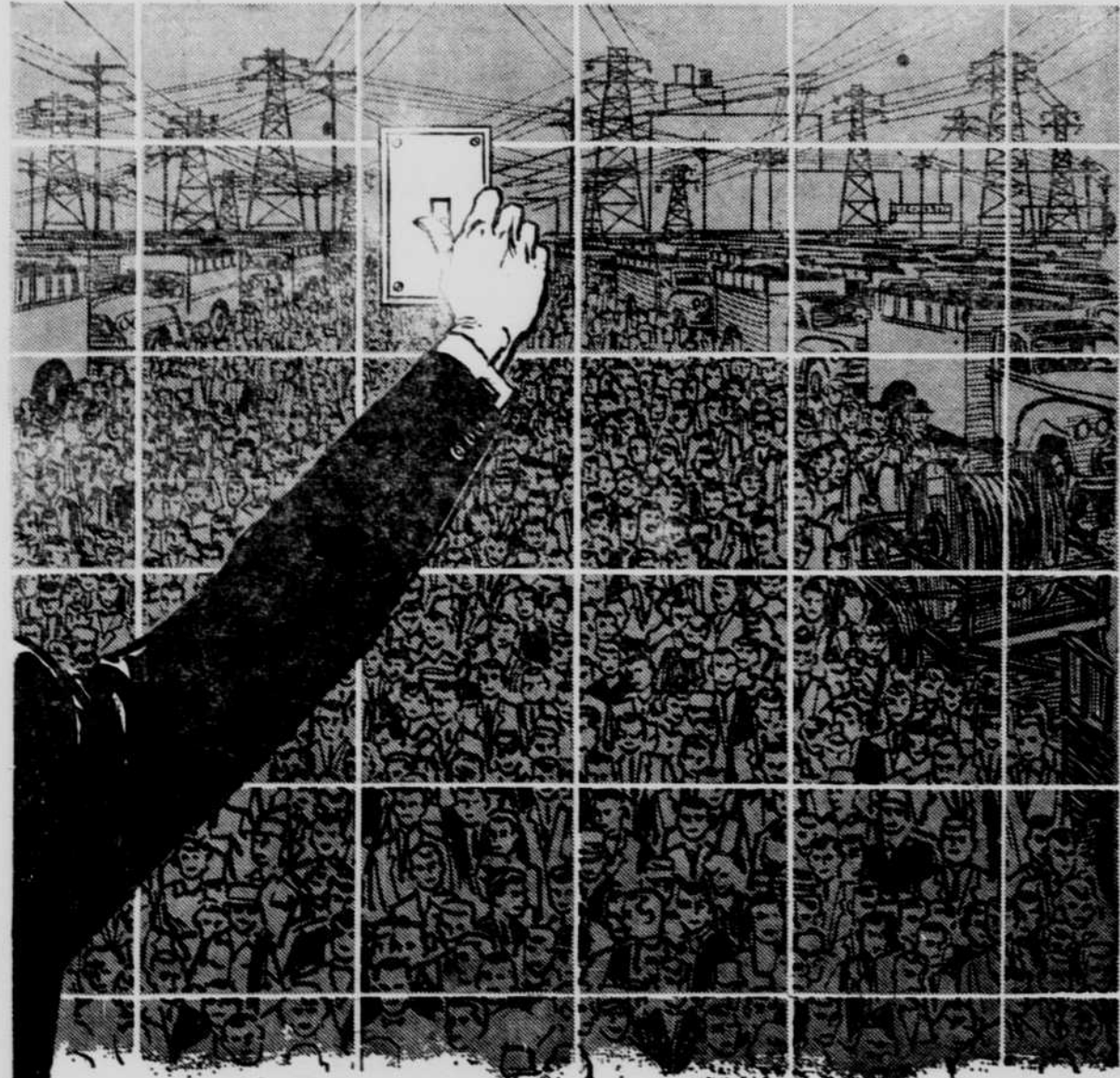
siding chair over to the No. 2 man on the Committee. Some of the Chairman's escapades have been brought out in the press and by a speech on the Floor of the Senate by Senator Williams of Delaware. His actions embarrass his own party members as well as the Administration.

Even though the Congress has not yet even considered or authorized a domestic peace corps, the New Frontier has launched its Domestic Peace Corps by simply using surplus staff of the world-wide parent organization as a nucleus. Twenty-two people were borrowed from the over-stuffed Peace Corps, set up in offices down town, and are sending out letters on the Attorney General's letterhead. One of the first "projects" undertaken by the group was a \$250,000 grant under auspices of the Health, Education and Welfare Department to an organization known as Associated Community Teams, Inc., in New York. Representative Adam Clayton Powell was one of the sponsors of the group. The "pilot" New York project has paid out \$157,000 in salaries ranging up to the \$12,000 to \$14,000 brackets. It also rented the basement of Powell's Harlem church for \$17,000.



The Travellers Safety Service

320 Acre LAND SALE Sat., Mar. 16 Good Chambers valley combination farm and pasture land located 2 1/2 miles West of Chambers, Nebr. on Highway 95. Land will be offered at public auction at the premises on... Sale open from 1:30 - 3 p.m. Coffee and rolls at sale The land consists of two quarters laying across the highway from each other, convenient to school and on mail route, REA and phone, and will be offered separately or as one unit. LAND DESCRIPTION: NW 1/4, Sec. 26, R 13 and SW 1/4, Sec. 23, Twp 26, R 13, Holt County, Nebraska. The SW 1/4 is improved with good modern 7-room dwelling, bunk house, garage and several small buildings. It has about 40 acres in pasture, 20 acres in meadow, 90 acres under cultivation and about 10 acres in building site, windbreaks and corrals with a corn base of about \$380. House has automatic propane wall heaters. Excellent grove for windbreak for cattle. The NW 1/4 is all grassland or pasture with flowing well. Excellent grass for carrying 30 to 40 cows when used for pasture. Part may be used for meadow. These two quarters make a well balanced unit and the good sandy loam produces good crops as all the land is subirrigated. Highway 95 separates the two quarters. TO INSPECT: Contact the owners who live on the place or see Ed Thorin, licensed real estate broker and auctioneer. TERMS: 20 % down day of sale, balance on settlement when merchantable title and abstract are delivered. There is a loan of approximately \$9,000 at 4 1/2 % on the unit that may be assumed by the purchaser. POSSESSION ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 1963 Leonard & Doris Swanson Ed Thorin, Licensed Real Estate Broker and Auctioneer



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