

The Best of . . .

"Prairieland Talk"

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What are you signing liberty's death warrant? Registering as a sovereign citizen and voter they take your age, color of eyes and hair, place of birth and previous condition of servitude, then require that you sign your name.

Going into the polling place to cast your supposed secret ballot the process is repeated, and you sign again.

Many taxpayers, property owners and life-long citizens were deprived of voting at the primary because they had forgotten or did not know about registration requirements in the city of Lincoln, foisted upon the community by a group of busy-bodies adding another burden of expense to top heavy government.

Do you think your pay check, allowing you from 1 to 2 dollars an hour for your time, is not big enough? The Roman day wage was one penny, which would be worth in U. S. coin 17 cents. Let's go back to work and stop complaining.

South Sioux City fellows have incorporated what they call the Tri-State Rodeo corporation and will put on a show in July. Exhibitions of this nature are becoming numerous but are rather a tame affair compared to daily display of horsemanship of another generation. Maybe rodeo is as good a word as any to apply to such performances but the word primarily means roundup and is borrowed from the Spanish.

Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not, and a sense of humor to console him for what he is. —Wall Street Journal.

A party of capital city gents drove to the water holes near the west end of the state and got a four-pound trout on a recent weekend. From the state game commission has been coming the word of plentiful trout to be had, like unto the boat load caught in the Sea of Galilee, but the party from Lincoln with their fish rods met with disappointment.

Wars, disasters, wholesale slaughter among civilized races and still the old globe has 2 1/4 billion of us strutting about. The question of over-population concerns some writers on economic themes. Can the soil produce enough to sustain a growing world population? It is said the antediluvian world was much more densely populated. Why not? During a period of nearly a thousand years, the common life span what a family of boys and girls, dad and mother could have. The early race did not pass out because of lack of grub; they had more water than they could use. Nebraskans seem to be doing their full and honorable duty in contribution young Americans and adding to the fears of over population. A doctor tells me his information is that there will be a bumper bloom in the Lincoln area this Spring, and nicely groomed young mothers walking three abreast wheeling fine samples of the new generation are now seen on the streets.

Apartment houses in the city of Lincoln are to be assessed as business property by the county. The city has set up certain sections known as business districts, outside of which you are prohibited from operating a business. Apartment houses are just about everywhere and how county and city will manage is up to the several officials. At least one of the city assessors is going around with his schedules as in previous years.

Two cookbooks lay side by side. The size of each aroused curiosity and they were opened in turn. One, a haughty volume of 900 pages, was the late offspring of one of those aristocratic publications for the feminine tribe; the other no less swanky had 800 pages of grub-stake. We are mighty eaters and these two volumes give an assortment of 1,700 pages from which to choose.

Editorial

How Do You Stand?

Q: Mr. Rehberg, the last time we talked was just after you left college and began working for a newspaper. At that time I remember you had formed opinions on many subjects. As part of a research project I wonder if we could go over those questions again and see if the past nine years have changed any of those opinions?

A: That's right, sir. I feel that my experience in the newspaper field has definitely made me wiser and brighter. I remember that just after I left college I was prone to rely on the judgment of others but now when the mistakes are made I'd rather do it myself.

Q: I remember that when you left college you expressed an interest in television. Do you think that it has achieved its purpose and become a worthwhile addition to our civilization?

A: Could we stay away from the controversial issues please? Several of our big advertisers are appliance dealers you know. Besides a lot of our readers do watch television.

Q: Well, then what about federal aid to education?

A: Well, personally, as you remember when I was in school I needed all the help I could get and if the federal government or anybody else could have helped me I'd have voted for it. However, you know that there are two schools of thought on that and I'd rather not get involved in a lengthy discussion today.

Q: What about the situation in Washington these days?

A: Just off the record I'd say that there is a lot of spending going on but I'd rather not go into politics. Although somebody must have voted for these fellows who are spending all this money we can't find anyone who'll admit they did. However, you can't tell when you'll step on somebody's toes so can we skip Washington?

Q: Alright, we'll skip Washington. What about our state legislature?

A: LOOK, if you don't stay away from those controversial subjects you can stop this interview right now!

Q: Well sir, just how do you stand?
A: Corrected sir . . . mostly corrected.

B J R

Another Lincoln school teacher left to heirs a sizable estate upon her death—36 thousand dollars. It may be that it is not that the teaching profession is underpaid, but how the individual manages with what they get.

I see The Frontier carried a state report on one of O'Neill's public eating places. I trust that having run the same on the bias had no significance as to the report itself.

The Beacon Light, an O'Neill newspaper of another generation, was an imitation of a publication known as the Iconoclast that flourished down in Texas until its editor was shot by an enraged citizen who had been treated to an editorial scorching. The Beacon Light also drew inspiration from Appeal to Reason which flaunted inflammable editorials from its seat in a Kansas town until the postal department confiscated an issue containing seditious matter. The Yellow Jacket is still going strong down in North Carolina. It has been stinging Democrats for more than 50 years and its estimate of our Democratic president runs in this vein: "Truman has a cast-iron cheek to think he will be the White House occupant for many more months." This in view of that new porch the president is having added to the presidential dwelling.

Of the seven able gentlemen represented on the Republican primary ballot with an eye on the White House, Mr. Stassen was high man in the voting yet he lacked many thousands of receiving half of the Republican votes cast. A case of the minority ruling. It would have been interesting to see how the two top candidates would have fared had they been alone garnering votes.

The author of a book recently appearing puts it this way: "Anyone seeking to 'get somewhere' must work in committees, commissions, societies, conferences, leagues, lobbies, bureaux, associations, unions, chambers, clubs, assemblies and convention." This leaves the "rugged individual" high and dry on a lonely island.

A shrewd bachelor of the Arkansas hills listed the wife and daughter of a neighbor as dependents on his income tax return — until a federal agent rectified the error.

The pair boarded the bus, carrying a huge bundle of merchandise just purchased. He, groomed in shining apparel, white collar and cuffs, flashy tie and shoes polished like a mirror. They sat down together, she supporting on her lap the bundles that reached to her chin. He sat with empty hands as though a parcel would defile his finery and humble his "gentlemanly" dignity. They were Europeans who had not acquired the American conception of gallantry. Another bus scene: She dropped gracefully into a front side seat, peeled the wrapper from a candy bar and went after the sweet morsel with ample bites, unmindful of gaping passengers.

A swank outfit on O street with a hook on a silk cord thrown out to bait the few Nebraska maids and matrons devoted to the ultra in fashion designates the corner set off for foot wear as a shoe salon—pronounced "sa-long" Parisian if you please. Some monstrosities they call "wedgies" suppose to lure milady into the gay gad-about life are offered in lieu of dainty shoes. Just when and where these marvelous creations are to be worn I don't know, but maybe the shapes, with opening for a pink toe to protrude are offered as something cute for summer street wear.

A 13 year old Wahoo boy is facing trial for shooting to kill one of his companions when three of them were out with a shot gun. A California kid of the same age confesses drowning a 6 year old girl because he was afraid the girl would tell her parents "what I done to her". Is that "juvenile delinquency" or unvarnished human depravity manifest in young America not yet dry behind the ears?

CARLSBAD, N. M., CURRENT-ARGUS: " . . . Communist China . . . has ordered accountants and bookkeepers to spy on their bosses and report any dereliction at once. An official story of the order declares that it was issued 'to ensure supplies and prevent waste and corruption'. . . The decree has been long delayed, not because all was well, but because the leadership was reluctant to make any public admission of such bourgeois faults as graft and inefficiency. Now the cat is out of the bag. And a little more stuffing is kicked out of the myth of Communist efficiency and incorruptibility."

LAMBERTVILLE, N. J., BEACON: "We observe here quite frequently, our views of growing government spending at all levels. Our motivation is not hard to determine; we pay taxes and so do the readers of this newspaper . . . It seems to us that somewhere, somehow, this trend must stop. We realize that politicians, in order to perpetuate themselves, need to put people on the government payrolls, but there must be a limit somewhere. We think we passed it several years ago."

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Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

A new exchange comes to The Frontier's table whereby we learn in the newspaper game in O'Neill, is at it again out at Houlton, Ore. The paper is the Columbia Herald and Ham is one of the owners. Ambrose Biglin, son of Mayor Biglin of this city, is a new resident of Norfolk, having accepted a position with the Norfolk National Bank. . . By a unanimous decision of the judges, President U. S. Conn, of the Wayne Normal, Ralph Graham, dean of expression of the Fremont Normal and Ralph Garrett, law student at the University of Nebraska, the O'Neill High School debate team defeated the Valentine high school team for the championship of this district, in the debate held here last Friday night.

25 YEARS AGO

Joe Pongratz, about 29, had a narrow escape from death last Saturday afternoon when he was struck by lightning, while in the barn at his farm home about 12 miles northwest of this city. Lightning struck the barn, setting it on fire and struck Mr. Pongratz just as he was putting a set of harness on a hook in the barn. . . The postoffice at Emmet was broken into Monday night and about \$33 in cash taken. . . Carl Dahlstein, who has been the Service Station Manager for the Texaco company in O'Neill for the past several years, has resigned his position effective the first of May, and Mr. Wallace of Whittier, S. D., will arrive to take his place. . . BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donohoe, a son, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrington, a girl and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox, a girl.

10 YEARS AGO

The Holt county tuberculosis association met Thursday night and laid plans for the new year. The newly elected president is L. A. Becker of O'Neill. . . Plans are being made to honor Page's venerable Dr. E. J. Bild on Sunday, May 13. On that date he will complete a half-century in the medical field. . . The O'Neill Lions club second annual home talent minstrel show opens a two day run tonight at the O'Neill public school auditorium. . . T/Sgt. Harold Winkler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler of Emmet, returned last week after spending one year in Korea. . . The O'Neill high Eagles blazed a glory trail in track and field events this season, handily captured the Holt county honors last Thursday on the new Stuart cinders.

5 YEARS AGO

Wet skies and a wet track greeted Holt county prep athletes for the annual county track and field meet won by the Stuart Broncos in a waltz here Tuesday. The Broncos with 75 points nearly doubled the margin over the nearest competition, O'Neill. . . Miss Marilu Uhl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Uhl and an education major at the College of St. Mary's, Omaha, was revealed as the student body president for 1958-59 following elections at the college, Wednesday. . . Mrs. Dagny Jensen of Copenhagen, Denmark, announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Tove to Carroll G. French, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn French sr. . . Miss Marde Birmingham will be

honored at a kitchen shower Friday at the home of Mrs. H. J. Lohaus. Hostesses will be Mrs. John L. Baker, Mrs. Don Becker and Miss Marilyn Wilson.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Dr. Oxford reports the birth of a baby boy at the home of C. N. Storey, Little, Monday. . . Romaine Saunders was in Chambers Saturday on his way home to visit his family over Sunday. . . Bak-ers have just installed the soda fountain and are now serving ice cream and soft drinks. . . Another fine rain Tuesday night and Wednesday gives more assurance of a large crop this year. The farmers are all wearing broad smiles today. . . Mr. Vannie Hubbard died here at his sisters home last Saturday morning of Bright's Disease. He had been here about three weeks, having come from Omaha where he had been in the hospital for sometime, the remains were taken to Rushville, where he had been living, for burial. . . Dr. Oxford reports the birth of a baby girl, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McDonald.

25 YEARS AGO

The first wedding of one of its members, to take place at the Kellar Presbyterian church was solemnized there Sunday morning, April 24, when Miss G. Ruth Grubb was united in marriage to Eugene R. Baker, by Rev. Kenneth Nye, Lincoln, close friend of the contracting couple. . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohaus and son, John Lee Baker, arrived Saturday evening, and spent until Sunday afternoon with the relatives here then leaving for O'Neill where they spent the night with Mrs. Lohaus, relatives, returning to Omaha Monday morning. . . Last Friday at the Chambers High school field, a triangular track meet was held between Chambers, Imman and Page. The Chambers boys were the winners of this meet with 99 points.

Pages Past

50 YEARS AGO

A fine baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tucker last Thursday, Apr. 10th. . . Frank Clyde visited the poor folks this week carrying his assessors book with him. . . F. M. Cullen shipped two colts pups to a man at Tecumseh Wednesday morning. He makes the breeding of these dogs a specialty. . . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wade and Owen Wade returned last Saturday from Norfolk where they had gone to visit the former mother who is ill. . . Charles Lazure of Tokameh, was in this vicinity several days this week looking after his personal property on the Newton farm. His wife died last week, leaving him with a little boy, six months old. He relinquished his lease on the farm and went to Blair to live. . . J. B. Anderson of Dorsey hauled out some lumber to improve one of his farms near Dorsey. . . Miss Vera Trowbridge was a passenger to Wayne Monday where she is attending Normal. Probably the highest price ever paid was paid at Nebraska Saturday. Rival stations started out at 33c a pound and raised to \$2.91 per pound before the day's end. One farmer's wife received a check for \$73.00. Business was practically suspended for a time with all interests centered in the produce station.

40 YEARS AGO

Herbert Webb is doing carpenter work for Frank Hunter this week. Frank is building some fancy new individual hog houses. . . George McColm, a one time resident of Page was shot to death at Bartlesville, Okla. . . Mr. Rasmussen and Halse Rosen-crans set the prairie a fire while burning out fence rows. The fire burned three miles before a brisk wind, before it was put out. No buildings were burned but a lot of hay turned to smoke. . . Lyle Werts returned to his old stamping ground, Saskatchewan, Canada. . . George Thierof is going into the poultry business wholesale this year. . . McKinley Alder has hired out to work for F. P. Hunter this spring.

Meek News

By Mrs. Fred Lindberg

A basket dinner was held at the Austin Seales home Sunday noon. Those participating were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Perron and family, Long Pine, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Portland, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse and family, Mrs. Howard Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubby, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaczor and Gerald.

Marilyn Risor and Dennis Harding, District 1 and Enid Johnson, Terry Langan, Dist. 27, took 8th grade examinations in O'Neill Tuesday a.m. District 1 pupils and teachers visited District 27 Friday afternoon and the pupils practiced for the track meet to be held in O'Neill Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Krogh, Mrs. Lyle Wyatt, Mrs. Merlin Anderson, Mrs. Carl Holmgren and Mrs. Henry Walters attended a WMC meeting at Ainsworth Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Johring and family visited at the Allen Walters home Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Armfield went to Omaha Sunday to visit his parents. His mother has never regained consciousness since the accident. They were advised it would be a long slow process.

Melvin Johring and Kent were Saturday afternoon callers at the Martha Johring home.

Gerald Harding and Loyal Hull moved Bill and Grandma Hulls furniture to O'Neill and it was sold at the auction Saturday with the L. A. Ott's personal property and estate.

Mrs. Duane Booth, Creighton, was a Sunday p.m. visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hull.

Sunday dinner guests at the Bennett Devall home were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell and Boyd, Butte, Mr. Frank and John Fundas, afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Devall and Diane and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mitchell and family, O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and family were dinner guests Sunday at the Joe Schmitz home, Bonesteel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse and family were Tuesday evening visitors at the Edward Kaczor home.

The American Jr. Citizen club District 27 met April 17. Roll call was answered by what country we would like to see. All mem-

bers were present. Roll call for next meeting, our favorite flower, Wayne Rouse, news reporter. Mrs. Blanche Rouse, Imman, spent last week at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Garold Risor.

Mrs. Howard Rouse was a dinner guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Carrie Borg, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krogh, Mr. and Mrs. Nyal Rouse, Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wyatt, O'Neill spent Sunday with Ruth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen, St. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Crawford heard from their daughter, Mrs. Eddie David, that their granddaughter, Debra, was slightly improved and is home but they will not be able to determine the results of her hearing until the tubes are removed from her ears.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Crawford and Pamela attended the talent contest in Bristow Friday evening. The George Mellor girls won 3rd in the intermediate division.

Construction workers have started to open the 1/4 mile of road south of Allen Walters. This will be an improvement and used for the mail route when finished.

Monday supper guests at the Henry Walters home were Mrs. Fred Mauch and Mrs. Christine Johnson.

The Dave Jensens are adding a new room on the east side of their home at Midway to be used for utility and storage space for garden tools.

Thursday evening, Mrs. Grace Borg attended a dinner at the town house honoring the past presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary and election of officers was held.

The Rev. Turner plans to be present Sunday for the morning services at Paddock Union church.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rouse were supper guests Friday evening at the Herman Meyer home, Atkinson.

Mrs. Jessie Kaczor, Mrs. Virgil

Hubby and Mrs. Fred Lindberg spent Tuesday afternoon with Grace Borg. That evening Sam and Louise Robertson accompanied Grace and Axel to the Town House for dinner. The occasion marked Grace's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson enjoyed an oyster supper at the home of Martha Johring Friday night and Dave and Elsie called on the Dave Molar family Sunday afternoon.

The Cactus Ranchette project club met Tuesday, April, 16 at the home of Twila Hicks. Eleven members and 2 guests were present. Mrs. Art Mann gave the lesson on drapes and curtains which proved very interesting. Future events were discussed: Phyllis Dobrovolsky guessed, "What's in the House". Next meeting will be May 21 at Wilma Anson's.

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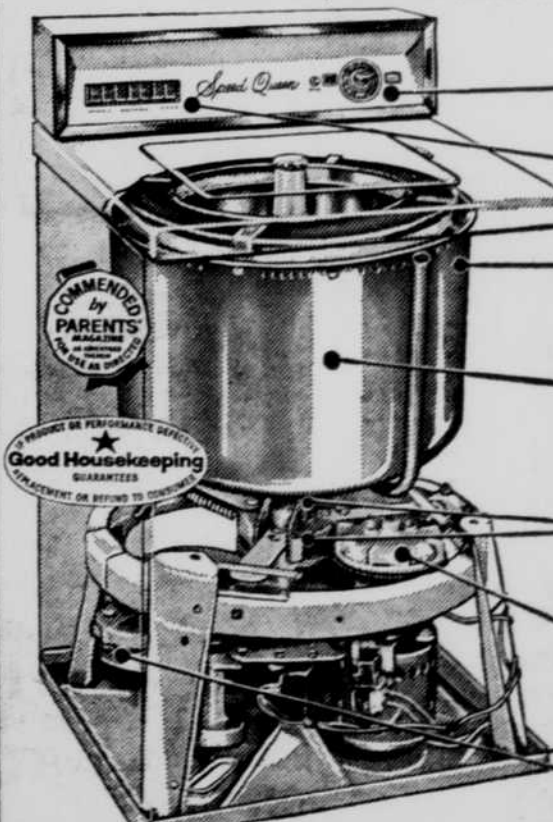
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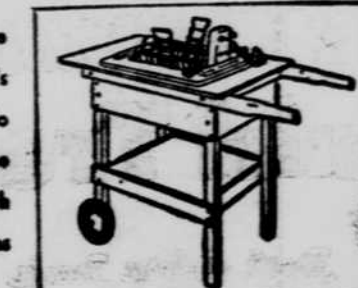
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