

When You and I Were Young —

3,000-Acre Peter Duffy Ranch in Saratoga Township Sells for \$24,000

61 YEARS AGO
April 19, 1888

James Frazer has decided to locate in O'Neill and has rented Mr. Mack's store room and will put in a stock of groceries. He has gone back to Chicago, Ill., to purchase goods and will open up May 1. One more business enterprise for our town. We now have two wholesale grocery houses, six retail groceries, three general merchandise stores, one shoe store and one exclusive dry goods store.

The many friends of Jack Harrington and Will Haley in this city will be pained to learn that the building which they occupied in Valentine as an abstract office was consumed in the fire at that place last Sunday. The boys had just started in and this alone comes rather hard for them, although, we understand that they did not lose anything, which, we trust, is the case.

We have been informed by several parties who are contemplating moving to O'Neill that no suitable houses are for rent. Some men with a little money ought to build some tenement houses here. It would be a paying investment and it would beat the two percent loaning business. A nice rental is a very convenient thing to have.

L. T. Shanner, of Inman, was at the county sat Tuesday and called at this office on business. He and Mr. Swain, who have been engaged in the general

merchandise business at that place, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Shanner retiring. "Charlie" Swain is now in the old stand which he left several years since to go to Minnesota. The Frontier wishes him success, and he deserves it. Ditto Mr. Shanner, who informed us that he expected to remain in Inman.

40 YEARS AGO
April 22, 1909

This office is in receipt of a letter from Dan McClellan, who left here about three weeks ago for Oregon. He is located at Nyssa, Ore., and says he likes it fine and is enjoying good health. Judging from his letter, Dan is fascinated with that country. It is a great fruit growing section and he says the orchards average \$500 an acre. He says they have struck natural gas about 70 miles from Nyssa which they expect to use to light the towns in that section of the state. He expects to invest in a fruit farm there and remain. His many Holt county friends wish him prosperity in his new home.

One of the largest real estate deals that has taken place recently was effected Monday when the Peter Duffy ranch on Oak Creek in Saratoga precinct was sold to P. C. Anderson, a real estate man of Spencer. The instruments in the transfer were executed Monday in O'Neill. There are 3,000 acres in the ranch, the purchase price being \$24,000. Mr. Duffy will remain on the ranch this Summer as he has several hundred

head of cattle and he leases the place until he can dispose of his stock.

Joe Leahy, a brother of Frank Leahy, formerly of this city, was killed at Burke, S. D., Sunday while moving a piano. The piano fell upon him and crushed him so badly that he died soon after. The deceased was engaged in the hotel business at Burke and was 41 years of age. He is survived by a wife and three children.

10 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1909

April seems to have changed with March, as we have been having all kinds of weather. On Monday it rained, snowed, was almost a blizzard at times, then the sun would break through the clouds for a time. A stray North wind blew all day Monday and Tuesday with freezing temperatures.

The latter part of last week T. S. Maines, who was going to open an office for the Securities Acceptance corporation of Omaha, in the Streeter barber shop next to The Frontier office, closed a deal with the Central Finance Co., of Norfolk, by which he became the manager of the local office of this corporation taking over the office last Monday. Charles Hancock, who opened the local office for the corporation here about a year ago, has been transferred to Ainsworth, where he will open up an office for the company about the first of May. Charles made a fine record with the company while here and his many friends in O'Neill wish him and the family success and prosperity in their new home.

Nicholas Oberlee died at his home near Verdigre last Thurs-

day afternoon at the age of 71 years, two months and six days. Funeral services were held at the home last Sunday and burial followed in the Riverside cemetery at Verdigre.

Legal Notices

(First pub. April 14, 1949)
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation in the State Capitol at Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 5, 1949, until 10:00 o'clock A. M.; and at that time publicly opened and read for SAND GRAVEL SURFACING and incidental work on the SPENCER-O'NEILL Patrols Nos. 81003 and 81012 State Road.

The approximate quantity is: 3,100 Cu. Yds. Sand Gravel Surface Course Material

The attention of bidders is directed to the Special Provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract.

Compliance by the contractor with the standards as to hours of labor prescribed by the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," approved June 25, 1938 (Public Law No. 718, 75th Congress), will be required in the performance of the work under this contract.

The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be ninety (90) cents per hour, except that a minimum wage of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per hour shall be paid to:

Crane Operators
Dragline Operators
Power Shovel Operators
The minimum wage paid to all unskilled labor employed on this contract shall be sixty (60) cents per hour.

Plans and specifications for the work may be seen and information secured at the office of the County Clerk at Butte, Nebraska, at the office of the County Clerk at O'Neill, Nebraska, at the office of the District Engineer of the Department of Roads and Irrigation at Ainsworth, Nebraska, or at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish bond in an amount equal to 100% of his contract.

As an evidence of good faith in submitting a proposal for this work, the bidder must file, with his proposal, a certified check made payable to the Department of Roads and Irrigation and in an amount not less than two hundred fifty (250) dollars.

The right is reserved to waive all technicalities and reject any or all bids.

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND IRRIGATION
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C. J. Tomek, County Clerk
Boyd County
Ruth Hoffman, County Clerk, Holt County.

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O'NEILL LOCALS

Steven and Robert Wallace spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace. Both boys attend Creighton university in Omaha.

Ralph Walker left Sunday for Omaha where he spent a few days on business.

Ray Sullivan, of Omaha, spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Every and son were Sunday dinner guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every. Miss Ivalyn Brady was a Sunday guest also.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Newman and son, Neil, of Burwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Magstadt and family, of Boyden, Ia., spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mrs. Vannie Newman. Mrs. Newman is the mother of Clifford and Mrs. Magstadt.

Arizona Pioneers Hold Reunion

By A. STOLLER

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Apr. 12.—As I was walking downtown on a recent Saturday morning, I heard a band playing and noticed a large crowd gathered around the Arizona Republic and Phoenix Gazette building. I stopped to investigate and discovered that the occasion was the annual reunion of the Arizona Pioneers association. Most of the men and women standing there wore badges and were waiting for cars to join the parade. I also learned that the parade would be followed by a full day of entertainment, climaxing in a barbecue. I was surprised at the number and apparent vigor of the pioneers. It seemed very fitting that the sun was shining after several days of cold, rainy weather.

The sight of all those people made me think of the Old Settlers Picnic which is held in my own state, Nebraska, every year.

We generally call the pioneers old settlers in that state, but the meaning is the same. Either word is used to designate those sturdy men and women who came West in the early days and endured dangers and hardships of all kinds to lay the foundation of the splendid civilization which we have today. They were trailblazers in the best sense of the term.

In Nebraska, people have experienced some of the hardships of pioneer days in the terrible Winter which has just come to a stormy close. The Winter was a succession of blizzards, during which many head of livestock perished, all traffic was paralyzed and there was some actual suffering in various homes. Even so, the strenuous experiences of the past Winter in the Midwest were not comparable to those of the early settlers.

They had to fight for their very lives in the face of such threats as Indians, drouth, grasshoppers, etc., and they were not equipped for the struggle.

As far as the Arizona pioneers are concerned, the struggle for survival which they had and the dangers of wild animals, and the hardships and discomforts of heat, drouth and dust which they endured in the early days baffle the imagination to describe.

Some of the old-timers, no doubt, contrasted that ride in luxurious automobiles with some wagon trips they had taken through dust or mud long ago.

Geographical location, however, is of no consequence. Nebraska or Arizona or some other state, the pioneers were a brave, industrious, energetic people who explored the frontier and built homes and towns and cities and it seems to me we owe them a debt of gratitude which we can never pay.

It is the spirit of the pioneer that has created our modern world.

Normal Trainers to Teach Next Week

ATKINSON — Normal training seniors will do practice teaching the week of April 25.

The senior class play is Friday, April 22.

Students to attend the fine arts festival at Lincoln Friday are: Sue Neuenswander, dramatic division; Shirley Withers, humorous; Maxine Peterson, interpretive oratory.

The festival will be held at the Temple Theater building.

Perfect attendance in the first grade the last six weeks: Sandra Frisch, Donna Humphrey, Philip Ithrig, Michael McKay, Kenneth Osborne, Doretta Roth, Roger Storjohann.

Second grade: Dallas Ford, Jean Martens, Markita Hendricks.

Barbara Mlinar, teacher of the first and second grades, held an Easter party for the pupils last Thursday afternoon. Two live, white rabbits helped entertain the 37 children.

A large Easter lily planted in September had two blossoms in time for the Easter season.

Besides the Easter lily, the first and second grade room is adorned with flowers and vines of every kind.

There is also a large banana tree, the root of which Miss Mlinar brought back from California. It now stands six feet tall.

A palm tree, standing about five feet, was grown from seed, planted 10 years ago.

Three oleanders are in full bloom. Of the many attractions the children's interest is centered upon the 50-gallon aquarium that holds gold fish—big ones and tiny babies—snails and clams, besides hundreds of marbles of every color resting on the sand.

Their teacher, Barbara Mlinar, with her motherly instinct, has provided a place where pupils who become ill, might lie down. "We have a 'bed' under the fish bowl," one first grade boy told his mother, "where we can sleep when we get sick."

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mrs. John Osenbaugh and children, of Lincoln, spent the weekend visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Cleary and Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Schaaaf and children, of Atkinson, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dumper.

Mrs. R. A. Boecks and son, of Omaha, arrived Sunday to spend a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Glenn Tomlinson and Mr. Tomlinson.

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