

Pioneers Even Came from Isle of Man

'Michiganders' and 'Pennsylvania Miners' Principal Settlers in O'Neill Colony

This, the 75th year since O'Neill became a place on the map, aroused The Frontier publisher's to a sense of the obligation of our generation to those who have gone before.

O'Neill is an existing, thriving, expanding city in 1949 because from 1873 and onward men and women with their boys and girls found themselves swept into the current flowing Westward and cast anchor in North Nebraska's virgin prairie land. There could be no O'Neill without the Michigan settlement on the North and East, the Pennsylvania settlement on the North and West. Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio and New York contributed their surplus population but the two well defined settlements were planted for long life and permanent fruitage by the outriders and fore-runners from the copper country of Michigan and from Scranton, Pa.

Who are left of the original families?

Walter O'Malley, a rugged example of the Pennsylvania stock, must tell.

The Michigan Settlement.—The Mark Murphys and their children, Denny, Bartholomew and a widowed sister; Phil Harrington on the old homestead; Mary Kelly, daughter of the late Col. J. Kelly, who resides on her father's homestead; Wm. Hanley, who anchored across the road from the old homestead of his parents; Frances Sullivan, son of the late John Paul, resides on the home place and Paul Sullivan, jr., youngest son of the late Paul Sullivan, continues to reside with his family on the homestead of his parents. Paul Sullivan and his sister, Nora (Mrs. Harry Jolly) retain ownership of the original Sullivan estate.

The Pennsylvanians.—John B. Donohoe stays by the homestead; Thomas Donohoe lives on a part of the old place and their son, Jimmy, just across the road; Mrs. Peter Donohoe and son, Robert, live on the home farm; Clarence Donohoe, son of T. F. Donohoe, lives on the old place, Clarence being a nephew of the late Peter Donohoe; Ed Menish is on the old homestead; Ed and James Early, on the original Early estate; Lloyd and Robert Gallagher, John and Frank Murray, John, Henry and Billy Cook each on farms in the neighborhood which they own; Mrs. Ed Graham and son, Gerald, on their farm and Maurice just across the road.

There are the three Mathews boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Mathews, who were among the early settlers. These are James, Thomas and Leo, still living in the community where their parents founded a home. The Donlin family were among those from Scranton and were an outstanding family of the first settlers. Of this family there is still in the commun-

ity John J. Donlin now on the former Austin Hynes place.

"I trust of these two groups of pioneers none of the sons or daughters have been overlooked who still remain on the land of their parents. And it is noteworthy that these children of the first settlers have stayed with the soil and are among the thrifty producers of the present day."

Assessors Pad Rolls with 1,407 'Unorganized' Patriots

The assessors' census returns for April 1, 1882, gave the population of Holt county to be 5,465. But leave it to the assessors to get everything in sight, so they reached out into unorganized territory and found 1,407 more patriots.

Holt county was organized into 11 precincts, the population of each of these being as follows:

Organized Territory	
Inman's Grove	616
Paddock	520
Center (including O'Neill)	1,119
Ford	425
Keya Paha	258
Willowdale	155
Beaver Creek	236
Atkinson	802
Steel Creek	413
Saratoga	488
Stuart	205
Iowa	227
	5,465
Unorganized Territory	
Long Pine	787
Creighton	190
Cook	315
Territory North	115
	1,407
	5,465
Grand Total	6,872

In Holt county proper there were 113 males and 95 females under one-year-of-age; 103 and 87, two-years-old; 97 and 94, under three; 96 and 87, under five; 411 and 413, from five to 10; 575 and 507, from 10 to 20; 554 and 453, from 20 to 30; 407 and 316, from 30 to 40; 246 and 186, from 40 to 50; 195 and 117, from 50 to 60; 76 and 43, from 60 to 70; 20 and nine over 70.

From where and from whence came the pioneers? Here is the list of states, provinces and countries: Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Delaware, Vermont, Maine, Virginia, Kentucky, Colorado, Alabama, Maryland, North Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Rhode Island, District of Columbia, Dakota, Wyoming, Washington Territory, England, Bohemia, Canada, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Norway, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Bel-

gium, Wales, Switzerland, Austria, France, Holland and one from the Isle of Man.

Rainbows by Moonlight — Rainbows can be formed by moonlight.

News Notes in 1881-'82 . . . Store Clerk to Double as Barber

John Smoot has engaged himself to John Purcell and will no

doubt make a good clerk, John will devote evenings, Saturday afternoons and a part of each Sunday to the barber business. Commissioner Flannigan wears a self-satisfied smile nowadays. Mrs. Flannigan and

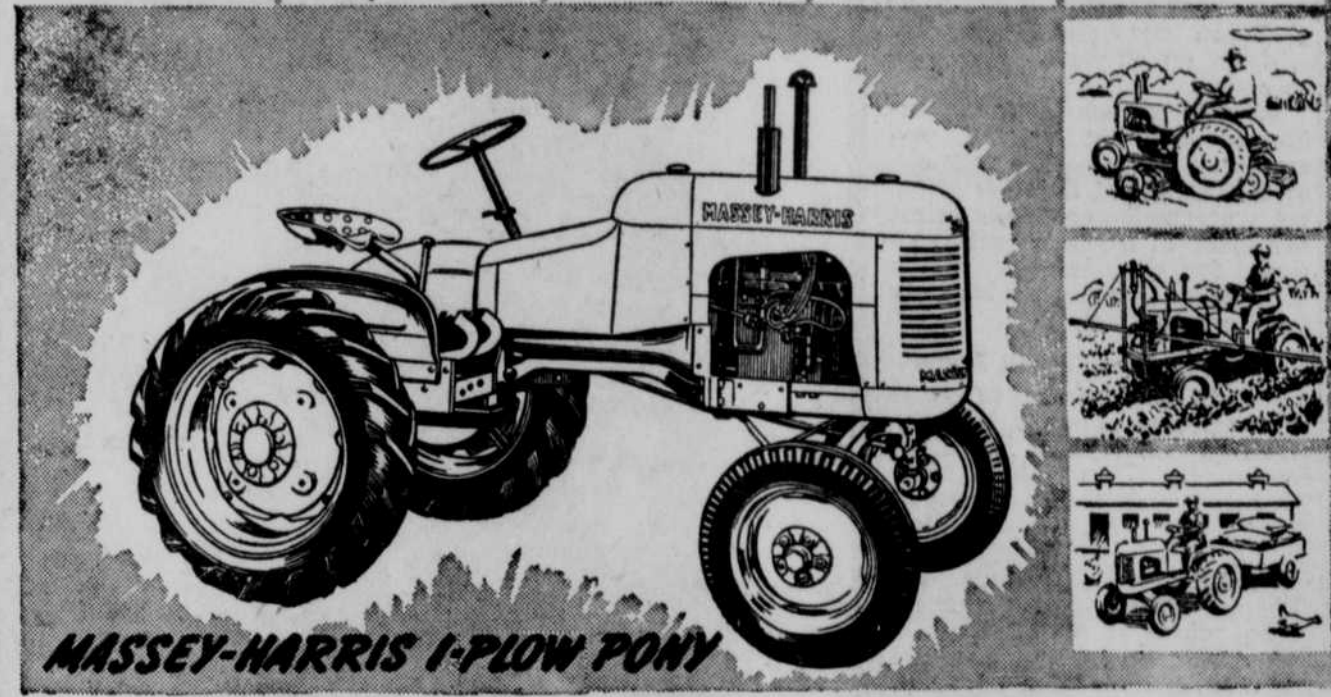
two children arrived in O'Neill last week from Minnesota and will reside on the ranch on the Blackbird.

W. V. McElhane, James Es-gate and W. L. Bader, esteemed citizens of Apple Creek, were

callers at the Frontier shanty last week.

Cut throats have had a pretty easy time in Nebraska through the years, a hang over from the frontier days.

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WE HAD CONFIDENCE in O'Neill, in Holt county, in North-Central Nebraska and Southern South Dakota. That's why we elected O'Neill as a place to do business and as a place to live. Through good times and bad our faith in the community and in the country has not wavered. We're proud to be a part of this community.

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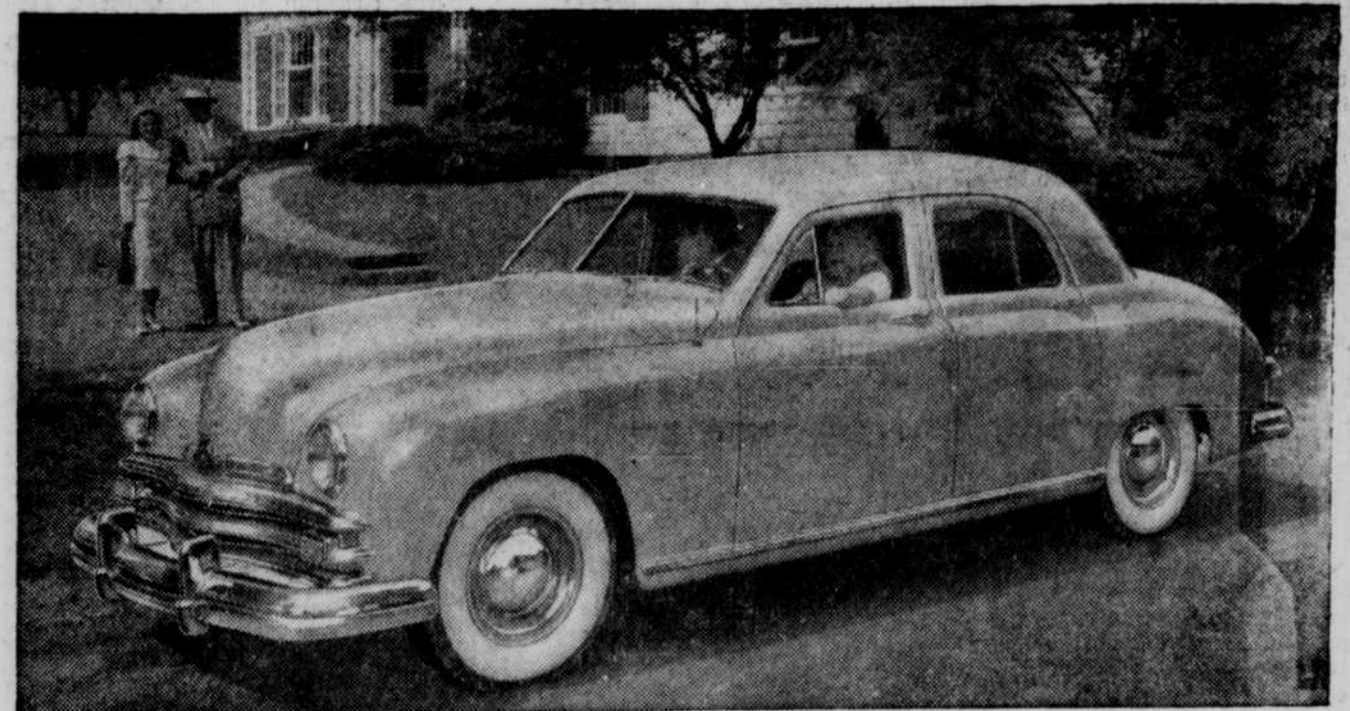
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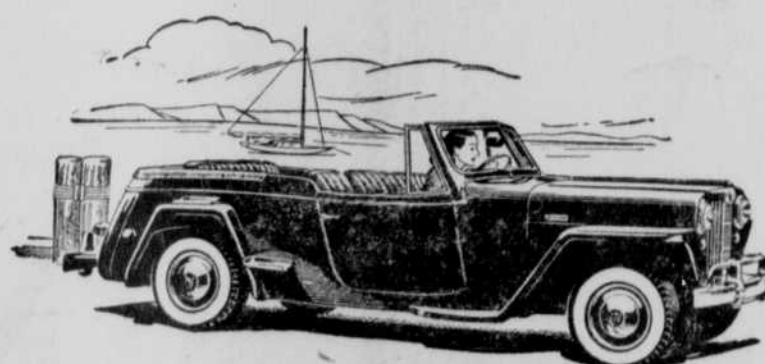


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One of first houses built in O'Neill settlement . . . standing across street North from Methodist church.

General O'Neill's Home

In 1874, Gen. John O'Neill was given title to lot 15, block 11 by Patrick Fahy. Here was built a four-room house, painted the traditional white, and for a period of 10 or more years thereafter was the home of the O'Neill's. A son, John, and daughter, Kitty, with their mother continued to reside there after the death of the general in 1878. O'Neill was buried in Omaha.

Jerry Howard came here some years ago from Omaha and unsuccessfully promoted an undertaking to remove the general's remains to O'Neill.

At this late date there would be nothing to remove from the original grave. Records disclose that in 1876 title to the property passed to J. C. Parcel but Mrs. O'Neill was occupying the house as late as 1885.

The above is a picture of the O'Neill home, one of the first houses built in the new settlement, just across the street North from the Methodist church.

An aristocratic English lady, Mrs. Triggs, who with her husband and sons, George and James, lived for many years in the house on Everett street between Fourth and Fifth, now owned by the Joyce sisters, succeeded Parcel in ownership of the General O'Neill home. It has passed into other hands since. Might it

not properly be made a shrine to the memory of the man who put the beginnings of the present splendid city of O'Neill on the map of North Nebraska?

General O'Neill said, as quoted in his late Monsignor Cassidy in his history of St. Patrick's parish, "That the next best thing to giving the Irish people their freedom at home is to assist and encourage such of them as are here, or who may come here of their own free will, in procuring homes for themselves and their children in this free land of their adoption."

"And having tried to do the best I could to give them freedom at home, and for the time being at least failed, I am now engaged in doing what I believe to be the next best thing. Some of the ablest Irishmen of America, from Thomas D'Arcy McGee, in his day, down to the present time have written and spoken and resolved on this subject; and now I am simply putting into practice what these men have talked about, and I am happy to say, with gratifying success. Without money or organization and but few friends to assist me, with confidence in myself and the justness of my cause, and a firm reliance on God, I claim to have accomplished a great deal already, having confidence in the final success of this project."