

## 'Grandma' Hull

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Daily she climbs up on a chair to perform the ritual of winding the large old clock which is situated on an eight-foot shelf.

"Mother thinks no one else can wind that clock just right," said her children fondly.

She goes up and down stairs from six to eight times per day and even sleeps up there. She scoffs at daytime naps.

"I sleep at night—go to bed at 8 and get up at 5:30," she said. Her shoulders are remarkably straight, and this small pleasantly plump woman says she enjoys eating everything—especially the soda biscuits which she long ago formed the habit of making each morning because her husband liked them.

Amazingly "Grandma" Hull still has most of her teeth. When asked whether she had ever been to a dentist, she replied she once had a couple of teeth pulled but has never found it necessary to have any fillings.

She has had even less medical attention.

"I never was to a doctor until I was 80," she recalled. At that time she suffered a broken bone in her hand and had to have it set by a physician. All of her 12 children, nine of whom are living, were delivered by neighbor women.

"Grandma" too, brought her share of babies into the world when she attended the births of the children of many of her neighbors.

"I always went when they called—night or day," she averred. Her children estimate she may have presided at as many as 60 births.

She has always placed her faith in God, "and I have tried to be a good Free Methodist," she added.

Unlike many persons her age, Mrs. Hull remembers happenings of the present and recent past as well as her very early days which are indeed a graphic account of the formative years of Holt county.

Born the daughter of Archlaus and Amanda Ross in Boone county, Ia., on September 6, 1855, Sarah Ella grew to womanhood back in Iowa and was married October 7, 1876, to William Hull.

They lived in Iowa for three years, becoming the parents of two sons. In the Fall of 1878, however, "Grandma" Hull's husband, a coal miner back in Iowa, left to come to Nebraska to take out the homestead where his widow still lives. The next Spring the family traveled in a covered wagon to the present Hull home to make good their homestead claim which they had secured for \$14.

After 70 years the family agrees the claim has definitely been proven!

Enroute to this virgin country they crossed the Missouri on a boat and upon arriving on the other side were caught in a late Spring blizzard. They continued on, however, and after using 12 days for the 350-mile trip, they arrived in Holt county on May 12, 1879, with their 3-year-old and 8-month-old sons, a team of horses, two colts, a homestead claim and just \$80 in cash, "Grandma" recalled.

They moved into a small log cabin Mr. Hull had built during the trip out the previous Fall. "We had another storm, and it was so cold that I tacked the carpet around the walls of the cabin to keep the wind out," she remembered.

The family lived in the log house until 1885 when a home was built where the present white frame structure stands.

"There was practically nothing in Holt county in those days," she went on in a mood of reminiscing. "There were a few log cabins and sod huts but no trees or towns."

Times were rough for the Hulls at first. In the early days it was not at all uncommon to go up to the banks of the Niobrara where there were lots of trees and chop wood to take to

town to trade for groceries. Grocery shopping in those early '80's was much more than a matter of driving to town. O'Neill, a tiny village then, did not offer all of the provisions needed, and so twice yearly Mr. Hull would drive clear to Neligh to get flour and grain.

"Grandma" Hull or "Aunt Ella," as she was called by everyone in the community during her younger days, remembers with a good deal of relish the time they were chased out of their home by Indians.

"A man came by on horseback and told us the Sioux were on the way South, plundering and burning everything in their path. We at once hitched up our lumber wagon and started toward O'Neill. There were 25 or 30 teams in the caravan by the time we got underway with our families and what possessions we could throw into the wagon in a hurry.

"I was driving our team, for my husband's mother, who was living with us had refused to leave home unless we brought her two cows, and my husband had to drive those in back of the wagon. We reached O'Neill finally and went to the fairgrounds to camp. A special train was sent from Omaha to get women and children.

"Well, do you know that it turned out that the man had just made up the story, and there weren't any savage Indians on the warpath after all! We were all back home by 4 the next day," she added laughing.

Many physical catastrophes such as the famous blizzard of 1888 stand out in the mind of "Grandma" Hull. The only total drought in all of the 70 years she has been here was in 1894. Last Winter was the most severe she has seen.

During the years, "Grandma" Hull developed the theory that when she felt a little bad, she could "work it off," and it seems to have worked miraculously. That there was always plenty of work can be vouched for by the fact that she bore 12 children and raised all but one to maturity. A son died at the age of 17.

She is proud of the fact that if all goes well, she will be able to attend the golden wedding anniversary of her oldest child, Elmer, a Niobrara farmer, on November 2.

Her other children in order of their birth are: Clyde, a farmer living near Atkinson; Sarah, who died in November, 1945; Levi, a farmer, of near O'Neill; Alice, who died in November, 1946; Arch, of Crookston; John, who died in 1907 at the age of 17; William, who lives with his mother; Altha (Mrs. Preston Jones), of O'Neill; Esther (Mrs. Cecil Haynes), of Parmalee, S. D.; Edwin, a general contractor from Sioux City; Edna (Mrs. Leon Mellor), of Redbird.

The latter was the only one of the living children not present for Tuesday's festivities, and illness in her family prevented her coming.

The Hull line has gone on from "Grandma" Hull's 12 children to include 30 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren—which adds up to 129 living descendants at the latest count.

She has one sister, Alice Buttolph, living in Montana, and two brothers, Manford Ross, of O'Neill, and Charlie Ross, who lives one mile North of her own home.

"We don't place any claims about mother's being the oldest resident in the county, but we do believe she has the most living descendants," said her son, Edwin.

And those descendants Tuesday day transformed "Grandma" Hull's house into the lively place it must have been when her own children were little and at home. Babies, toddlers and older children mingled with the grownups in the celebration which resembled a regular family reunion.

The outdoor table was weighted with bowls of fried chicken,

potato salad, scalloped potatoes, sliced tomatoes, baked beans, meat sandwiches, apple pickles, cucumber pickles, jello, doughnuts, pumpkin pie, apple pie, cherry pie, macaroni salad and coffee. There were eight cakes, and after an afternoon of games including softball and horseshoe, the relatives joined with well-wishing neighbors in eating birthday cake and ice cream.

"Grandma" Hull enjoyed it in her own way from her favorite rocking chair in her dining room and saw no reason why she should not look forward to next year's party when she would be 95.

Among the relatives in attendance in addition to the children of Mrs. Hull and their husbands or wives were many from O'Neill. They included: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crawford, Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, Cliff and Melvin Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Katzor and Gerald, Merle and Jenine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Walter DeVall and Nancy and Kathryn, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hull and Lois, Janice, Donald and Galen and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Crawford.

Other visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hull and Carol Ann and Lois Jean, of Harlan, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hull, Judy, Eunice and Wanda, of Parmalee, S. D.; Gordon, Shirley, Cordell and Eddie Hull, of Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Crumly and Johnny, of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Haynes and Veryl, Lynette and Audrey, of Vetal, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Haynes, of Parmalee, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hienert and Harold of Parmalee, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gunnare, Richard, Phyllis and Patricia of Delmont, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Orr and Orville, of Butte; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boelter and Allen, of Venus; Harvey Allen, of Page; Claude Hull, of Creighton; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hull, Glendora, Leota, Dick and Jerry, of Lynch; Jay Long, of Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Look and Ann, of Anoka; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spencer, Daryl and Diana, of Lynch; Mrs. Pearl Spencer, of Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hall, Gay and Leroy, of Lynch.

Among the O'Neill neighbors calling were: Mrs. Conard and Nate, Mr. and Mrs. William DeVall, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller and Duane.

Members of the American Legion and their auxiliary will take out time Thursday, September 15, to burn the paid-off mortgage on their 30-thousand-dollar club-auditorium here.

At the same time, a plaque will be unveiled. Wording on the plaque will pay tribute to J. B. Ryan, O'Neill hay dealer, who donated the Legion the site for the club.

Post Commander Gordon O. Harper stated Tuesday that the regular monthly meeting of the Legion scheduled for tonight (Thursday) has been postponed until September 15. On that date the Legion and auxiliary will join in the mortgage-burning ritual.

At the same time past commander buttons will be issued to living persons who have held that office.

Past commanders include: P. B. Harty, 1925; Edward M. Gallagher, 1926; G. E. Miles, 1927; Roy M. Sauer, 1928; John Lansworth, 1930; Leo F. Carney, 1932; Joel Parker, 1933; Levi Yantzi, 1934; John Davidson, 1938; William Gatz, 1940; A. J. Sauser, 1941; Paul Beha, 1942; '43-'44; William W. Griffin, 1945; John Grutsch, 1946; Glea H. Wade, 1947-'48; John R. Gallagher, 1948.

Wade received his past commander's button when he turned the reigns over to Gallagher in the Fall of 1948.

One past commander, Richard L. Jordan, who served in 1929, is deceased.

At the post meeting on September 15, Commander Harper will bring the Legionnaires up-to-date on plans for the Diamond Jubilee-Fall Festival.

School Painting Cost Estimated at \$600—

Ira Moss, secretary of the O'Neill school board, Tuesday said work on the roof of the old building of the school had been started.

Meanwhile, Secretary Moss estimated the cost of the painting job of the school class rooms in the neighborhood of \$600.

A meeting of the school board was postponed from today (Thursday) until Monday, September 12, Moss concluded.

Motor Vehicle Operators Renew Driver's Licenses—

Vehicle operators queued in the Holt county treasurer's office this week and by late Wednesday afternoon 1709 operators had renewed their motor vehicle driver's licenses.

All driver's licenses expired September 1, according to law, and became delinquent 60 days thereafter.

## Solicitation Teams

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be held September 30. The auction will be a mid-day feature of the American Legion sponsored Diamond Jubilee-Fall Festival celebration.

According to Mrs. Tomlinson, the following men and women will be soliciting in the following assigned precincts: Coleman—Mrs. Lorretta Hynes and Mrs. Harry Sullivan; Shields—Mrs. C. J. Gatz; Antelope—Mrs. H. E. Coyne; Golden—Mrs. M. J. Diehlman; and Mrs. L. M. Leo Tomjack; Chambers—Mrs. Henry Lohaus and Mrs. Frank Froelich; Grattan—Mrs. P. B. Harty, Mrs. F. N. Cronin, Mrs. Cletus Sullivan and Mrs. J. B. Grady; Pleasantview—Mrs. John Conard; Atkinson—Mrs. James Corke and Miss Mary Liable; Paddock and Scott—Mrs. H. J. Birmingham and Mrs. William Froelich; Wyoming and Conley—Mrs. Edna Coyne and Mrs. Bennett Gilligan.

Holt county has 36 precincts.

More solicitors are urgently needed to cover the area in the short time remaining before the calf auction and the benefit banquet, the secretary said.

Meanwhile, this week two livestock contributions were received for the auction sale.

A hog donated by J. M. Gallagher, of Inman, and James Van Avery contributed a 3-year-old cow.

It was also pointed out this week that ticket sales are lagging for the \$5-per-plate benefit banquet that is to be held in the American Legion auditorium October 3.

The calf auction and the benefit banquet will be among the final promotions for the building fund to send over the 100-thousand-dollar mark the people's part of the 300-thousand-dollar, 40-bed hospital.

The people's share of the building fund must be popularly subscribed in order to receive a similar amount from the federal government with the Sisters of St. Francis assuming the final portion of the indebtedness.

The Sisters of St. Francis will own and operate the hospital that is intended to serve the "Great Sand Hills Area."

To date, \$93,791.92 have been popularly subscribed. This leaves \$6,208.08 to be raised before actual physical construction of the health center can get underway.

Family Reunion Taken Indoors—

The William Anderson family held a family reunion on Sunday, September 4, at the Harold Williamson home in O'Neill.

They had planned on having it at Ford's park but on account of weather the affair was held inside. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mrs. Howard Peters, of O'Neill; Mrs. Joseph Hitchcock, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson and family, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Timm and Ronnie, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Orville McKim and family, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Parkinson, of O'Neill.

This is the first time the Anderson's have been together in two years.

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FOR SALE: Clean out sale of 32-volt light plants, wind chargers and motors. Any decent offer buys. Must use my time on wedding sales. See Bob Arndts Friday and Saturday, rear of Soukup Motors, South 4th St. O'Neill. 18c

ROYAL THEATER — O'NEILL —

Thursday, September 8  
John Garfield puts his body and soul into  
**FORCE OF EVIL**  
With Thomas Gomez, Marie Windsor and introducing Beatrice Pearson.  
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## Church Notices

METHODIST (O'Neill)  
Rev. V. R. Bell, pastor

Church school, 10 a.m. Neil Dawes, general superintendent. Worship service, 11 a.m. Junior and Intermediate MYF, 5 p.m.

Senior MYF, 7:30 p.m. The junior choir practiced Tuesday evening. They will sing next Sunday morning at Sunday school for the rally day and promotion day exercises.

The official board of the church met Monday evening at the parsonage for a monthly meeting and the workers conference of the Sunday school met Wednesday evening for a regular meeting.

The monthly meeting of the WSCS will be held Thursday afternoon (today) in the church parlors.

The senior choir will practice on Thursday evening at the church. Let everyone be present. Let us all be present at 10 o'clock next Sunday for our rally day and promotion day exercises.

The Junior MYF will have a sack supper next Sunday evening, followed by their lesson and a period of games. All boys and girls in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are invited.

The Senior MYF held a weiner roast, followed by a camp fire service, at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Miner Sunday evening. There was a fine group present. Rev. Bell and A. E. Bowen accompanied the group.

WESLEYAN METHODIST (O'Neill)  
Rev. Melvin Grosenbach, pastor

Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., missionary rally. Goals for missions will be presented by the various departments of the church. Mrs. Roy Cole is missionary band president.

Sunday, September 11, Sunday school, 10 a.m. Evening service, 7:30 p.m.

As pastor of this church we feel grateful to be appointed to serve this church and community for another year. We hope to make new friends for ourselves

and the church and for the kingdom of God.

CENTER UNION (O'Neill)  
Melvin Grosenbach, pastor

Sunday, September 11, morning worship, 10 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. Evening Bible study and young people's service, 8 p.m.

September 14: Midweek prayer meeting to be at Clarence Ernst's.

By vote of the church we have been recalled to be their pastor for the coming year. We hope to make new friends for ourselves and for the church and the kingdom of God.

Schools Ready for New Term

School bells were ringing over most of Holt county's town and rural schools by September 6, as thousands of children returned to classroom routine for the 1949-'50 school term.

Facilities are complete at both St. Mary's academy and at O'Neill public schools, according to spokesmen from both institutions.

Ira Moss, Secretary of the O'Neill school board, announced recently the amount of the re-roofing contract of the old high school building in O'Neill.

Secretary Moss said the contract was let to the Reed roofing company of Norfolk for the roof began last week.

Public school children entering kindergarten this Fall are: Patricia Ann Bazelman, Harlan Sawyer, Orin Spry, Kyle Johnson, Ralph Medcalf, Lonnie McKim Pat O'Brien, Ronald Johnson, John Cork, Robert Kramer, Donald Williamson, Richard Schacht, Clarence Hill, Curtis Collins, Richard Bellin, Larry Hubby, Ardieth Parks, Barbara Neal, Joan Pease, Starlyn Robinson, Lonna Haynes, Carol Brooks, Alma Kilcoin, and Larry Dawes.

Observes Birthday—

Gary Douglas Gillespie celebrated his seventh birthday anniversary on Wednesday, August 31, by entertaining a number of his boy friends. The party was held in the yard at his home and he received many presents. A lunch of sandwiches, ice cream and birthday cake was served by his mother and grandparents.

To Park Rapids—

Mrs. Emma Mieke returned home Wednesday, August 31, from Park Rapids, Minn. She will leave again this week for Park Rapids.

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