

Jubilee Royalty

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The king was attired in a dark suit which he described as his "Sunday best."

"My, wasn't there a crowd watching the parade!" was the exclamation both members of the royal party made.

O'Neill's growing business district and the crowds must have seemed unreal to these two octogenarians as they took advantage of the occasion to retrospect a bit.

When Thompson, now 81, arrived at the age of 5 with his parents, three sisters and two brothers, it was 1873, and there was no O'Neill.

During that year it was necessary for his father to drive to Norfolk for supplies — a long, long trip by team and wagon.

Thompson's family came by covered wagon from Lodi, Wis. At first they lived one mile East of O'Neill and then moved to a 160-acre farm five miles East of town on the Elkhorn river.

There were Indians in the neighborhood, and he recalled going to their camp to see them.

School was held right in the Thompson home with the

teacher boarding with the family.

When asked what they did for entertainment after he grew into his teens, Thompson smiled and spoke of the many, many nights of gay square dancing in the barns or houses of neighbors to music provided by a couple of fiddlers.

It was at such affairs that he and Mrs. Milton made an early acquaintance, and Mrs. Minton, who herself greatly enjoyed these get-togethers, pronounced Thompson an "excellent dancer."

Mr. Thompson, who left the farm early in his adult life, moved to O'Neill and was in and out of the restaurant business a number of times. His first restaurant, he believes, was in the general location of the O'Neill National bank. He also managed a bottling works for a few years.

His only grandchild, attractive 8-year-old Gretchen Thompson, verifies the fact that her grandfather is an excellent cook. And Mrs. Minton who said that practically anything you wanted to eat could be ordered in Thompson's restaurant further confirmed his culinary ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have one son, Tom Elwin Thompson, an O'Neill carpenter, and a daughter, Mavis, at home. The king of O'Neill's celebration has long been a member of the Methodist church.

When she at the age of 10, came to O'Neill in 1874, the year it was founded, Mrs. Minton, who at that time was Alice Ann Barrett, came as far as Wisner by train. The family traveled the remainder of the distance by covered wagon. Their home had been at Peoria, Ill.

Her father had been sold on this location as a settling point by one of the crusading speeches of the town's founder, Gen. John O'Neill. First the Barretts settled 7½ miles North of O'Neill and shortly afterward took a homestead claim on what is now known

as the Harry Page place. The frame house he built stands there still.

"My father had plenty of money and brought a variety of implements and stock to get a good start," she recalled. So while the Barretts like their neighbors regretted the periods of drought and the grasshopper infestations, they nevertheless weathered the pioneer hardships better than some.

Mrs. Minton recalled that her father, a cattle raiser, drove his stock down the wagon paths to town where they were loaded on wagons to be taken to market. "Mostly our wagons in those days were drawn by oxen," she explained.

Married at the age of 20, Mrs. Minton was busy with the care of seven children born to her during the ensuing years. In the absence of doctors, neighbors assisted at the deliveries of her babies.

This sheltered young woman proved her pioneer heritage when left a widow at the age of 31 she carried on at the farm with the help of her children, the eldest of whom was 12, and made a living. She clearly recalls planting corn and other tasks which then were manually performed.

"Times were hard, but we never went hungry," she likes to remember.

It was during World War I that this genteel woman, now 85, moved into O'Neill where she makes her home part of the time with her son, Richard, and the remainder of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Janie Judge. Her other living children are Pat Minton, of Norfolk, and John Minton, of Omaha. She has 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Minton has been a lifelong member of St. Patrick's Catholic church.

Such reminiscing about their past was strictly for Jubilee day, however, for O'Neill's royal couple maintains an active interest in what is in store for their town — what will be added on to what they call "this history we have lived."

Kensington Meets—
PAGE — The Royal Neighbors Kensington met with Mrs. Evelyn Gray, on Wednesday afternoon, September 28, with nine members present. Mrs. Hannah Stevens and Mrs. Elsie Cork were guests. A covered dish lunch was served.

Hostess to Bridge Club—
PAGE — Mrs. Melvin Held entertained the Contract bridge club last Thursday evening. Miss Alice French was a guest. Miss French held high score and Mrs. Herbert Steinberg traveling.

Mrs. Townsend Entertains—
PAGE — The Just-a-mere club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. C. A. Townsend with eight members present. The afternoon was spent playing rook. The hostess served a luncheon.

Miss Ida Foster, of Greeley, was a weekend guest at the home of Mr and Mrs. J. Leo Moore.



ATKINSON BRIDE . . . Before her marriage on Friday, September 23, at the Methodist church in Atkinson, Mrs. Joseph Neal (above) was Miss Jacquelyn Ellen Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Snyder, Rev. W. C. Birmingham officiated at the 4 o'clock ceremony. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Neal, of Minneapolis, Minn.—O'Neill Photo Co.

PAGE LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Braddock and Jo Ann and Miss Alice French drove to Omaha Friday. On Saturday they met Mrs. Jennie French, who was returning from Yukon, Okla., where she had visited a few weeks with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Treadwell, and other relatives. They returned home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Neubauer and son, Leo, Duran Rutherford and Walter Hunt were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rutherford.

Ten members of the Page Improvement club met with Mrs. R. D. Copes Monday evening. Plans for future improvement were discussed. The hostess served a lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hayne and children, of Rock Rapids, Ia., spent Friday with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayne.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stevens moved Saturday to the home of Miss Grace Merryman, where they will care for Miss Merryman, who is in poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stevens, of Oakland, visited Saturday afternoon with their aunt, Miss Maude Martin.

Mrs. A. L. Dorr and son, Vernon, and Mrs. Herbert Steinberg spent Saturday at Norfolk.

Mrs. John Soukup, of LaFayette, Calif., left last Thursday to return to her home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gray, and other relatives and friends at Page and O'Neill. Enroute she will visit relatives at Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Kieth Weyer, of Essex, Ia., and her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Gray, were luncheon guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gray at Inman.

W. E. Snyder, of Ainsworth, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Rost.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fink and sons, took Mrs. Tom Sinner to her home at Grand Island Sunday after she had spent a week visiting relatives here. From there they went to Fremont where they visited Mr. Fink's brother, Russell Fink, and family. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Weyer, of Essex, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gray, of Inman, Mrs. Gene Baber, Bobbie and Bonnie, of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker and family were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Evelyn Gray.

Mrs. R. F. Park and daughter, Charlene, drove to Carroll Friday, to visit and help care for Mrs. Park's mother, Mrs. T. M. Woods, who is ill, and to visit other relatives. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smoock and daughter, of San Francisco, Calif., left for their home last Thursday morning, after spending 10 days visiting Mrs. Smoock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher, and other relatives, and attending the wedding of her brother, Richard Asher.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grass entertained the following guests Sunday at a dinner party honoring the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Grass. Mrs. Anna Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kelly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Thompson and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pelatied and family, and Charley Wiseman, all of Page, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Smith and two sons, of O'Neill.

Ronald Wood, of Lennox, S. D., and Miss Peggy McAthie, of Centerville, S. D., spent Sunday with Ronald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wood. Other dinner guests at the Wool home were: Mrs. Hester Edmisten, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Asher and two daughters. Afternoon callers were: Mrs. Will Neubauer and Leo, Misses Grace and Nelle Wood and Paul Neubauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Craig and daughters, of Norfolk, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens, of Lincoln, spent the weekend

with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stevens, and the latter's mother, Mrs. Gail Albright.

Mrs. Kieth Weyer, of Essex, Ia., came last Thursday to visit her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Gray, and other relatives. Mr. Weyer came Sunday morning and they left Monday afternoon to return to Essex.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fuelberth, of Hartington, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher. Mr. Fuelberth is a brother of Mrs. Asher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Goddard and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goddard and daughter, Linda, of Richland, Wash., spent from Wednesday, September 26, until Friday visiting Mrs. A. L. Goddard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Miller and other relatives. They went to Redfield, Ia.,

where they will visit other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Park and Maxine, of Page, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Brewster and sons, Darrell and Wayne, of Ewing, returned home Tuesday, September 25, after spending a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Brewster at West Plain, Mo.

Mrs. Ed Latta, of Omaha, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stout.

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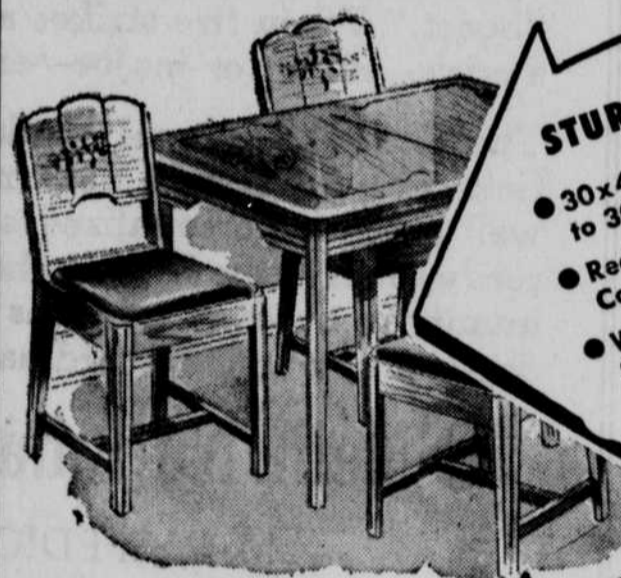
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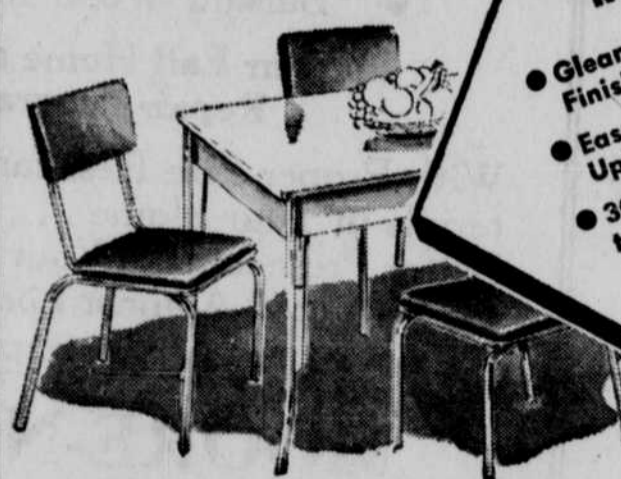
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