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OTHER EMMET NEWS

(Crowded out last week.)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schiender and family, of Stuart, were Sunday dinner guests at the George Babl home.

John Tenborg, of Chicago, Ill., spent several days this week visiting his father, C. E. Tenborg. Mrs. Casey Jones and daughter, Velma, of Clearwater, came Friday to spend a few days visiting at the Bessie Burge home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grothe, Sr., went to Lincoln last Thursday where they received a medical check.

Mrs. Arthur Givens, Lois and Bobbie, of Stuart, spent the weekend visiting at George Pon-gratz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McMillian, of Newport, spent Sunday visiting at the Cecil McMillian home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bates and Karan spent last weekend in Omaha visiting Mrs. Bates' sister, Mrs. Ted Herrins, and Mrs. Rodney Livings.

Leona and Leonard Winkler, of Omaha, arrived Monday to attend the wedding of their sister, Florence, to Leo Weichman on Wednesday.

PRAIRIELAND ... TALK

By
ROMAINE SAUNDERS
Route 5
ATKINSON



What's going on? An Albino Shorthorn wants to know as the camera caught her and a red and a roan at the Riley ranch west of Amelia.

This ranch has been a going concern perhaps longer than any other in this section of Nebraska. It is devoted strictly to the breeding of purebred cattle. The Riley brothers, organizers of the ranch, have been dead for many years. Mrs. Fanny Riley, widow of Will Riley, makes her home on the original ranch holdings and with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Baker, the herd is kept up, supplying a large demand from a wide territory for registered Shorthorn breeding stock. The ranch was started back in the humming of 1880's.

The brown pacer swung along with easy strides as I rode up the slope. We reached the crest when there was a whirl of wings and away flew a covey of magnificent prairie chickens. They were soon lost to vision across the far-flung prairie, but the momentary flash of feathered beauty in the afternoon sun added its wealth to a picture seen only in the open country.

There is release from soul-shriveling business and the world's confusing turmoil when you have the green verdure beneath you and the sky above; where the winds blow and you are out of sight of men and things. You can not find it in an automobile following the dun-grey roads.

The strong-limbed gelding swung along over the grasslands and I rode to the music of creaking leather and clank of bridle snaps. In the distance, the crystal waters of a little lake reflect their blue in the afternoon sun and an endless sweep of open-country invites to heart's repose.

Rosalie Appleby found these on nature's ample scroll:

- Crystalline clearness of morning light,
- Cleancut silence of a moonlit night,
- Carefree winging of birds on high,
- Classical blue of velvet sky,
- Clinging folds of a cloud's white hem,
- Cluttered leaves on a flowered vine,
- Carved out beauty of a lonely pine:
- Symbols each of an infinite hand,
- God's own poems read by man.

America, the Beautiful... redeemed out of barbarism by common sacrifices and made a sacred heritage by the shedding of kindred blood. Americans: shall it be written of this generation a boozing, smoking, swearing, cursing, snarling, quarreling, gossiping, shoddy and shameless outfit?

America, the Beautiful—are we worthy of our beautiful heritage?

A few Nebraskans have been privileged to pass the century mark in recent weeks, one citizen of the charming Elkhorn valley passing the 103d milestone. During their lifetime one thousandth of a second has been added to the length of a day and the moon has retreated seven feet from the earth during the same period.

Germans, Italians, Poles, and Japs would join Britain and the United States should Russia throw down the gauntlet. And probably no one knows that better than Joe Stalin.

Our Muscovite visitors come with a chip on the shoulder. It was Theodore Roosevelt who laid down the dictum that we must speak softly, but carry a big stick.

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Proceedings of the Holt County Board of Supervisors

O'Neill, Nebraska
August 28, 1946
10:00 a. m.
Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present.
Meeting called to order by the Chairman.
Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved as read.
Motion by Wulf, seconded by Stein that the following claims be allowed and warrants ordered drawn on the Bridge Fund in payment of same:
Armo Drainage & Met. Prod. \$98.52
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E. W. Brady 6.50
Cambell Lumber Co. 6.00
Central Supply Co. 15.11
H. W. Hubbard 5.00
Alfred Kazda 127.20
Ed J. Matousek 15.00
Mentzer Bros. 2.10
Jos. Schollmeyer 10.00
Thos. Slattery 7.70
J. C. Stein 10.00
LeRoy Thurlow 48.60
Roy Thurlow 95.40
Wheeler Lbr., Bridge & Supply Co. 500.96
W. E. Wulf 22.50
W. E. Wulf 9.71

Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Clark that the following claims be allowed and warrants ordered drawn on the Pari-Mutual Fund in payment of same:
Holt County Agricultural Society 114.00
Holt County Stocker-Feeder Show 114.00
Stuart Commercial Club 114.00

Motion by Collins, seconded by Clark, that the following claims be allowed and warrants ordered drawn on the Road Fund in payment of same:
Ed Alder 6.00
Boise Service Station 36.30
Gordon Brown 149.50
Central Supply Co. 373.85
Central Supply Co. 6.18
Central Supply Co. 9.17
Clarke Machine Shop 5.00
Dick Clark 26.00
Geo. E. Collins 10.00
Bernard Cooke 143.00
D. E. Crandell 156.00
Fetrow & Waller 7.50
Gamble Store 5.37
Victor Halva 10.00
Highway Equipment & Supply Co. 7.70
H. W. Hubbard 15.00
Inter-State Oil Co. 40.70
Inter-State Oil Co. 41.66
Island Supply Co. 4.74
C. W. Kirkland 191.10
James C. Kirkland 73.45
Wm. Krotter Co. 158.48
Ed J. Matousek 2.64
Missouri Valley Machinery Co. 5.47
Robt. L. Mlinar 37.05
Lyle McKim 188.50
Frank Osborne 159.90
Reitan Co. 13.50
Russell Rossman 3.90
Jos. Schollmeyer 60.00
Shelhamer Oil & Equip Co. 106.11
Shelhamer Service 9.34
Thos. Slattery 3.73
J. C. Stein 15.00
Edwin Thorin 19.76
Robert Turner 55.25
Frank Walters 110.00
W. E. Wulf 47.00
Mrs. Woodie Barnhart 75.00
E. W. Brady 8.00
Emil Carlson 109.20
Central Supply Co. 4,221.27
Central Supply Co. 54.50
Central Supply Co. 2.47
Andy Clark 17.50
Fred Colfack 15.00
Continental Oil Co. 11.46
Crabb Oil Co. 58.18
Ewing Lbr. & Coal Co. 18.35
Orville Gallop 4.00
Mary Grof 50.00
B. G. Hanna 126.75
H. W. Hubbard 30.00
H. W. Hubbard 150.00
Inter-State Oil Co. 81.40
Island Supply Co. 78.18
Clyde O. Johnson 19.60
C. W. Kirkland 30.25
Albert Kopejtko 162.00
Hugh Langan 10.00
Ed J. Matousek 47.50
Joe Mlinar, jr. 11.70
Chet McClenahan 195.00
Frank Noffke 49.50
Dale Potts 188.50
Ries Service Station 54.00
Joe Schollmeyer, jr. 10.00
Shaw Service Station 82.36
Shelhamer Service 103.19
Ernest Shobe 4.00
Richard Smith 35.35
Harry Sullivan 47.39
Leo S. Tomjack 178.40
Harvey Wahl 186.00
Mrs. Belle Widman 125.00

12:00 noon. On motion the Board adjourned until 1:00 p. m.

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August 28, 1946
1:00 p. m.
Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present.
Meeting called to order by the Chairman.
Motion by Wulf, seconded by Collins that the following bonds be approved:
George Barta, Precinct Clerk, Steel Creek Precinct.
Norman Gonderinger, member of Soldiers' & Sailor's Relief Commission, Holt county.

On motion the following claim was allowed and a warrant ordered drawn on the Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Fund in payment of same:
Norman Gonderinger 100.00

Motion by Collins, seconded by Stein that the following claims be allowed and warrants ordered drawn on the Drag Fund in payment of same:
Ed Alder 14.00
Wayne Cuatt 80.00
R. A. Dvorak 21.60

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Out of Old Nebraska ... HOMESTEADERS SLEPT IN STREET

By Supt. James C. Olson
State Historical Society

Probably no state in the union is more closely associated with the homestead movement than Nebraska. The first quarter section taken under the act of 1862 was located in Gage county where the Freeman Homestead National monument near Beatrice now marks the site, and more homesteads have been located in Nebraska than in any other state.

In addition, a special kind of homestead law was enacted to cover the sandhill region of western Nebraska. The sandhills were—and are—unexcelled as ranch country, but they simply weren't suitable for the general type of farming carried out on the average 160-acre homestead; and, on the other hand, 160 acres was not large enough for cattle raising. As a consequence, the homesteaders avoided the sandhills.

The idea of an enlarged homestead was developed as a means of settling the sandhills region, and on April 23, 1904, largely as a result of the efforts of Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid, the Congress passed a law permitting a homestead in western Nebraska of 640 acres instead of the usual 160.

Influx Begins
The result was an almost immediate influx of settlers into the area. On June 27, 1904, the day before the Kinkaid law, as it was known, went into effect, 600 homesteaders were in O'Neill preparing to file their claims. The hotels were jammed beyond capacity, and several hundred spent the night in the streets. At Alliance, 3,000 strangers were said to be in town. The Frontier, published at O'Neill, reported that at Broken Bow some of the cattle barons who had been using the free land for grazing their herds sent a number of their cowboys to file on land which they hoped to continue to use. The cowboys created so much disturbance that a National Guard company was called out to preserve order.

The enthusiasm evidenced during the first few days was no mere flash in the pan, but was sustained. In the first year of the Kinkaid act, homestead entries in Nebraska increased from 491,000 acres to 1,310,000 acres, and the next year the total jumped to 4,778,000 acres. Within 10 years almost all the remaining government land open to entry had been taken.

'Kinkaiders' Have Unity
The "Kinkaiders," as the early homesteaders of the sandhills called themselves, developed a considerable sense of unity. That

spirit was fostered by picnics and fairs, with programs of music, sports, speeches, "experience" meetings at which Kinkaid homesteaders could tell of their trials and tribulations, and exhibits of produce grown on Kinkaid homesteads.

Of one such fair, held at Taylor, in September, 1909, The Loup County News said, "The Kinkaid homesteaders' produce exhibited was excellent. In fact much of the produce was as good as, and some better than was shown at the state fair at Lincoln last week."

Someone even wrote a song about the Kinkaiders. The words were set to the music of "My Maryland," and it lived many an old settlers' reunion Dr. Louise Pound, professor emerita of English at the University of Nebraska, has included it in her syllabus of folk songs of Nebraska and the Central West. A stanza and a chorus will give the general idea.

You ask what place I like the best,
The sandhills, oh the old sandhills;
The place Kinkaiders make their home
And prairie chickens freely roam.

Then let us all with hearts sincere
Thank him for what has brought us here,
And for the homestead law he made.
This noble Moses P. Kinkaid.

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Next Tuesday, November 12th

1 o'clock p. m.

God and the elements permitting, we will hold our regular auction next Tuesday. As this is written, the weather is none too favorable, but if given a few good working days, we expect to have our yards repaired to the extent that we can operate. Our temporary plans call for livestock handling facilities, equal to what we have had in the past. However the matter of a pavilion will be a makeshift affair that will provide a roof over our head, seats as fast as we can build them, protection against extreme weather condition. And as soon as materials and help are available we will reconstruct our facilities completely, so as to give to the stockmen of the Sandhills, a market of which they can be justly proud. In the meantime we know you good people will bear some little inconveniences as they arise in a spirit of understanding and helpfulness. —

If You Want To sell cattle or hogs next Tuesday, please call us before coming with them, because so much will depend on weather conditions this week as to the progress of reconstruction. If the sun is shining bright next Tuesday, we expect a good attendance of buyers, as we have sent out regular advertising announcing this sale, and will be able to sell a lot of livestock. Should the weather be rough next Tuesday, won't you please wait a week before coming to market.

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