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HOLT COUNTY  
EDUCATIONAL NOTES

A practice music meeting for teachers and pupils will be held in Atkinson at the Memorial hall on Friday afternoon, December 5.

Rural children in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 with their teachers are especially invited.

Miss Mary Dodson, of Wilber, will be here to get the children started on our Holt county children's chorus for next Spring.

The regular teachers' examinations will be given in O'Neill on Saturday, December 13. Arithmetic, the first subject, will be given at 8 a. m.

Elja McCullough,  
County Superintendent.

Entertain Husbands—

ATKINSON—Members of the AVW club entertained their husbands at a Thanksgiving party Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Lane Griffin.

For a Good Time

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- Fine Food
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- Entertainment

Members and their guests are invited to visit the Old Plantation Club.

Reigning Hay Queen,  
a Bride-Elect, Feted

CELIA—The Celia Homemakers sponsored a miscellaneous prenuptial shower for Miss Lillah Smith, of Atkinson, on November 19. It was held at the Lawrence Smith home.

Miss Smith, who is Atkinson's reigning hay queen, will marry Clarence Heiser, of Lincoln, on Sunday. The bride-elect grew up in the Celia community.

On the serving committee for the shower were Mrs. Mark Hendricks, Mrs. Byrl Beck and Mrs. A. O. Hammerberg. In charge of games for the shower was Mrs. Conrad Frickel, jr.

Guests at the shower were Mrs. E. W. Samms, of Atkinson, and Miss Marjorie Samms, who is here from Pennsylvania and is visiting the O. A. Hammerbergs.

REDBIRD NEWS

Fred E. Truax visited at the Fred Truax, sr., home November 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Halsey Hull and John Hull autoed to Lynch Monday.

Mrs. Bessie Jonas and children left for her home in Omaha Saturday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Truax, the past three weeks.

John Reandau, of northeast of Spencer, called on Pete More November 18.

The Carson sisters were called to Waterloo November 18 by the death of a cousin, Mr. Shemwell. Ed Carson took them to Lynch to meet the train.

Harley Pereboom, of Dorsey, made a business trip to Redbird November 18.

Chester Carsten and family called at Redbird November 19.

Lee Weeks and daughter made a trip to Redbird last Thursday.

Ray Wilson drove to Redbird last Thursday.

Gordon Barta autoed to Lynch Friday.

Clifford Wells transacted business in Redbird Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carson, of Dorsey, were at Redbird Friday.

William Podany and family autoed to Lynch Friday.

Albert Carson was in Lynch Friday.

Henry Hull and family, of Verdell, visited at the Fred Truax and Michael Hull homes Saturday.

Harold Halstead and family, of Inman, have moved to the Leon Mellor farm this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ruzicka, of near Dorsey, were in Lynch Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cihlar were in Redbird Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, of Marty Mission, S. D., autoed to Redbird Sunday for a visit with Arthur Bessert and family.

Leon Mellor went to Inman Sunday with his truck after the rest of Harold Halstead's furniture.

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Cress will be Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Garwood in Atkinson.

PRAIRIELAND  
TALK

By  
ROMAINE  
SAUNDERS

O'NEILL — The O'Neill Methodists have observed the 65th year of the beginning of the work of salvation as that church carries on in the community.

The first place of worship sat forlornly on the open prairie with nothing nearer than Flannigan & Wilcox's cattle corral on the south and the home of the widow of Gen. John O'Neill on the north.

But it was anything but forlorn when young and vigorous Methodism, with something of the spirit of the Wesleys and the Fletchers, met there for their devotions. The building itself furnished living quarters for the pastor for about 10 years, until a home was built.

Among the early preachers was Rev. Bargeldt, who held down a claim six miles east of town and shared the responsibility of the congregation with Rev. Bartley Blain. Rev. D. C. Winship was the first to give the work of Methodism in O'Neill permanent footing. It was in the year 1887 that I was installed in the somewhat dubious honor of janitor, and I recall now the pitiful gathering of a few small coins in the collection plate that seemed to be about the only material compensation for the minister and his family, while the janitor got nothing.

But the membership, though not flush with money, made up in basket and store what they lacked in cash. E. H. Benedict, J. C. Harnish, Mrs. Jake Pfund, Mrs. Trublood and Mrs. Lew Shanner were the few standbys more than a half-century ago.

As janitor I never learned to say with David that it is better to be "a doorkeeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." From janitor I passed on to be usher. And it was even more humiliating to march down an aisle with a couple supposed to be in tow only to find upon arriving where I planned to seat them that they had slid into a pew in the rear.

The old church building was remodeled from the original plan. I think the late O. O. Snyder had much to do with giving the present organization in O'Neill their fine little church building, which stands upon the site of the old building but no longer a forlorn figure on the open prairie. As a friend of the work there of the long ago I can but express the hope that spiritual growth has been in full measure to the material advancement.

I see Editor Stewart says he must have another four-bills for a year's subscription to the Frontier. It started at a dollar and a half a year, which remained the fixed price until increased costs forced the price up to two dollars. You can get a loaf of bread any place but your local paper is the only source whereby to keep in touch with community interests. Now is the time to subscribe.

A Lincoln woman proposes to render by legislative act the "misuse of public funds" a capital crime punishable by death. Others have felt that way and expressed their convictions by suspending the gent caught at "misuse" from the end of a 15-foot rope. But if it is to be legalized how is "misuse" to be determined? There are questionable uses made of public funds that involve no moral principle, but this lady must mean that for an out-and-out thief should be given a seat in the electric chair in place of a berth for a short time in jail.

Retail food stores are asking \$5.35 for a sack of potatoes. I do not know what the destruction of tons of good spuds by orders from Washington may have had to do with present prices, nor do I know where the grower of potatoes comes in for his share, but I note the quality of potato served at table is not what it should be at the price. Out there on prairie-land we had the best that can be grown anywhere, so I find the soggy things imported to city markets poor substitute for a good baked potato.

Thanksgiving dinner at state institutions will be an event. The board of control has provided two and a quarter tons of turkey, more than a ton of celery, more than a half ton of cranberries and 130 cases of oranges and grapefruit for the occasion. But their sizeable population at the state institutions, the one at Beatrice alone having more than 1,600 to feed. Norfolk, Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha and other points have "well-filled" institutions.

A trembling voice comes out of old Nebraska City alarmed that the proposed list of delegates to the GOP national convention has been "hand-picked." I would have thought better of the usually well-balanced J. Hyde Sweet. Hand-picked—why not? The job of injecting life into the political parties has always devolved upon a few, who have been willing to spend their time and means for the "good of the cause." The cry of hand-picked is made by those who have no suggestions for a better way of making up a slate.

A Lincoln concern has been awarded some sort of recognition for outstanding efforts for the prevention of accidents

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during the year—a year now drawing to a close with a record of fatal accidents that surpasses in number all previous years in Nebraska.

Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest.—Ecl. 9.10.

Armistice day has become somewhat of a flop. But it still gives the boys and girls on the public payroll another day off duty.

CELIA SIDELIGHTS

Many from this neighborhood attended the Frank Henderson sale Friday. Mr. Henderson has sold his farm, it is said, to the Fritz Naber family, of the Phoenix neighborhood.

Bob Pease has purchased a model A Ford coupe from Harold Goldfuss.

Highway 11, which runs north of Atkinson, is a "mess" these days with "washboard roughness." Residents of Celia complain loudly as they jounce over it.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman dropped in on the Henry Allbrecht family November 16.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pease, of Atkinson, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pease, of O'Neill, on November 16. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pease and family, of Emmet, dropped in during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamik, of near Stuart, and their small

daughter were Sunday night callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spann, who live near Atkinson. The two families got to reminiscing and told many fascinating stories of "old times" much to the fascination of the Ray Peases, who had stopped at Spans on their way home.

George Beck sold cattle at the Atkinson livestock pavilion November 18, as did Bob Pease. Mrs. Beck attended the sale to see how their cattle sold. Alvin Heiser sold 16 head of calves.

R. L. Pease and son, Bob, went to O'Neill on November 19. Last Thursday Mr. Pease broke his underslung hay cabling outfit and had to make a trip to Atkinson and O'Neill again. He was accompanied by Alex Frickel.

Bob Pease called at the Lawrence Smith home Saturday. He was looking for repairs for his car.

Mrs. F. W. Kilmurry was a delegate from the Celia Homemakers club, as well as Mrs. S. V. Johnson to the State Garden club convention at Fremont on November 15. Your correspondent did not know that Mrs. Kilmurry went along when the news was sent in last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beck, of Celia, were guests on November 16 at the Arthur Pacha home south of Atkinson. Also guests

of the Pacha's that day were the Ed Milnar family, the William Morgan, sr., family, and Mrs. Mary Pacha, of Atkinson.

Lex Forsythe, of this community, left for Nogales, Ariz., November 22 by bus. He is taking a vacation trip and will visit his sister, Mrs. Lon Delman, at Nogales. He left at the right time, because it has been biting cold at Celia.

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