

Prairieland Talk—

Custer Gals Study Stockpiles

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LINCOLN—Members of Woman's clubs in Custer county come up with the story of their findings in a canvass of the county to ascertain how hard the citizens' stockpiles of filthy luche were hit by the rainless season of 1956. Of the reports received it was shown that a little more than 13% had less than a thousand dollars left after the expenses of operating farm or business were paid. Some reported a net take for the season of \$2.00.



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Shades of the pioneers of prairieland, who in the long ago on the prairies of Holt or Custer counties saw two thousand dollars in a life time. Drouth of 1956—it was a frightful season compared to those of the 1890's when hot winds burnt the grass roots, fruitless seasonal out of which was born political unrest, the populist party, the likes of Omar M. Kern of Broken Bow, a spellbinder who swept this congressional district of "Republican rubbish" was elected to congress and on his first trip to Washington tipped the chaircar porter with a nickel. It was an age out of which shown Ham Kautzman's Beacon Light through the windows and open door of the First National basement in O'Neill. From the toil worn hands of the pioneer men and women of those days we have as a heritage the fruitful empire of Holt. And down there in our grass robed neighboring empire of Custer they will make a go of it with the season's take from year to year.

After the lapse of 20 years there may be some of them still down there in the Swan precinct. The democratic caucus was held at Art Doolittle's ranch home, but there being a scarcity of the disciples of Andrew Jackson in that grass-robed section of Holt county the ranks of the republicans were invaded to fill out the ticket. A full ticket was the result, as follows: John Kennedy, clerk; A. C. Watson, treasurer; H. L. James, assessor; Will Crandall, justice of the peace; road overseers, Art Doolittle, Will Dierks, and Claud Lierman. Ray Bly had an early morning walk one Sunday back there in 1936—he had left his car in Amelia the day before for repairs and was hoofing it to the steering wheel eight miles away hoping to be picked up by some devout church goer driving into Amelia that morning. Other news items from Southwest Breezes a 1936 issue: Miss Neoma Greenwood returned to her home in Albion, after a visit at the Riley home. Miss Mildred Saunders was spending a few days in O'Neill at the home of her brother. A thousand head of cattle arrived at the McCarthy ranch, south of Inez, from the drouth stricken region of Bell Fource, S. D., and were filling up on good Holt county grass.

Beverly Harvey and Virginia Marshall, two girl students in Hastings college, a Presbyterian educational institution, are there to fit themselves for the ministry. Ladies joining the ranks of the clergy may have been inspired to do so after reading the story of Hebrew prophetess Deborah of the 13th century B. C., as well as the two or three notable American women of modern times who became church leaders.

Editorial—

Your Eyes Tell Life's Span

Your eyes reveal a lot about your heart and your health. In fact, one physician says it is possible to look into the eyes and say with reasonable accuracy how long a person will live. In any case, the visible condition of the blood vessels in the retina of the eye indicates the condition of the hidden blood vessels in your body. So J. D. Ratcliff explains in a December Reader's Digest article, "When the Doctor Tests Your Heart." The retina is a maze of tiny blood vessels. Dr. Banks Anderson of Duke university calls it: "A screen, lustrous, high-lighted and vital in youth; dull and scarred in age. On this screen is projected the pagentry of the body economy." If the retinal blood vessels have thickened and hardened with age, probably the same thing is happening in the arteries of the heart. New diagnostic techniques have taught the physicians that "heart murmur" is not to be dreaded as it was. Once, many a child was put to bed as a heart cripple because the doctor heard such a murmur. Now, researchers have discovered that most children have a murmur of some kind. Often, it is just the sound of blood rushing through a busy—but normal—heart. By means of X-rays, it is possible to look inside the heart itself. Opaque fluids can be passed through the heart chambers, providing a good X-ray silhouette. The electrocardiograph can measure the tiny electrical impulses which make heart muscles contract with every beat. There are many other tests and a long talk with you about your symptoms and past illnesses is an important part of the examination. The Digest article is condensed from Today's Health, a publication of the American Medical association.

Spending for Right Things

There has been a lot of hallyhooing since "sputnik" and those who once were shouting for economy in the matter of defense are now criticizing the administration for making cuts, which have largely been restored. We contend that in spite of the Russian feat of launching a satellite and proving they have intercontinental missiles, there is still room for economy. We say that advisedly. Our future safety is not dependent simply or solely upon the number of dollars we spend, for Russia with her cheap labor will always be able to command the services of labor, both skilled and unskilled, at a cheaper rate than we can. But we can practice economy by cutting our budget for the things that no longer count in the defense program. It is apparent, for example, that long range bombers are going to be supplanted by rocket-powered, unguided missiles. No reason, therefore, why we should continue to spend as much for the air arm as we did when we considered it our principal weapon. And we feel there are many, many other places too where the old weapons are no longer worth saving. We can still economize by spending wisely for THE RIGHT THINGS. For the present, however, the strategic air

I heard them sing yesterday, four Negroes, three young men, one young woman, each neatly dressed and with the bearing and marks of culture. And the Negro voice is unexcelled in song. Maybe one or more of those four lovely singers could trace their ancestry back to lash driven slaves in a cotton field, on back to the days in southern Africa when men and women, fellow human beings, were torn from their tribal heritage, wife from her man, husband from the family, a mother from her child, iron rings placed about their necks and marched in a procession under the command of white overlords to the sea coast, from there to be shipped to a strange land and sold into slavery. From such and out of the hovels of "freed slaves" came the four with their sweet songs that I heard yesterday.

December 1—First Sunday in Advent. Santa Fe trail first travelers in 1822. December 4—The first horse drawn mower patented in 1825. December 7—Delaware, first state to ratify the constitution in 1787. December 10—Capt. John Smith escaped the tommyhawk by Pocahontas, 1607.

A 31-year-old citizen of the Scottsbluff community, out after deer, was found dead in a shallow pool of water—"died of exposure," officially announced. Sugar beet growers down in Dawson county gathered this season a large crop of beets that the American Sugar company of Grand Island has converted into sugar. In Allentown, Pa., where my grandire uttered his first protest as a newborn babe in 1804, a business concern employs a woman to taste the foods in which they deal, one delicious dish being French fried worms. Six teenage guys broke jail at Plattsmouth and made their getaway, only to run into the legal arms of Highway Patrolman Lovegrove out by North Platte where they had stolen a car.

The news reporter up at Celia told us in a recent issue of The Frontier that 14 of the sisters connected with a religious group in that charming community of northern Holt county had congregated to prepare Christmas packages to send to children in Indian schools of South Dakota and to those in an orphanage in a distant state. A thrill may have come to those who read that bit of news from Celia, with the hope that the smile of celestial beings will rest upon those devoted women whose thoughtfulness brings joy to children.

That foot of snow that blanketed the capital city that night of November 18 is slowly turning to water under the glare of today's noonday sun. The mistress of the mansion where I have quarters joined the procession of householders and scooped up a pan of snow to melt and thus have some "soft" water in which to dip dainty things. And the white adornment on bush and treetop soon goes the way taken by "civil defense."

State Sen. Carpenter of the Scotts Bluff district says Nebraska assessors are "incompetent." Felt that way myself when as assessor during my five years sojourn down there I went about assessing ranchers in Wheeler county. One guy met with on my rounds apparently put the assessor in a similar classification—he handed me an onion as I left his door.

It Isn't Worth It

Several close calls have been reported by motorists in the past month and the usual fact is that these close calls have all been so similar. A farmer will pick corn until after sundown and then pull the last load of corn to the farm after dark. If the route from the field to his farm is on a highway he is operating his tractor at a very slow speed on a thoroughfare that is also carrying some high speed traffic—even traffic moving 30 or 40 miles per hour is high speed compared to the rate of a tractor pulling a load of corn. Chances are 100-to-1 the corn loaded wagon does not have lights, so any vehicle coming from behind does not see the wagon until the last moment. It isn't worth it. Life is too short to risk your time on this earth by driving down a highway with an unlighted vehicle at a slow rate of speed. Headlights on your tractor are useless for an auto or truck approaching your corn wagon from the rear.

Editorial Gems

Reed O'Hanlon of the Blair Pilot-Tribune feels there is a fertile field for an imaginative mind in developing little gems of fact for filler copy for newspapers. Some of his samples: An elephant's skin is three inches thick, give or take a couple of inches. Historic last words: President Garfield, upon being shot in the head said "Ouch." The first lace tablecloth was made at Lace, England, which leads to the belief that is how it got its name. People with television sets in their homes play cards more than do nontelevision owners, according to a survey conducted by the Playing Card association.

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When You & I Were Young...
Fawkes, Burshek
Apply for Papers
Wallinger, Stenks
Also in Group

50 Years Ago
Eight applications for naturalization papers are to be heard in December. They are Robert Fawkes of Inez, native of England; John Burshek of Page, native of Austria; John Stenks and John T. Kleiser of Tonic, both natives of Austria; Anton Wallinger of Stuart, Paul Diekau and W. F. Bremer of Atkinson, all natives of Germany; John Minihan of Swan, native of Ireland. Mrs. S. F. McNichols died in Colo., Ia., where she had gone to attend the funeral of her father. S. H. Trussell got his tea mixed up in an unusual manner coming to town. He was driving his horse and when about one mile from town, one of his horses hitched to the tongue of his foot over the single tree of one of the leaders. In trying to get out, he fell down on the opposite side of the wagon tongue with his heels up in the air. His mate fell over him from the other side. By that time, the lead team turned around and fell over the two that were down. The four were piled up together. None was hurt, only a few straps unjoined.

20 Years Ago
Deaths: Leo Bazelman, 37, of O'Neill; Robert V. Ragen, 15, of Stafford; Ben J. Gradt, 48. Holt county has 35 students at the University of Nebraska—O'Neill, 10; Ewing, 6; Inman, 5; Page, 4; Chambers, 3; Atkinson and Emling, 2; Amelia, Dorsey and Stuart each 1. Romaine Saunders was in from the southwest part of the county to attend the funeral of his old time friend, John Addison. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders left for Lincoln to spend the winter.

10 Years Ago
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore received an announcement of the graduation of their son, Donald Clark Moore, from the University of California at Berkeley. He received a doctor's philosophy. At present he is working with the atomic energy commission in the radiation laboratory at Berkeley. Bethany Presbyterian church celebrated its 60 anniversary. Mrs. Charlotte Honeywell, the only living charter member, was honored. H. G. Kruse was made district operating superintendent to take the place of R. L. Bode, who was transferred to Ogalalla.

One Year Ago
Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter of O'Neill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Neighbors of Lloyd Ritts aided him by picking 80 acres of corn. He is troubled with rheumatism. Deaths: Arthur W. Tomlinson, 57, of Inman; Stephen Bausch, 79, of Atkinson; James F. Cody, 87, of Atkinson; Hans Schmidt, wrestling man, appeared in O'Neill against Cowboy Morgan.

Mrs. A. O. Weber
Showered with Cards
PAGE—Mrs. Robert Nissen was assisted by Mesdames Harold Freeman, Robert Gray, Jesse Kelly and Harold Heiss with the afternoon, Nov. 21, when the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service were in session at the Wesleyan room at the Page Methodist church for study and work. Mrs. Kelly presided over the business session. Mrs. Herbert Steinberg reported on the success of the bazaar. Bills connected with the same were allowed. Mrs. A. O. Weber was honored with a card shower on her 83rd birthday anniversary. Nine guests sat at the birthday table in honor of those who had birthday anniversaries during this quarter. Mrs. Ethel Wang and Mrs. Arnold Stewart were hostesses.

Sergeant Keyes
Enroute to Germany—
INMAN—M/Sgt. Cecil Keyes arrived Wednesday, November 20, to spend Thanksgiving with relatives. He has spent the past 18 months at White Sands proving grounds in New Mexico and will be reporting to a special weapons support unit in Germany. Before going to White Sands he had spent 14 months in Germany. His brother, W/O Loren C. Keyes, and his family presently are stationed at Orleans, France. Sergeant Keyes will be taking his car back to Germany—the third crossing for the vehicle.

CENTRAL UNION (O'Neill)
Rev. C. P. Turner, pastor Sunday, December 8: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; preaching service at 11 o'clock; young people's meeting at 7:30 p.m.; preaching service following the young people's meeting.
Wednesday, December 11: Mission study will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernst at 8 o'clock.
Candice Worcester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Worcester, celebrated her seventh birthday anniversary Tuesday with a party.

Turkey Winners!

Winners in the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored turkey distribution here Saturday included:
Noon Drawing
Myrtle Osborn, Gambles; George Kiplinger of Atkinson; O'Neill Production Credit; Milford Coats, DeBolt, D-X Station; Robert Miles, Moore-Noble Lur. Co.; Mrs. Herman Janzing, O'Neill Drug; Mrs. LaVerne Claussen of Atkinson, McIntosh Jewelry; Fred Robertson, Motor Parts, Inc.; Gladys Oxford, Central Finance Corp.; Mary Jirak, Don's Bar; D. F. Murphy, Consumers Public Power; Emil Admason, jr., Town House; Mary Flala, KV-1C; Theresa Ulrich, O'Neill Style Shop; Mrs. Johnnie Graves, Penney's; Mrs. J. H. Davis, Elkhorst Motel; Joe Stracka of Stuart, Dankert's; Mrs. Herman Grothe of Emmet, Holt County Independent; Mrs. William Tiefenthaler of Butte, Shelhamer Oil Co.; Delia Ernst of Amelia, Shelhamer's Jack & Jill; Mike Troshynski, jr., Coyne Hardware; Mrs. Fred Cabert's, M&M Cafe; Mrs. Herman Dimit of Page, Apparel Shop; Mike Grutsch, Spelts-Ray Lbr. Co.; Mrs. Willard Fredrichs of Page, O'Neill Cleaners; Fred Holsclaw, The Frontier; Mrs. Will Grutsch, Gilligan Rexall; Mrs. Ray Dobias of Stuart, First National Bank; Mrs. Laura Wright, Biglin's.

4 P.M. Drawing
Mrs. George Winkler of Emmet, Harry R. Smith Imppls., Lyle J. Carr, Graham's "66"; Mrs. Loyd Brittle, O'Neill Photo Co.; Mrs. George Nelson, Tom-Tom Cafe; Mrs. A. L. Eymann, Farr's Produce; Mrs. Edward J. Donohoe, Standard Service; Ethel Downing, Petrow's; William O'Connor, Lee Store; Bertha Hayden of Long Pine; Adler Sewing Center; Mrs. J. T. Earley, sr., Bridge's Mobil Service; Mrs. Lewis Coker, Johnson Jewelry; Mrs. T. D. Hutton of Inman, Murray Liquor Store; Sharon Crumly of Page, Julius D. Cronin; Mrs. Lloyd Gibson, Harry Petersen; Walter H. Rouse, Patton's Ben Franklin; Mrs. Hugo Holz, Fourth Street Market; Margaret Boler, Dick's Bar; Mrs. Max Jeffers, Dr. E. M. Gleason; Jerry Halva, Dr. L. R. Sutcliffe; Bob Davidson, Ed Thorin Agency; Mrs. Richard Hovey, O'Neill National Bank; Tess Protivinsky, William Krotter Co.; Mrs. Eva Backhaus, Osborne's Shoes; Harlan Saltz of Page, Johnson Drug; Lynn Haynes, Helen's Flower & Gift Shop; Ralph Young, Morgan Ward; Mrs. Victor Johnson, Dr. C. M. Eason; Mrs. Emma Fleming, Montgomery Hardware.

4 Holt Youths
Make All-State
Four Holt county prep athletes landed berths on mythical all state teams selected by metropolitan newspapers.

CLASS C (11-Man)
Don Schumaderer of Stuart, back, Omaha World-Herald first team; back, Lincoln Journal-Star, third team.
Duane Humphrey of Atkinson, end, Omaha World-Herald first team; end, Lincoln Journal-Star, second team.
EIGHT-MAN
Bruce Weier of O'Neill St. Mary's, center, choice on Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal-Star.
SIX-MAN
Bob Klabenos of Chambers, center, Lincoln Journal.
Schumaderer, Humphrey and Weier were unanimous selections

on The Frontier's mythical all-Holt team announced last week. Klabenos was honorable mention on the all-Holt, runnerup to Weier, who nailed down the center berth.
CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)
Rex James, Evangelist Sunday, December 8: Bible school, 10 a.m.; communion and preaching, 11 a.m.; youth meeting, 7 p.m.; evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11: Bible study and prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Visit Stanton Home—
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stanton and family of Sioux Falls, S. D., spent from Wednesday, November 27, until Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moore spent Thanksgiving in Omaha with Mrs. H. G. Mangan and family.

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