Prairieland Talk-

Used to Be Called 'Hard Times'

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LINCOLN-How's your recession? Back in the times". The Frontier, Biglins, the O'Neill Nation-. The public must have the news, so this newspaper

goes on forever; there are forever dead to be buried, so Biglins keep at it; there may be others like the late Cliff Davis who had a twenty spot in the bank and looked up every time he passed that way to see if the bank was still there; Ed Kelly of the First National cashed the first check I ever received and gave me a sour look and calling down for not putting my youthful name on the back of that check; but I falteringly

explained that I could not write it because I had no pencil. Believe if it had been a guy like Edward Mann Gallagher or Ed Campbell he would have handed out that five with a smile without that check being endorsed. I got my last ten from the O'Neill National a hot day in dust blown 1894 summer and took off for Sioux City, came back next spring with pockets stuffed with gold and silver coins, long since melted away.

. . .

A recent issue of The Frontier gave the readers the story of another native of the commuhity who has achieved success and a post of prominence in professional life. Nadene Coyne, an O'-Neill girl now a doctor on the staff of a hospital of an eastern city, recently appeared before a notable gathering of doctors in Montreal, Canada, and addressed the assembled group of doctors. Among the fathers and mothers in O'Neill or who had formerly lived there and who take pride in the achievements of their sons and daughters is the household of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coyne. Dad Hugh has built up a large business from nothing much to start with and Doctor Nadene's mother made a home for her husband and daughters that reflects the devotion of wife and mother as others have in the O'Neill community.

Westward rolls your car over the highway. Turn in and stop at west Holt county's first settlement where John Wertz started the Stuart Ledger to promote in convincing and scholarly bits of editorial gems the interests of that community, and where some years later Billy Davis started another paper to promote the interests of a political group at the county seat. But tarry not over long in the charming village with the hospitable citizens of Stuart. Head south and roll leisurely down Green Valley, a charming region robed in summer green along the western limits of the prairieland empire we call Holt. Of the many beauty spots on farflung prairieland Green Valley is one of the most delightful. Nature going that way spread the green robed landscape all along and floated down Green Valley to sing a love song!

The bright blue of the summer skies, flow-1890's we had it neck deep, only then it was "hard ers and birds, growing things and grass robed lands where are seen this beef state's herds. May al and First National banks are the only survivors we take to the open where wildings roam far out in the community that were doing business "at the and away from the haunts men call home. Stroll Overature, the orchestra; vocal old stand" in those tough times and still are here. near the brink of stream and lake and begrudge not trio, at all the time you take, for life in the open, the ses Meredith, Craig and Roberts: green beneath and the blue above counts not the oration, "Crossing the Rubicon" moments as they pass when amidst the scenes we love. No more by the brink of lake and stream stands a stalwart figure with moccasined feet, but

> As this is being typed out that young killer, Grosvendor; valedictory, Miss Starkweather, awaits his end in death row at the state prison. Wherein did the homelife of that boy Wadsworth, president of Belleas he grew to young manhood, or his contact with society of which you and I are personal elements, Night", high school orchestra so shape the inner emotions of that lad that in this After these exercises, the 11th civilized day on prairieland he must go to the grade tendered a banquet to the death chair as a confessed and convicted murder. graduates at the K. C. club spending a leave with his par-Could you shed a tear over his lifeless form straight- rooms. . . Bob Starr is manager Could you shed a tear over his lifeless form straight-ened for the grave. No. But a prayer that your son will shun the evil ways that lead to destruction of Mrs. P. H. McNichols, died and ever climb the ladder of life that leads to at the McNichols home two miles and Vicki visited with Mrs. Reworthy achievement. west of town. . .

> Just over the way at the next human abode a group of little girls have taken over the back yard gloom and their voices are heard philosophying on life's ups and downs-the joyous shouts of child- Breezes": "Judge Roberts was Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller spent hood turned to the groans of advancing age.

Election Will Bob Up Soon

With the sun bearing down from a clear blue sky most people are probably not giving much thought today to November.

But that month this year will be quite a bit more than just another time for a change of sea- perance. sons. The days will be getting shorter then, to be sure, and the leaves will be showing their last touch of green.

the state will be going to the polls for an import- caught the finger of the judge ant election.

There will be voting on house and senate offices, the governor, state legislature, all other state less, forgetting the remainder of offices and some county offices.

And by the time election rolls around, even tion, humiliation and distress, more issues might find their way to the voting dove for an open door. That booths

Editorial-

A note last week from the author of Prairieland Talk advised that he would not be making his widow of a pioneer O'Neill merannual pilgrimmage to O'Neill memorial day; in-two week period 7.20 inches of stead would be traveling the highways during the rain fell. . . Dale Kersenbrock, weekend headed for Indiana for a "tribal gather- Jack Harty and Homer Mullen

When You & I Were Young . . . Family Gathering at Fremont Mrs. Pat Sullivan accompanied her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Jansen, to Fremont Friday where Mrs. Sul-**Top OHS Scholar** livan joined her family for a get-

brother-in-law and sister, Mr. Judge Roberts' Stiff and Mrs. James Morrow. **Finger Noted**

50 Years Ago

Goldie Martin Is

The program of O'Neill high school graduation consisted of: "Summer Sun Shine". Mis-Fred F. Finch; oration, "Amer-

"Bedouin Love Song", D. V. Goldie Martin; address and presentation of diplomas, Guy vue college; chorus, "Good

becca Butterfield in

20 Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson Mrs. Frank Oberle and her Wyn and Larry, Mrs. Ewalt Milwhere they romp and play, childish laughter and niece, Miss Beatrice Oberle, es- ler and Mrs. Hattie Boelter athappy shouts. Night comes on and the joyous car picked up a spike and caused picnic at the Venus Lutheran shouts of children are stilled. Father and mother a blowout. The car turned com- church last Thursday. Wyn and and grandfather sit out there in the gathering pletely over twice. . . Romaine Larry were among those students Saunders writes in "Southwest attending school there.

> a character of an earlier day in Friday with relatives at Gregory, O'Neill. Those remembering him S.D. will recall he was unable to bend

> Mrs. Melvin Kurtz of California the first finger of his right hand. is visiting her mother, Mrs. Awalt That stiff finger is the occasion for writing this paragraph. At the community. Spangler, and other relatives in a social function one night at the

Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Miller, Mr McClure home I had been honand Mrs. Robert Miller and Harored with a place on the program. My number was a selec- old, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller and family, Mrs. Hulda Miller and tion pointing to the evil of intem-Dora, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Judge Roberts was Jonhson and family, Mr. and among the guests and if there Mrs. Walter Johnson and family was anything that interested the were among the guests observing judge, it was such a subject. In dramatic cadency I was reeling the silver wedding anniversary of dramatic upon line when my even Mr. and Mrs. George Mott, jr., at But on November 4 the good people of off line upon line when my eye Mr. and Mrs. George Mott, jr., at Verdigre. Mrs. Mott is the former Laura Miller, daughter of Mrs sitting directly in front and that Hulda Miller and the late E. A stiff finger aimed straight at me. Miller. Instantly I was struck speach-

Mr. and Mrs. James Carney of the story and in utter mortifica-Burwell divided the memorial weekend between relatives and finger, pointing in steady aim, friends at Bassett and O'Neill. haunted me thru a sleepless

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Origin of Star Carriers Retold

to-gether at the home of her Veteran Officers Are Reelected

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morrow and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sullivan and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Nearly one hundred persons McGill, all of Omaha; Mr. and of-state visitors Sunday attended Mrs. Henry Barrett and family of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs. Pat Barrett and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Route Mail Carriers association. The sessions were held at the Broveleit, all of Sioux Falls, S. Golden Hotel.

Veteran officers were reelected: S. Mullen; piano solo, "Murmur-Mr. and Mr. S. Sansen and ram-ily went on to Omaha with the Miller Adkisson of Lincoln ever McGills and spent the weekend ident: Eslie Sparks of Newport McGills and spent the weekend ident; Eslie Sparks of Newport, with them. Enroute home they vice-president; Loren Hatfield of reunited with Mrs. Sullivan at Broken Bow, secretary-treasurer. The trio was chosen as delegat-

es to the national convention and Broken Bow was selected for the 1959 meeting. The group heard remarks from longer. Carl N. Christensen of Wichita, The

Kans., postal transportation officer in the three-state (Olklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska) postal district. Christensen rode Chicago & North Western train 13 to O'Neill ler, and his brothers, Harold and and said the postal department is

C&NW trains 13 and 14. Membership in the branch dur- He now resides in Omaha.

ing 1956 was 171 and the 1957, ASSEMBLY OF GOD (O'Neill) membership totaled 165, Hatfield reported. The organization's new

Rev. Robert A. Paul, pastor Sunday, June 8: Sunday-school, year began with election of offi- 10 a.m., classes for all ages; worship, 11 a.m., children's day Christensen clarified some new services; junior church, 7 p.m.;

the afternoon. Children ages 4

and Mrs. W. W. Waller.

Mrs. William Bowker and fam-

ily of Omaha were Tuesday

Alice's Beauty Shop

guests of Mrs. Louis Reimer, jr.

postal regulations for the star junior C.A.'s, 7 p.m.; Christ am-carriers (many of whom are wo-bassadors, 7 p.m.; evangelistic men). Raymond Eby, president services, 8 p.m.

of the Chamber of Comerce here, June 9-13 will be the dates of daily vacation Bible school. Vawelcomed the group. Christensen said the star routes cation Bible school will begin coming from all sections of the were originally intended to supply at 9 each morning, and at 1 in

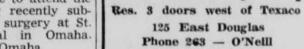
state and including several out- mail through contract carriers to towns left "inland" when passen- through 15 are invited. the annual meeting of the Nebras- ger-mail-express trains were withka branch of the National Star drawn.

Memorial day guests of Mr Gradually the star carriers be- and Mrs. Dermot J. Erington and gan servicing on route box patfamily were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erington, sr., and Alvin Mach, all of Burwell.

Chief problem facing the convention was increasing membership. There are two hundred star Gary Waller arrived home contractors in the state from Wayne college Wednesday, May 28. He is the son of Mr.

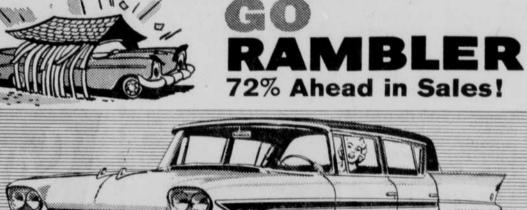
Adisson has been a carrier 30 years and is now in his 11th year as branch president. Hatfield and Sparks have held their posts

The national assocation was founded at O'Neill 25 years ago by E. J. Velder, who later moved from here to Bonesteel, S. D. Velder was unable to attend the



convention, having recently subwatching closely the court fate of mitted to major surgery at St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha.

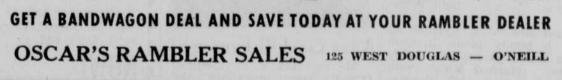
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One Year Ago

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night.



Ft. Eustis, Va., by car after ents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mil-

Melvin. Mr. and Mrs. Nels Linquist Orchard

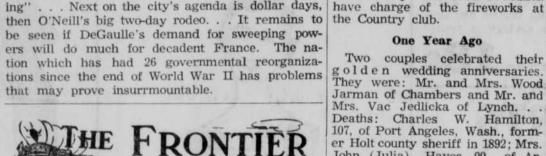
one day last week.

Star News Earl Miller left last week for



Peon-a Mexican who toils in the fields with his hands. Add just one letter, "y", and you have peony, the most lovely and the largest of the early summer floral display. But a few steps from my door a peony bush hangs heavy today with white and pink and a touch of red full blooming flowers. On Memorial day when we place the floral tribute at the resting place of our dead the peony is the choicest of them all. It has been said that the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world. The Hand that formed the peony, the rose, the goldenrod, is the Hand that guards forever the bivouac of our dead.

We are told that the representatives of the State Game and Fish setup "caught" 100 tons of fish on their recent fishing trip to Swan lake down in southwest Holt. Don't know how they did it. I have stood at that lake for a half day, cast in and didn't get a bite. But at a smaller lake down in Swan precinct I caught the game fish one day as fast as they could be hauled out, until the guy with me upset our canoe and dumped us out in the chilly depths of Long Lake.



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er Holt county sheriff in 1892; Mrs. John (Julia) Hayes, 90, of Ar-lington, Calif., a former resident of O'Neill and mother of Mrs. H. D. Grady and Mrs. H. J. Harte, both of O'Neill; Albert Babut-zke, 89, of O'Neill. . . First Presebrated its 75th anniversary.

Joe McLeash Is 10-Joe McLeish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McLeish, celebrated his



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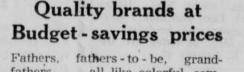
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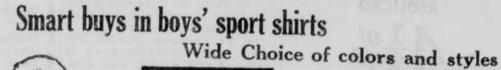


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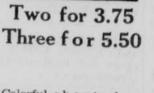












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