

Prairieland Talk—

Treasured Memories in Hometown

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LINCOLN—An interesting letter has been received from Lucile Cress Hull, a daughter of the Cress family of other days in O'Neill. Lucile with two daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pfund make their home in Galt, Calif., a grape and other fruit growing region.

She says in that community may be seen the old "diggins" where the '49-ers hunted for gold.

Lucile treasures memories of her girlhood years in O'Neill and between the lines we see a longing to walk again our streets. While still living, Billy McNichols visited Lucile and they walked again in memory from the North Western depot to St. Patrick's Catholic church, from the courthouse to the Burlington depot, and all those then there in business, or rather back in Lucile's and Billy's days, were in the picture. They talked and visited until 3 o'clock in the morning.

Maybe thinking to better themselves, men and women go to far away places to make their homes. The home they have left behind, the associates, those they had known, the experiences and the old house that was home are forever treasured memories.

Well, Lucile and you daughters of Jake Pfund, I reach a hand across prairieland, mountains and deserts and give you a handshake, if not a kiss.

I have been invited to come to O'Neill and get in on the cheer, the handshakes and the prairieland bounties when another old settlers' picnic comes up August 25, and the invitation mentions it as the "guest-of-honor." What could be more gratifying than a gathering of this kind, to grasp a friendly hand, to look into the eyes of those we had once known, now long parted, to mingle with and talk to Jim and Joe and Mary and Kate, to feel the throb of human fellowship once more? If nothing prevents Prairieland Talker will take off for O'Neill to get in on the pleasure of this picnic date.

Recession—what does it mean? Mostly talk and printed fiction. I walked the busy streets of downtown Lincoln today, people everywhere in stores buying and bartering, crowds on the go along the streets, huge trucks, automobiles in endless streams rushing along. City buses loaded as usual with housewives arms full of bundles just purchased at some big store, public eating places where scores straddle a stool and stow away the grub. Recession—nothing to it!

Some wit comes up with this one: Foreign country—A place where the people tell us Americans to go home and leave them a loan.

The editor or some functionary at The Frontier through whose hands Prairieland Talk goes may think the compiler of this department needs correcting at times. By adding a two-letter word these masters of the queen's English had it that I stood "up" by the grave of a departed friend. I had not been lying down nor sitting down, but with another walked to and stood by the open tomb. Adding that word of two letters interrupts the literary trend of the line.

Editorial—

Family Doctor Shares Joy, Sorrow

Death last week claimed Dr. Oscar W. French, 66, who was closely identified with the health and well-being of hundreds of families for 35 years. He was virtually a lifelong Holt countyman. The only period in which he was out of the county was that time spent in preparing for his profession of physician and surgeon.

His first practice was at Ewing. From 1922 until 1938 he practiced at Page. Thereafter and until a crippling stroke suffered Thanksgiving day, 1955, he practiced at O'Neill.

Death of a family doctor is unlike the passing of other neighbors. A family doctor shares the intimacies, heartbreaks and troubles of a family. He shares in the joy of birth and the tragedy of death. A family doctor observes life in an analytical sense. He is confronted day-after-day with prolonging of life on one hand and, on the other, the inexorable visitation of death.

The church overflowing with people who came to pay final respects at the funeral hour bespoke the esteem in which Doctor French was held in the hearts and minds of many.

Doctor French was the victim of a severe stroke suffered that hallowed day in 1955. He clung tenaciously to life for months in the hospital here, finally went to his home, only to be faced again with extensive hospitalization in another city.

His death announcement came almost simultaneously with news that younger medical talent was coming to O'Neill. While there was no correlation, The Frontier takes occasion to note the ironic timing.

Although inactive and an invalid for 2½ years, Doctor French was regarded as the family physician in absentia for many until his death came.

Think for yourself and act upon your judgment, whatever results will be what you deserve.

Children already have too many advantages. For instance, they don't have to raise children.

Perverved Vandalism

There is a new candidate for the title of the meanest man in town. Vandalism has been noted at the O'Neill cemeteries. At one grave, which has been visited several times a month during the growing season by the bereaved, repeated placements of geraniums and other potted plants have been molested later by vandals.

There have been other reports for willful damage. This type of vandalism strikes us as the work for a perverted mind.

How any human could salvage any good from a living plant stolen from the grave of a departed person is more than we can understand.

One of these days we will know the truth, in the meantime, we must grope with it best we can.

The Great Nautilus

(Lincoln Star) When the atomic powered submarine Nautilus cruised comfortably under the ice fields of the Ar-

The sun this sweltering August day glows out of a clear blue sky moving across green robed prairieland to usher in the calm twilight hours. As I passed along a residential street in homes along the way contraptions to beat the heat were roaring away, but none in those homes invite the sweating passerby in to cool his fevered brow. But well it may be so; the passerby is soon at a mart of trade where refrigeration reduces the hot August day to November's chilly breath. Rains and sunshine across prairieland have robbed the landscape in charming velvet green and laid in our lap the abundance from field and garden, orchard and farflung grasslands.

It was in August, 1900.—Con Keys had "900 sacks of good flour" he wanted to trade for money. . . Merrimans furnished beds as well as meals that year. . . Mrs. R. H. Mills visited friends in Meadow Grove. . . Lucile Meredith was spending a few days in Atkinson. . . Miss Tillie Mullen returned from try of Lincoln. . . Mrs. Az Perry of Atkinson was in O'Neill visiting Mrs. McCarthy. . . A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mullen on August 1 that year. . . Several members of the Methodist church of O'Neill were attending the Neligh district camp meeting at Oakdale.

Nellie Cronin, a sister of Dan Cronin, onetime county treasurer of Holt county, and Bill Cronin, one of the posse that captured the cowboy who shot Sheriff Barney Kearns, as a girl sat on a stool in the basement of the O'Neill National Bank building and set type for C. C. McHugh, publisher of the O'Neill Sun. Nellie later became the wife of Den Hunt, now Den's widow. She is enjoying a visit at her home in Lincoln from her daughter and granddaughter from Buffalo, N. Y. Some left in the O'Neill community who remember the Hunt and Cronin families. Mrs. Hunt has traveled life's highway for four score years and enjoys good health.

August 1, 1819—Herman Melville, author of "Moby Dick", born. August 3, 1857, first express office opened in Omaha. August 7, 1789, U. S. assumed control of all lighthouses. August 12, 1898, Hawaii became a U. S. territory. August 18, 1807, gas lamps introduced in London. August 18, 1857, Virginia Dare, first child of English parents born in America. August 31, 1847, Illinois adopted its state constitution.

The publisher and editor of the Albion News, Jack Lough, will add another star to his crown by publishing two weekly papers for Boone county citizens, one to appear on the Albion scene on Mondays, the other on Thursdays, the day about all Nebraska weekly papers float out from the press. The Fremont Tribune when Ross Hammond was editor came out three times a week. They are going to try it down at Albion twice a week.

Letter postage increased a third, the postal boys thinking to rake in more money. You write a friend once a month. Write now every three months. That'll fix 'em down there in D. C. Local, state and federal taxes—now a boost in the cost of mailing to my sons and daughters who are anchored in distant places.

When You & I Were Young . . . Townspeople Want Good, Fast Team Club to Be Fielded for Two Months

The city levy is gradually decreasing, which is a pleasing bit of information to the taxpayers. From a levy of 52 mills a few years ago it is now down to 35 mills. . . J. F. O'Donnell and D. H. Cronin canvassed the town to ascertain if sport lovers would support a good, fast ball team for August and September. They found many interested persons. A board of directors was chosen and the first game will be Sunday. . . Judge Malone issued a marriage license to John E. Lesline of Persin, Ia., and Alice May Norton of Stuart. . . Mabel and Jessie Keeler went to Anear to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Carr. They brought home several quarts of buffalo berries.

Margery and Bob Rees of Amelia and Dale Curran and Donald Vequist of O'Neill attended the third annual wildlife conservation camp at Seward. . . The winner of the first caddie golf tournament at the O'Neill Country club was Bill Biglin. . . O'Neill has been granted \$50,000 through WPA for street and sewer work. . . The Misses Jane Mains, Betty Biglin, Jean McCarthy and Ethel Tasler entertained at a picnic in honor of Mona Melvin, Mary Jeanne Hammond and Kathleen Kelley.

John McHugh of Chappaqua, N.Y., a former O'Neill banker, who later became president of the Chase National bank in New York, died. . . Other deaths: Pat H. Keys, 47, a lifelong resident of Holt county; Grace Olive Sundell, 45; Ceril Johnson of Monowi. . . Betty Schaefer was the Sunday queen. . . Kathleen Flood is the soloist at the band concert.

Miss Sandra Davis was chosen hay d a y s queen. . . Deaths: Sharon Kaup, 16, of Atkinson; Nick Schwindt of O'Neill; Mike Tomjack, 84, of Ewing. . . Lightning killed three head of range cattle at the Merrill Anderson place at Redbird. . . The Lions club erected a hospital sign on Douglas street. The letters are in a large arrow pointing in the direction of the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin J. and Agnes Mae Malena of Amelia have reserved the prefix "Ranch Floralane" for the use in naming their purebred Guernsey cattle, according to the American Guernsey Cattle club. This was announced Wednesday by the club's headquarters in Peterborough, N.H.

Guernsey Herd Acquires Prefix

This new prefix has been placed on file with the club and from now on Mr. and Mrs. Malena will have exclusive use of it. In fact, "Ranch Floralane" will be their trademark in the Guernsey world. The American Guernsey Cattle club is a non-profit agricultural registry organization serving some 40,000 purebred Guernsey breeders from coast-to-coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jonas returned Sunday from Van Nuys, and Venice, Calif., where they spent a month visiting relatives. Mrs. Jonas returned Monday to her work at the Lee store.

ROYAL THEATRE O'NEILL

Thurs. Aug. 14 DAMN CITIZEN Starring Keith Andes, Maggie Hayes, Gene Evans, Lynn Bari, Jeffrey Stone, Ann Robinson. "Give 'em dames, dope and dice and they'll play ball!" Shocked millions who read about it in the Reader's Digest, American Weekly, Colliers and others, you can see the true story of Louisiana, one of the most vice-ridden states in the union. . . and of the "damn citizens" who had the guts to buck and break it's corrupt machine.

Fri.-Sat. Aug. 15-16 Paramount presents Cornel Wilde, Jean Wallace. MARACAIBO Technicolor, Vista Vision. Co-starring Abbe Lane, Francis Lederer and Michael Landon, with Joe E. Ross. Just a drumbeat away from the savagery of the jungles. . . a billion dollar lake of oil explodes into flame. One man struggles to stem the blaze far below the flaming surface of Lake Maracaibo!

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Lew Fine . . . emcee and comedian.

Atkinson Set for 1958 Hay Days Appaloosa, Parade, Free Beef

ATKINSON—The 1958 hay days program will feature Nebraska's first invitational all-Appaloosa horse show, a children's pet parade, free beef barbecue, hay queen coronation and a show time revue. The 18th annual celebration in this hay country capital will be a one-day affair—Tuesday, August 19. It'll be an all-day program, starting early and ending late.

The affair is under the sponsorship of the Atkinson Chamber of Commerce and the Elkhorn Valley Quarter Horse association.

The all-Appaloosa horse show and parade will involve \$1,600 in cash prizes to the breed's finest horses. This ancient breed will perform at halter and in performance classes. Halter classes start at 9 a.m. at the Atkinson Livestock Market parking lot.

The children's parade will move up Main street at 11 a.m. Families and groups attending the celebration are urged to bring picnic lunches at noon. Free coffee will be served in the park. Starting at 1 p.m. at the grandstand in the park there will be Appaloosa performances.

The free barbecue will take place between 5 and 7 o'clock at the park. "All you can eat and free coffee," that's the offering. Beef will be brought in from Charley W. Peterson's Lazy F ranch and barbecued in a hickory pit. The coronation pageant and show time revue will begin at 8 p.m., under the lights. Hay queen candidates are Charlotte Berry, Marlene Beck, Clara Thurlow, Jean Koeller, Mary Ann Siebert, Karen Kaup, Donna Humphrey and Mary Schauf.

Lew Fine will be master of ceremonies and comedian at the pageant and coronation. Preston Love orchestra will be featured, also Jean Hamilton, Tommy and his girls. Winnie Winston will be top vocalist.

The coronation ball at the Crystal ballroom will climax the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weier and family spent from Tuesday August 5, until Friday in the Black Hills. They witnessed the passion play.

Try Frontier want ads if you wish to buy or sell!

Celia News

Mr. and Mrs. Wess Foote of California, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shattuck of Bristol and Mrs. Omer Poynts of Stuart visited at the Mark Hendricks home Saturday, August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks and family called at the Connie Frickel home Sunday evening, August 3. Mr. and Mrs. Vic Frickel, Glen and Gerald spent Thursday and Friday on business at Norfolk and Omaha.

George Woolstrum of Ansley returned on furlough from the army Sunday. He spent Thursday and Friday at the Mark Hendricks home.

Mrs. Bert Freeman and two sons of Anselmo called at the Merrill Anersson home Saturday evening, August 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hendricks and sons, Mark and Greg, arrived at the Mark Hendricks home Sunday, August 3, to spend two weeks with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks and family called at the Mark Hendricks home Friday, August 8. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chaffin and family called at the Merrill Anderson home Monday evening, August 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks and family spent Friday, August 8, working at the Wesleyan Methodist conference camp grounds six miles east of Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Anderson called at the Merrill Anderson home at O'Neill Saturday, August 2.

Mrs. Vic Frickel went to Valentine Wednesday, August 6, to get two of her sons, David and Glen, who have been visiting with their aunt, Mrs. Jerry Henderson.

Dorothy Marshall of Stuart spent Thursday through Sunday with Edith and Linda Chaffin.

Markita Hendricks spent Sunday, August 3, with Vivian Thurlow.

Clifford Peppers of Omaha, arrived at the George Mintle home Friday, August 8, to spend a week with them.

Mrs. Fern Morsett and son, Charley, of Royal, Miss Mary Jane Napier of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Napier of Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. Sicheneder, and Mrs. Lorraine Zahridneck and daughter were dinner guests at the John Sicheneder home Sunday, August 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Poynts and Mrs. Mark Hendricks attended the wedding of Terrance Wilson in Sioux City, August 9. Mr. and Mrs. Omer Poynts live on the Wilson ranch and work for Terry and his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Thilo Poesneck and family called at the Hans Lauridsen home Sunday evening, August 3.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mintle, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen and family, Jim Lauridsen, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller attended a picnic dinner at the home of Duane

Mintle in honor of the birthday anniversaries of George Mintle and Bob Lauridsen.

Mrs. and Mrs. John Schwindt and Bonita Schwindt called at the Hans Lauridsen home Monday evening.

Mark Hendricks, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hendricks of Manhattan, Kans., visited at the Joe Hendricks home Saturday morning, August 9.

Mrs. Bill Obermire and sons, Gary and Ricky, called at the Hans Lauridsen home Tuesday, August 5. Gary and Ricky stayed for dinner with Leroy Lauridsen.

Mrs. Hans Lauridsen and son, Leroy and Rodney Osborn, visited with Mrs. Francis Wabs Wednesday afternoon, August 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hendricks and sons, Mark and Greg, called at the Paul Nelson home Friday evening, August 8.

Jim Lauridsen, Bob and Leroy were dinner guests at the George Mintle home Wednesday, August 6. Hans and Bobby Lauridsen spent Wednesday afternoon, August 6, in Butte, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks and Arlin, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hendricks and sons called at the Connie Frickel home Sunday evening, August 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Smith and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kline visited at the Mark Hendricks home Friday, August 8. Mrs. Kline and Mrs. Hendricks were classmates in Atkinson high school.

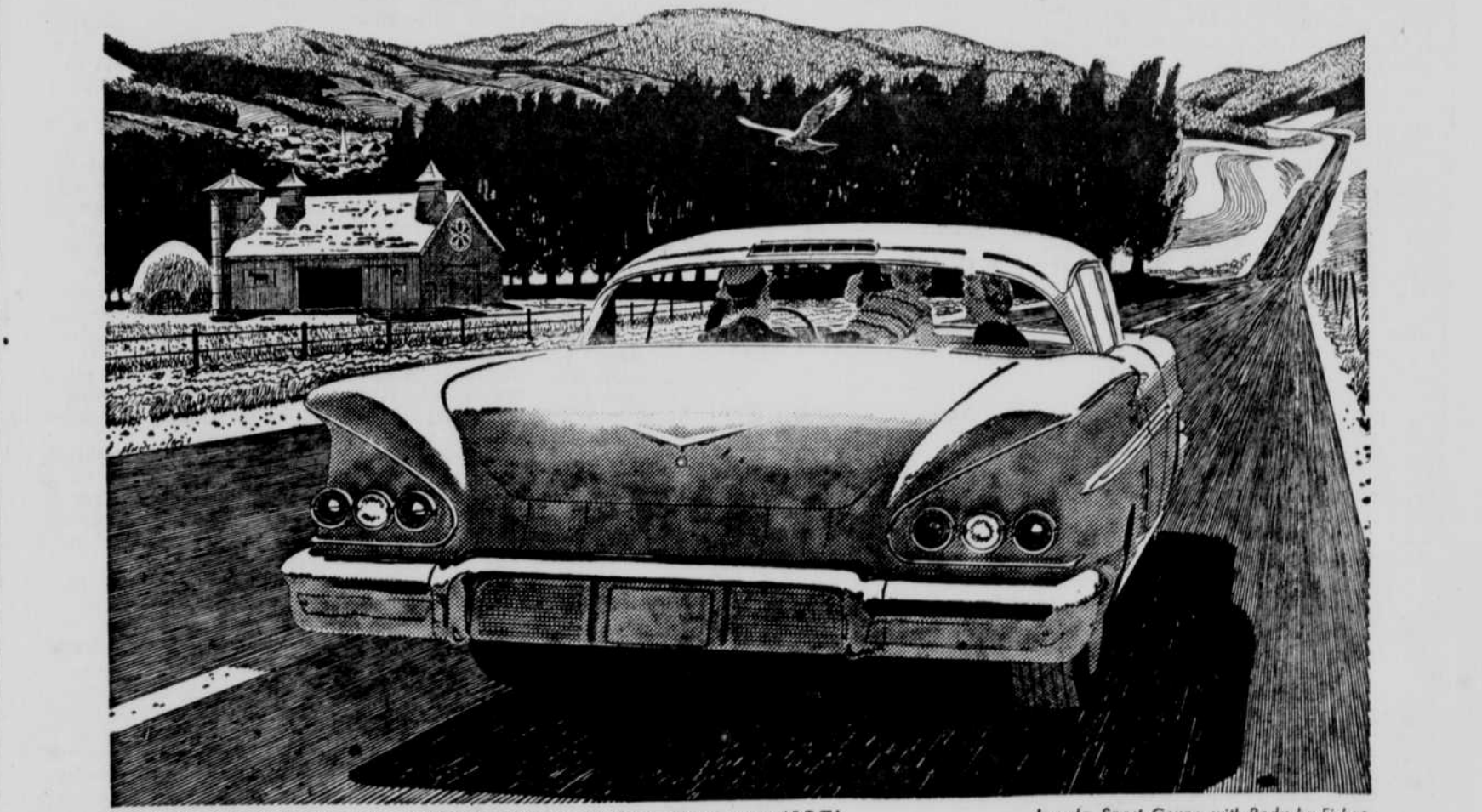
Mrs. Mabel Hammerberg and relatives visited with Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Anderson Monday afternoon, August 4.

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