

Prairieland Talk—

This Generation Carries On

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LINCOLN — Our Capital City has reached the venerable age of one hundred years. A century has laid upon the lap of time the achievements of our forefathers on the prairies of Nebraska.

A hundred years ago a little village took shape along the borders of Salt creek and has grown to become a city of two-hundred-thousand inhabitants. Wild Bill, Buffalo Bill, Calamity Jane — notables of the pioneer years on our great stretch of prairieland known as Nebraska. These three just listed did nothing but roughneck stuff unworthy of a place in memory's treasured store. Others left a name to adorn the scroll of history of our state. And O'Neill and Holt county citizens left behind a heritage to inspire others to carry on: Neil Brennan, John McCafferty, Doc Mathews, Barney Welton, John Mann, Mike Harrington, R. R. Dickson, B. S. Gillespie to name a few.



SAUNDERS

He was a homesteader on the prairies of Holt county, Jim Shannon, and contributed much to the agricultural development of his community; as other homesteaders and their life companions did establishing homes on our grass-robed prairies. The pioneers are gone, the hands that layed the beginning of things at our Capital City have long been at rest. This generation carries on until it, too, passes away.

You can rip the partisan planks of a political opponent to splinters and then meet him and smile and say, "Hello, Jim!" Try it on his religion and you'll be burned at the stake!

I first saw that couple a dozen years ago, arm-in-arm, heads held high and stride erect headed east on Douglas st. That was Cal and Peggy Stewart, but recently arrived in O'Neill and but recently been united by the sacred ties of husband and wife. Brought face-to-face in distant lands, they heard the rumble and grumble and roar of guns. Cal went overseas as a private and came back a captain. Peggy, whose maiden name was O'Mara, a native of New Jersey, left a kindergarten classroom to become an overseas club worker with the American Red Cross. They married after the war in Peggy's hometown. And if out of World War II nothing else resulted, it gave the world one more devoted husband and wife who were to establish home out here on prairieland and have children—Mrs. Stewart from an Eastern state, Editor Cal homegrown (Cedar county). Under Mr. Stewart's management The Frontier has attained to the top place in newspaper circles, the printing plant greatly im-

proved and enlarged and his paper widely read and emulated. The Stewarts have a pleasant home that once belonged to the late Dr. J. P. Gilligan and in later years to the W. H. Harty family. They live in the northern section of the city and are esteemed citizens. We trust they will remain here. But Cal no doubt will want to get his fingers in printer's ink some where again.

The Niobrara, the Elkhorn, the North and Middle Loups, the Platte, the Blue and Republican rivers — flowing crystal streams across Nebraska, washing away no settlements and leaving none homeless along the way. For the streams flowing across prairieland we all feel grateful. And we look to the East in sympathy for the many thousands left homeless by overwhelming flood waters. No doubt but the people of the great states of Ohio and Pennsylvania have arisen to the demand of the hour among them and have provided shelter for the families whose homes were washed away.

A milk "processing" plant to come to town. Cows on verdant prairieland know how to make milk that satisfies those who use it as it comes fresh from the bovines—unspoiled by man's processing ideas. Pass the milk!

The first day of February is also the first day of the week. Some of the things of historical interest that came in the month of February, as follows: February 1, 1862—"Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Julia Ward Howe first published; February 4, 1887—Interstate commerce commission established; February 6, 1929—U.S. Canal Zone air mail started; February 8, 1857—Mary Queen of Scots beheaded; February 12, 1827—Abraham Lincoln born; February 21, 1842—Postal law enacted by congress; February 22, 1732—George Washington born at parental home in Westmoreland county, Va.; February 27, 1807—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow born.

To the request for a rehearing in the Starkweather death decree the state supreme court says No! Charles will be escorted to the death chair a day in March, his own life stained with crime at an end, be laid away in the abode of the dead where the 11 victims of his blood-stained hands lie. Starkweather's associate in crime will stay behind prison walls down at York and not taken to county court in Lincoln to have the robe of guardian placed upon her.

The late Democratic landslide swept him from the school house in a small out-state town to the gorgeous governor's mansion in our Capital City. School teacher, politician, chief executive of our prairieland state, maybe an architect and builder or \$200,000 home for governors is not good enough for him. Maybe that Sod House club over at Omaha will come over to Lincoln and erect a sod shanty for our new governor.

Andy Clark Offers Fresh Cow For Sale

O'Neill Archers Down Norfolk Team

50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt went to Omaha where Mrs. Hunt will receive medical attention. Another couple, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hanley, and son, George, returned from Omaha, where George received medical attention. George is fully recovered. And Mrs. J. J. Thomas, who has been seriously ill for the past month took a turn for the better and it is hoped that crisis is past. There are prospects of another mail route being established out of O'Neill. The route would take in the country east, northeast and south-east of town. In other words, from the vicinity of Sam Wolfe's north of the Michigan settlement. Married: Miss Corene Weyeneth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Weyeneth of Danbury, and Clyde C. Mather, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mather of O'Neill. . . . Andy Clark advertised a fresh cow for sale on the front page of The Frontier.

20 Years Ago

The O'Neill archery team defeated Norfolk. The team consists of Jack Davidson, Fritz Gunn, Orville Green, Al Gaskill, Vic Breidenhoff and Clarence Selah. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gren-

ier, of northeast of O'Neill, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have lived in Holt county for 27 years and came here from Lyons. They are the parents of 12 children, who with their families were present. Music was furnished by Elmer Juracek, Cecil Grenier and Harvey Sawyer. A son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grenier, also celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary. . . . Mrs. Cleota Carney purchased a dress shop from Mrs. Helen Simar. . . . Word was received of the death of the six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Porter of Gordon, formerly of Inman. An only child, she died of a ruptured appendix.

10 Years Ago

A. E. Bowen, variety store owner, sold the stock and store fixtures in the Ben Franklin store to R. V. Lucas of Crawford. . . . There was a full page of pictures concerning "Operation Snowbound", plus 40,000 words dispatched from The Frontier office to press and radio services during the past seven days in an attempt to convey the blizzard news to the outside world. . . . O'Neill and Atkinson will meet in the finals of the Holt county cage tourney.

One Year Ago

Funds collected for polio reached \$1,297.64 with an expected goal of \$1,300 when all returns are in. The mothers march totaled \$475.85. . . . Keith Anspach received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska. . . . Two servicemen killed in separate auto crashes were Army Pvt. Donald F. Wewel, 21, of Stuart, and Marine S-Sgt. Willard Keith Bak-

er, 30. . . . James Tomlinson was presented a trophy for the best sportsman of the 21st annual golden gloves tournament held in Norfolk. . . . Linelle C. Tompkins was awarded a regent's scholarship and Sam Watson awarded an alternate regent's scholarship at Inman high school by the University of Nebraska. . . . Matthew Beha, Jr., won the regent's scholarship at St. Mary's academy. . . . Miss Eleanor Hoehne was capped at St. Catherine's school of nursing in Omaha.

Storjohann Enters Montana State

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Storjohann and baby, Lisa, who returned from Japan in December, are at Bozeman, Mont., where he is attending agriculture college. While in Japan, Mr. Storjohann was stationed at an army hospital. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Storjohann of Chamberlain, S. D., he attended O'Neill public school from 1942 to 1947.

GRENIER ON LEAVE

SK2-c Carroll Grenier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grenier, arrived Sunday from Norfolk, Va., for a 30-day stay here. He has served 3 1/2 years and expects a cruise in the Mediterranean before being released from the navy. He serves aboard the USS Canberra.

44 head of Registered Herefords, 44 bulls, 10 females, O'Neill sale, Tuesday, February 17. Write for catalog: Kieth Abart, P.O. Box 642, O'Neill, Nebr., sale mgr. 41p

Lt. Shellhase Calls From Germany— Lt. Donna Shellhase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Shellhase, Friday called her parents from Frankfurt, Germany. An army nurse, Lt. Shellhase arrived in Germany January 9. The call arrived at 10:30 a.m. and it took Lieutenant Shellhase about 15 minutes to be connected with her parents. The connections were very good. The cost was \$12 for three minutes. Lt. Shellhase, who had also served in the Far East, said the temperature was 60 degrees and that everything was green. It seemed a little damp and chilly, however. She will go to her new assignment at Bad Kreuznach.

BEAUTYLAND
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Phone 565 for appointment
Located across street from bakery. Closed every Monday morning.

HOLT COUNTY'S FIRST BLACK FRIDAY

Production Bull Sale

O'NEILL LIVESTOCK MARKET
O'Neill, Nebraska

Friday, February 13, 1959—1 p.m.

43 BULLS — 7 FEMALES

Consigned from "Homes of Champions"
"THE CREAM OF OUR CROP"

Our past record of satisfying our buyers is proof that our bulls will merit your bid today!

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Editorial—

'Voice of The Beef Empire'

With this issue of The Frontier another page is written in the history of Holt county's oldest business. The new owners take this opportunity to thank the many friends of The Frontier for the hearty welcome afforded them, and to assure them that they will do everything possible to warrant this hand of friendship and fellowship.

It is always difficult to follow a personality like Cal Stewart. In the newspaper business this is especially true. We certainly invite any comments or criticisms of The Frontier readers to enable us to continue that service long associated with this newspaper. We also guarantee that our new slogan, "The Voice of the Beef Empire", truly will be reflected in the pages of The Frontier.

In deciding upon a slogan, the term "Beef Empire" was an obvious must, for Holt and its neighboring counties truly constitute an empire of major beef production. And with the largest circulation of any weekly newspaper devoted to this vast eight-county area, we felt justified in assuming the motto.

Along the lines of continuous improvement, this week we announce Jerry Petsche as editor. Petsche's editorial experience is wide and varied. With his selection as editor, we feel certain that the firm editorial policies of Stewart, so heartily endorsed by so many The Frontier readers and reflected by this newspaper's amazing circulation growth, will be carried on and, with your forbearance, improved upon. That is our fervent hope.

It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to pen this new chapter of The Frontier in such a prosperous and growing community as O'Neill and the great area it serves.

We are looking forward with pleasure to serving you and being a part of this vibrant community.

20 Years Ago

It was 20 years ago (in 1939) that World War II broke out in Europe, the event that was to change practically every person's life—one way or the other.

The year 1939 arrived on such an ominous note. Of course, the year 1929 is almost as memorable—30 years ago—for it was in that year that the great depression kicked off with the spectacular stock market crash.

There are those who trace Hitler's rise and the weakness and appeasement of the democracies, to the economic crises which struck the world about 1929. The case is a good one. In any event, just 20 years ago, it was a frightened world.

Today the menace of communism is more widespread than was the spread of Hitler's national socialism. And the war of the future will be more terrible than World War II.

Other Editors View the Change

(From the Spencer Advocate) Last week's issue of The O'Neill Frontier carried the story of its sale by Carroll (Cal) Stewart, editor-publisher for the past 12 years, to Alan Cramer and James Champion, both of Wayne.

With the sale of The Frontier another era of newspapering closes in north Nebraska. Cal is a man with boundless energy and ambition, who during his 12 years at the helm of The Frontier made it a newspaper to be reckoned with. His "nose for news" took him at one time or another to virtually every town in the area and no gathering, whether in town or rural area, was too small for him to overlook.

We have known Cal from the day he assumed ownership and our association with him has been pleasant. Our feelings are that newspapering has

prospered in north Nebraska for his having passed this way.

We wish him luck and success in whatever line of work he enters in the future, and we extend to his successors a warm welcome.

(From The Neigh Leader)

Last week's issue of The O'Neill Frontier carried an announcement of sale by Editor Cal Stewart, helmsman for the paper during the past 12 years.

Although editorially The Leader seldom has been in agreement with Mr. Stewart, we have never questioned his sincerity or integrity in formulating his views.

Nor have we ever disagreed with the O'Neill editor's formula for newspapering—giving all the news all the time.

Nebraska is losing one of its finest newspapermen.

Gestapo Tactics Charged

(Guest editorial by Cal Stewart) The hide-and-peek antics of superiors in the State Patrolman Leroy Hotdwalker case clearly illustrates the Nebraska safety patrol needs a shake up at the higher echelons. It is wholly absurd that Hotdwalker should be "tailed" in the middle of the night by superiors who indulged in the gestapo-type dishonesty of operating a motor vehicle with fictitious plates and provoking the trooper into issuing traffic warrants to two superiors. The result was that Hotdwalker was summarily transferred to Columbus.

When county attorneys of the calibre of Merritt C. Warren of Knox county go to the aid of a beleaguered and harassed patrolman like Hotdwalker (whose friends seem to be legion in Knox, Cedar, Pierce and Wayne counties), then it is time the nocturnal hide-and-peek fellows and the top echelon be educated.

The sordid chapter written near Randolph in the Hotdwalker case is a reflection on the patrol and some people—including Capt. Ervin Schottler—have served their period of usefulness. Several years ago Captain Schottler's attention was called to personnel problems here at O'Neill. Something less than nocturnal marauding as an investigation should have produced immediate personnel changes if not policy changes. But Schottler's investigation ended with a cup of coffee at one of the emporiums.

One wonders, too, how many other young patrolmen have been purged along the way by the so-called "class of '37" that has been running things for 22 years.

O'Neill has two fine troopers stationed here at present: Robert Gude and Eugene Hastreiter. They are fine family men, impartial and, above all, they are honest.



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Cement Block Hog House, Concrete floor, metal roof, 12 x 16 ft. feeding floor, well fenced hog yard.

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INSPECTION OF PREMISES

Your inspection of premises invited by contacting the broker, Col. Ed Thorin, O'Neill, Nebr., or the owners, who reside on the premises.

AUCTIONEER'S STATEMENT

Here is one of the best-developed small size ranches to be placed on the market in many months. This ranch has many attractive features including good sand-hills pasture, productive hay meadows and there is an abundance of water. The improvements are about 15 years old and in top condition.

Anyone searching for a small unit will do well to consider this Bollwitt ranch. The broker can arrange terms for the right purchaser. The owners are leaving only because of the purchase of a larger ranch. They have built this ranch in late years and it leaves little to be desired for the small rancher.—COL. ED THORIN

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bollwitt, Owners

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