

Prairieland Talk

'Old and Full of Days'

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Friend Harry White, a kid in sod house days in the long ago down in the Amelia section of grass robed and flowing well region of southwest Holt county, spending the past winter with a daughter in Denver, writes to inform me of the death of William H. McNichols, father of Governor Steve McNichols of Colorado. The dead man was old and full of days, had served the city of Denver as auditor for many years. He was of the pioneer O'Neill family of McNichols, a brother of the late Steve McNichols, one time county clerk of Holt county and an uncle of the late Billy McNichols, one of the 6,500 lawyers of Los Angeles county, Calif., and who visited in O'Neill about once a year. Mr. White plans to return to his Holt county home and friends by early summer. The sod house is gone, a pleasant modern home and other buildings surrounded by stately trees and charming scenes of nature hold a lure for the visitor to the White ranch south of the village of Amelia.

It was known in the early days as the Commercial Hotel, John O'Neill the landlord and Roscoe Conklin the functionary at the desk. It stands there today at 4th and Everett streets, and I notice by an ad in The Frontier that the present owner seeks a buyer. Headquarters in the long ago for newcomers, travelers, cowpunchers, horse thieves and outlaws, O'Neill, Roscoe, Az Perry, the Shellharts and others presided at that hotel and fed you a big feed for two bits, bed and breakfast for 50 cents. Mr. Moore had shined up the old hotel building and made it over into a modern structure. But there is an aged one here and there, like Prairieland Talker, who cherish memories of the old hotel as it was when a one-time sweetheart of mine presided at dining room tables.

Another star in the crown of statehood. Hawaii closes the gate on the last of the country's territories and becomes the 50th state. In my school-boy days we were taught that our country consisted of 38 states and 10 territories. Next, take on Canada and the stars and stripes will wave from the Gulf to the North Pole.

Another of the pioneers of the Minneola neighborhood in northeast Holt joins the Addisons, the Henrys, the Bluebaughs, the Lamonts and others once dwelling on that grass-robed level land now at rest in the dwelling place of the dead. I have a regret to haunt me that I did not go to the home of Henry Tomlinson when last I was in O'Neill and learned that he was sick. We both had been pioneer prairie kids, both imported to prairieland from neighboring communities in southern Wisconsin. Two lads "grew up" on the prairies of Holt county, traveled life's highway to old age and now one is done with it all, the other lives on. Tomlinson was a worthy citizen, a loyal friend, a capable official. Rest in peace, Henry

Mussolini is scarcely a memory today. From the height of fame came he tumbling down, no more to wear an emperor's crown; no — not to die as kings have died to pass on to a descendant a crown of glory, but crownless and scepterless Mussolini lay his form at rest in Italian mud. Now comes a ghost of World War II, a son of the fallen trouble maker, Vittorio, just cleared by an Italian military court of a charge of desertion and pulling out for South America.

Millions going into highway construction to take

Editorial

O'Neill's New Improvements

O'Neill can be seen growing in more ways than one. New places of business and new offices and equipment for others point to a very healthy business climate for our community.

Just a few of the improvements include a new Fetrov appliance store, a new Standard service station, and a new job printing press for The Frontier.

As we look around, we see other improvements. The city council has just made the necessary plans to increase the number of wards in the city, thereby making it necessary to elect another councilman.

Juvenile Trouble

From The Rock County Leader There is an old saying that a word to the wise is sufficient, and we hope that the words which follow will be heeded by youth of our community.

It has been determined that a number of high school youths have been secretly taking articles from stores in the city. The practice is said to be more widespread than might be generally imagined.

Three boys ranging in age from 14 to 16 were caught and a complaint was filed against them in county court for juvenile delinquency.

We hope that others who are suspected of having done the same thing will take heed, and correct their ways before it is too late.

The problem of whether to publish names of juveniles in newspapers is something which has been debated for years. Generally newspapers have followed the policy of not printing names of first offenders for minor charges. Many persons are now advocating (J. Edgar Hoover among them), that youngsters who do wrong be named and forced to assume the responsibility for their actions.

There are logical arguments on both sides of the question. We have talked the problem over with County Attorney Art Weber and County Judge Doris Huston, and have come to this decision regarding the present case and others which may come up in the future.

The boys involved in the present episode will not be named, but from now on names will be used. In this we have been assured of the cooperation of county officials who are in agreement with the policy.

It seems that as youth of today more frequently get into trouble, they need stronger measures to deter them.

Publicizing names of those who stray may keep someone else from stepping over the line. County officials, likewise say that sterner measures will be adopted in the future for those who appear in the courts.

As we said in the beginning a word to the wise should be sufficient. Take heed before it is too late. We would also say this—We would rather publish things of a pleasant nature about the youth of our community than to publish unpleasant things. We hope we won't have to publish the unpleasant incidents too often.

The Lost 'Meggs'

Spring is here, but where are the marbles? Not so long ago it seemed that at every street corner, at the back of every home or just about any

care of the many "running to and fro" that the prophet Daniel 2,500 years ago saw us up to out here on prairieland as he unraveled the history of mankind.

It was a day in April in the year 1902—Milo Pickering, a pioneer of northeast Holt county and a worthy citizen, met his death in an effort to stop a runaway team of wild and frightened horses. . . . There was no county agent those days to tell clodhoppers what to plant or not to plant, but there was a Sugar Beet factory on the go here at O'Neill and they had a few beet - growing experts going about to tell the clodhoppers how to pull a weed and hill up their row of sugar beets. . . . John O'Neill and daughter, Mrs. Belle Ryan, returned from a stay in Omaha and planned to remain in O'Neill.

Miss Alice Cronin retired as a teacher in the O'Neill schools. . . . Mrs. S. J. Weeks was visiting friends in her girlhood home in the eastern part of the state. . . . Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Corrigan went to Omaha on a business trip. . . . The talk of the town was those new patterns in wall paper at Gilligan and Stouts. . . . Attorney R. R. Dickson went to Lincoln, having a case in the supreme court.

Lincoln High basket ball boys, said to have an illustrious past in sports if not in education, have added another star to their crowns by defeating the boys from Omaha, who might outshine our Lincoln heroes on the lecture platform. . . . C. C. Whitcomb, unknown only in his home community down at Dorchester where he is Burlington railroad station agent, has been honored by the heads of that railroad for his 50 years service, starting when a boy as a station helper. . . . A hundred years now on the map men in the Capital City grow whiskers. Haven't seen any ladies out wearing sunbonnets and hoop skirts.

And now the days of pain and suffering are over for Charles Harding. He had been an invalid for some years. The Harding family, Charles' parents, came to O'Neill after the blizzard of January 12, 1888, from the Swan Lake community; that blizzard wiping out their herd of cattle, as it did for many others. The elder Mr. Harding was a Civil War veteran and his son Charles a veteran of the war in Cuba.

Life has its ups and downs, a tear for every smile, a heart throb for every joyous thrill, so many thorns where the rose buds bloom, so many misunderstandings because I know not you and you know not me. But all the way along the trail we go a lot of fun in spite of a bit of woe.

Mr. Anderson goes to old London as an honored delegate to a gathering to set the world straight and make us all happy. Now, Vic, is not that going to outshine anything that ever comes to one sitting in the governor's office down at the Statehouse?

I can not paint as great artists do, nor reach a hand to yon distant blue. I can not direct the affairs of nations of earth nor bring one lifeless soul rebirth. But I can lend a hand to lift a fallen fellow man as down the stretch of this life I go!

where or everywhere boys with favorite "meggs" were challenging the prowess of the "best thumbs of the block."

Mumbly peg is gone too, the old timers say. Another vanishing America?

What's changing the boys, or is it just the world around us that is changing even the habits of small boys with baggy pants?

Bright Easter Children Let's hope that little boys and girls going to church don't change too much. This observer, at any rate, is looking forward to the white Easter bonnets and bright new shoes.

The faces will be clean next Sunday, at least for an hour or two, no mistaking that. But they will not walk to church and the old timers will tell you sadly that the horse and buggy has gone to the same place as the flying jack knives and marbles.

Fire Protection From The Neligh News At the coming election, April 7, Neligh residents will be called upon to decide whether or not our fair city will have adequate fire protection for the years ahead.

Presently, the fire house is the home for four fire fighting vehicles. Two of these vehicles are modern up to date rural fire trucks. The other two are outdated modes of transportation.

We are not trying to kid anyone that at most fires in Neligh, the rural trucks will be used and very satisfactory, however there is always the possibility that a rural fire will spring about the same time as a city fire and then the firemen will be required to take the rural trucks to the country and use the present city trucks to take care of the local fire.

This possibility was brought home to us Monday morning when one of the buildings at the Neligh Hatchery was ablaze. Someone casually made the remark as to the predicament we would be in if the fire whistle should blow and require us to take the trucks to the country. Such circumstances would have undoubtedly cost the loss of another building.

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Frontiers Ago

THE CENTURY TURNS

Charles E. Stout was re-elected mayor of O'Neill by a majority of 101 votes over his opponent, Roy M. Sanders, at the city election held March 25, 1936. . . . Dr. W. F. Finley and his sister, Mrs. Frank H. Phalin, were called to Ferryville, Wis., on March 19, on account of the death of their mother. . . . The congregation of the Presbyterian church arranged a farewell reception for Rev. H. H. Beers and family held in the church parlors. Rev. Beers and family left March 31 for their new home in Waukegan, Kan. . . . Crow heads are being brought to the County clerk's office in this city in fairly good sized quantities. After March 31, the crow bounty of ten cents per head was discontinued as usual until the first of October.

MOST OF US REMEMBER

The entire teaching and custodial staff of the O'Neill public school has been re-elected for the 1935-36 school year. . . . Work started March 23 on the new telephone system being installed at Chambers by Kenneth Werner. . . . Continental Oil company announced plans to construct a modern, new Conoco super service station at the corner of Second and Douglas streets. . . . The Bethany Presbyterian church held their first service in the new sanctuary on the evening of Good Friday. . . . The Beef Judging team, Farm Management team and the Shop team from the O'Neill veterans class earned first place honors in an eight-school ag judging competition here March 21. . . . One of the largest crowds to attend a funeral in O'Neill was at the funeral of Army Cpl. Lyle C. (Red) McKim, 24, at the Methodist Church. Rev. W. B. Smith, pastor, officiating. Deaths: Thomas W. Harding, 85, O'Neill resident and retired farmer.

THE FRONTIER WAS YOUNG

F. M. Raymond, James Gallagher, Charles Stout and E. S. Earley rode the Woodmen goat March 21, 1899. The boys are now full fledged woodchoppers. Taken from the March 27, 1899 issue of the Frontier—"A herd of swine, while meandering along on the sidewalk on the east side of main street in O'Neill, were suddenly surprised by the deep and stentorian voice of the chief of police notifying them to clear the walk. The aforesaid swine did their best to save themselves from arrest and dodged the eagle eye of the said officer by jumping through the mms boards in the afore mentioned walk. The thief thus seeing himself baffled in making arrest of the herd immediately betook himself to the nearest place of worship where he par-took of the ceremony and emerged forth, not in sack cloth and ashes, but with vengeance on the swine and the boards which were not in the sidewalk." Mike Sullivan returned from Park City, Utah and has purchased a farm east of town and will settle down to tilling the soil. . . . John G. Woolley delivered an address upon temperance at the court house.

Letters to the Editor Dear Editor: We were shocked this week when we opened the Frontier (we usually receive our Frontier on Monday following its publication) and read of this public auction of 924 head of cattle. We don't question a man's right to hold such an auction any more than any other thinks that are being done both in work and amusement on recreation. But it is advancing and broadening the fields of Sabbath breaking. We question the wisdom of that in an age when youth delinquency and disregard for the rights and safety of others is increasing in alarming proportions. The scriptures teach that individuals and nations of individuals, who defy God's laws for the Sabbath shall not go unpunished. Some one has said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing" and again "Every Christian must fight the evil he sees. If he doesn't oppose it, then he accepts it." Sincerely, Fay A. Puckett

Dear Editor: I am a stranger to you, but I lived in Nebraska 63 years, and mostly in the O'Neill area until we left there four years ago. We attended Sunday school in the church which picture appeared on the front page of the Frontier two weeks ago. In 27 years, I have many friends and many fond memories of the place, and in the O'Neill area. I hope you can print the enclosed protest against another form of Sabbath desecration that could spread and grow to the detriment of our great country. Success to you in your new enterprise. Sincerely, Fay A. Puckett

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Inman News

Victory Group Hold 4-H Sign Meeting; Gary Fick Speaks

The Victory Boys and Girls held their third regular meeting Friday at the Inman public school. Gary Fick, president, called the meeting to order with the 4-H pledge. He gave a short talk on the State Forestry Award he won. The secretary called the roll. There were 27 members present.

Gary appointed a committee to see about erecting a 4-H sign and material was handed out for some of the projects.

The next meeting will be April 17th, with Jim and Kenneth Coventry on the lunch committee. The meeting was closed with the 4-H prayer.

O'Neill Locals

Miss Karen Sue Shelhamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Shelhamer celebrated her fourth birthday at a party in her home March 18. Her mother planned the entertainment for ten of Karen's playmates and their mothers. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Butterfield, Atkinson, were Sunday guests at the C. G. Shellhase home.

In honor of their granddaughter's tenth birthday, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Shellhase entertained Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shellhase and Margie, Atkinson, Friday evening.

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In Sioux City Monday were Mrs. C. E. Jones and Mrs. Esther Morgan.

Dick Coventry, Mrs. Ronald Coventry and Joe of Norfolk spent the weekend in the Kenneth Coventry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stuckey and family of Grafton, spent Sunday visiting in the home of Mrs. Stuckey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chudomelka.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morsbach has returned from Neligh where she has been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Morsbach and and son.

Miss Wilma Stamp of Omaha is visiting her parents; Mr. and Mrs. William Stamp.

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ASC Office Reminds of Incentive Plan

Chairman Homer Ernst of the Holt Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office reminds wool producers to be sure that the sales documents they have received for selling wool during the past year contain all the information required under the wool incentive payment program.

It is particularly important, Ernst says, that the sales documents show the true net sales proceeds including deductions made for freight and other marketing charges. Where false information is filed, both the producer and the wool buyer are subject to penalties.

Producers will be eligible for payments to be made this year under the 1935 program for wool and unshorn lambs marketed not later than March 31 this year. Later marketings will be eligible for payments under the 1936 program.

Applications for payment under the 1935 program must be filed not later than April 30 at the county office. This cut-off date is necessary to permit a final accurate calculation of the average price received by farmers for wool during the 1935 marketing year. When the average price received for shorn wool is known sometime this summer, the payment rate will be announced and payments will be made to growers.



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TOMLINSON'S TRAILER COURT At Public Auction

This trailer court sale also includes a 7-room modern dwelling with half basement. The Trailer Court and house are located at 103 West Everett Street, 1 block south of the New Deal Oil Company in O'Neill, Nebraska and is to be sold on . . .

Saturday, April 4 Sale Starts at 1 p.m. Sharp

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 37, Riggs Addition, O'Neill, Nebraska. This very fine trailer court consists of 6 hook-ups to city sewer and electricity. At present there are three trailers on the property and they are and have been steady income. By removal of two buildings on the property, much more trailer space could be available. There is pavement on both sides of the court. During the summer months this trailer court has been full to capacity. The 7-room dwelling on the property is furnished with two natural gas heaters which will be sold with the house.

THIS ENTIRE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS ONE UNIT AND INCLUDES HOUSE, TRAILER COURT, AND TWO AND A HALF LOTS. This is very good investment property and with little care can be a good opportunity to increase ones personal income.

TERMS OF REAL ESTATE: 25% down on sale and balance when abstract is brought up to date. Clear title will be furnished.

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Complete Line Of Household Goods

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Two Dressers with mirrors
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2-Cameras, new
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9-ft. Refrigerator
Small Gas Heater
Chrome Breakfast Set, nearly new
Platform Rocker
Studio Couch
9x12 all wool Rug with pad
One Bed, complete
One Chest of Drawers
Spring Cot and mattress
22 Colt Auto. Hi-Standard Pistol, like new
Underwood portable Typewriter with case, very good
Shop Tools; Used Lumber; Garden Tools; Many, many other articles.

Mrs. H. W. TOMLINSON, Owner

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