

Prairieland Talk

Park Named for Navy Hero

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LINCOLN—O'Neill patriots have unrolled the scroll of time and see in the picture that they have a Carney park.

The name recalls a family of that name which came here and settled to strive for a livelihood when Gen. John O'Neill brought hither his first colony. The Carney family consisted of the parents, three sons and a daughter. The two oldest of the sons, Lute and John, rode the range for the Spade outfit while Tom, the youngest of the boys, remained home until he became restless. Then he took to the open road and developed the high classics of a tramp. The daughter married a horse rancher in Madison county and Johnnie tossed away his spurs and quilt, came home and took a job in M. M. Sullivan's store so he could look after the old folks.



Romaine Saunders

The father died some time in the '80s and Johnnie yielded to the lure of the open range and was heard of no more. Old Mother Carney, a black pad over one eye, withered and needing care, hung about the situation and came here to take her mother to her Madison county home.

The Carney homestead went into the hands of Patrick Hagerly, who left O'Neill when the Elkhorn Valley bank, of which he was president, closed. Mr. and Mrs. James Mullen followed the Hagerlys on that land, and Mr. Mullen was found dead or dying in the barnyard of a heart attack about 50 years ago.

The community has had two Carney groups in no way related to the pioneer family that cast anchor on a quarter-section of land just west of the cemeteries before such were consecrated to the dead.

One family was headed by Mr. and Mrs. John Carney, now deceased, who lived many years northwest of town. One son, Leo, still resides here.

Another Carney family came to O'Neill from the East. To identify this group, the head of the family was designated as Tall Tom Carney. There were three daughters and two sons in Tall Tom's family. The parents died when the two youngest were small and one daughter, Miss Mary, reared the youngsters.

Miss Mary lives in O'Neill and just returned from an extended trip in the East. Tall Tom's other daughters are Mrs. Grover Shaw of O'Neill and Mrs. Marguerite Curtis of Sioux City.

Tall Tom's sons were Thomas, who lives in Kennebec, Wash., and the late Navy Captain James. The latter was graduated from O'Neill high school, entered the U.S. navy academy at Annapolis, Md., was graduated from there in 1921. He made rapid advancement in the regular navy and was about to be appointed a rear admiral when he died in the early stages of World War II.

It was for Captain Carney the park was named. Miss Mary has told The Frontier the members of the family would consider an appropriate memorial in the park in memory of their brother if and when Carney park is rehabilitated and restored.

Our capital city is introducing the one-way street traffic. Two streets, 16th and 7th, start the program that will be expanded later. Southbound traffic on 16th includes 32 blocks and the northbound on 17th the same 32 blocks.

Editorial

Former Red Newspaper Men

The New York Times, one of America's biggest and best newspapers, has recently fired an employee because of his refusal to answer questions of a senate committee pertaining to his ties with communism.

In this same connection, the Times has retained two other writers who have admitted, to the committee, that they were once members of the communist party. Other New York papers have fired reporters, as did the Times, for their refusal to answer questions on this issue, and have retained others who freely admitted former connections with the party.

In our opinion, those who have admitted former membership in the communist party are most fortunate to remain on the staff of any leading paper. While we do not condemn them as unloyal citizens at this time, and while we try not to hold one's past against him, if he has repented, the fact that any American ever joins the communists—who are out to destroy our way of life—certainly reflects on his judgment, maturity and patriotism.

All ex-communists will bitterly resent these words, especially those who are now loyal American citizens, but they are true words. We cannot think as much of a citizen after we have learned that he was once a member of the communist party. These people should not be persecuted for their mistake, but the fact that they—at one time—joined a party which represented everything which our government and tradition oppose, indicates they are certainly not the most dependable citizens.

And it is bad for ex-communists to be given the job of self-censorship, when writing for great newspapers or magazines.

News, Views and Gossip

By THE EDITOR

Plenty of Stories

An exceptionally able Nebraska newspaper editor who had considerable influence on a score or more of fledgling newswriters during the twenties and thirties at Hartington used to tell his proteges that any man, woman or child a reporter chanced to meet is fair game for an interesting item for a country weekly.

That man was J. P. O'Furey, who edited and published the prize-winning Cedar County News. O'Furey-influenced news men and women today circle the globe.

A visitor in our home several days last week was sandy-haired Joseph M. ("Joe") Monteverde of Brooklyn, N.Y., a World War II veteran of Italian descent. Both Mrs. Stewart and I knew Joe in the old country and he included our home on a solo swing through the west.

No Appeasement

Applying the O'Furey technique to our Brooklyn friend, our talk drifted to juvenile delinquency in the big cities.

A few weeks ago "Jungle Blackboard" was shown at the Royal theater. Joe said the picture portrays existing conditions in Harlem and to some extent in many other metropolitan communities.

Twenty-five years ago a Boy Scout troop was founded in Brooklyn with Joe as a charter member. Except for the war years (he emerged as a captain in the ground forces), Joe has

been identified with the troop ever since, currently as assistant leader.

For years the troop's meetings have been open to any kid in the neighborhood who wanted to drop in, learn about scouting, and fit into the group. It didn't matter particularly if one joined or not. A few weeks ago eight ruffians dropped into the meeting being held in a church basement. The entire group was lined up, Scouts and visitors alike, for a routine assembly. A bully among the visitors sounded off in a dour and "Jungle Blackboard" manner, and heaped personal insult on the assistant leader.

Joe said he had a moment in which to make a decision and had only two alternatives: (1) Either he capitulate, leave the room and get assistance, or (2) firmly establish who was boss.

Joe chose the latter. He slapped the dirty-mouthed 16-year-old kid with an open hand, both sides of the face—and hard.

It was important, Joe said, that if the fist had been used it might have precipitated knives, brass knuckles and all-out war.

The ruffian began anew and Joe repeated the treatment. The meeting continued in orderly fashion and the gang never showed up for another Scout meeting.

On another recent occasion borough detectives dropped in one evening, making inquiries. The questioning led them and the Scout leaders to a neighborhood home about 10:30 that night. The parents were playing cards.

Asked if their 14-year-old son was home, the answer was "no." Asked if they knew where he was, the answer was the same. Asked if the visitors could look into the boy's room, detectives were waved toward a door leading into a corner room.

The searchers were confronted with a sub-machine gun, small arms and lots of booty. The sub-

machine gun had been stolen from the Brooklyn navy yard. "When I was a kid our parents forbade us from getting within a block of that place!" Joe explains.

Parents to Blame

Monteverde was a supply officer who just about went crazy keeping up with forward units of General Patton's Third Army.

Joe contends juvenile delinquency, Brooklyn-style, 1955, must be blamed largely on parents, who are preoccupied with their own interests and entertainment and don't give a hoot for the kids, who roam the city day-and-night. The courts are also to blame, according to our visitor. Repeatedly bad kids are hauled into court and released. To some of them the court routine is a novelty and a lark.

Joe's formula: Make the kid's dad pay property damages plus about a \$25 fine on first offense; scale the penalties upward on subsequent offenses.

Joe figures the pop would lose a day's pay by appearing in court, add to this the fine and damages and he thinks the father will take an interest in Junior's outside activities.

Mr. Monteverde is an accountant and is on a committee which invests trust funds.

About O'Neill: "What wonderful air and blue sky! In Brooklyn we don't see a patch of blue sky in a week."

About the Dodgers: "The other teams in the National league haven't been offering enough competition. The Bums will never move from Flatbush!"

—CAL STEWART

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Dawes and daughter of Osceola were weekend guests at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Neil Dawes and family.

Mrs. Guy Cole and Mrs. D. C. Schaffer spent Monday and Tuesday, August 22 and 23, in Omaha.

Woman Shot in Scott Incident Visits

DORSEY—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arp of Yutan and Mrs. Etta Compton and her daughter, Gladys, of Waterloo came Sunday to the home of the Carson sisters. They expect to spend a few days visiting relatives in the Dorsey community.

Mrs. Arp is a daughter of Mrs. Compton. Mrs. Compton, nee Etta McWhorter is a cousin of the Bradys and the Carsons. She is the lady who was shot when Barrett Scott was taken by masked men, hanged and his body put into the Niobrara river.

She was attending high school and staying in the Scott home in O'Neill at that time. She and the Scott family were returning to O'Neill after spending the holidays in the Dorsey community when the tragedy occurred. Mrs. Compton remembers it all very vividly.

Other Dorsey News

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marston and Debra called at the James Wiley home on Tuesday afternoon, August 23.

The Drobney men and Lee Brady are busy putting up hay on the Marston hay meadow. They report the hay is "very good."

Linda Kruse spent Wednesday, August 24, with Mrs. Charles Marston.

Richard Marston and granddaughter called at the James Wiley home Wednesday, August 24. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady took their grandson, Albert Lee Brady, to Lynch Wednesday evening, August 24.

Edward Carson and Beverly and Mrs. Mary Wolfe were Lynch shoppers on Wednesday evening, August 24.

Gordon Barta called on the Carson sisters Monday, August 22.

Lorell Pickering is attending study center at O'Neill this month. Mr. and Mrs. Thomast Hiscocks

and Beverly Carson of the Dorsey neighborhood attended the Huber and Albaser wedding Saturday evening in Lynch.

Eight-tenths of an inch of rain fell at Dorsey Monday night, August 22.

Mrs. Lee Brady helped her sister, Lizzie Wiley, with some household duties last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady and grandson, Albert Lee Brady, called at the James Wiley home on Monday evening.

Mrs. Ed Alder spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. James Wiley. Joy Slack has returned home from Texas where she had been visiting her brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arp of Yutan visited in the Lee Brady home Sunday night.

Mrs. Myrta Fox of Miller came Friday and is visiting at the Robert Fox home in Atkinson and the Charles Fox home in O'Neill.

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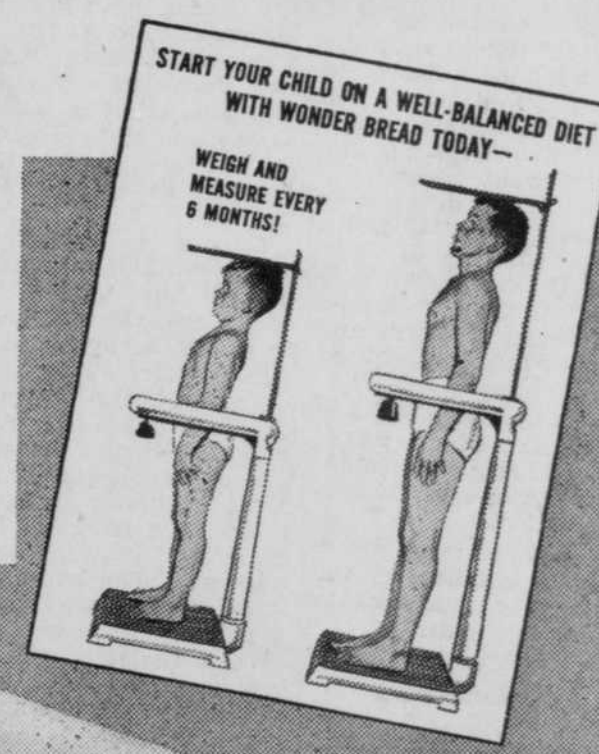
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