

Prairieland Talk

Tribute to Holt Pioneers

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MARION, IND.—Among the pioneers of Holt county, around whom the gathering shadows of life's sunset have found active for four score years or more the name of Fred Watson appears in connection with the observance of Fred's 87th birthday anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are pioneers of southwest Holt, their ranch and their comfortable home being one of the best in the Swan Lake neighborhood.

The Watsons through the years have devoted their lives to the good of the community and are held in high esteem by all. Fred did not miss a republican county convention when it was so he could get to O'Neill if he had to make it on horseback, and he has felt political tranquility since the passing of the new deal.

"Ma" Summers is another who faces life's sunset with a smile. Now along in the 90's, she sheds a circle of cheer about her that inspires all who greet her.

A native of the land of Fitzjames and Walter Scott, she is nonetheless a patriotic American and remembered for her good works. I recall the day she brought us The Frontier a fat goose for a big Thanksgiving dinner.

And the Carson twin sisters in northeast Holt have come down the highway of time four score years—years that have left a mark here and there but could not erase their native womanly charm. And, with their widowed sister, Mrs. Carrie Hunter, these three ladies dwell together where life as pioneer maidens began for them. This must be a home circle inviting a visit.

Prairieland Talker has not visited the Louse creek section of Holt county since the passing of John Addison and Mose Elliott, other than to roll by former familiar scenes some years ago in company with Pat McManus, Tom Nolan and Lloyd Gillespie.

To the pioneers who had the vision to perceive, the courage to dare and the purpose to achieve, and who this winter have passed another milestone on life's highway, we join with other friends extending congratulations and trusting life's later years will be crowned with a full measure of peace and happiness.

One hundred eleven deaths on Indiana highways the first six weeks this year. . . The judge presiding at a court in Baltimore, Md., gave a Negro woman a 30-day suspended sentence, said there would be "no restitution." The black matron worked 54 hours a week at a laundry for \$20 and had been pocketing the bits of change out of the receipts until in all they amounted to \$180. The court intimated it was her employer who should have been brought before him. . . Abe Lincoln came from a log cabin home and has a young admirer in a Colorado town who claims to be a grandson in the fourth degree of Jeff Davis, the Confederate president. Another great American, Daniel Webster, was born in a log cabin near Franklin, N.H. . . Seventy-six below zero at one point on the Yukon the other day. Alaska and Hawaii may soon be admitted as states, when our voting world will reach from the Arctic to the tropics. . . The proposed widening of two streets in O'Neill has gotten into court. O'Neill streets are wider than in most towns and if made wider a taxi will be needed to carry pedestrians across.

A labor union boss of Ft. Wayne, Ind., swollen with importance to himself, closed his voice on whatever he knows about his union affairs which the senate committee is investigating, stepped down from the witness stand and strode haughtily out. Labor union officials such as he, who set themselves above all authority, are bringing the cause of union organizations into disrepute. No individual called before a United States senate committee has anything to fear if he has nothing to hide.

Crime prevention week. Did it bear a fragrant bloom or only thorns? At the beginning of that week devoted to the crime situation came the story from a distant city of a revolting crime—a housemaid braining her aged employer. Can crime be prevented? Yes; but will it? No. Since the first man born of woman imbrued his hands in his brother's blood, crime has kept pace down the centuries with mankind. Crime springs from human motives, from human hearts. Jails, fines or executions will not change human hearts. Children, youth, mature men and women are at it. A half century ago it was a rare thing for a woman to be involved in a killing or stealing, or for kids to be taken into court charged with crime. It has now become common. Women have stepped down from the throne where chivalry bowed in reverence and stand today on the level with men. Children and youth have been given the lengthened cord under the guise of "self expression." Where it prevails the fruits are manifest. With the ancient wisdom, and in length of days understanding, to borrow a line from long forgotten centuries, but which has little consideration in the modern world. This is a period in the course of human events when youth is on the throne and the great mass of our young people are law abiding, worthy citizens. Crime prevention week did not end crime but it is well to put forth efforts to that end.

Three little girls from 1- to 4-years of age, along with their mother, had their lives snuffed out when the family home burned. The blackened, fire-seared bodies of the four lay amid the ruins that only fire has wrought. Two adults elsewhere perished, bringing to six the Indiana deaths by fire in one day. Up in the state of Maine a father needlessly was enveloped in flames and perished when the family home was destroyed. They had all gotten out safely. The father, thinking one child was still in the burning house, rushed in after the child he supposed was still in the house and perished. A rash of home fires throughout the land not only has destroyed many buildings but has taken a toll of human life. To a guy with three teeth who can take care of three squares with the best of them, the propaganda of dentists down at Lincoln for doping water seems comparable to the claims of manufacturers of beauty aids that will restore 15 youthful years to a dame's wrinkled features. And the proposition has come up in the state legislature to raise the pay of judges of our courts. There will probably be no resignations from the bench if that proposal fails. The unicam may have concluded that the wishes of a million Nebraskans are more important than the demands of a handful of guys calling themselves "sportsmen."

Prairieland's "white spot" gets another smudge. Lincoln citizens have voted themselves into a 10-million-dollar school debt. . . A clergyman in Wisconsin manned the steering gear of a corn harvester to gather the corn from a field allotted to his church. . . Joe Louis, ex-champ, was called to Lincoln to referee a match between huskies of the wrestling mat. . . Six kids have been sentenced by an Ohio judge to go to church once every week for a year. . . A former secret police of Poland says the object of the communist government was, and will continue to be the conquest of the human race. . . Twenty-five thousand different items, exclusive of food, are said to now be carried in stock in some of the country's supermarkets. . . G. L. Furguson of a Marion rural route address was at the steering wheel when the car went "out of control," crashed through the wall of a house in the city, knocked a woman to the floor, knocked out another wall and crashed into a second house with disastrous results.

Editorial . . . On Happy Marriages

Marriage relations experts are increasingly turning their attention to the problem of dissolving marriages in the United States. More-and-more the conclusion is being reached that each partner in marriage must accept the other for what he or she really is. The really successful marriages are those in which couples learn to live, progress and improve together. This knack of growing, learning and developing together is the key to a successful marriage, according to marriage relations experts. A trend noted in recent years is that of younger average ages for marriages, and many of today's experts believe this is a healthy development. Early marriage is a handicap only when the couple concerned is marrying after a short infatuation, against the wishes of their parents and friends, without proper consideration of that step, or for some other reasons. However, when those most likely to be closely concerned with the marriage are not opposed, and when the couple concerned has given the question serious thought and adequate consideration, marriages among younger people are today not being discouraged. However, if the trend is toward marriage at a younger age, it also should be toward intelligent appraisals, which include the individual's backgrounds, emotions, companionship, family relationships, and personalities. The experts are almost unanimous in predicting that the background of an individual is inevitably a source of happiness or unhappiness which will come to the surface, sooner or later, in one's married life.

Mail Conference Fruitful One

Members of the Save-the-Trains association, who conferred Friday in Omaha with V. A. Klein, general superintendent of mail transportation, emerged from the meeting with the feeling Mr. Klein and his staff will cooperate with and "bless," to the fullest possible extent, the movement to restore mail hauls to the Chicago & North Western railroad's trains 13 and 14. These are the passenger-mail-express trains plying between Omaha and Chadron and the last two still serving vast areas of northeast, northcentral and northwestern Nebraska, as well as a number of southern South Dakota counties. In the conference it was established that considerable mail had been diverted from these trains during the past years; whereas rail management might rightfully have expected increased patronage in view of constantly increasing volumes of mail. It was a dandy, friendly and enlightening conference and The Frontier predicts it will prove to have been a fruitful one. The Save-the-Trains association is extending every effort to "firm up"

When You and I Were Young . . . Ewing's W. E. Bailey in Teddy's Parade Holt 'Rough Rider' at Inauguration

50 Years Ago The 18th annual report of the Nebraska experiment station contained some striking results, one being that winter wheat production in the state has increased 10 million bushels per year, due largely to the work of the experiment station. A farewell party was given at the home of J. H. Carney in honor of Will Carney and Joe Enright. . . W. E. Bailey of Ewing was chosen from among 48 men as one of the rough riders to be in the parade during the inauguration of President Roosevelt at Washington, D.C., March 4. . . J. F. Brady and J. P. McVichols and O'Neill high school seniors will again have an opportunity this spring to compete for 250 tuition scholarships to the University of Nebraska offered by its board of regents. . . Tom Mains and son, Robert, had a wild and hair-raising trip they would not want to undergo again. They were traveling from Grand Island to O'Neill and got caught in the weekend storm. The road was covered with snow and often they could not see to the front of the car.

20 Years Ago This section, as well as a large portion of the western states, was in the hands of an old-time blizzard over the weekend. . . Emmet Harmon and Grace Huigens were united in marriage in the chapel of St. Ludger's academy in Creighton. St. Mary's academy and O'Neill high school seniors will again have an opportunity this spring to compete for 250 tuition scholarships to the University of Nebraska offered by its board of regents. . . Tom Mains and son, Robert, had a wild and hair-raising trip they would not want to undergo again. They were traveling from Grand Island to O'Neill and got caught in the weekend storm. The road was covered with snow and often they could not see to the front of the car.

10 Years Ago Joe Fuen will reopen his cafe in the Brennan building. . . The state tax commissioner will be in the city to advise in lining up work work with the new tax schedule forms introduced for the first time this year. . . Four popular Holt county young couples took nuptial vows during the week: Miss Ruth Ervie Anson and Homer L. Blain, Miss Alice Sexton and Wayne Gannon, A.M. 2/c, Miss Doris Van Horn and Thilo Poessnecker and Miss Mildred Honke and Lt. Robert Gallagher. . . Another Holt county pioneer, Calmer Simonson, died in Council Bluffs, Ia. He came to this county with his parents in 1881 at the age of 6.

One Year Ago Duane Allen placed second in the Future Farmers of America public speaking contest held in Plainview. . . Everett Mitchell, famed radio commentator, will be the chief attraction of the annual combination meeting of the Holt county soil conservation and county extension service. . . It was a red letter day for the Bert Fiske of Riverside. During one single 24-hour period they became the grandparents of two grandsons. . . The Misses Bridget Maureen and Elaine Irene Boyle were united in marriage to Joseph J. and George J. Ramold of Atkinson at a double wedding rite at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill. . . Mrs. Marvin Green and daughter, Patty, departed for New York, from where they will leave to join her husband, Sergeant Green, who is stationed in Bomholder, Germany. . . Over 300 persons signed the guest book at the open-house observance of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker's golden wedding anniversary.

Corporal Benson Returns from Austria— Stanley J. Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson, received his discharge as corporal Friday from the army at Ft. Sheridan, Chicago, Ill., and arrived in O'Neill Saturday.

Couples Club Entertained— Following dinner, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carroll entertained the Couples club at their home Sunday evening. Mrs. Palmer Skulborstad had the ladies' high bridge score and Mr. Carroll had the high bridge score for the men.

Prepare for Banquet— Den I of the Cub Scouts held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 23. We made place mats for the blue and gold banquet. By Ricky Miller, news reporter.

Mrs. Carroll Hostess— Mrs. A. W. Carroll entertained two tables of bridge at her home Wednesday evening following dinner at a cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell left Sunday for Green Bay, Wis., where they will visit their son, Edward, for a week.

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Ewing Co.-Op. Creamery, Non-Stock Annual Stockholders' Meeting . . . will be held at the Eldorado Theatre THURSDAY MARCH 10, at 1:30 P.M., for the purpose of electing two new officers and a general discussion of business of 1954. Also a report to the patrons by your manager. Dividend Checks will be distributed also. Do not forget the date— Thursday, March 10, 1955 1:30 P.M. Place: Ewing Co.-Op. Creamery Ewing, Nebr. Orders taken for Bem Brand Pelleted Fertilizer

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Ainsworth Rancher in Accident Lawsuit— AINSWORTH—James M. Kennedy, Ainsworth rancher injured in a three-car crash near the Lincoln cloverleaf on West Dodge last November, suit filed in district court for \$55,762.75. Defendant is Loran Jordan, 82, retired David City druggist. Mr. Kennedy claims the oncoming Jordan car crossed the center line of the highway and struck his westbound auto. According to the highway patrol accident report, the Jordan car was passing a truck and also struck another westbound car.

Letter to Editor Stockton, Calif. 1736 East Ave. February 18, 1955 Gentlemen: We enjoyed your article "Muscovy Hen Visitor at Stuart," and imagine our surprise when, two days after receiving The Frontier, we had a similar experience. Yesterday morning we awakened—a happy family of four plus Pete, the parakeet; Pumpkin, the cat; two tropical fish, still unnamed, and Donald (really Daisy), the duck. About noontime, Donald, the tame white variety, had a visitor on the front lawn—a Muscovy. Heaven knows where it came from here in the middle of a city with 100,000 population! She slept next to Donald's coop last night and is still there this morning. We still watch the "lost and found" column in the local paper and have already checked with the animal shelter in case someone reported it missing. It can have a happy home on a friend's ranch if unclaimed. Sorry I can't send a picture. The California sunshine is dripping and it isn't fit weather for man—just ducks. A faithful reader, MRS. J. C. WITHERWAX 1029 Park Ave. Apt. 206 Omaha, Nebr., February 22, 1955 Dear Sirs: I am enclosing 25 cents in coin for three copies of your paper dated February 10, containing the pictures of the Carson twins on their 80th birthday anniversary. I knew those girls when I was a little girl, having lived on a farm at Scottville with my parents, the late Andrew J. Ferguson and Samantha Ferguson. Their sister, Carrie, and I were chums and still are. We left Holt county in 1902 when I was just 19 and moved to Bellevue. I would like the papers to send to my sisters, who knew Mary Montana, Calif., and the other in Rockville, Md. Thank you so very much. MARY FERGUSON MORISON 4127 W. 22nd Place Los Angeles 18, Calif. February 21, 1955 Gentlemen: I note Mr. Saunders' statement that the only surviving businesses of pioneer days are Biglin's, The Frontier and the First National bank. He forgot the Hammond Abstract company. That company was established in 1884 by T. V. Golden with my father, Arthur J. Hammond, in charge. It was sold to R. R. Dickneil in 1891, who in turn sold to my father in 1894. My father had charge of that business from 1884 until his death in 1918, at which time my brother took over and has operated ever since. That business has been in the same location for over 70 years, if my memory is correct as to date of erection of the First National bank. Yours truly, W. J. HAMMOND



Beef Sausage Is Sampled

A new product, beef sausage, has put in an appearance in some Nebraska stores. Currently prepared at Denver, the new variety is being enjoyed here by members of the Nebraska beef council meeting held recently at the Live Stock Exchange building in Omaha. Left-to-right are beef promoters Ray Baxter of Grand Island, Robert Cunningham and James DuBoise (standing), both of Omaha, Lyle Dierking of Ewing, Byron Maddux of Omaha and Willis B. Furman, jr., of Marsland.

Chambers News Mrs. Nellie Starr returned home Sunday, February 27, from a 3 month visit at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Starr and daughter at Arnold's Park, Ia. She visited the last week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Starr and family at Wisner. The latter brought her to Chambers Sunday. Mrs. Ida Anderson of Norfolk came Sunday, February 27, to visit and help care for her mother, Mrs. J. O. Woods. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Baughn of Brookings, Ore., arrived Monday, February 21, for a visit with her mother, Mrs. John Wintermote, brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wintermote and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cook. Mrs. Ray Medcalf of Alliance has been visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Will Medcalf, and in the E. H. Medcalf home. She returned Tuesday, February 22, from Butte where she had visited relatives. She was called here by the death of her brother at Norfolk. Because of the blizzard last weekend she was unable to return to Alliance as she planned. The Valley Center Extension club met on Thursday afternoon, February 24, at the home of Mrs. C. V. Robertson. 17 members answered roll call by naming a "Favorite Movie Star." There were 2 visitors, Mrs. R. C. Baugh of Brookings, Ore., who is a guest of her mother Mrs. John Wintermote and Mrs. Charles Spath of Chambers. Mrs. Ed Harvey, president, had charge of the business session. The club voted to send a Layette to the University hospital in Omaha. The lesson on "Broiler Meals" was presented by Mrs. Charles Grimes and Mrs. George Thomson. Lunch was served by the hostess using part of the broiler meal. The next meeting

O'NEILL LOCALS The Misses Mary and Kathryn Grady returned last Thursday to their home in Denver, Colo., after visiting relatives in O'Neill for three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Tillie Tilton of Gregory, S.D., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bazelman. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowker and family spent Sunday in Neligh visiting at the home of his parents. Phone us your news — 51.

Royal Theater — O'NEILL, NEBR. — Thurs. Mar. 3 Marlon Brando in ON THE WATER FRONT Co-starring Carl Malden, Lee J. Cobb, with Rod Stitzer, Pat Henning, and introducing Eda Marie Saint. Not family night. Adults 50c; children 12c; all children must have tickets

Fri.-Sat. Mar. 4-5 Cornet Wilde, Yvonne DeCarlo in PASSION Technicolor. With Raymond Burr, Lon Chaney, Rodolfo Acosta, John Qualen. My knife is the law! Wild and wicked early California. Adults 50c; children 12c; matinee Sat. 2:30. All children must have tickets when accompanied by parent

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Mar. 6-7-8 Women love THE VIOLET MEN Cinemascope, technicolor, 4-track stereophonic sound. Starring Glenn Ford, Barbara Stanwyck, Edward G. Robinson, with Diane Foster, Brian Keith, May Wynne and Warner Anderson. Adults 50c; children 12c; matinee Sun. 2:30. All children must have tickets

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