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## Prairieland Talk Need for Abstractors Came Later

## By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

MARION, IND .-- W. J. Hammond writes from that has survived the wreck of time, the Hammond Abstract company. This firm was managed by his father, the late Arthur Hammond, for many years and now by his brother, Herbert J. Hammond.

What was in Prairieland Talker's mind, in the column to which friend Bill refers, was business concerns rather than the professional, as abstractors may be classed.

T. V. Golden's earliest adventure was in the newspaper game with a little publication known as The Banner. It was printed in the building on the south side of Douglas street at the

corner known now as Fifth and Douglas, where later Frank Toohill had a meat market and where now is a cream and egg buying business. G. M. Cleveland took over The Banner for a time-until the publication expired-and Mr. Golden ventured into handling land deals in a frame building where the O'Neill National bank now stands. When the First National bank building was com-

Romaine pleted in the early spring of 1884, Saunders Mr. Golden moved to the south-

east corner upstairs room in the bank building and added abstracting to his land leasing interests. He would lease you an abandoned homestead which had been left in his hands by a discouraged settler an which you could have for \$10 for a year to run your herds on, or until you thought about coming in again to renew your rental with another \$10.

Until homesteads were beginning to change hands there was little or no need of abstracts of title. Added to T. V.'s other underakings he became a member of he Holt county bar, and that room over the bank seemed to have been sufficient in size as originally laid out to accommodate several, so beside Mr. Golden and Mr. Hammond a gent by the name of Bastedo in some sort of activity was quartered there, also Bartley Blain, county superintendent, before the courthouse was built kept his records there; H. E. Murphy, one-time county attorney; and a scholarly gent whose name has been forgotten who came to a pioneer community as a "represetative of eastern capital" and negotiated loans for homesteaders who were getting ou of the country.

Arthur Hammond attended strictly to business while his compariots busied themselves telling us how the country ought to be run. Mr. Golden was too busy to devote time to politics but relaxed occasionally to go prairie chicken hunting. His crowning achievement was the Golden hotel. And Herb continues the profession of his father. \* \* \*

Twenty-one cents was laid down at the postoffice window for seven three-cent stamps. The postal clerk handed out stamps, took the 21 cents and the purchaser walked away. An hour later he discovered he had been given 12 stamps in-

Out of the purple depths of trackless space the Los Angeles, Calif., to add another O'Neill concern sun glows today upon the earth so lately winter ravished. The season of plumed birds, of winged insects and fair days comes down the highway of time to spread the fragrance and color of blooming rose and clustered lilacs. The blanket of snow that had enfolded in quiet purity the lawn below m; window is no more; the green that other summer days had brought to life now returns as springtime comes here again. The river seen in the distance is released from the prisonhouse of ice and snow and its waters flow on to join the waters of an inland sea that forms Lake Michigan. Hoar frost and melted snows, suns and skies and clouds of spring renew the tired earth; floral bloom and verdant green, grains and all things that grow for our delight and strengthened hand again will soon take over on prairieland. The earth, robed in velvet foliage, stately trees, the lilies and the apple blossoms, gold nuggts and jeweled sands, the sky, the sun, the stars-all were here before a thing called man came along. Over it all today his footprint is

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the biggest thing.

Vice-President Nixon and wife and their son are back from a "goodwill" visit to South American lands. Goodwill tours and diplomatic gestures are fruitless and cost a plenty. Our enemy of long ago, Great Britain, is our best bet among the nations of today, but something could arise most any time to change the picture.

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Lancaster, Pa., a community of 170,000 patriots, Negroes, Hebrews and a few self-exalted bigots, was stirred a few weeks ago over a visit to the city of a notable American woman, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who had been invited there to make an address during brotherhood week. The Pennsylvanians were primed to do their utmost in honoring a distinguished guest. But, as the late Colonel Doyle might have said, they reckoned without considering the obstinacy of a Roosevelt. One Col. J. Hale Steinman, publisher, had consented to put on a party for Eleanor after the main event of the evening was over. This party was to be at the Hamilton club, an exclusive group that admits to membership neither Jew nor Negro. The onetime mistress of the white house does not go for such stuff. The colonel had his party with the he ored guest absent. She went to bed.

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Anderson vs. Anderson. Senator Anderson of Aurora thinks prairieland wil be turned over to bandits unless we take on a "penal director." Governor Anderson opposes the idea. The federal governmet had become topheavy with bureaus, commissions, directors for this and that. That the state is kept free from supernumeraries is devoutly to be wished. There are walled penal institutions that can take care of any convicted of crime with the present organization, and the "experts" called in from abroad for this and that would be a joke

News, Views and Gossip BY THE EDITOR Middlebrow Best The O'Neill Community Concert ery route will be started in Aprl. eries for the 1954-'55 season beongs to the history books. Large Sioux City Tribune on the "rough audiences were unanimous in their riders'" impressions of Washingapproval of James Melton, the

ton, D.C., and the inauguration leadoff man, and The Carolers, and the impression the "riders" the four male voices and soprano, made upon the crowd during the who Friday night climaxed the inaugural parade. . . E. E. Halstead series. The in-between soloists- of Ponca bought the Elkhorn Val-Samuel Sorin, pianist, and The- ley bank building. . . O. F. Biglin resa Green, soprano-were on the and other members of the Holt highbrow side for many of the lis- county board of supervisors met B's. teners. Nobody doubted Sorin's with the Boyd county board in virtuosity and no one questioned Spencer concerning the matter of Miss Green's rare high quality of the Niobrara river bridge voice and professional ability, but subject of much interest to the Melton and The Carolers won the people of Spencer.

sustained operations activities

against the enemy." . . . Charles

Switzer substituted one night this

week for the night patroman and

One Year Ago

The St. Mary's academy seniors

Sunshine Twins." . . Barney Lew-

presented their class play, "The Ch

ing. . . All members of the O'Neill Co

Addison of Atkinson and Bob Arn-

actress and actor, respectively, in

holt of Bassett were named best Fr

ATKINSON--Members of the

kinson were entertained Saturday

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Or-

Two couples, Mr. and Mrs. Eli McConnell and Mr. and Mrs. An-

turn the invitation sometime in

Leisure Hour Pinochle club at At- 10

Officers of the O'Neill Community Concerts association say the first season has taught them their second game played in the a lesson or two. Henceforth, they'll district tourney at Norfolk. . venture to discuss with the artists | Willard Slocum, a homesteader in aforehand the appreciation level Holt county, died in Chicago, Ill. of the audience. Although the ... Petitions are being circulated practice is frowned on in New for candidates in the city elections York City headquarters, the art- to be held in April - the list is ists usually are prepared to digress small. Among the candidates are from the standard format. For example: Ben Grady asked and Norbert Uhl. . . A car be-one of The Carolers why they did- longing to Dan Gallagher, which n't come through with an Irish was stolen while he was attending

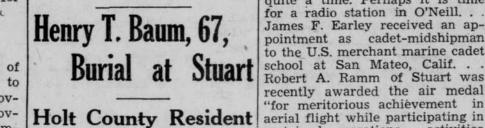
was nearly at hand. "By George, we would have . I somebody had reminded us!" time.

## Miscellany

The smallfry in our neighborhood were passing themselves off as half-Indian, half - this, halfthat. One 4-year-old proclaimed: "I'm half milk!" . . . A clus-ter of elementary-grade St. Mary's academy girls awhile back were comparing notes on what they would give up for lent. One wanted to give up school; another piano lessons.

middlebrow class.

-CAL STEWART



Since 1918

ATKINSON- Henry Theodore Baum, 67, resident of the Stuart stowed away one gent who had community for 36 years, died at become too familiar with tanglehis home in Stuart Thursday foot. morning, March 10. Mr. Baum



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Mrs. Verna Walker .. 356.15

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Mrs. Katie Papke ....

Miss Alice French ....

Krysl Reaches 15.00 Gerald DeGroff ..... Alaska Air Base 96.39 Mrs. Laurence Chipps ... STUART - Pvt. Larry Krysl. Mrs. Ralph Hoffman ... 60.95 son of Mr. and Mrs. John Krysl. has arrived at an Anchorage. 39.00 Mrs. Sam Robertson .... Alaska air base. He had sailed from Seattle, Wash., on the USS 90.60 John Tenborg ..... Marine Lynx and docked at Whittier. From there he traveled by rail to Anchorage. He states that 86.71 Mrs. Alex Frickel, jr. .. letters are received by, air but that other mail, packages, etc., George Syfie ..... 90.00 are brought in every two weeks. His address is: Pvt. Larry Krysl 2.00 US55480235, QM Depot Co., Harvey Krugman ..... 8385th, APO 949, Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Ray Hoffman .... 22.50 GO TO STATE TOURNEY Mrs. John Silverstrand. 134.50 INMAN-The first and second basketball teams of the Inman Mrs. Alfred Drayton.... 107.20 high school and their coach J. R. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes, Supt. and Mrs. M. E. Davis ..... 51.00 Mrs. Gerald Nelson and boys and Melvin Michaelis, drove to Lin-Mrs. Art Givens ..... 218.50 coln Friday where they witnessed the playoffs at the coliseum. They 72.50 Asa Shermer ..... returned Saturday night. Frank Beelaert ..... 193.00 Visit Ressels'-Mr. and Mrs. Harry McKay Albert Dericksaon ..... 5.00 and Vickie of Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. Duane McKay and Mrs. Glen White ..... 30.00 children visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ressel. Total of townships ... !. \$2,505.08 Total for county .....\$8,655.96 Try Frontier want ads! Total expense .....\$ 135.34 Mrs. Donlin Feted SENSATIONAL OFFER on Birth Anniversary SPENCER-Mr. and Mrs. John Lady Dover Murray of Spencer entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of the steam IRO birthday anniversary of Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. Anna Don-The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fraber and daughter, Denise Ann, Mr. \$697 and Mrs. Bernard Rohde, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rohde and son, Francis, Mrs. John Harrington and daughter, Marlene, and Reverend 17.95 Value NOW \$1098 A birthday cake was baked by Mrs. Donlin's sister, Mrs. R. J Rohde. Mrs. Donlin received many on Rexall Plan • Uses Tap Water • Easy to Fill Tilt-back handle Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel • Easy-Drain Spout Safe to empty even when hot were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson of Em- Form-Fit Handle & Button Nooks met. Other guests were Mr. and Accurate Temperature Selector FULLY GUARANTEED GET YOURS TODAY Frontier for printing! at your merally Drug Store Alice's Beauty Shop Gilligan's Rexall (In Former Apparel Shop DRUG Location) Phone 87 - O'Neill Phone 263 - O'Neill

stead of seven. Having understood that the postal department is hardup, he thought he should pay for those fixe extra stamps. Upon his next visit to the postoffice, the 15 cents was turned in and the mistake explained. The gent at the stamp counter took the 15 cents and gave me a look that implied, there's a guy who ought to have his head examined!

A 50-page big town newspaper that has lost touch, or never had it, with the home folks and neighboring patriots in work clothes that carry on the really worthwhile common occupations of community life, is chiefly interesting for what it does not have-the human side of life and warm personal hand clasp found only in the home-town weekly paper, which is not concerned with life on the other continents and planets but tells us how neighbors and friends are making out, community activities, who has a new baby and what oldtimer takes to his easy chair while a new-comer takes over.

Mary Murphy was a native of the O'Neill community and a daughter of a sturdy couple who came from Ireland in the long ago to become a part of the Gen. John O'Neill colony group that made homes on the open prairie. In one of my visits to O'Neill in recent years, I had a sidewalk visit with Mary when we met on North Fourth street. She was her cheerful self then as we revived pleasant memories. Life's burdens, joy and pain are over for her and one more who knew life as it was in pioneer times is taken from the community by the pale hand of death.

Nebraska's two senators are reported as votng against salary raises. But they will get that extra 10-thousand-dollars now that the white house official seal has been affixed.

Editorial . . .

only for the raid on public funds involved.

A Gas City, Ind., woman from a broken home is in jail. In a closet in her home was found the dead baby she had killed. A mother take the life of her own little one? What can be done with adult delinquents?

In the spring of 1953, republican-appointed public printer Raymond Blattenberger shocked Washington, D.C.'s, bureaucrats by returning \$5,-000,000 to the federal treasury from his agency's appropriation. Recently, due to continued economies, he returned another \$3,000,000. He also increased efficiency, increased wages of the government printing office employees, and reduced printing charges to other government agencies-the first such reduction in more than 20 years.-Report from Congressman Glen Davis.

School census is underway in this Hoosier town to ascertain not only the number of kids of school age, but also how many in each household is under school age, to plan for future needs accordingly. The federal census bureau is also taking a census. This time it is to ascertain how many smokers there are in the country along with some looking under the skin with a view of throwing light on the question of the relationship of cancer to smoking.

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The governor exalted to the throne by Nebraskans has signed into law that which spoils the Fourth of July fireworks, and another law that makes firewater available for Young Man Afraid of His Horse. The dove, our winged emblem of peace, will continue to give guys with a gun the wink. The legislative committee performed the obsequies upon the sportsmen's dream measure.

**Postoffice Pens Go Modern** 

There has been one good thing about the old . postoffice steel pens: If many have ever been stolen, it has not been recorded. And there is one thing that worries the postoffice about its forthcoming experiment with 20,000 ballpointed pens: The question of how many may disappear.

Morality aside, who would steal the old pens anyway? We are sure (without personal knowledge, emphatically) that even using 20th-century ink, instead of the old postoffice formula, they must make good handwriting bad and bad handwriting worse. The amount of sputtering, scratching, and blobbing they can produce with their accustomed fluid is common knowledge.

Of course, Horace Greeley undoubtedly produced illegible writing without a postoffice pen. But he was gifted along those lines. The run-ofmine scrawler can be deciphered in spite of his efforts.

We would forecast a general improvement in handwriting if the ballpoint experiment survives its bald and unprotected exposure to the public. However, the postoffice pens have been so bad for so long that not many people have ruined their chirography upon them for several generations.

Our best guess is not many of the newfangled pens will turn up missing-chiefly because the reputation for the G.I. (general issue) pens has been bad for so long.

In testimony before the house appropriations committee, Assistant Postmaster General Norman R. Abrams said the 20,000 new pens would be placed in service strictly on a trial basis-dependLet's Clear This Up!

(Guest editorial from Blair Pilet-Tribune) In a recent editorial about our belief in steak for breakfast as the only means for a true, redblooded American to start the day, we added that fried potatoes and a slice of butterscotch pie would not be amiss.

Many of our readers-and certainly a number of our fellow editors outstate-appear to have been stirred into hysteria by the mention of butterscotch pie, so we hasten to make explanations.

One DOESN'T have to finish off our style of breakfast with butterscotch pie. This was only an illustration. Cherry pudding, apple pie, chocolate angel-food cake or even a Baby Ruth candy bar just as well can be substituted as dessert.

We certainly hope we didn't fail in efforts to attract good Americans to our steak-for-breakfast plan by implying that it could only be topped off with butterscotch pie.



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had been in ill health for some time and had been confined to his bed since last July.

Funeral services were conducted from St. Boniface church in ellyn, head football coach at Cle Wayne State college, addressed Stuart at 10 o'clock Saturday members of the O'Neill high "O" morning, March 12. Rev. A. J. Paschang officiated. Burial was in club and faculty at a dinner meet-St. Boniface cemetery. The late Mr. Baum, son of Jacob public school teaching faculty

were reelected and the teachers De and Catherine Zimmer Baum, was born September 23, 1887, at Cher- were voted a \$150 per year increase in wages. . . R. V. Lucas, Du ckee, Ia. He moved to Stuart in 1918. On November 23, 1921, at owner-manager, fell from a 10-St. Boniface church in Stuart, he foot ladder while painting the in- Ev was married to Miss Martha Wal- terior of his store. He suffered puncture wounds in the abdom- En inal cavity. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. H.

Mr. Baum operated a farm near Stuart for many years. He retired Davis celebrated their 50th wed- Fa ding anniversary at an open-house from the farm a few years ago observance at their home. . . Eva Go and moved to Stuart. Survivors include: Widow

Martha; brother-John of Elgin; Elgin, Mrs. Elizabeth Kain of Washington, D.C., Miss Emma play contest held in Atkinson. sisters--- Mrs. Anna Kalvalage of Baum of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Atkinson Clubbers Alphonse (Eleanor) Batenhorst of Stuart and Mrs. William (Matil- Guests of Pirates-

da) Culp of Stuart.

**Etiquette Is Topic** of Meeting-

evening by members of the AMELIA-The Helping Hand O'Neill Pinochle Pirates at the club met at the home of Mrs. farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goldie Hiatt on Thursday, March Sterns, north of O'Neill. The 10. There were 14 members and hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Albert seven guests present. The guests Sterns, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vewere Mrs. Elmer Oetter, Mrs. El- quist, Mr. and Mrs. James Mcmer Fix, Mrs. Gene Hansen, Mrs. Nulty, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Mil-Vern Stewart, Mrs. Viola Tra- ler, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Faulter vers of Atkinson and Mrs. Nellie and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran.

Baker of Casper, Wyo. After a dinner the meeting was ville Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. called to order by the vice-presi- John Silverstrand, Mr. and Mrs. dent, Mrs. Florence Coolidge. Af- Leonard Ulrich. ter the business session Mrs. Hazel Ott led the lesson on etiquette. The next meeting will be with ton Weichman, members of the Mrs. Julia White on April 10. Atkinson club, were unable to attend. The Leisure Hour will re-

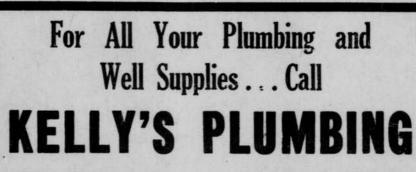
**GOING OVERSEAS** 

STAR - Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt the near future. Miller of Star have received word from their son, Arnold, that he had gone by air from Ft. Ord Calif., to the East coast and would sail from New York for overseas assignment in Germany.

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