

Prairieland Talk

"Paper Men Serve Public Office"

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O'Neill, Atkinson and Stuart still have their newspapers and print shops. There were these at one time at Dustin, Amelia, Emmet, Chambers, Inman, Ewing, Page and Mineola. The Holt Record was the first to get going in Holt county out at Paddock in the 1870's.



Romaine Saunders

The Frontier was O'Neill's postmaster in the 1880's, later in the U. S. land office here; and when Doc went to Arkansas he became a candidate for governor of that state. John McDonough of the O'Neill Tribune became exalted to a place on the editorial staff of the New York Sun. D. H. Cronin of The Frontier served as postmaster in O'Neill and was elected and re-elected to the state legislature; and Clyde King, printer and editor, was mayor of O'Neill for a time. Cal Stewart, formerly publisher and editor of The Frontier, was a captain in military service in the late "world war two" and has written a book telling the war story. Editor Prairieland Talker served on the election board in Swan precinct in the '30's. Don't forget that!

Mr. Eisenhower is reported to be writing the story of his eight years in the White House, to appear soon in book form. No doubt a work of interest to readers and of historical value.

Ed Hershiser, a notable guy in the O'Neill community many years ago, in the days of Doc Middleton the notable horse thief, the Dutchers, Al Hillman, Kid Wade whom the vigilantes took from the custody of Sheriff Ed a cold night in February 1884 and hung the poor Kid Hershiser in early days had an excuse of a drug store on the north side of Douglas street just east of the Neil Brennan hardware store. The village jail serving as a county jail stood in the alley just back of Ed's drug shop. From druggist Hershiser became sheriff of Holt county, and after that nothing much until one winter he took over the corner on south 4th street, worked out an ice skating rink which didn't pay him enough to buy loaves of bread for his family. Became postmaster in O'Neill and got money enough together out of that to pull out with his family for distant parts to the west. Ed had two brothers, Jake and Eli and his parents moved here from Iowa and lived some two or three miles west of town, the ranch that became the last home of Con Keys. Eli is one of the three brothers to die and be buried in Prospect Hill cemetery. Ed regretted to the last of his days that a mob got Kid Wade.

Unless revived on the floor and brought to life the sales tax proposal is a dead one this session of our state law makers.

I passed today just two doors to the south where stands a modern beautiful human abode. But that home lacks today what I knew there a few years ago, a barn and shed like dwelling of a friendly old soul who ever had words of cordial greetings and an irresistible "Come in" to a chance visitor or passer-by. Today the gilded door to the exalted home is closed, no friendly greeting or welcoming "Come in." Good law abiding citizens of the community have erected their castle where Charley's shanty had stood, too busy with life's duties to extend the welcoming hand.

He lives in Lincoln today, my good friend and native son of Holt county Lew Nissen. From where he holes up in the Capital City he comes from time to time to where another patriot from Holt county now holes up in our Capital City. Just recently Lew patted me on the back as I walked the street. We shook hands and greeted each other as only prairieland blocks can do, then went and sat in Lew's shining new car and had a visit. I learned that he will be going to Atkinson Memorial Day, his people now at rest in the graveyard in Atkinson. Lew will also visit his sister and her husband, the Frank Pierces in the Amelia community.

My good "Scotch-Irish friend," Mary Hagerty Lawson living down at Columbus, cheered me again with a friendly note and Easter greetings. Mrs. Lawson is of the Billy Hagerty household in O'Neill some years ago and is a niece of the late Col. Neil Brennan, a prominent pioneer citizen of this community. We former citizens of the county seat town of Holt county retain treasured memories of life's joys and struggles here near the flowing crystal waters of the Elkhorn river and enjoy occasional contact by mail routes. Mrs. Lawson keeps in touch with her old home town by reading The Frontier, as many others do.

He told me he once got a dollar a day for his work, but now pulls down \$2.32 an hour, or over \$18 a day. High cost of living—its these higher wages of workers that make it.

A letter comes to me again from Mr. and Mrs. Dave Segelman of Seattle, Wash., former citizens of O'Neill who have cherished memories of life on prairieland. And in their letters to me they paint beautiful word pictures of the scenes of nature the hand of the Creator has placed along our northwest Pacific coast region. They express their interest in the story soon to appear of the settlement here at O'Neill being in the process of completion by the author, Mrs. Felts of Newport, R. I., a lady writer of marked ability whose girlhood and later years were spent in the community of which she writes an interesting historical account and certainly many will want her book. Glad to hear from you Dave and wife.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Presbyterian church ladies hold their regular Easter sale and exchange . . . C. R. Lewis, enterprising mail carrier on Chambers route has put an International Roadster type car on route and is now carrying mail, express and passengers in modern style . . . Nels Cain has purchased four acres of land south of old mill race near Sam Barnard's place and will build thereon . . . Ernest Goree, Hugh Bitner and Frank Fowler of Inman return from hunting expedition, bringing with them quite a number of ducks and coyotes.

25 YEARS AGO

The sale of new automobiles keeps right on in this county with 38 new cars registered during March . . . Donora Rae Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cooper, is singing and dancing with Frankie Masters and his band . . . Mrs. M. A. Summers moves from Page to Bartlett . . . Clem Cuddy, John Fox, Richard Bowler, Fred Calkins, Jack Davidson, Phillip Dempsey, Lloyd Godel, Les Uhl, Shobert Edwards and Julian Rummel have crew meat feast at Country Club Inn . . . Mrs. Bessie A. Brittled dies at Inman.

10 YEARS AGO

First Korean Veteran, Pfc. Luther Larson, returns to O'Neill . . . Elkhorn Valley Lodge 57 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows celebrates 75th anniversary . . . Ewing voters reject liquor by drink . . . J. M. McDonald store completes interior decoration project . . . O'Neill voters OK new fire truck. Amelia woman, Hazel Dexter, first polio fatality.

5 YEARS AGO

D. C. Schaffer wins mayor vote over Alva Matrellis . . . Mrs. Catherine Kallhoff, 86, dies April 4 at home of daughter, Mrs. Anna Miller in Ewing . . . Hospital kickoff drive beginning at Atkinson . . . Election confirmed of Elmer Juracek of Star and Harvey Krugman of O'Neill as members of Holt soil district board of directors . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Prill and three children of Chambers move to Gettysburg, S. D., where he is employed on a ranch . . . Carolyn Watson, a student nurse at Immanuel hospital in Omaha, spends Easter vacation with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Watson of Inman.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

J. E. Doherty had a summer kitchen moved from town up to his residence north of Chambers . . . Gladys Baker, Lovena Adams and Minnie Alderson are home from O'Neill enjoying a vacation from school . . . Edison phonographs and records for sale by Will Major . . . The WCTU entertainment at the Baptist church was well attended and a splendid program rendered . . . George Lambert has rented farm 9 miles southeast and will hold public sale April 12.

25 YEARS AGO

April 1 finds the Chambers Valley with real winter weather as there is a total of 10 inches of snow on ground and the thermometer is just above zero . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lybolt have rented the Newt Wyant farm west of Chambers . . . Sugar, 100 lbs. at \$4.99; oranges, per doz., 15 cents; wieners, per lb., 18 cents advertised in this week's issue. . . County Attorney Julius D. Cronin is main speaker at Commercial Club banquet.

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Rosedale News

Carol Mahlendorf Phone 7374

Mrs. Martinson Has Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nelson, Vicki and Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson and Kenneth were Wednesday evening visitors at the Lew Martinson home, helping Mrs. Martinson celebrate her birthday.

Pastor and Mrs. D. Elroy Anderson and family were Friday evening dinner guests at the Edwood Martinson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson visited with Mrs. Art Lindgren Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mahlendorf, Steven and Lynette were Sunday dinner guests at the Harry Mahlendorf home.

An Easter sunrise service was held at the Butte Community church sponsored by the Youth For Christ.

There were special numbers from the following churches, Bonesteel Assembly of God, Butte Community, Rosedale Covenant and Spencer Wesleyan Methodist. Women of the Butte Community church served a breakfast. A very large crowd attended.

Last Week's News Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mahlendorf, Steven and Lynette, Carol Mahlendorf, Carol, Beverly and Janice Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Johnson and family, Karen Anderson, Janice Lee Anderson and the Rev. and Mrs. Elroy Anderson, Elrene and Dorianne attended the Sunshine Bible Academy pageant at Avon, S. D. Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mahlendorf, Steven and Lynette visited at the Oliver Nelson home after they attended the "Scared Drama"

at the Assembly of God church in Bonesteel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dalberg and family, Mrs. Edwood Martinson and Wayne, Mrs. Duane Mahlendorf and Steven, Mrs. Ivar Johnson and Darwin and Mrs. Otto Holmberg, Cindy, Judy and Eugene were Monday afternoon visitors at the Rev. Anderson home helping Gaylen and Delwyn celebrate their 5th birthday.

Lou Ann Landholm came home last Monday to spend her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Landholm.

Wednesday evening dinner guests at the Herman Landholm home were Mr. and Mrs. David Landholm, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Martinson and boys and Mrs. Morris Johnson and LaVonne.

Margaret Johnson spent her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Nelson and family were Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Bud Snider home at Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson and family were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Art Lingren at Fairfax.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Colfack returned from their wedding trip Tuesday which they spent in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nelson and family were Wednesday evening visitors at the Fred Nelson home helping them celebrate their anniversary.

Rose Marie Holmberg spent her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmberg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Martinson and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. David Landholm and Mrs. Morris Johnson and LaVonne were Sunday visitors at the Pastor Anderson home helping the twins, Gaylen and Delwyn, celebrate their birthday.

Ronnie Witherwax was an Easter Sunday dinner guest of Leonard and Carol Mahlendorf.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Martinson, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nelson and Douglas and Vicki, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson and Diane and Bill Heny were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Fred Nelsons.

Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Landholm were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bostrom, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Landholm and LouAnn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mahlendorf and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mahlendorf spent Easter Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Lyle Allen and family near Fremont.

Friday guests at the M. B. Nelson home were Mr. and Mrs.

Bill Snider and family of Butte, and Mr. and Mrs. Denton Colfack. Mr. and Mrs. George Martinson were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Landholm.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwood Martinson and boys were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Morris Johnson and Lavonne.

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Editorial

Sugar Beets In This Area?

Glancing over the exchange papers that come to the office each week, this item caught our attention. Real estate transfer: Joseph L. Giles, all that part of SW 1/4-22-30-22 lying south of C & NW R. R. right of way, Ainsworth, to Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.

This little item opens up a wide area for the imagination. A sugar company would be interested in land in this part of the country no doubt, for the raising of sugar beets which means the company is looking in the future to the time when the Ainsworth irrigation project is a reality.

Further imagination allows to visualize row upon row of cultivated crops, not suitable for this part of the country until irrigation is available; possible manufacturing plants for sugar; a market for more farm machinery, and a need for laborers.

Two weeks ago The Frontier ran an article about the Ainsworth dam and the starting of access roads and other projects in connection with the dam. Also in the article was the notice that persons looking for work could apply at the Norfolk Employment office.

It isn't possible at this time to visualize the way the country in this area could be changed by irrigation. However, a compliment should be paid to

the men with foresight enough to plan the Ainsworth project, and also the Chamber of Commerce committee in O'Neill that has been working so hard to get data from our farmers and ranchers to insure Holt county of being a part of future irrigation.

A Refreshing Sight

How refreshing it was to see all the young faces on our streets Friday—when Holt county rural students visited O'Neill for the Music Festival.

The sight of so many young people downtown makes one realize that school will soon be out and the glorious summer vacation will presently be here for the kiddies.

Those who took a moment from their work to watch the junior visitors, remarked on their pep, happiness and alas, their youth. They never walk—they skip. They weren't cross—they giggled and laughed. Maybe their happy disposition kept them from getting indigestion from the ice cream, candy, pop, etc., that they consumed all day. We oldsters would be up all night from such a diet.

Most important, it's just plain nice having you here. Come again—come often. O'Neill welcomes you.

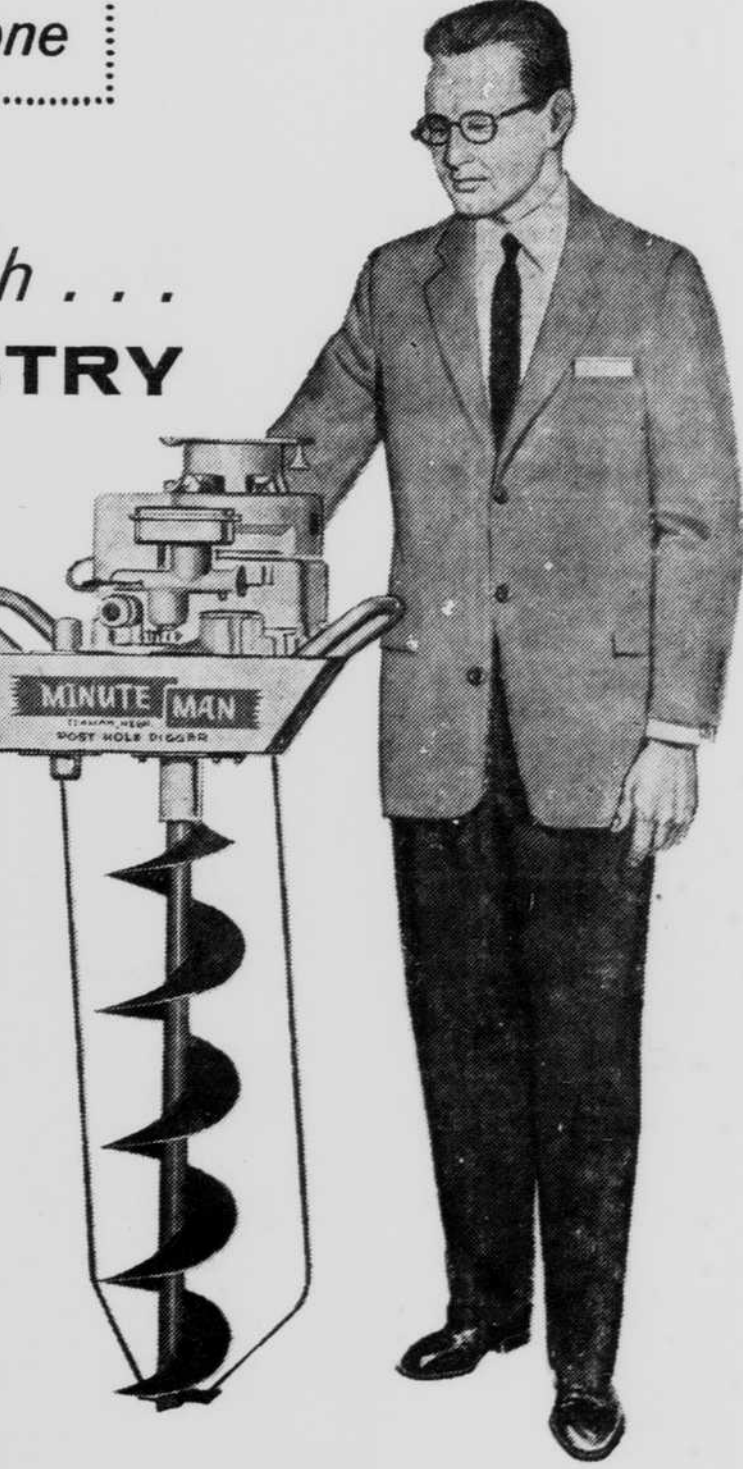
It's the unity in a community that gets the job done

The job in Tekamah . . . A NEW INDUSTRY

The birth and growth of the Minute Man Company of Tekamah—manufacturer of a portable, powered posthole digger—is an example of how native Nebraska inventiveness, backed by community-wide interest, can build new payrolls.

Founder and owner of the company is 19-year-old Emmett Hennig, who built the first working model of the digger in after-school hours. Advised and encouraged by Tekamah business and professional men, farmers, and civic organizations, he began production last year and has since established a number of sales outlets. Meanwhile, plans are being drawn for other new products.

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