

## Prairieland Talk

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What is believed to have been the first harvesting machine introduced to Holt county prairies was the one owned by John Donneley, who with his family, became citizens of the Atkinson community in 1882. Previous to his introduction as a Holt county pioneer, Donneley was operating a street car at Port Huron, Mich. Peter Edison, a brother of Thomas A., the noted wizard of invention being the street car magnate for whom he worked. The reaper, as those early harvesting machines that replaced the old hand cradle were then known, was something of a curiosity to homestead kids and adults as well.

The machine cut the grain, laying it in bunches that were bound into bundles by hand by a crew of men following the machine. The bundles were gathered into shocks and later run through a red and ominous looking threshing machine that was the annual big event and fascinating exhibition for youthful spectators.

It was slow compared to present methods of harvesting, but there was hardly a kernel of grain lost, which can't be said of the present "harvester" method. The Donneleys were not only first to introduce machinery into homestead life, but Mrs. Donneley was about the first to bring into the sick room anything like scientific methods in the care of afflicted prairie dwellers.

She became the ministering angel for the sick far and near. Her qualifications as a nurse made of the Donneley home a primitive hospital.

On an occasion 2 nearly starved wayfarers found their way into this home and were restored to normal vigor. They had eaten nothing for days but some raw meat from a dead antelope. After contributing to the taming of a Nebraska wilderness, Mrs. Donneley spent her last days in the then new state of Oklahoma.

It was a vivid picture. A man lay full length face down upon the sidewalk, the law standing over him and a doctor counting the slowly ebbing heart beats. One leg of the fallen man covered the edge of an open manhole through which he sought to escape 2 Chicago, Ill., police. He was shot down—just another entry of a dead burglar. Maybe he was, maybe not.

In a city where if you are caught penniless and reach somewhere for a loaf you go down when a smoking gun barks. You look at the picture as printed; think, poor fellow! Turn to another page.

What brought that man in the way of a policeman's bullet could be anything but a lovely story. Somewhere along the way his guiding star sank below the horizon of human effort to maintain the level of honored industry and social standing.

Yes, poor fellow! But was it not the thief on the cross who was promised a place in Paradise, not the Roman soldier with the spear in hand, not the sneering priest?

Officials of a hospital out at Scottsbluff report as gratifying success the plan adopted whereby patients may pay for hospital care over a period of months by installment payments. Out there you can pay for your virus assaults on the budget arrangement. Let the idea spread.

If you go to work for an individual or corporation you do the thing you are put at as the one who pays you wants it done. There are public officials who have yet to learn that they are the servants, not the master. A bit of paving up the street has remained unfinished all summer because the street bosses wanted it their way, not the way the people who use it and who pay for it want the job done.

A Nebraska national guard band has been taken for duty in Korea. I don't know just what the "duty" of horn blowers might be in knocking over the enemy other than to furnish the marching music for the men upon whose accurate aim it all depends.

## Hear Reports on WSCS, WCTU Meets

PAGE — The WSCS met on Thursday afternoon, September 21, at the Methodist church basement. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, Mrs. H. S. Harper had charge of the meeting and also of the devotionals. Mrs. Dora Townsend was pianist. Mesdames M. G. French, C. E. Wilcox and R. L. Heiss gave reports on the WSCS meeting at Norfolk which they had attended the previous Friday.

Mrs. Dora Townsend reported on the WCTU convention she had attended at Denver, Colo. Members of the social committee, Mesdames R. L. Heiss, M. G. French, Jesse Kelly and Herbert Steinberg, were hostesses.

### Other Page News

The Bid or Bye bridge club met with Mrs. Will Simmons Wednesday afternoon, September 20. Mrs. Gerald Lapsen held high score and Mrs. Kenneth Braddock won the all out.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parks and family, of Creighton, spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller and son, Glen, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Miller's father, N. G. Miller.

Miss Marie Heiss, of Hastings, spent the weekend at the Leonard Heiss home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kelly have rented the Leslie Lamason farm and will take possession as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Lamason move to their home in Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snyder, of Norfolk, were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. French.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Masden and family, of Wagner, S. D., were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Summers and family and Mrs. Emma Canaday were afternoon visitors.

Mrs. Hannah Stevens, Mrs. Blanche Darr, Mrs. Evelyn Gray and Mrs. Nona Bedford were Sunday dinner guests of Miss Maude Martin.

Wayne Lampshire, of Lincoln, spent Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell.

Mrs. Anna Smith and Ernest Trowbridge, of Inman, Mr. and Mrs. Munson Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith and Linda had a picnic supper at the club grounds Monday evening

for Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart and son, Duane, of Corte Madera, Calif.

A no-host supper was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart and son, Duane, of Corte Madera, Calif., who left for their home Friday. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Munson Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stewart and son, Loren.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Duncan, of Rapid City, S. D., spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Larbee Kelly. They were returning to their home from Pilger where they had spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Burtwhistle. Mrs. Burtwhistle is recovering from her recent illness. Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Burtwhistle are sisters.

## 7 Holt Men Are Volunteers

Sgt. James R. Lyons, of the Army & Air Force recruiting station at O'Neill, reports the following enlistments from the O'Neill area for the past month, including 7 Holt county men:

For Air Force: William B. Baker, of Burton; James L. Colburn, of Valentine; John J. Vejvoda of Verdigre; Wendell E. Peterson, of Elgin; Kirk A. Bolts, of Orchard; Payne M. Bogardus, of Long Pine; Roger B. Dye, of O'Neill; Lawrence E. Ernesti, of Ewing; Donald R. Rossenbach, of Norden; Edward E. Cavanaugh, of O'Neill; Donald W. Taylor, of Ainsworth; Fred W. Osenbaugh, of O'Neill; Frederick J. Blosch, of Long Pine; Donald A. Nasland, of Page; Curtis H. Young, of Valentine; Donald F. Kratochvil, of Verdigre; Haltaire F. Nollette, jr., of Valentine; Allyn K. Rasmussen, of Brunswick; Donald A. Hoof, of Woodlake; Clair F. Gard, of Elgin; Raymond J. Schmit, of Atkinson; LaRone Asmusson (WAF), of Neligh; Stanley L. Hoschouer, of Ainsworth; James H. Parks, of Page;

and Charles E. Tienken, of Butte.

These men and women went to Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Tex., for further processing, reassignment and training.

For Armored Corps: John M. Connors, of Valentine; Chester E. Bair, of Bassett.

For Artillery Corps: Harold F. Winkler, of O'Neill.

For Engineer Corps: Allen R. Fuhrer, of Naper.

Fuhrer went to Ft. Riley, Kans., for further processing and training.

Sergeant Lyons stated that anyone enlisting can select any one of the following branches: Engineers, artillery, armored, infantry, airborne or air force. And an ex-GI may select practically any branch of the service he wishes.

### Vet Farmerettes Plan a Booth—

Seven members of the O'Neill high school on Monday evening, September 18. A motion was carried to have a booth at the women's achievement day on October 26, with the floor covering lesson to be exhibited.

Family night was announced for October 5 and the date for the "Meat Cooking" lesson will be set at that time.

It was decided that the meeting date of the Vets Farmerettes would be on the second vets' training class night of the month.

The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Boyd Boelter; vice-president—Mrs. Louis Bartos; secretary and news reporter—Mrs. Lee Fink.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Berl Damkroger presented a lesson on "The Art of Color and Personal Appearance."

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## Pep Club Awaits New Uniforms

EWING—Students of the Ewing high school held class meetings on Monday, September 18, for the purpose of organization. Presidents of the classes are:

Seniors—Sally Christon; juniors—Nick Sojka; sophomores—Marcia Gibson; freshmen—Tommy Christon.

The newly organized Pep club, 40 strong, under the leadership of their sponsor, Miss Genevieve Vandersnick, elected officers as follows: President—Sally Christon; cheerleaders—Marian Harris, Marcia Gibson, Jackie Mosel and Marilyn Varilek. They are attending all football games to support the Tiggers. Members of the club are looking forward to receiving their new uniforms by the first home game.

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### Odd Lookers Are Frosh—


STUART—Those odd-looking people on the streets of Stuart Monday morning, September 25, were just the freshmen trying to satisfy the whims of the sophomores in the annual initiation. A party was held at the auditorium in the evening for the entire high school and faculty.

Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson returned Tuesday, September 19, from a 5 weeks visit in Billings, Mont., Sidney and North Platte. In Billings she visited her sister, Mrs. Elma Kramer; at the other points she visited relatives.

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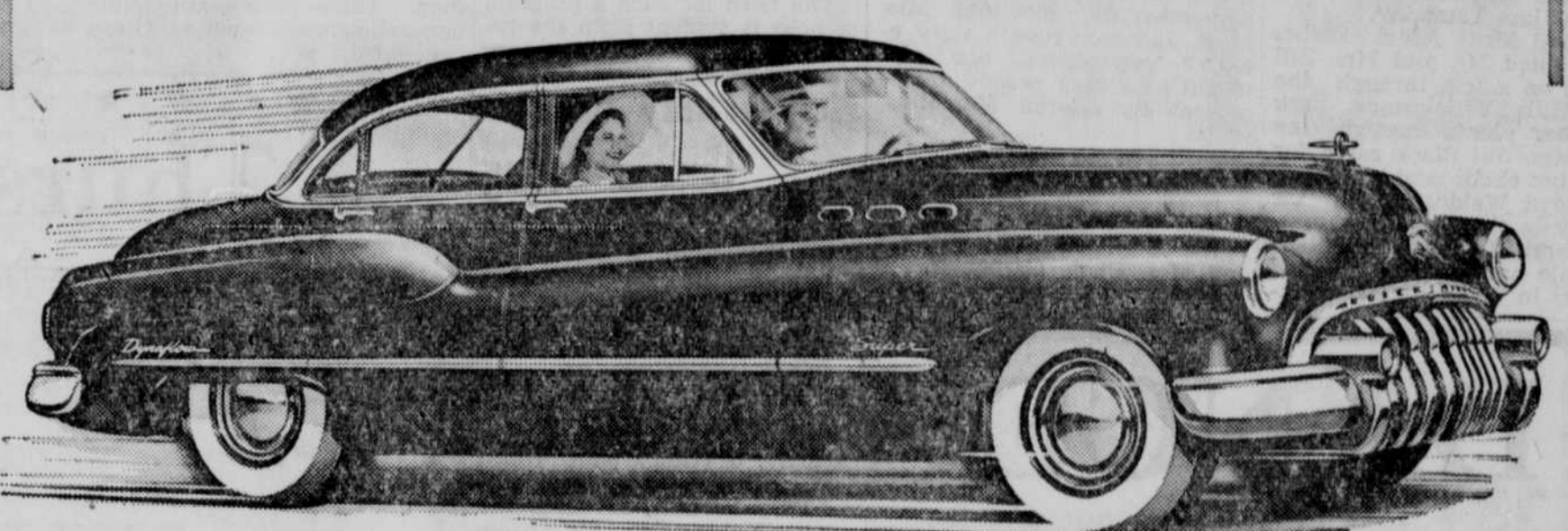


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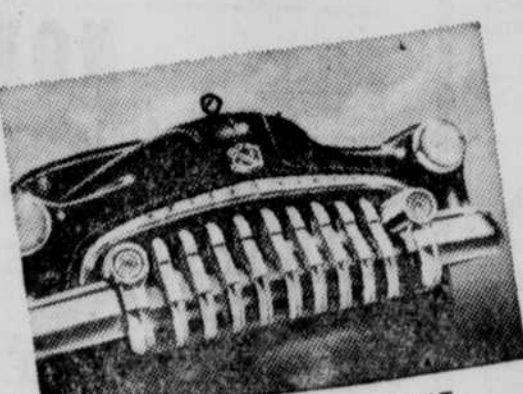
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