Prairieland Talk

Another Dramatist Gone

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And now another, who for more than four-score west Douglas street in the years now gone. If one settlers into North Nebraska. of that dramatic group besides Prairieland Talker still survives, I would like to hear from them. Mrs. sweet singer and capable actress. She came as a mere baby to Holt county with her parents, the Tim Dwyers from Michigan. Unlike most Holt county pioneers, Mr. Dwyer had money, more than ten thousand dollars when they landed here to join the O'Neill colony. That was some money 80 years ago. of the board of directors of a bank in O'Neill. Kitty is survived by her husband, two daughters themthe community, Mrs. Birmingham and Mrs. Froelich, and others who cherished Kitty's friendship.

Another post office closed in Holt county, another tear shed as we say goodbye to Redbird as a mail distributing point. But unlike the forgotten Parker post office, that at Mineola and many others in various parts of the empire of Holt gone and forgotten, Redbird continues and will continue a community where industrious and loyal citizens carry on. Like the railway passenger trains, fourth class post offices give way to the rural free delivery system. And speaking of post offices, the O'Neill post office is now in its fifth and final location. Where The Frontier is printed, there stood in early days, a small frame building housing both the post office and print shop. That building went up in smoke, and another larger frame building took its place housing both the post office and The Frontier plant. In the late '90's the post office was on the other side of the street, D. A. Doyle the postmaster. When the late D. H. Cronin became postmaster he moved back to the old stand. The next move was up the street next to the O'Neill National bank where Paul Shanner now has his cabinet shop, the next move just north of the Golden hotel, then to the present location permanently established in the commodious structure Uncle Sam erected for O'Neill.

Time rolls on, here today, gone tomorrow. Storms rage in all their fury; sunshine follows the gloom only to rise triumphant again.

Editor Jerry erects a sod temple to the memory years knew the O'Neill community as home, has of the founder of The Frontier. Then asks why Doc been layed away in the abode of the dead, up there Mathews came to Holt county. The same may be where just recently we placed floral tributes to the asked of others, of the present Frontier editor him- a unanimous vote by members of memory of our departed dear ones. Mrs. Charley self. We specimens of the genus homo are forever tute to stand for re-election to the Stout lays now among the remains of the pioneers on the go-new fields to conquer, a place to serve, office of county superintendent. Went on the Home Extension club who had gone to rest during the passing years.

Kitty Dwyer, as we knew her before she became

The officer request of Pat Haggerty who thought the local Degree of Honor returned tired but enjoyed the trip. the wife of Mr. Stout, and a mother, was one of the community should have a Republican newspaper, lodge . . . The citizens of Butte last of the Academy dramatic group that acted out and today The Frontier continues to tell the story put up a modern opera house and spent Thursday night and Friday the dramas, comedies and tragedies before crowded of life in "God's Country." The glowing pictures of lodge hall. houses in the old opera house and skating rink on Mathews' Frontier had much to do with bringing mining propositions on behalf of the tour.

It was hot midsummer in 1901. At the urgent University, came home for sum-Stout was a popular and charming young woman, a request of church leaders, and because of urgent mer vacation . . . Miss Constance need, Governor Savage issued a proclamation ap- Harrington was one of the gradpointing Friday, July 26, that year as a day to pray uates of Trinity college, Washingfor rain and relief from the heat . . . On July 26 Ginnis Creamery Company set that year some forty Sunday schools of Holt county aside June 19 as visitors day were represented at a convention held in O'Neill. Sheridan Simmons announced that

. . . James V. Stout was winding up his drug store if no other candidate enters the field against Judge Malone, he will Mr. Dwyer was, for a time, a stock holder and one business at the Gilligan and Stout store preparatory make the chase himself . to leaving for Chicago to enter medical college . . H. S. Daley, a brother of Mrs. J. J. Harrington, was selves mothers and prominent in the social life of up from his home in Texas visiting his sister . . . livan. 73, O'Neill; The two months T. V. and Parnell Golden were home from a trip old son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren to the Pacific coast region . . . Miss Susie Gillespie Sparks, after a 2 week illness of returned to O'Neill from a sojourn in Atkinson. Rain wet Holt county 12 days after Governor Savage's proclamation.

> Those able legal lights who appeared before the to build a brick building for the panel of three judges of the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals for Charles Starkweather's appeal said the Vincent Hotel building on the south young killer had been denied his Constitutional side of Douglas street, west of rights. So? Eleven victims of that guy's "right- Fourth; The McElvain building on to-kill" were denied their right to live and lay today under Nebraska sod in the abode of the dead. The sections, one side for liquor sales criminal had the right of court trial; was found and the other for beer; The Gatz guilty of murder by a jury of citizens and con- old Frontier office was completed demned to die. Lawyers, for a fee, have kept the and Roy Osborne moved his beer shameful affair alive for a year.

> Down in Texas, where they do things in a big by John Melvin as a grocery way, the barbers went at a competative price cut- store . . . The eighteenth annual ting war, and Texans got 15-cent hair cuts . . . Gov. invitations golf tournament opened Brooks vetoes some bills passed by the legislature, at the O'Neill Country club on June but when the measure releing his but when the measure raising his pay came to the ed the Cook family reunion held chief executive's desk his honor approved it . . . at the Bob Cook home on June II,
> Over 150 "historians" gathered in Wayne April 19 given in honor of Mrs. Nellie Simto attend the annual spring meeting of the Nebraska Lee George of Escondido, Calif. State Historical Society . . . Good word comes out of Russia-citizens of that great land want peace judging day was planned for June and friendly relations with the U.S.A. . . . The Ne- 29 . . . Deaths: Mrs. Jack Harrington, Caldwell, Ida., formerly Olliebraska State Historical Society received a gift of Manson of O'Neill. \$100 from the Lincoln chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the gift bestowed in mem-

Editorial

Irony of Old Wood

iosity is going to turn into a day of tragedy for

There is "a little bit of a boy" in every one of us as we thrill to the whistle of a fire siren. We jump behind the wheel of our car and head for that fire as though it's the last one we're going to see.

Perhaps this will be true for one of us in the future. And then again, it might be a little boy or girl running across the street or down the road to see what the firemen are doing, or to see how big the fire is, or where it is.

And there is a good chance that when someone is killed going to a fire in town, it will be about as ironic as possible. The fire that "kills" the little boy or girl will probably be a little stack of old lumber somewhere, or perhaps a bonfire that got a little out of hand . The only holacost will be in the hearts of the grief-stricken parents when they lower the child into the grave.

Any good fire chief (and we've got a good one) will tell you that time is essential when fighting a fire. These firemen worry enough. They should not have the added concern of children on the streets or of unauthorized persons driving to the scene of the fire.

What Kind of Child?

There isn't a boy in the world, probably, that has not had at one time or another the urge to knock out a street light with a sling-shot or a BB

An occasional fling of a rock, although wrong, is just that little bit of defiance that the boy feels he must show the grown-up world that seems to

But what would you call the breaking of \$100 worth of lights and the damaging of a stock tank at Carney park?

What kind of satisfaction does a child (if it was a child) need, who would do a thing like that? How in the world would you begin to satisfy a person

We hope the O'Neill police department will make every effort to discover who did it.

Slanted Stories

About the easiest thing in the world for us, as individuals, is to accuse some newspaper of slanting its news stories.

We expect that the most factual writer in the world, leaning over backwards to avoid doing any socalled slanting, would be accused by someone somewhere if they didn't like what the individual wrote or if they were opposed to the action which the writer described in the news stories.

We doubt there is a newspaper anywhere that does not at some time or other slant its stories. And some of the very encs who shout the loudest about slanted stories ask for them to be slanted.

When this newspaper, or any other newspaper, is promoting an organization such as the Chamber of Commerce, we expect the stories are slanted in favor of the organization.

When the newspaper is giving publicity to a worthy and deserving cause and seeking to have a large attendance—it slants its stories.

When the newspaper is promoting something for

One of these days in O'Neill, a little healthy cur- the community, chances are the stories are slanted. But it is just about as easy for someone disliking what is in a story or the action described, to cry "slanted stories" merely because they wanted

> something else to occur. The average news writer seeks to take the facts as they occur and to present them. And the chances Wood were given reburial in Keo- ifconia. She is going to spend a are they are not slanted, although most of us opposed to the facts contained in stories like to think

The person, who may favor one side in a contro- 10 years, celebrated his 25th anversy, usually takes special or extra effort to prevent slanting of stories.

But no two people read anything-a story, an editorial, a news item or even a letter, and get the same meaning out of it. All place their own personal interpretation on it and they are sure the way they read it is the way it is. We have heard of more than one instance when people read something into an article which isn't there, yet they are sure it is.

These same people can take an article or a news story, which may be slanted so it favors them, and they are just as positive it is a fair, honest and un- ordained into the priesthood of the biased report as they are sure something they don't like is slanted.

Windswept Little Church

It is said that there is a movement of mankind shower and threatening skies . to the large city-to the metropolitan swing of The Herman Janzing automobile

It includes the desire to go to church in a cathed-Moss, P. C. Dorohoe and M. H. ral, to watch a baseball game in a park holding local Horiskey left on a fishing trip to Big Pine resort at Perham, Minn.

And yet, a little church near O'Neill-in the mid- American Red Cross swimming indle of the Sandhills and built over 70 years agothe membership is rising.

The Paddock Union church, cared for lovingly church for the past three years was by members who have refused more than once to transferred to the parish at Leigh. have its doors close permanently, is still active. Apparently people are beginning to realize that four delegates to Westminster felworship is a private, silent and non-assuming com-

Worship, to these modern people of the Sandhills, is as powerfully felt in a windswept little church veteran. as in a large cathedral. Their fathers thought so

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Lynch News

Frontiers

Miss Florence Zink was urged by

. O. F. Biglin was in June 11-12 at the Leo Kalkowski Lost Creek, Wyo., inspecting coal home while their mother went on some prospective Holt county inton, D.C., this year .

kinson made plans to celebrate ding the glorious Fourth on Saturday, . DEATHS: Florence Sul-

20 YEARS AGO

New Buildings: The First National Bank announced its plans Brown-McDonald Store; The work of laying brick was started on the er, Douglas Mooday and Rita Purnorth Douglas street is nearly completed. It is divided into two building across the street from the parlor therein; Mrs. Helen Simar purchased the Wise and Pettijohn property on Douglas street occupied

The Holt county 4-H district

IV YEARS AGO

Wash., sister of Mrs. Robert Fox, Reverend Meyers' were here Satboys off a railroad trestle and on the sick list. saved them from death seconds ed her. Two of the boys were her guests Saturday afternoon at the foster sons and two were her Everett Rudedges. grandsons ... Plans were being made to rebuild the Page school.
... The O'Neill district No. 8

board of education recently ap-pointed Howard Dean, former athlette coach, to the post of high school principal and coach for the 1949-50 school year . . . Bernard lynes, O'Neill, underwent surgery in St. Josephis hospital at Sioux City as a result of an auto accident received June 5. . . Page— The remains of S-Sgt. Warren F. kuk, Ia., national military ceme-Atkinson Rev. A. A. Lehmen; pastor of St. Joseph's Catholie church at Atkinson for the past niversary as priest . . . St. Anthony's hospital fund hit \$70,000. Glea H. Wade, O'Neill was elected chairman of the Holt counchapter of the American Red Cross succeeding John R. Gallagh-

FIVE YEARS AGO

A huge crowd was reported at the O'Neill rodeo's finale in 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eickhoff, Page, observed their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house. ... Rev. Basil M. Price, S.J., was

Roman Catholic church at St. Mary's college, St. Mary's, Kans. ... The O'Neill Municipal band appeared in its first concert of the summer season despite a light

stolen from O'Neill was located in

Three hundred seventy five applications were received struction at the Municipal pool here . . . Rev. Kenneth Carl, assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic David Lee, was elected by the Youth of the Prebytery as one of lowship National assembly meeting at the University of Ill. . Death: Edmund W. Evans, O'Neill farmer and World War II

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

WD—Aaron S. Lange to School Dist. 147—5-22-59 \$100—2 acres in SW corner of SW¼ 4-31-13. GUARDIANS DEED-Wm. W

Griffin, Grd. to Albert Marsh 5-25-59 \$1842.25-2/54ths interest in SW1/4 21-29-11. WD-June F. Evans, et al.,

GUARDIANS DEED - June F. Evans, Grd. to LeRoy A. Burgess and wife 6-6-59 \$1-1/2 Int. in Lots 16-17-18 Blk. E-Fahys 2nd Add-

WD—Frank Searles to Homer J. Ernst & Ida Gail Ernst 5-19-59 \$24,800—West Half Sec. 22-29-12 ex-cept 10.1 acres in SW 1/4.

WD—Harold F. Bauman to Leonard Olberding & wife 5-11-59 \$7375—Lots 4-5-6 &S½ lot 3 Blk. 24—Pioneer Townsite Co 1st Add—

A number of ladies from Lynch Mrs. John Hunt was tendered tour to Sioux Falls S. D. on June Danny and Debbie Havranek

vestors . . . Walt Hodgkin, who was and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barta went taking a law course at the State to Wynot Sunday, June 7, to attend the first communion of their grandson, Larry Burback. Diana Pesicka was a dinner

> guest Saturday at the Peter Mul-Eleanor Barnes! Harlan Holtz. Joyce Holtz, Carol Tonner, Bonnie Flanders and Betty Miller came from Wayne state college to spend the weekend with their parents and attend the Carson-Witherwax wed-

Mrs. Elmo Barnes, Marlin and David were O'Neill, Spencer and Butte shoppers Friday. Eleanor and Marlin Barnes were in O'Neill Friday night on business. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Witherwax

gave a wedding dance in Lynch Saturday evening Those receiving first communion at the Catholic Church Sunday

were Marilyn Kolund, Terry Wheelviance Mrs. Phyllis Mulhair and boys Mrs. Etta Johnson and Mrs. Don Johnson went to Lincoln Friday to

attend graduation exercises of Dor-

othy Mulhair from Lincoln Col-lege Saturday. They returned home Sunday. Wallace Moffett went to Lake Andes with Frank Weeder's Friday evening to attend a ball game. Johnny Weeder played with Lake Andes. It was also Fish day at the

Mrs. Frank Carsten went to Bonesteel, S.D., Saturday to get Mrs. Irene Carsten. They went to Wyo-ming to visit the Elden Mills family. Mrs. Mills is a daughter of Mrs

Mrs. Phyllis Mulhair and boys and Mrs. Etta Johnson were callers in Spencer, June 10. Mrs. Johnson remained for a few days as her grandson fell from the porch and broke his arm

Mrs. Frank Mulhair was a Saturday afternoon caller at the Harold Micanek home. Jack Tarr went to Omaha Friday to bring his mother home. She has

been in an Omaha hospital.

Emmet, heroically pushed four urday to see Dr. Ira, who has been Mrs. Frank Mulhair and Mrs. before the locomotive hit and kill- Tommy Courtney were coffee

Kenneth Crooks spent last week Mrs. Frank Muthair was a caller

Eleanor Barnes, Joyce Holtz and urday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barnes were

in O'Neill Tuesday, June 9 to visitf friends.

Mrs. Charley Bare, who is over 80 left Omatia by plane for Callittle while with some of her chil-, The Y W G O club entertained evening, June 8, for a school meet-

Mrs Glady Davis, who has been staying with Mrs. Bare has gone to Wyoming to visit her children. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Watson were callers at the Guy Barnes home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Koenig and family from Norfolk, Mrs. Lee | Mary Stenger returned to Peters- | Mrs. Kenneth Fish present. Blitzkie and son from Spencer were burg Sunday after spending a few dinner guests at Frank Weeders days with her folks, went to see Carl Kayl.

their grandson, Leon Schockenmair, at the Frank Weeder home Monday 'were gone

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Taylor Weeder home Wednesday night.

Sunday. In the afternoon they Mr. and Mrs. Charley and Sharwent to see Carl Kayl.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Barnes.

Daryl and Stevie went to Lincoln

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Moffett and Wednesday, June 10 returned home went to Bonesteel, S.D., June 14 to boys, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulhair, Thursday. Mrs. Don Kayl took care attend the first communion of Mrs. Renao Boelter and Irene meet of the other children while they

the Naper club to a tea in the park ing as they sold their school house Thursday afternoon. June 11. Lunch was served.

were supper guests at the Frank Rural Progressive classifications were supper guests at the Frank 10 at the Leonard Havranek home Mr and Mrs. Peter Mulhair and with 20 members and three visitors, Mrs. Don Kayl were to Burke, S. Mrs. Don Rossmeier of Medicine Lake, Mont., Mrs. Don Johnson,

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spencer, Diana,

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