

PrairieLand Talk

Another Dramatist Gone

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And now another, who for more than four-score years knew the O'Neill community as home, has been laid away in the shade of the dead, up there where just recently we placed floral tributes to the memory of our departed dear ones.

Editor Jerry erects a sod temple to the memory of the founder of The Frontier. Then asks why Doc Mathews came to Holt county. The same may be asked of others, of the present Frontier editor himself.

It was hot midsummer in 1901. At the urgent request of church leaders, and because of urgent need, Governor Savage issued a proclamation appointing Friday, July 26, that year as a day to pray for rain and relief from the heat.

Those able legal lights who appeared before the panel of three judges of the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals for Charles Starkweather's appeal said the young killer had been denied his Constitutional rights.

Down in Texas, where they do things in a big way, the barbers went at a competitive price cutting war, and Texans got 15-cent hair cuts.

Time rolls on, here today, gone tomorrow. Storms rage in all their fury; sunshine follows the gloom of storm clouds. Life may sink to hopeless despair only to rise triumphant again.

Editorial

Irony of Old Wood

One of these days in O'Neill, a little healthy curiosity is going to turn into a day of tragedy for someone.

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.

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 gun.

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 dominate him.

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 like that?

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 so-called 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 ones 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

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 are they are not slanted, although most of us opposed to the facts contained in stories like to think so.

The person, who may favor one side in a controversy, 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 unbiased 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 to the large city—to the metropolitan swing of things.

It includes the desire to go to church in a cathedral, to watch a baseball game in a park holding 10,000 persons, to listen to a concert in an acoustically perfect auditorium.

And yet, a little church near O'Neill—in the middle of the Sandhills and built over 70 years ago—the membership is rising.

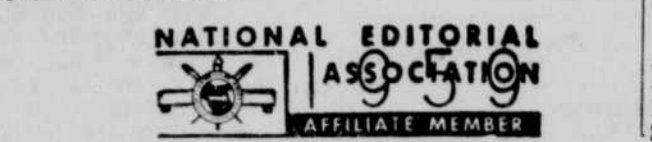
The Paddock Union church, cared for lovingly by members who have refused more than once to have its doors close permanently, is still active. Apparently people are beginning to realize that worship is a private, silent and non-assuming communication.

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



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Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Miss Florence Zink was urged by a unanimous vote by members of the Holt County Teachers Institute to stand for re-election to the office of county superintendent. Mrs. John Hunt was tendered a surprise party by the members of the local Degree of Honor lodge.

20 YEARS AGO

New Buildings: The First National Bank announced its plans to build a brick building for the Brown-McDonald Store; The work of laying brick was started on the Vincent Hotel building on the south side of Douglas street, west of Fourth; The McElroy building on North Douglas street is nearly completed.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Ruth Merryman, Malone, Wash., sister of Mrs. Robert Fox, Emmet, heroically pushed four boys off a railroad trestle and saved them from death seconds before the locomotive hit and killed her. Two of the boys were her foster sons and two were her grandsons.

FIVE YEARS AGO

A huge crowd was reported at the O'Neill rodeo's finale in 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elektroff, Page, observed their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house. Rev. Basil M. Price, S.J., was ordained into the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church at St. Mary's college, St. Mary's, Kans.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

WD—Aaron S. Lange to School Dist. 147—5-22-59 \$100—2 acres in SW corner of SW 1/4 4-31-13. GUARDIANS DEED—Wm. W. Griffin, Grd. to Albert Marsh 5-25-59 \$1842 25-2/5ths interest in SW 1/4 2-29-11.

Lynch News

Ladies Enjoy Tour

A number of ladies from Lynch went on the Home Extension club tour to Sioux Falls, S. D. on June 12. The ladies went by bus. They returned tired but enjoyed the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kalkowski and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barta went to Wynot Sunday, June 7, to attend the first communion of their grandson, Larry Burback.

Eleanor Barnes, Harlan Holtz, Joyce Holtz, Carol Tomner, Bonnie Flanders and Betty Miller came from Wayne state college to spend the weekend with their parents and attend the Carson-Witherwax wedding.

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 Kohund, Terry Wheeler, Douglas Mooday and Rita Purviance.

Mrs. Phyllis Mulhair and boys, Mrs. Etta Johnson and Mrs. Don Johnson went to Lincoln Friday to attend graduation exercises of Dorothy Mulhair from Lincoln College 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 lake.

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

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.

Reverend Meyers were here Saturday to see Dr. Ira, who has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Frank Mulhair and Mrs. Tommy Courtney were coffee guests Saturday afternoon at the Everett Rutledge's.

Kenneth CPOoks spent last week with Loren Mulhair.

Mrs. Frank Mulhair was a caller of Phyllis Mulhair Monday.

Eleanor Barnes, Joyce Holtz and Beverly Alford went to O'Neill Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barnes were in O'Neill Tuesday, June 9 to visit friends.

Mrs. Charley Bare, who is over 80 left Omaha by plane for California. She is going to spend a

little while with some of her children.

Mrs. Gladys 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 Blizkie and son from Spencer were dinner guests at Frank Weeder's Sunday. In the afternoon they went to see Carl Kayl.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kalkowski went to Bonesteel, S.D., June 14 to attend the first communion of their grandson, Leon Schockenmaier.

The Y W G O club entertained the Naper club to a tea in the park Thursday afternoon, June 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Taylor were supper guests at the Frank Weeder home Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulhair and Mrs. Don Kayl were to Burke, S. D. Friday.

Mary Stenger returned to Petersburg Sunday after spending a few days with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Moffett and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulhair, Mrs. Renao Boelter and Irene meet at the Frank Weeder home Monday

evening, June 8, for a school meeting as they sold their school house and this will be their last meeting.

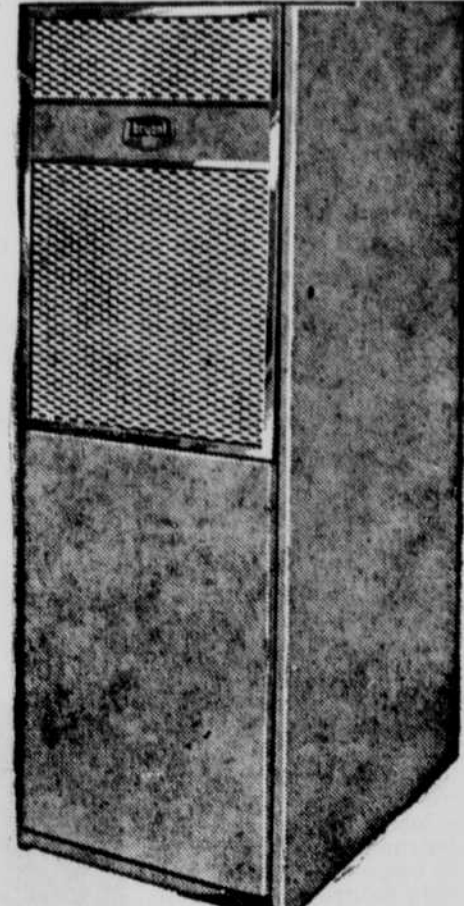
Lunch was served. Rural Progressive club met June 10 at the Leonard Havranek home with 20 members and three visitors.

Mrs. Don Rossmeier of Medicine Lake, Mont., Mrs. Don Johnson, Mrs. Kenneth Fish present. The co-hostess was Mrs. Howard Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spencer, Diana, Daryl and Stovie went to Lincoln Wednesday, June 10 returned home Thursday. Mrs. Don Kayl took care of the other children while they were gone.

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