



Miss Grace Merryman is, at present, the oldest resident of Page. A story teller of no small accomplishment, she is possessed with a keen sense of dry, American humor.

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Venus News

Disc Passes Over Boy Receives Cuts on Face

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

Mrs. George Jeffrey and Paul Lee motored to Osmond June 8 where they visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rasmussen and family. The previous day their 4 year old son, Billie was badly cut about the face when a disc passed over him. He was taken to Plainview for medical attention. He was able to return home after the wound was treated. Several stitches were taken.

The work and fun club met with Mrs. Reed Risinger on Wednesday, June 10. Eleven members and three visitors, Mrs. Leonard Risinger, Mrs. Marlin Tusha and Mrs. Fred Vanleek of Washington state were present. Quilting and crochet work was done for the hostess.

The annual club picnic was planned. It will be held at the Archie Cleveland farm on Sunday, June 28. Mrs. Risinger served lunch.

Mrs. George Heggemeyer will have the July meeting. The infant son, Loren Eugene, of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heggemeyer of Wayne was baptized Sunday, June 7, at the Wayne Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. George Heggemeyer, the grandparents, went to Wayne Sunday morning. They were sponsors.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cleveland and sons were Sunday, June 7, dinner guests at the James Podany home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pospeshil visited with the former's brother, Rudolph, at an Omaha hospital. Reports are that he is some better. Frank E. Pierce underwent major surgery at the Creighton hospital Wednesday, June 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Volquardson of Omaha were Memorial weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Mary Volquardson and Johnnie.

Rudolph Pospeshil was admitted to an Omaha hospital recently. Henry Pospeshil of Worthington, Minn., is spending two weeks with his brothers, Bill and George Jeffrey and family.

Mrs. George Jeffrey met her son, Paul Lee, at O'Neill June 8. He arrived by bus from Winner, S.D., where he had been visiting relatives.

June 8 visitor at the Ralph Brookhouser home were Henry Pospeshil of Worthington, Minn., and Bill and Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffrey and son, Paul Lee Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Boelter and grandchildren, the Alvin Hamilton children, spent June 9 at the

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Seven Cents

Oldest Page Resident Recalls Famed Little Red School House

PAGE—She has a twinkle in her eye, this Page lady of 90 years, is the oldest resident in the community and claims fame as being a student of the little red school house of song fame.

Miss Merryman celebrated her 90th birthday last week and 53 friends attended.

Miss Merryman enjoys visits from her friends and is possessed with a keen memory of people and past events.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Ira Merryman, she was born at Brunswick, Maine, 1869. Ten years later her family moved to Scranton, Ia., to try their luck at farming.

Life in the Midwest differed greatly from life in Maine where Miss Merryman's father had found it necessary to work in the shipyards in the summer months and in the woods during the winter to supplement his income.

It was in Maine that the Merryman children attended the little red schoolhouse, Miss Merryman says that it differed from the little white school house of Iowa only in that the red one had two windows on a side, the white one had three.

Miss Merryman returned to Brunswick in 1909 for a visit and found herself comparing the Maine way of living with her own Midwestern way.

In Maine, the typical cornshel-

ler, she recalls, was a homemade affair, made from a block of wood with the blade from an old butcher knife attached securely. This tool was used to remove the corn from the cob.

The Iowa way at that time, said Miss Merryman, was by means of a manufactured steam powered sheller outfit that made it possible to shell a year's crop in a half a day.

She lacked the nerve to tell her friends that only the day before she left Iowa, her brother, Frank, had shelled corn, pulling a 50-bushel load away from the sheller every five minutes.

She had already earned the reputation of "being as fast as a horse could trot." Miss Merryman recalled, for unthinkingly telling her Maine friends of the size of the Iowa farms and the unbelievable size of their fields of grain.

Following the death of her parents and sister, Annie, Miss Merryman accompanied her brother, Frank, to Page where they lived on a farm 1 1/2 miles east and one-half mile south of town. In 1925 they retired to Page.

Miss Merryman was active in church work as long as her health permitted.

Her brother died in 1946, and since then Miss Merryman has been seriously ill several times. Her failing eyesight and hearing proves a handicap to her, but she

has worked at story-telling as a hobby and is known as a clever entertainer.

She suffered a leg fracture 1 1/2 years ago and was hospitalized through October. Since then her activities have been limited.

Miss Merryman and Mrs. Bertha Harsh, 84, of Los Angeles, Calif., are the only living members of the Merryman family. Mrs. Harsh was unable to be present for her sister's birthday anniversary.

STATION IN GERMANY

Army Pvt. Frank D. Fetrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fetrow, O'Neill, recently arrived in Germany and is now a member of the 8th Infantry Division.

Fetrow, a meteorological crewman in the division artillery's Headquarters Battery in Baumholder, Germany, entered the army last November and received basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

The 21-year-old soldier is a 1956 graduate of O'Neill high school and attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

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What's this, a bird dog and coon getting along together? Rusty, the little pup used to get all the attention around the Eby service station, but now that Fred, left, and Bill, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eby of O'Neill found the coon, things have changed. The boys are feeding the coon with a baby bottle but Rusty's in there trying too.

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Friday, Saturday & Sunday
June 19, 20, 21

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Atkinson News

By Mrs. E. R. Brinkman

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Chace and family of North Platte spent the weekend in Atkinson with his mother, Mrs. R. E. Chace, and with other relatives. They also visited in O'Neill with Mrs. Chace's mother, Mrs. H. J. Hammond. The Chaces are former Atkinson residents.

Ottmar Poessnecker was flown to Rochester, Minn., on Friday to receive medical attention. He is now a patient in St. Mary's hospital there. Mrs. Poessnecker is in Rochester with him.

Mrs. Ernest Grunberg of Stuart returned to her home on Monday after being hospitalized in Norfolk for the past week following surgery.

Paul Shierk

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

6:00 p.m.—Parade through City; Sponsored by Lions Club; \$200 in Prizes by Chamber of Commerce. The Antelope and Wheeler County Saddle Clubs will Participate!

8:00 p.m.—Rodeo Performance.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 p.m.—Rodeo Performance.

10:00 p.m.—Western Dance at Legion Club.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

2:00 p.m.—Rodeo Performance.

PROGRAM

Event	Entry Fee	Purse
SADDLE BRONC RIDING	\$10	\$125
BAREBACK BRONC RIDING	\$10	\$125
CALF ROPING	\$20	\$125
STEER WRESTLING	\$15	\$125
BRAHMA BULL RIDING	\$10	\$125
LADIES BARREL RACE	\$10	\$ 75

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