



The calliope has been associated in the past with fairs, river boats, circuses and carnivals. Now they are museum pieces and those in playing condition are in demand. In addition to the one here in O'Neill, the only ones playing are owned by Walt Disney in Disneyland and one owned and operated by Christiano Circus, now playing in California. The men in the picture are, from left, Herman Grunke, the drive-in's assistant manager, C. E. Bradshaw, manager and one owner of the calliope and seated, above, LaVern Steinke, a musician from Winner, learning to play the instrument.

Ewing News

Plan Carnival to Open Football Season

By Mrs. Harold Harris
The American Legion and auxiliary will have a membership drive in the near future. The regular meeting of both groups was held Thursday evening at the Legion club.

Bob Eppenbach, commander, conducted the session for the Legion. On completion of routine business, a general discussion was held pertaining to a carnival for Ewing. Dates were set tentatively for Sept. 11-12, the opening of the football season.

Mrs. R. H. Shain president, presided at the auxiliary meeting. Officers appointed for the year 1960 were Mrs. H. R. Harris, publicity and poppy chairman; Mrs. Wayne Shrader, child welfare; Mrs. Floyd Lee, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Hawk and Mrs. C. C. Hahlbeck, color bearers; Mrs. Ernest Pierson, sergeant-at-arms.

Members may pay their 1960 dues to Mrs. Alfred Napier, treasurer and receive their membership card from Mrs. Eula Eppenbach, secretary.

The Legion members joined the auxiliary for refreshments served by Mrs. Wayne Shrader and Mrs. Willis Rokey.

Forty friends and relatives gathered at the parlors of the First Methodist church Thursday evening, to honor Miss Judy Cloyd at a bridal shower.

For entertainment a "mellodrammar" was presented with

Mrs. Aubrey Wood, as the narrator. The cast of characters were: Mrs. Dewitt Hoke, Mrs. Waldo Davis, Mrs. Alfred Napier, Miss Virginia McDonald, Mrs. H. R. Harris and Mrs. Roy Wright. The audience provided the sound effects.

The gift table centered with a bouquet of garden flowers, was beset with packages of all sizes. Miss Cloyd received many articles for her future home. Miss McDonald had charge of the gift book. Misses Bethyl and Vera Del Daniels assisted with the gifts.

White and yellow, the theme color, was the theme carried out in the decorations of refreshment table which was centered with a low arrangement of flowers with a love bird ornament, flanked by yellow candles in daisy filled crystal candle holders.

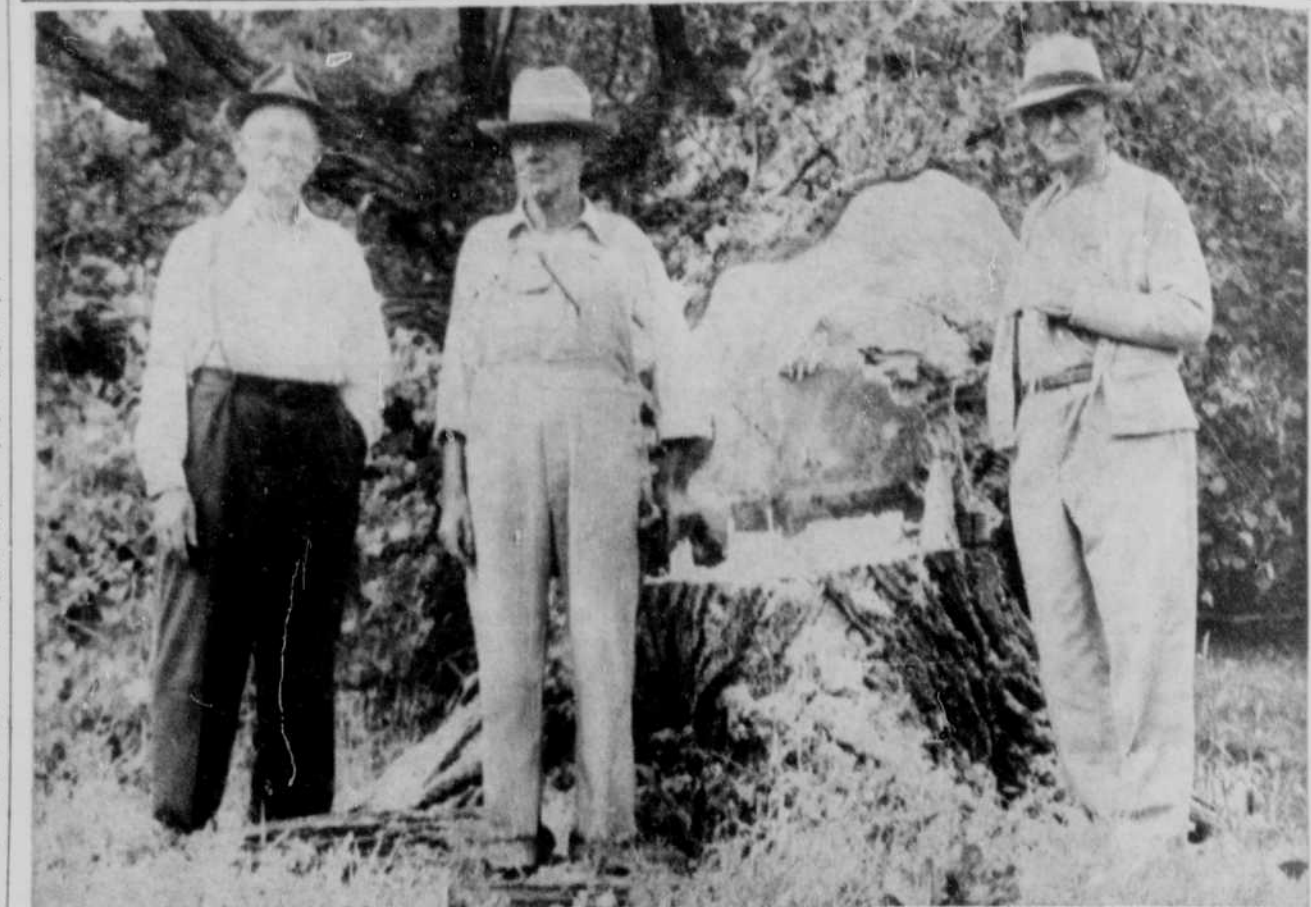
Hostesses were Mesdames Aubrey Wood, Waldo Davis, H. R. Harris, Dewitt Hoke and Roy Wright.

Kenneth Hill, a patient at an Omaha hospital, underwent surgery one day last week. His mother, Mrs. Martha Hill, and his wife went to Omaha to be with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis and Marie were dinner and evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hubel and family. Mr. Davis and Marie accompanied Mr. Hubel on a flight over Pickstown and Gavins Point.

Mrs. Laura Spittler spent Sunday at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartak and family.

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School children in Inman will miss this big cottonwood tree. It was cut down last Saturday at an estimated age of 63. Three men who were going to the Inman grade school at the time were, from left, Floyd Keyes, 75, G. P. Colman, 77, and L. R. Tompkins, 72.

Giant Playmate Is Cut Down

INMAN—A giant playmate of Inman children is no more. It took men only a few short minutes Saturday morning to cut down a 63-year old cottonwood

tree that stood for three generations in the middle of the school's playground. School officials became worried earlier this year for fear that the top-heavy tree might split and injure the children.

Although no definite date of its planting is known, most oldtimers believe it was planted as a sapling on Arbor Day in the year 1896.

Three men in the community, Floyd Keyes, 75, G. P. Colman, 77, and L. R. Tompkins, 72, all believe the tree was planted when they were in grade school. Former county judge C. J. Malone was a teacher at the time, they said.

One of the oldsters believes that the tree was planted as a school project.

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Hearing Music? It's A Calliope And A Rare One

If you have been hearing strange, piping music from time to time in and around O'Neill, it could very well be that you are hearing one type of musical instrument for the first time in your life.

The instrument, not too well known even in the day of our grandfathers (only 100 of them were made) is a steam driven adaptation of a pipe organ.

A group of men including C. E. Bradshaw, the manager of the O'Neill Drive-In theater, have bought the old instrument on speculation. They have discovered that it is only one of three instruments still in playing condition in the United States. Seven others are known to be in museums. The remainder of the instruments, built for the most part before the turn of the century, have been destroyed or taken apart for replacement parts.

Oldtimers will recall that the first time they saw the instrument they were usually horse-drawn carriages leading a carnival in town. But strangely enough, the first intended use of the calliope was for church services. Most ministers recoiled at the harsh and vibrant sounds, however.

The calliope in O'Neill (now at the Drive-In) was built in 1894, has changed hands at least a half a dozen or more times and wound up at one time, the property of the U.S. Government for failure to pay taxes.

Although Bradshaw did not want to reveal the cost of the instrument to the speculators, he did say the machine sold for over the price of a new car. Since that time, they have been offered three times its latest price.

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