

Prairieland Talk

Where Another Hagerty?

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O'Neill has had a number of notable citizens, in both the higher and lower realms of human affairs. It may be so today. But where is there another Billy Hagerty, in other days the community's one dependable worker always available for the tough jobs that came up, from digging a grave to pulling weeds? O'Neill's early moving picture show some 50 years ago was on North Fourth street. Billy did the clean up after the show was over and he always brought his family to see what was thrown on the screen. Billy is no more—is there another like him in the old town. Hank Mills was another community notable who was also at the picture show, and gaped with horror if the hero fell into a deep pit. Hank was the community well driller, went to the Presbyterian church every Sunday and was the fun maker at social functions and played the fiddle. Jimmie Triggs was another notable, could paint and hang paper, never kept a dollar over night and didn't know what the inside of a church looked like. And another, Sherd Simmons, I saw him one day just across the street from The Frontier office, attorney R. R. Dickson holding him at arms length by the neck. Sherd was another painter and paper hanger, the town's scraper and friendly guy if he felt that way. Dick subdued him that day. Yes, today the remains of these unsung notables lie under the sod up on the hill, except that of Hank Mills, who passed out of the O'Neill picture, died in a Pacific coast state.



Romaine Saunders

He left his native land of Germany and came to prairieland to avoid serving in the German army. A foot path led to where his meat block stood in the frontier town of O'Neill, no paved streets, no concrete sidewalks. Fred Gatz spent his life here serving the people with chunks of fresh meat and lumps of ice in hot weather, the ice taken in mid-winter from Hagerty's lake. Fred married, reared a family and had erected for their home one of the town's best dwellings, which still stands a block south of Second and Everett streets. And his descendants are still with us.

As I sat where idlers come and go, he came to me and said I probably would not remember him, then his name Williams and a few words serving as connecting links. Yes, it was Ross Williams, son of the late George A. Williams, at one time our Lt. Governor. He and his wife were visiting at the home of their daughter here in Lincoln, up on a trip to and over Nebraska from their farm home in southern Missouri. We had a visit. He had been to southern Holt county and in Wheeler county at a home of friends near Bartlett. He said Nebraska's grass-robed sandhills are a paradise of green wealth and beauty this season. He and Mrs. Williams will visit that way again, their first outing together for just about a lifetime, the Missouri plantation looked after by a son-in-law.

Out there above green-robed prairieland the golden crested eagle floats high on out-stretched wings, stately and still as a ship at sea; the sly prairie wolf trots here and there in search of a bone to gnaw; the bull snake to its winter hibernation haunts; meadow larks and whistling cowbird spread their wings and are gone to the south-land and Pat and Joe and Mary and Ann are off to the little white school house to look at the readers and spelling books another day.

Two days ago the Capital City dwellers sweltered as the glaring sun shot it up to 98 above. Today down to 47, a drop of 51 degrees. Six weeks of hot weather soaking you daily with sweat. Now the cool, pleasant days of autumn. Next at dawn of day prairieland touched by the frosts of coming winter. Turn on the heat!

He is 17 years of age. Thus early in life his youthful hands have shed human blood. It was in an eastern city, walking the street, he killed a man who by accident bumped into him. I know it was an accident, says the youth, but it made me mad. Mad indeed. More than that, devil inspired. His act makes others mad and he will die for it. In that city where it occurred young America is reported to be at it, killing and plundering. The Wild West has now gone east.

We cannot reach a hand to far distant suns, nor set foot upon other worlds, but we can behave a little longer and some future day be wafted yonder.

Editorial

Parents, 'Bend an Ear'

In last week's edition of The Frontier, two stories appeared about driving and teenagers. A death was reported in one, in another, a story of reckless driving and drinking. There was no actual connection between the stories with the exception of teenagers being involved in driving for pleasure. What do our teenagers think of their own habits where driving is concerned? The following guest editorial was written for The Frontier by Bill Shoemaker, a young man in O'Neill who has observed his own kind and has come to some conclusions. We think all parents should hear him out:

By BILL SHOEMAKER
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY SENIOR
You are sitting on the bank corner on a nice Sunday afternoon. There is the same car going by that passed not more than ten minutes ago. As you watch there for an hour or two, you observe the same cars driving by a dozen times. Yes, these are youth from O'Neill and the neighboring towns. They are "riding around," a fad that has swept over the majority of our young people.

Why has this craze been able to grab hold of our youth? In analyzing the problem, these facts seem to be the underlying causes. First, most teenagers of today have access to a car, either their own or the family's car. Secondly, our youth have more leisure time and money. Thirdly, riding up and down the streets takes little physical or mental exertion.

Perhaps you have been led to believe that constant useless driving is an evil. But is it actually an evil? In itself it is not legally wrong. But far more, it impairs the character building of these future leaders. Laziness and irresponsible attitudes form in them, because it takes neither physical nor intellectual powers. These young adults have a tendency to shun activities for passive restlessness.

The old Sunday afternoon baseball game with everyone turning out, either to play or at least cheer for the home team becomes entertainment of the past. The evening band concert with a large

number of young musicians participating and a tentative audience was another highlight of summer enjoyment. Playing ball and participating in a band concert are two examples of activities because there is actual achievement. Sitting at home watching the ball game on television or riding around town in a car are passive restlessness, for there nothing is really accomplished.

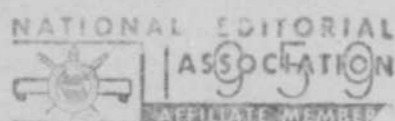
Our young people do not see beyond the hard work of an accomplishment. They do not see that something well done or even something they have done their best in, gives them a great satisfaction and enjoyment. Therein lies the reason our teenagers constantly drive up and down the streets of O'Neill. They are looking for something to do, not realizing that they, themselves, can organize and create some form of entertainment or project which will give them something worthwhile to do.



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Frontiers Ago

50 Years Ago

The foundation is laid for the new jail and the work of putting in the pipes for heating is now being done. About thirty of the little friends of Margaret Hunt gave a farewell surprise party. A great many strangers are coming every day looking for land. The pews have arrived for the new Episcopal church. James Shan-

ner of Verdigris district met with an accident while stacking hay. He was caught by the stacker and his left shoulder was drawn out of joint. His son was with him and put the shoulder in place. The ladies of the Episcopal church planned a Bazaar of All Nations beginning with a nine course dinner. Miss Elsie Butler departed for Peru where she completes the state normal this year. Mrs. James Armstrong purchased the John Hunt home on "Kid Hill". The masons began work laying the cement blocks of the Naylor building. Virgil Wald expects to have a sale in the near future and will then move to Missouri. Charles O'Connor began suit in county court to recover \$54. and interest at seven percent from June 2, 1901, from the Northwestern railroad for three calves killed on the company's road on section 21, this county. S. F. Mc-

Nichols and R. R. Morrison attended the fair at Sioux City.

20 Years Ago

The O'Neill Public school registered 221 grade and 198 in high school and at St. Mary's academy 139 registered in the grades and 129 in high school. The work on the lower story of the new Vincent building on Douglas street is nearly completed and the tenant, Stanley Soukup, planned to move therein within the next ten days. The building is quite an addition to West Douglas. Married, Veva Nightengale of Dorsey and Manly Lockman of Stuart; Miss Eileen Duffy of Petersburg and James Arbutnot, O'Neill; Eva Protivinsky, O'Neill, and Rudolph Thomas of Fremont. Melvin Jansen left for Chicago where he enrolled in an aviation school in that city. At the Methodist conference held at Lincoln, Rev.

V. C. Wright, pastor here for the past year, was returned to O'Neill for another year. Work on the remodeling of the Royal Theatre commences September 28, 1939. It will add 108 seats to the seating capacity of the theatre. Death: John H. O'Neill, 68, son of the late General John O'Neill, who was the founder of this city.

10 Years Ago

Two elaborate television towers have been erected in West O'Neill. Owners of the sets are W. B. Gillespie, installed at his home, and M. E. Jacobsen and Mathew G. Deha, who have made their installation at Slat's Cafe. Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Rose, O'Neill, observed their 60th wedding anniversary. School began in the rebuilt school house at Page for 150 pupils. Sixty in grade school and 60 registered in high school. A farewell party was held in the parlors of the Methodist church at Ewing for Mrs. Harvey Blake. Married, Miss Ethel Suchy and Floyd Hershiser. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Adams were honored at a surprise party celebrating their 25 wedding anniversary. A large crowd attended the annual Fall Festival at Ewing sponsored by St. Peter's church. Deaths: Ira L. Livingston, 52, a well known rancher residing southwest of Atkinson; Kenneth Ralph Lawrence age 24, fatally injured at his home while playing in a shed at Valentine; Ross E. Harris, jr., 27, of a heart attack.

Five Years Ago

Rev. J. Olen Kennell of Orleans has been issued a joint call from the First Presbyterian church in O'Neill and Bethany Presbyterian church near Chambers. Nebraska's fourth district Congressman, Rep. A. L. Miller (R) advised the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce he will be present for the

annual meeting of the Niobrara Basin Development association. The all-day affair was held at the American Legion auditorium. The 35th annual sunbelt banquet was held at the parlors of the Methodist church, Ewing. Simonson 91, American Legion auxiliary presented the Ralph Thomas show. The troupe featured singing, fun, music, comedy and novelties. On September 21, 1954 St. Anthony's hospital completed its second year in operation. Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe Snell observed their 59th wedding anniversary with a dinner and supper served in their honor at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cullen. Married: Miss Marcelita Tomjack of Ewing and Donald Cameron of Chambers; Dorothy Knight and Leonard Miller, both of O'Neill. The annual end-of-the-season masquerade ball at the country club brought out an impressive and entertaining array of costumes.

Last Weeks News

Naper News

By Joe Schaebeum

Carl Vogt took his son, Wayne, to Moberge, S. D., on September 9 where Wayne will attend the Lutheran Academy for the second year.

Mr. and Mrs. August Ahlers and Mrs. Lorey Ahlers went to Perce on Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lorenz, a niece of Mr. Ahlers.

Sunday dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stroh were Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mogek and family, Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mogek, Osmond, Mr. and Mrs. John Mogek of Lake Andes, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLaughlin and family of Naper.

Thursday evening guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ah-

lers to help their son, Steven, celebrate his 4th birthday were Mr. and Mrs. August Ahlers, Mr. and Mrs. John Schaebeum and Dora, son, and Mrs. Lawrence Ahlers and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanhecker and Laura. Mission Festival services were held on Sunday in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church with Pastor G. Frank of Hoskins, the morning speaker and Pastor D. Phelan of Winnet, S. D., for the afternoon. Both services were well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Strack and daughter arrived home on Sunday evening after spending their vacation in Wisconsin with relatives.

George Ahlers was taken to the Deuel hospital on Wednesday evening and later that night he was taken by ambulance to the Sacred Heart hospital in Yankton. Mr. Ahlers suffered a lung collapse and also has diabetes. He is in room 7-N.

A number of our 59 graduates are attending different colleges. Emma Windmeyer, daughter of Mrs. Alfred Windmeyer and Larry Juracek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Juracek are going to Yankton while Mylon Kern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Kern, is going to Vermillion and Kenneth Kates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kates is going to Wayne state.

Mr. and Mrs. Reine Fuhre went to Newport on Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ludemann. In the afternoon both families drove to Atkinson to visit with uncle Henry Ludemann in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ludemann and family left on Thursday for Huron, S. D., to attend the state fair. On Friday they drove to Ridway, Montana and spent till Sunday noon with their daughter, Ann who is teaching school there. Mr. Vance Feyereisen, jr. of

daughter, Carolynne of Iona, S. D., were Saturday callers in the Deuel hospital home. Mrs. Hermanson took her sister, Mrs. Vance Feyereisen and Carolynne to Sioux Falls where Carolynne remained to attend the Gordon and David Steward Beauty school. Mrs. Feyereisen was a Saturday overnight guest of the Hornsby.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett drove to Sioux City on Sunday where they attended a hardware meeting at the City Auditorium.

Mr. Vance Feyereisen, jr. of Iona, S. D. was a Sunday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Deuel Hermanson and family. Mrs. Hermanson and her nephew, Vance are attending teachers institute at Burke, S. D. on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma Fischer of Bassett and Mrs. Goldie Hayden of Newport were Monday callers in the Leo Ludemann home. They all went to Butte to attend the funeral of Adolph Arn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Juracek and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stanhecker

er motored to Tilden and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zauerner. Mrs. Minnie Grasser and Mrs. Dave Beck of Paxton, S. D. were Monday evening callers in the Oliver Whitley home, on their way home from Omaha. They brought Mrs. Lucy Whitley to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fuhrer and family of Blair, Nebr., came on Friday evening and spent till Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allpress and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Higgins and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Higgins and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graves of O'Neill.

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