



Guns, Antiques fill Ernest Johnston's farm home to overflowing.

Antiques Galore Fill Farmhouse of Ernest Johnston

It's not an old west trading post or a country store of 50 years ago but to a stranger accompanying Ernest Johnston through his home north of Royal, one feels that they may have turned back the hands of time to an era when buffalo guns and coffee grinders were the storekeepers stock and trade.

Ernie's farm home, located along the banks of the Verdigre creek, is filled to overflowing with antiques and relics now seen only in museums and adult westerns.

there is a farm sale within driving distance, you're more apt than not to see Ernie's pickup heading home afterward with some article for his collection.

The stories behind the guns would probably keep some TV writer busy for a year, if they were only known.

One of the guns in his collection was acquired from Ben Babcock, who found it imbedded in the crotch of a tree on the Hugh Angus place east of Neigh. Fourteen inches of wood had to be cut away before the musket could be removed from its resting place.

Just who placed the 1828 Springfield shortbarreled musket in the tree, or under what conditions it was left there will never be known but it certainly is enough to stir anyone's imagination.

Ernie, now past the 75 year mark, has spent his life in the Royal vicinity for the past eight years he has been District 2 county commissioner. He was successful in the primary campaign, and if the opinions of the residents in the Royal community are any indication, he stands a good chance of continuing in the job.

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Alders Stick It Out In Face of Slide

By Mrs. N. D. ICKES
Would you be optimistic enough to again take up the thread of your daily existence where fate, in the form of a fallen hill, had so short a time ago scared the wits out of you when the hill that was your back door yard suddenly sank away to the depth of 20 feet in its greatest point of fall?

ter-in-law, Mrs. Tom Alder only shrugged when asked if they were not afraid to stay and take chances. Only time will tell whether any more land will follow the first drop or not.

With the same spirit of doing the best they can do under the circumstances they are busy with make-shift arrangements to get things under control so they can be about the season's work.

Neighbors and friends and operators of the road machinery have helped move Mrs. Grace Alder's house back from the edge of the precipice and around back of the building site and into the fore yard where the family are crowded for room to get along until some other arrangements can be made.

An altogether new REA power line had to be brought in so they could use their power appliances and tools. In order to do this trees had to be trimmed and a new path cut for the wiring.

The many boxes of miscellaneous items brought from the Tom Alder home when it seemed the house would go any time were returned to it to get it into a dry place. They are not ready to trust their family in it yet.

Mrs. Grace Alder was born on the Alder farm on March 22, 1888. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudson and grew up for short periods of time she has spent her life there.

When their home burned down in 1927 they rented land close by while they built another house this one with stone walls that could not burn down. At that time they white washed the walls and fixed up the old ice house that still stands there, part of it back into the hill in dugout style, for a kitchen.

The strange phenomena that caused the cleavage of that section of earth is believed to have been caused by an underground stream of water. Steel Creek, at the foot of the hill, winding its way on down the valley bed, is fed by springs and a spring was in use not far from the kitchen door.

They still carried their wash water from the spring rather than pump it from the well that was about equally distant from the house. Water was carried from the pump. In her childhood a spring house was built over the spring with the water flowing through it through a trough. This arrangement was the pioneer's early attempt at refrigeration and milk crocks filled with milk were "set" in its flow of spring water until the cream rose and was skimmed off with a skimmer and churned into butter in a barrel churn set in the shade of a tree. Butter was molded in wooden molds with an oak leaf pattern to top the pound mould and was sold for as much as ten or fifteen cents a pound. A snowy white muslin was wet and covered over the butter. Making good tasting sweet butter was an art in which many pioneer mothers expelled.

The new house was not built until 1939 and topped the rise which sloped away to the north to the cow and hog yards and to the south to the road. To the east was the creek at the foot of the declivity and looking up and away over to the northeast a cow could be seen walking at the sky line far, far above the tree top sky line.

Sunday, as the curious sight seers came and went they marveled at the great mass of earth that dropped so far so quickly and disturbed so little the things that rested on its surface. Of course the little red shed is tilted a bit on an uneven keel but the great oak tree and the cedars look much as they did on the higher level. A choke cherry bush that crowded close to the cedar was in full bloom.

When questioned, Mrs. Tom Alder speculated as to whether the oak might not be leaning just a speck to the northwest and the large cedar be inclined somewhat to south by south-east. Just speculation for the slight tip was too little to be sure.

As one looked across the hills you wonder if the same thing has not happened many times to give the landscape its present form and the Alders are unfortunate to have it happen where it did. In time the present scars will be healed by washing rains and swept clean by driving winds with the trees struggling to maintain their plumb as they strive to reach up and out of the ravines to the light of the midday sun.

With the same spirit of acceptance as they who have been the victims of a tornado or a fire or any one of the property destroying elements the Alders are going ahead the best that they can to repair the damage.

Judy McElveny Weds Richard Farrier In Las Vegas Ceremony

A simple but impressive ceremony united Judy McElveny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McElveny of Compton, Calif., to Richard Farrier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farrier, also of Compton.

The marriage was solemnized the afternoon of May 15th at the Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Baskets of live mums and stock decorated the altar where the double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. John Whitehead of the Church of Christ in Las Vegas. Rev. Whitehead is a personal friend of the bride's family.

The bride wore a white lace dress with chiffon overskirt and satin cummerbund, her short veil

of nylon net was caught with satin rosebuds. She carried a white Bible covered with satin and pink with a white orchid and pink sweetheart rosebud streamers. Her only jewelry, given to her by the bridegroom was a diamond pearl necklace which has been in the bridegroom's family for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hampton of Compton were the attendants. Mrs. Hampton wore a light blue dress with pink carnation corsage. Mr. Hampton and the bridegroom wore dark suits with white carnation boutonnieres.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. McElveny chose a yellow lace dress. Her corsage was of white cymbidiums.

Mrs. Farrier chose a beige lace trimmed dress and her corsage was green cymbidiums.

The bride and groom both residents of Compton, have attended Compton schools and will graduate from Compton High in June. Mrs. Farrier is employed at Pacific Finance Company. Mr. Farrier is employed at Pier Point. He plans to attend Compton Junior college. At present they are living with the bridegroom's parents.

Out of town guests at the wedding were: Miss Myrtle Fees, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fees, Mrs. Cheryl Fees, and Jack Shop.

A reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents on Saturday, May 23, 1960.

Richard Farrier is a grandson of Mrs. Alma Farrier and Mrs. Myrtle Fees both of Chambers.

Bristow News

Mrs. Burl Bessert

Mrs. Claire Van Hove and DeLores and Mr. and Mrs. Arden Berg attended the funeral of Mrs. Van Hove's brother at O'Neill last Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Nelson and Lowell, Mrs. Ernest Hagberg, Mrs. E. A. Chare and Mrs. Van Hove were Thursday evening coffee guests at the Harry Holmberg home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kincaid of Columbus spent Saturday evening at the Van Hove home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prokop of Lincoln were Sunday afternoon visitors at Melvin Johnsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Karr spent Monday at Willard Landholms.

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A hobby which has occupied his spare time may now turn into a profitable business for Don McBride, who farms northeast of Orchard. McBride, a sportsman in the truest sense, has been raising fish as a hobby for the past 20 years. This spring McBride and two former members of the State Game Commission pooled their resources and fish knowhow to found Prairie Springs Fishery. His partners in the venture are George Kidd, former district supervisor of fisheries and N. Henry, former research biologist at Harlan county reservoir. Their goal is to raise gamefish for sale for private ponds and sportsmen clubs. Shown in the picture are George, Neal and Don and the three McBride children, Charles, Jerry and Eileen inspecting a recent hatch of Northern Pike.

Melvin Spangler of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Smith and family of Sioux City and Harold Dean Johnson of Bristow were Sunday afternoon visitors at Melvin Johnsons.

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Redbird News

By Veldeen Pinkerman

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pinkerman and boys were O'Neill shoppers Friday evening. Veldeen Pinkerman was a Saturday overnight guest of Hallie Carsten.

Mrs. Guy Hull was an O'Neill shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Pinkerman called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carsten Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hull and family were Sunday dinner guests in the Albert Reynolds home at Inman for Guy LeRoy's birthday.

Marilyn Garham accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pinkerman and boys home from O'Neill on Friday day.

The Dorsey Ladies Aid met with Mrs. George Calkins on Wednesday afternoon.

Randy Pinkerman accompanied his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vigo Christensen, to O'Neill Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Calkins visited in the Veldon Pinkerman home on Sunday afternoon.

Marvin Richter called at the George Calkins home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carsten called at the Bub Carsten home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Calkins visited in the Bill Alm home Saturday evening.

Clearbrook, Minn. was also a Thursday and Friday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Stracke of Omaha spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Irish and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stracke and other friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Nelson entertained four tables of pitch players Sunday evening. High prize winners were Chuck Ankey and Mrs. Earl Cadwallader. Low prize winners were Frank Johnson and Mrs. Elgie Irish. Mrs. Earl Cadwallader won travelers.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marcellus were Mr. and Mrs. Del Marcellus.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coufal and family to celebrate Joe Coufal's eighth grade graduation were relatives from Bassett, Stuart, Atkinson, and Clearwater.

Maureen Coufal accompanied Rev. Francis Kubart and Mrs. Effie Kubart of Clearwater to St. Francis to visit Sister Carmela Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cadwallader were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cadwallader and family honoring Mrs. Earl Cadwallader on her birthday.

Prokop received the Midland college scholarship.

John G. Moore, Norfolk, general secretary of the YMCA, gave the commencement address.

Eighth grade diplomas were presented to Mildred Rose Cerny, Paul Dittrick, Dennis Dvorak, Janice Fudiga, John Farnik, Quentin Hospodnik, Karen Jacob, Carole Jedicica, Donna McElhose, Gene Marshall, Kenneth Sander, Dennis Swoboda, Ann Ulrich, Lawrence Vesley and Ronald Walton.

Receiving perfect attendance awards were Vicki Wetzel, Sandra Frank, Marlene Vavak, Donna McElhose, David E. Pavlik, Callie Kotrous, Martin Sucha, Larry Hrbeek, Marjie Kotrous, Josephine Pavlik, LaWayne Wetzel, Eugene Kotrous.

Duane Mlady, Elaine Hazen, Lavonne Hildreth, Beverly Johnson, Mary Jean Pavlik, Ronald Pavlik, Betty Randa, Darlene Van Buren, Allen Boelter, Frances Hildreth, Danny Kotrous, Barbara Liska, Jeanette Marshall, John Mastalar, Richard Novacek, Ellen Dryak, Kenny McElhose, Donna Prokop, Sharon Sonder and Frances Stoural.

Barbara Groeling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Groeling was named valedictorian. Judith Jacit daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Jacot was named salutatorian. Miss Groeling received the Norfolk Junior College scholarship and Miss Jacot, the Nebraska Teachers college scholarship.

Carolyn Prokop and Dale Sukup were presented with American Legion citizenship awards. Ted Haverkamp, Legion commander, made the presentation. Carolyn

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Stuart News

By Mrs. Herb Skala

Tinden Mulford of Osceola visited in the Cleveland Community Wednesday evening and returned to his home Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson left Friday for Lincoln and Omaha for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schmaderer and family were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hoffman. They returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Irish of Alliance were Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Irish. Harold Irish of



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