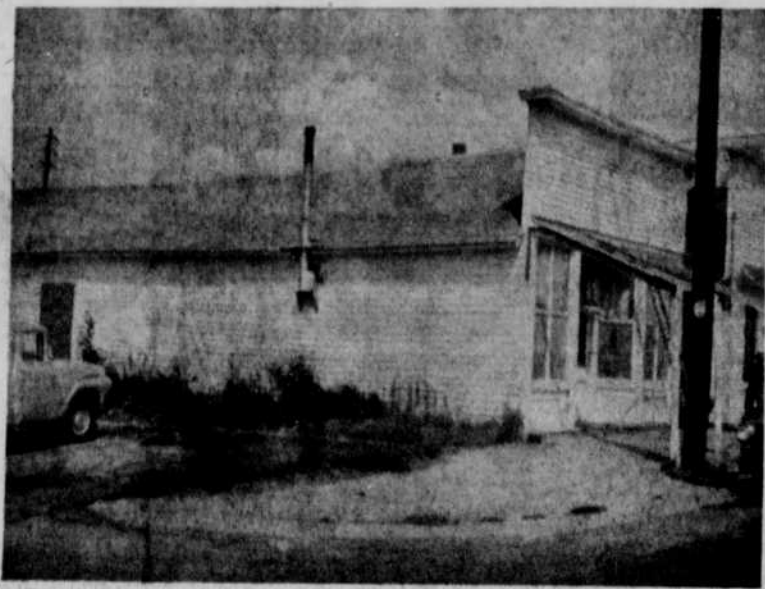




Chambers Landmark Ends Service After 80 Years In Community

CHAMBERS—In the forward march of progress the old must inevitably make way for the new. Though no one would want it to be different, still some of the older citizens may feel a few pangs at the heart strings as the ancient landmarks make their final exit.

In the village of Chambers on the corner of Main street and the street from the south which leads to the Fair Grounds, has stood for many years a building with a history dating back to pioneer days. Just recently Chambers veteran house mover, Cecil Thornton, put the jacks under it and hauled it away. Unless another use can be found for it he will later dismantle it board by board. In the place on the corner where it has served in various ways through years will emerge a fine modern structure to house the Miller Grocery Store.



This old building, one of the first in Chambers, was built in the 1880's at the small town of Shamrock about five miles north and was used as a general store operated by Tom Morris. The land on which Shamrock stood is now owned by Mrs. John Wintermute of Chambers. They tell us that in this small store room was also found for literary meetings and other entertainment of the early settlers.

It was in about the year of 1891, after Shamrock was discontinued that the building was purchased by Alfred Anderson and moved to a location at the southeast corner of Amelia where it served as a family residence. Being a frame

structure among sod buildings of the time, we can imagine it as holding a rather high status. The R. C. Wry family came to the Chambers Valley in 1884 and took a claim where the town of Chambers was started. Mr. Wry had a small store in a building which is still being used by the Damme Produce as a store house. He later sold the store to G. L. Barney in order to devote his time to a post office and a paper "The Chambers Bugle" in which he was interested.

The year 1894 marks the period which has gone down in history as the year of the great drought. Many settlers, feeling they could not subsist, sold what little they had and left the country. Some

who could not sell their meager belongings left anyway. The Andersons were among the families to leave and Mr. Barney bought the building which had been their home and moved it to Chambers for his store.

After Mr. Barneys death, Mrs. Barney sold the building to Lee Baker, a druggist who was operating a Drug Store where the present Co-op building now stands. Mr. Baker soon moved his Drug Store into his newly purchased property where he continued it as such until his death. It is still known as the "Old Drug Store."

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Baker, son and daughter-in-law of the former owner, operated it for a time and then sold the drug and sundries to Walt Einkopf, a druggist who came to Chambers from Witten, S. D. In a short time Mr. Einkopf moved into a new building farther east.

From the time it closed its doors as a Drug Store it has housed many and various projects. George Kelly started up a locker plant in the building, and Mr. and Mrs. Boge Catron operated a hatchery there. One summer the newly organized Garden clubs of the community, looking for a place for a lounge and exhibit room, arranged an attractive place in the front of the building. The Harley Hardware purchased it in 1962 and for a time it housed their used appliances. When the Chambers school needed more room, the shop was moved into it and it remained a useful addition to the school for about four years.

Sometime in the years that have elapsed, two additions were built onto the rear of the structure which made it much larger than the original store which stood at Shamrock so long ago. However the front of the building has remained the same and looks much as it did then, defying father time.

If the building could talk we would probably be reminded of the blizzard of 1883, the drought of 1894, the grasshopper plague, the prairie fires, the old hay burners used by the early settlers and of course the blizzard of 1948 and 49. In its story too would be the coming of our present day conveniences. Finally before its demise it has witnessed the passing over of man's latest creation, the Satellite.

Many thanks to those who have helped me gather information for this article.

Mrs. E. R. Carpenter, Chambers.

Stuart News

By Mrs. Herb Skala

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Slachetka were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffith of Bridgeport, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cadwallader and family and Maude Mahin of Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dix and son were Saturday and Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber of Butte.

Sunday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dix were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Weber of Omaha. Betty Schneider of O'Neill spent the weekend at the Ed Corral home as a guest of Connie Coufal.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weber and family of Rapid City, S. D., spent the Labor Day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weber and other relatives at Stuart and Bassett.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Flynn and Mike of Omaha and Gary Hoffman and sons of Omaha were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Batenhorst.

Sunday dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bernt were Mr. and Mrs. Don Bert and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gilg, Jo and Carol of Bassett. Sandra Gilg and Lee Spann were also supper guests.

Labor Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brewster and family were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brewster and Mr. and Mrs. Tewes Rohlfis all of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cadwallader were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appleby at O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Timmerman and family took Joan to beauty school at Lincoln on Wednesday, Aug. 24. She entered Edens Beauty School. Her address is 511 South 14th St.

Labor Day weekend guests of Mrs. A. J. Tielke were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tielke and girls of Sioux City and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Friend and family of Fremont.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. A. J. Tielke were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Friend and family, Mrs. Donald Chaney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tielke and son, Bud Tielke, Mr. and Mrs. B. Tielke and family and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Addison and family. Evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tielke.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cadwallader and family spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cadwallader and family at Gordon.

Labor Day weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cadwallader were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cadwallader and Judy of Lincoln.

Sunday dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cadwallader were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cadwallader and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cadwallader and sons of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cadwallader and boys.

Batch Griffith of Bridgeport was a Saturday and Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cadwallader and family.

Attend Reunion

Mrs. Earl Cadwallader of Stuart attended the first William Millie reunion in 38 years at the Kenneth L. Millie home in Redwood City, Calif., on Sunday, Aug. 28. Those attending were her mother, Mrs. Bertha Millie, Mrs. Agnes Curry, and Mr. Walter Millie all of Daly City, Calif. Mrs. and Mrs. Percy Millie of Hillsboro, Ore., Mr. James E. Millie, James Jr. and Maryann of Fresno, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Millie and Ruth of Van Nuys, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth

Millie, Bobby and Janet of Redwood City, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Zaro, Bobby, David and Linda, of San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs. Lillian Bennett of Temple City, Calif. Also attending was Roy Patterson of Fresno, Calif.

Mrs. Bertha Millie, 83, was happy to have all her children present.

Out of town people to attend the John Steinhauer funeral Saturday were Mr. Ernest Becker, Mrs. Jim Gray and Mr. and Mrs. A. Becker, all of Casper, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wolf of Sioux Falls, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. John Thone of Lincoln, Mrs. John Pruchal, Mott Pruchal and John Miksch of Platte Center, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson and son of Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dorsey of Newport, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kozisek of Gibbon, Mrs. George Zorub of Cairo, Mrs. Carl Schenzel of O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson of Atkinson.

Deloit News

By Mrs. H. Reimer

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bartak and Mr. and Mrs. Al Gene Thramer returned home Monday from their trip West.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Larson and Mrs. Harold Mlinar and daughters of O'Neill spent Tuesday at Leonard Larsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Larson and daughters of Benson, Minn., and Mrs. Lars Larson of Sioux Falls, S. D., spent Thursday and Friday at Leonard Larsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer were guests Thursday evening at Glenn Harpsters for ice cream and cake for Willard Harpsters and Mrs. Henry Reimer's birthday.

A shower was given for Mary Miller at the St. John's basement

Sunday afternoon. Miss Miller is to be married soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lodge and Mrs. Alice Lodge of Elgin spent Sunday afternoon and were supper guests at the L. L. Bartak home.

Hot and Dry! Hot and Dry!

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer spent the weekend at the Howard Temple home in Hastings Mr. and Mrs. Mike Born and Kevin of Humbolt were there also.

The Deloit Ploochle Club met Tuesday at the Frank Bohn home. Guests were Mrs. Roger Pofahl and Mrs. Arton Shavlik.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Saltonstal and Mrs. and Mrs. Bill Saltonstal jr. and baby of Norfolk were Sunday overnight guests at the Bill Gibbs home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, Winifred and Neil of Neligh called at the Fred Harpster home recently.

The Inman school board enter-

tained the teachers Tuesday evening. Mrs. Reimer was a guest. Janice, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bauer is a freshman at St. Boniface school in Elgin.

HEO Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 15 at Maynard Stearns.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Tomjack and sons of Hastings spent several days last week enroute home from a week's vacation in Yellowstone Park and the Black Hills.

Madine Stearns gave a party at her home Wednesday evening for 21 of her friends.

Mrs. Maynard Stearns and Madine spent Friday at the F. A. Harley home in Clearwater where they visited Mrs. Hilda Schlecht and Lana of Downey, Calif.

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