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Prairieland Talk

"The Fairest of Them All"

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Sometime ago Lena Shelhart was the town beauty as she gracefully stepped about on the to another month the Capital City of this prairie-

community when that once hustling village some 20 miles or more northeast of O'Neill became a cattle rancher's domain. That was in the 1880's. The Shelharts presided at the Commercial Hotel on south Fourth street, Miss Lena disappearing from the O'Neill scene when she married and went to Omaha. Tenie Norval, another

beauty who took over the admiring eyes of young fellows when she came with her par-

ents from Chambers, her father being elected county superintendent of schools. A lucky gent got her and Tenie too was seen no more in O'Neill. O yes, Tess Harrington of that prominent family who came here in the 1880's from Canada. Whether Tess married or passed to her rest upon the hill I do not recall, But Rosa, my Rosa, was the beauty outshining all others. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Meals who came to O'Neill from Atkinson where they had had a hotel, G. W. going into law practice. Beautiful blue eyed and rosy lipped Rosa, 50 years we were lovers, husband and wife. For 16 years now she has rested in the abode of the dead at Prospect Hill. Our last happy home was in that beauty spot on prairieland in southwest Holt county and I travel the highway of life alone under the watchful care of daughters and sons, awaiting the time when Rosa and I walk again hand in hand in that Better Land to be lovers and husband and never ate a bite of flesh foods, but I had seen him wife through all eternity.

From an apple tree out in the back yard daughter gathered some four bushels of yellow beauties, and has now some 40 or 50 jars of apple sauce on her storage shelves for winter treats at the dinner table.

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Editorial

I must express again my thanks for the many cheering letters and "get well" greetings that came to me as friends learned of my tumble early in September. Many in Holt and Boyd county and other Nebraska communities, some from the disgood friend down in Arkansas who really belongs in and on the go.

streets of O'Neill. The charming Miss Lena came land state had its first visit of the season from Jack to this town with her parents from the Mineola Frost, who spread a delicate blanket of white on streets and lawn and building. The sun shone and that blanket of white was gone. Some rain and we now write it October, fall again on peaceful prairieland, the green of summer turned to brown and leaf on tree and bush one by one exchanges the green of summer to the yellow of autumn and falls to the ground. November elections here and elsewhere, Thanksgiving Day a month away, Prairieland Talker's birthday early in December, Christmas and the snows of winter as we step across and start the year 1962. May we behave till then. . . .

October. A day before we stepped over the line

Romaine Saunders

O'Neill's two banks, Biglins, the hotel at Fourth and Everett streets and The Frontier are all left to us that got going in the 1880's. The Frontier now in its third location, the other three business concerns remain where they began to do business. . . .

Many weekly and monthly magazines published today. Makes work for printers and I recall the times some sixty years ago when I set and supervised a helper or two getting up the ads for a monthly publication in San Francisco. But I quit that to get back to my hometown of O'Neill and my first love The Frontier. One of the classic monthly magazines today bears the title of Reader's Digest. I had always understood that digest was a function of life that accompanied eating, not reading. There was my esteemed grandsire on my mother's side of our family, Grandpa Everett, who was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1804 and died in O'-Neill, Nebraska, in the 1890's. All his long life he take a boiled potato up on his fork, pour sorghum over it and down it to be digested. That's a stomach's job. Maybe we can mentally digest the stuff we read such as Prairieland Talk. . . .

The bell up on the hill was ringing a homecoming welcome that late afternoon, a day in 1888 or '89, as the train from the east rolled up to the depot and Father Cassidy stepped from that train to be welcomed by a group of O'Neill friends upon his return from a visit to his native homeland Ireland. With horse and buggy the priest was taken to the little house just west of the church on the hill to resume his duties as pastor of St. Patrick's tant states of Washington and California, from that Catholic church which he carried on until his death some twenty or more years ago. In the 1880's St. O'Neill-Come home, Ralph. And that daughter of Patrick's church was a small building compared one of the DeYarman brothers of O'Neill's to the sanctuary that stands there today and the Checkered Livery Barn. That O'Neill girl in years residence of priests and helpers is quite different now gone, living in a distant eastern state. Yes, than the one that Ireland visitor returned to many thank you all from Prairieland Talker, again up years ago. And the great Saint Mary's Academy stands today to complete the picture.



50 YEARS AGO

D. J. Malone has purchased the J. P. Mann Grocery store. As a result of the exceedingly heavy rain of last Thursday night Ewing News the basements of P. J. McManus and J. P. Gallagher were filled with water. . . Mrs. E. J Benson was called to Akron, Colo., last Thursday by a telegram announcing the death of her brother, Ed Pardy, for many years a resident of this county. Ira L. Snyder, Dustin, and Miss Sylvia Eby, Atkinson, were married in this city last Saturday by the Rev. D. B. Ralston.

25 YEARS AGO

The business of the O'Neill Hatchery has been growing with such strides during the past year that Manager Ralph Leidy deemed it necessary to have more room for his growing business. . Work on the new courthouse is progressing rapidly. . Ernie Nelson, who has been the manager of the O'Neill Creamery the past year and a half, received notice of his transfer to Kearney. . .Judge Dickson and Reporter McElhaney returned Wednesday afternoon from Butte. where they had been holding district court for the past 10 days. Mrs. Rose Ryan received word the first of the week that she was a grandmother, a son having been born to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham, California.

10 YEARS AGO

Emmet State Bank closes its doors and consolidates with First National Bank of Atkinson. . State Sen. Frank Nelson this week filed for re-election from the Twenty-eighth legislative district; has served two terms. Mrs. Bertha Johnston, 62, died October 8 in the Stuart hospital; Funeral services held October 10 at Atkinson, and burial in the Chambers cemetery. . .Cards lose 19-17 in thriller in rain Friday night at Fremont. . .Eagles had easy sailing Frday night against Creighto

5 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Ira Moss has been elected president of St. Anthony's hospital auiliary. . .Mr. and Mrs. Dewit Gunter will celebrate their wedding anniversary Octo-50th

party for young folks of the comchurch when they met Tuesday munity last evening. . . Miss Anevening at St. Dominic's hall na Schober living southeast of They are Mmes. Walter Sojka, Chambers, was married to Ro-Carl Chrniel, Merle Sehi, Don bert Kreiziger of Ewing Septem-ber 30. . "Brady" Hubbard Vandersnick, Richard Kallhoff, Gary Tessmer, Frank Slizoski and served eight gallons of ice cream Esther Slizeski. Mrs. John Miller to customers and callers at the presided at the business meeting. opening of his Service Station last Mrs. Jerry Tomjack, legislative Saturday. . . Mary, the little chairman, gave a report on redaughter of Frank Musil of O'cent acts of legislation and urg-Neill was brought to Chambers ed members to keep informed on Wednesday for treatment of a the subject. Mrs. Tessmer, spiribroken arm. tual chairman, gave an article on "Temper". A skit pertaining to family life and the use of mon-

By Mrs. Harold Harris

to return home by car.

ham, rural life chairman. Mrs. Tomjack gave a report on the archdioscese meeting recently held at Columbus.

The annual fall deanery meet-Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dierks took ing will be held at Emmet Octotheir daughter, Mrs. Paul Waters and son, Douglas, to Omaha Sunber 24, and the day of recollection at O'Neill November 9. Reday where they left by plane for freshment hostesses were Mmes. their home in Los Angeles, Calif. They had spent the past six Martin VanConet, Roy Rotherham, James Rotherham and Roy weeks with her parents and also with relatives in Atlantic, Ia., Vandersnick. and Omaha. Dr. Waters, who had

Mrs. Catherine Indra, Home a shorter vacation, left Thursday Extension agent, O'Neill, gave the lesson and demonstration to the Eight new members joined the Extension clubs of the Ewing Christian Mothers of St. Peters Center at the home of Mrs. J. L. and Pam, Mrs. Darlene Dietz

Pruden Thursday afternoon. The Womens Society of Christian Service met at the parlors of the Ewing Methodist church Wednesday afternoon, with a good attendance. Devotions and the lesson were in charge of Mrs. Willis Rockey, assisted by Mmes. Henry Fleming, Ray Sedivy, James Tinsley and Harry Van Horn. At the business session, topics of discussion were a bake sale October 14 sponsored by the churches of Ewing for the Leon Hahlbeck fund, the annual birthday party of the Society October 19 and the ey was presented by a cast in election day dinner in November. charge of Mrs. Richard Cunning-November 1, date of the next meeting, will be cookie day for the members whose names begin

with M to Z. Reports were given by Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Earl Van Ostrand. Card of thanks was received from Mrs. Louis Pofahl and several of the out-of-town mem-

bers who attended the seminar held in Ewing last month. Cards were sent to Mrs. Frank Schmidt, Mrs. Pofahl and Leon Hahlbeck. Each member sent a message by tape recording to Mrs. R. G. Rockey, Florida. Guests were Mrs. C. H. Bennett

and the following teachers of the Ewing public school who were Incheon guests: Lena Baker, Mmes. Amber Schlotman, Shirley Jorgenson, Beulah Black, Fern Rexine, Neva Bergstrom and Leona Shoemaker. Hostesses were Mrs. Tinsley and Mrs. Ray Sedivy.

Mrs. Frank Schmidt is a patient at the Antelope Memorial hospital Neligh ,for a physical checkup and treatment

Mrs. Ralph Eacker transacted business in Tilden Tuesday,

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson attended a family reunion Sunday at the Oscar Wilson home, Elgin, October 1, honoring their daughter, Mrs. Allan York, Seatde, Wash

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Whom Will You Meet ??? Ord Quiz

Nebraska's speed limit for automobilies was raised this year. The death rate climbed similarly. The two facts may not be related, of course.

Nebraska is busily licensing drivers for the coming two years. No tests of any kind are required when the old license is presented. There is nothing to indicate that the would-be driver may be getting blind, or senile, or have developed a bum heart. No tests are made to check his reaction time, his common sense, let alone his skill once he slides be-

California conducts written, oral and actual driving tests before giving out that precious driver's license. Missouri not long ago would give anyone a trifle of paper that was a driver's license simply upon payment of 25 cents, and during a year as many repeat licenses as requested were available the same way.

Tucson conducts searching examinations of drunk drivers. First offenders are usually fined \$10 and parked in jail for ten days. This is discouraging to say the least.

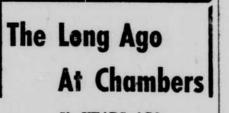
Many states are now bordering road edges with a painted white line, and this has brought accident figures down notably. It alerts the driver constantly and keeps him "in line."

The governor of Connecticut has taken such drastic steps that deaths are rarely ever traffic problems. He has done it by insisting that his officers and judges be extra severe as to speeding and to penalties.

What Nebraska should do is not clear. But it must be more than we are doing now.

Or does a recent slogan tell the story: "You may be a good driver who meets a bad driver."

ber 21. . . Anonymous donor gives \$5,000 to the Methodist church at Page a year ago, then duplicates gift to "dress up" the old portion of the church. . .Donald Keyes, Inman, shows best corn at the fall festival in Inman. Saturday. . . The Methodist church, Inman celebrates 75th anniversary. . Capt. Tom Schneider, 185-pound senior backfield star for St. Mary's academy, chipped a bone in his ankle at the Stuart-St. Mary's game Friday.



50 YEARS AGO

The Pound Social held at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday evening was a very enjoyable affair, about 65 guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keller went to O'Neill Tuesday after a new piano. . . Mike Oetter has about concluded that the safest mode of conveyance is a big wagon drawn by a pair of spirited western bronchos as they generally prove less disappointing than the swifter going (when it goes) automobile. . .L. Fluckey has some specimen ears of corn which he raised on his farm, 3 ears weighing 41/2 pounds.

25 YEARS AGO

Arline Grimes drove to Lincoln with her father Saturday where she enrolled in Black's Beauty Shoppe for an eight month course of training. . .Joe Shonka of Schuyler recently purchased the quarter section known as the Gene Hubbard place. . . Mrs. Clara Oleson gave a watermelon

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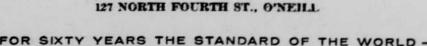
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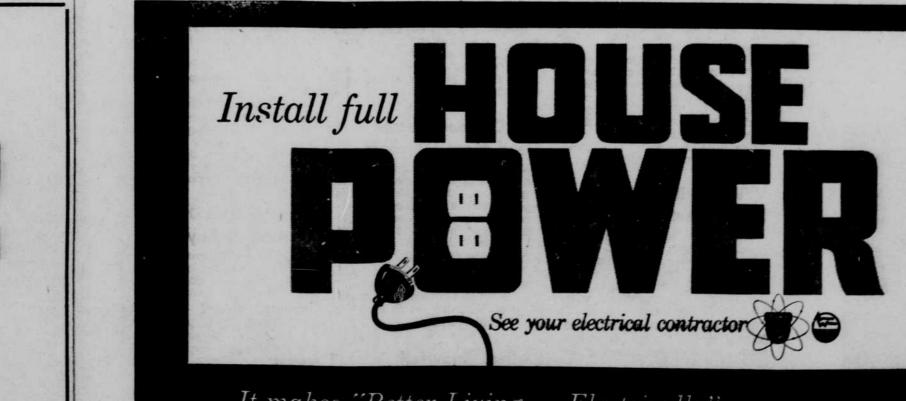
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