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Prairieland Talk Flo Bentley-Business Woman

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Of the daughters of Eve who had a hand in the gone there was Flo Bently. She was one of a family composed of father and mother, two daughters and one son. The Bentley family

came to the community in pioneer days, lived on a homestead some four miles east of the northeast limits of O'Neill. After "proving up" on that homestead a loan of about a thousand dollars got into the Bentley hands and then to town, acquired the Schram Bros. store building and business across the street south of where the bus depot now is and

a door to the west. Miss Flo became a merchant and store and bakery manager and waited on her customers. Rather late in life she married Joe Wise and retired from business. The Bently family is no more, the five of them at scene today and who now has the old Harnish home? rest in the abode of the dead and neither son nor daughter to survive them.

. . .

Ground Hog. If there be such a creature in this

land of Uncle Sam, it not only saw its shadow the Day.

legislature committee work. It is about time for higher. I propose to place Fern Hubbard Orme in nomination for governor.

Another wash day and the family washing now hung out on the line. Soon now we are to be robed clean and white again. And this wash day was the job for a time yet.

prairieland county a number of attorney-at-law gents four towns on the way. Ewing has that charming were here in early times. An outstanding one of this Goose Lake region at its door, today has no print group was the late M. F. Harrington. He never shop turning out a newspaper. And there comes sought office for himself but was active in promoting to mind three different newspapers the town has others for public office. A capable lawyer, first a had, one Clarence Selah's Item moved to O'Neill Democrat, then a Populist, then for most anybody and gave up that ghost after a few years. Stuart to end up a Teddy Roosevelt Republican. E. H. Bene- has at its south door the rich and beautiful Green dict was one of the lesser ones of the lawyers but Valley, at its north door the romantic Dustin com-

Traveling down life's lengthening lane you and business affairs of the town of O'Neill in days now I are but two of a vast human train. Coming to the end of the trail some day will a Heavenly Being say to you and me, your life's record is good, I see, so come now to your beautiful New Home to be forever with Me.

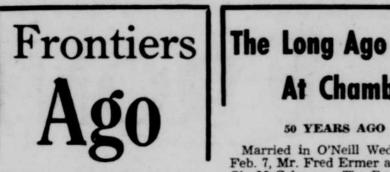
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Among the deaths recently at O'Neill I learn that a lonely old maid Ruth Harnish is now dead. I see her again in the arms of her mother as her father and mother sat in a pew in Bartley Blain's Methodist church a Sunday morning in the long ago. She grew up here in O'Neill, lived her life here and had sat alone in the old home in the southwest part of town, the home where her grandmother, her aunt and her father and mother all breathed their life away and now rest in the abode of the dead; a lonely Ruth now rests beside them. Neighbors of mine when I lived for more than twenty years on South First street. Three sisters and a brother of Ruth survive but they are not part of the O'Neill

. . .

In that beauty spot in New England, in the little state of Rhode Island lives a gifted lady who has written the story of early life in the O'Neill community, taking the reader back to the days morning of February 2 but found the streets of our when Sam Thompson and Joe Macevony, two pio-Capital City without snow and ice after two months neer kids, herded the family cows along the green snowed and iced under . . . now, next, Valentine's ' robed country by the Elkhorn, cows and antelope grazing together where today they bale hay. And the story of General John O'Neill's colony that first My last telephone visit with her found State set human foot where now we walk the streets of Senator Orme at it yet at the State House, state the thrifty and growing city of O'Neill. Of those who have written our history which I have read, this this one time barefoot prairieland girl to come up lady back there in Rhode Island has done the best job in dealing with pioneer times up to the present. When her story will be ready for us in book form, I do not know. She now lives in a community of vast historic memories, some of which I encountered on a visit to that little state some years ago, memories of the beginning of civilized life in America. day those Asia sky scrapers predicted it would be And her story of life here by the crystal waters of all over in this troubled world, but we stay on the the Elkhorn will bring to the readers fond memories.

Ewing to the east, Stuart to the west, 50 miles O'Neill being the county seat town of a great of Holt county scenery between the two towns and he did much to help poor widows and fatherless munity. And Stuart still has a newspaper as it had



50 YEARS AGO

Frank Suchy has purchased the old meat market building located east of the Nebraska State Bank, and is having the same fitted up for his tailor shop . . . Bill Wilson was down from the ranch south of Emmet last Tuesday spinning baseball yarns with the boys . . . Holt county hay growers have been reaping a harvest this year with No. 1 hay selling for \$12 per ton . . . Dr. R. L. Smith, a veterinarian from Oklahoma, arrived in this city ast Saturday and will make O'-Neill his home and will enter practice here . . . F. B. Pine was seriously injured last Monday by falling from a wagon while driving from Dorsey to Lynch.

25 YEARS AGO

The Sanders Radio shop moved from the Carter building to the building south of Anton Toy's store . . . The work on the new courthouse is about completed and the county board expects at a meeting next Monday with the architect and the contractor to formally accept the building . . . Simon E. Timmerman of Stuart and Miss Marjorie M. Monahan of Atkinson were granted a marage icense last Saturday . . Mrs. Joe Jurgensmeier was honored at a party given by the Emmet teachers Tuesday evening . . . Another snow and wind storm hit this locality Sunday blocking the roads and stopping traffic for a day or so.

10 YEARS AGO

Charles Allen Fauquier celebrated his 96th birthday at his home in O'Neill February 6 . . . A surprise birthday party was held February 6 in honor of the 92nd birthday of Mrs. Belle Summers . . . George Rowse and Sons, take show honors and Whitaker and Whitaker, has top money in annual spring show and sale of Holt County Hereford Breeders' association . . . Ray Siders has top selling bull in annual Holt County Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' sale . . . Thirteen men inducted into service from Holt County . . . O'Neill Lions club basketballers to play Richie Ashburn and his Tilden Townies

Venus News By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

At Chambers 50 YEARS AGO

Married in O'Neill Wednesday, Feb. 7, Mr. Fred Ermer and Miss Ola McCabe . . . The Rev. E. T. George, District Supt., preached to a full house and administered baptism to 23 persons Monday;

the sacrament was taken by about 60 persons . . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Leonard January 29, a daughter at their new home near Mountain Grove . . . Mrs. B. C. Davis died in a hospital at Sioux City last Friday ence Finch jr., and Randy. where she had undergone an operation; Mr. and Mrs. Davis and family were well known residents of Francis for several years Willie Anderson has gone to Hot Springs, S. D., for medical

25 YEARS AGO

seven children are helping Mr.

Tuesday . . . Mrs. Dora Fix cele-

brated her 78th birthday at the

William Fryrear home Sunday.

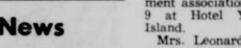
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Visitors at the Harry Caskey home Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyler and Chuck. Mrs. Caskey spent Wed-Duane Carson, Ray Sanderson nesday night and Thursday with and E. V. Sageser killed 159 their son and daughter-in-law. crows with clubs after shutting Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caskey the doors when the birds flew into and family, Norfolk. Mr. Caskey the corn cribs at Mary Scott's went to Norfolk Thursday eve-. A birthday dinner for James ning and Mrs. Caskey returned Turner was held at his home home with him

Saturday night . . . The fifth dis-Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brooktrict's new snow-plow passed houser were Thursday evening through town last evening on its visitors at the home of Mr. and way to open the road to Amelia Mrs. William Novacek. . Thirteen grandchildren and

A large crowd attended the farm sale of Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Mrs. John Berigan celebrate Nelson Friday, Feb. 9. Mr. and their golden wedding anniversary Mrs. Nelson will move to Creighton in the near future where they have purchased a home.

F. E. Pierce and C. O. Evans attended the annual convention The Frontierof the Nebraska School Improve-



Mrs. Alta Finch entertained the Help U club at her home Wednesday, Febr. 7. The hostess served a noon luncheon to 13 members present. Carpet rags were sewn during the afternoon. Mrs. Kenneth Waring received a special prize. Next meeting will be with

Mrs. William Buxton February Saturday, Feb. 3, overnight guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch sr., were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gentzler, Tilden. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Clar-

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffrey and family Tuesday evening, were Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey, Gary na Boelter. Johnnie Volquardsen and Larry and Mr. and Mrs. visited at the home of Mr. and Francis Boelter and Loren.

ment association, February 8 and 9 at Hotel Yancy in Grand

Mrs. Lula Sessions, Santa Mon-Mrs. Leonard Risinger visited ica, Calif., spent a couple of days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. last week with her sister, Mrs. Reed Risinger Friday afternoon. Edna Boelter. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mr. and Mrs. Donald Caskey Eyers came for his mother Friand family visited at the home day, taking her to Fairbury where of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey she visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tuesday. Rice. While in Nebraska Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey Sessions spent a visit with her and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Caskey sister, Mrs. Emmett Stamp at and family spent February 7 with Inman, who is seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caskey and family at Norfolk. Joan and sr., Bellevue, and Mr. and Mrs. Suellyn came home with their Leonard Devey jr., Plattsmouth, grandparents, the Harry Caskeys, visited at the Russell Ickler and Ralph Brookhouser homes Februthat evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Caskey, Omaha, were Saturday overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey. They also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sukup Sunday. Mrs. Mary Volquardsen spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Ed-

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Mrs. Donald Kinnison that eve-

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davey

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children. The remains of both the great one and the littles one are under the sod up there in the abode published the Ledger, and Wertz followed by Miss of the dead.

in the long ago when that gifted writer, John Wertz, Hudspeth, a brilliant writer,

Ewing was well represented in Golden Glove bouts at Norfolk Tuesday.

in Polio benefit February 14 . .

5 YEARS AGO

Editorial

Three Errors In Postal Rate Raise

The senate, recent news stories have been pre- mail to subsidize any other category of mail user is dicting, will probably adjust some of the new postal something less than fair. rates established by the house this week. The senate should. Three unfortunate errors have been made, and they should be corrected.

The postage increase has been sold to the public as a measure designed to end the perennial postal deficit and as necessary if the president's submitted budget is to finish in the black ink, as he arranged it. But these reasons, although perhaps applying, mail. Such mail is obviously wanted and expected. were not the whole story and only part of the truth is often as misleading as an untruth.

Left out of the sales message was the primary purpose of the increase, which apparently was to give a raise in pay to the postal workers.

The question of the need of the postal workers for a raise in pay is something that must be judged by each taxpayer. It can be agreed that they are not paid too much, and many will agree they are not paid enough. That point is not the point at issue.

At issue is the point that the increase has been promoted without much talk of an essential, if not the most essential, fact. If a raise for postal workers is the primary objective, or even a primary objective of the rate increase, the rate increase should have been presented as having that objective. This is the first of the three errors.

The second error is the increase in first class letter mail. First class mail is paying its own way, or was the last time there was general circulation of the figures, and to penalize the users of first class

The third error was the failure of the house to distinguish between what the recipient of the mail wants, orders, and expects, and what he has not ordered, often does not want and never expects. Newspapers, as one example, are ordered and paid for in advance, and the publisher is instructed by the customer to deliver the newspaper through the

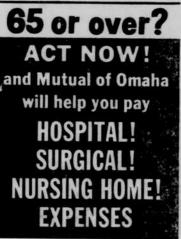
As the other example are circulars, throwaways, broadsides and hordes of envelope-covered "free trial" offers and sales gimmicks the recipient has not ordered, often does not want, and never expects. At its last session congress opened the gate for new hordes of this material stemming from congress itself. Almost all of this is speculative mail, sent out in the hope of attracting business, and in no sense is it sent for the purpose of providing a service already bought and paid for, as newspapers are sent.

There certainly is a distinction between these types of mail. Low-rate distribution of newspapers has always been the practice in this country because of the purpose served; it was held essential for the nation's welfare that people be adequately informed. and it was held that the government had a responsibility to help circulate information concerning the affairs of the nation. That doctrine still applies.

The three errors are important. Each should be corrected by the senate. The public, for its own protection, should insist upon all three corrections



Harry Petersen is elected president of the newly-formed Licns club at a meeting Thursday eve-ning attended by 27 . . . A pro-minent northeastern Holt county farmer, Herschel H. Miles, 50, died January 30 while undergoing a delicate heart surgery in Oma-. . . Dorsey and Star post of fices to be closed . Fourth Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn registered and commercial cattle producers meet to form permanent organization . . . Linda Marie Serck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Serck, Emmet, was awarded the University of Nebraska regents' scholarship at O' Neill high school.



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