

Prairieland Talk

Flo Bentley-Business Woman

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Of the daughters of Eve who had a hand in the business affairs of the town of O'Neill in days now gone there was Flo Bentley. 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 Bentley family is no more, the five of them at rest in the abode of the dead and neither son nor daughter to survive them.



Romaine Saunders

Traveling down life's lengthening lane you and 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.

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 scene today and who now has the old Harnish home?

Ground Hog. If there be such a creature in this land of Uncle Sam, it not only saw its shadow the morning of February 2 but found the streets of our Capital City without snow and ice after two months snowed and iced under . . . now, next, Valentine's Day.

My last telephone visit with her found State Senator Orme at it yet at the State House, state legislature committee work. It is about time for this one time barefoot prairieland girl to come up 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 robbed clean and white again. And this wash day was the day those Asia sky scrapers predicted it would be all over in this troubled world, but we stay on the job for a time yet.

O'Neill being the county seat town of a great prairieland county a number of attorney-at-law gents were here in early times. An outstanding one of this group was the late M. F. Harrington. He never sought office for himself but was active in promoting others for public office. A capable lawyer, first a Democrat, then a Populist, then for most anybody to end up a Teddy Roosevelt Republican. E. H. Benedict was one of the lesser ones of the lawyers but he did much to help poor widows and fatherless children. The remains of both the great one and the little one are under the sod up there in the abode of the dead.

Editorial

Three Errors In Postal Rate Raise

The senate, recent news stories have been predicting, will probably adjust some of the new postal 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, 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

mail to subsidize any other category of mail user is something less than fair.

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 mail. Such mail is obviously wanted and expected.

As the other examples 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.

Frontiers Ago

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 last 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 to have 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 marriage license last Saturday . . . Mrs. 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 Sidors 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 in Polio benefit February 14 . . . Ewing was well represented in Golden Glove bouts at Norfolk Tuesday.

5 YEARS AGO

Harry Petersen is elected president of the newly-formed Lions club at a meeting Thursday evening attended by 27 . . . A prominent northeastern Holt county farmer, Herschel H. Miles, 50, died January 30 while undergoing a delicate heart surgery in Omaha . . . Dorsey and Star post offices 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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The Long Ago 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 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 treatment.

25 YEARS AGO

Duane Carson, Ray Sanderson and E. V. Sager killed 159 crows with clubs after shutting the doors when the birds flew into the corn cribs at Mary Scott's . . . A birthday dinner for James Turner was held at his home Saturday night . . . The fifth district's new snowplow passed through town last evening on its way to open the road to Amelia . . . Thirteen grandchildren and seven children are helping Mr. and Mrs. John Berigan celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday . . . Mrs. Dora Fix celebrated her 78th birthday at the William Fryrear home Sunday.

The Frontier—

Venus News

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

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 21.

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. Clarence Finch jr., and Randy.

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

Visitors at the Harry Caskey home Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyler and Chuck. Mrs. Caskey spent Wednesday night and Thursday with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caskey and family, Norfolk. Mr. Caskey went to Norfolk Thursday evening and Mrs. Caskey returned home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser were Thursday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Navaeck.

A large crowd attended the farm sale of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson Friday, Feb. 9. Mr. and 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 of the Nebraska School Improve-

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

Mrs. Leonard Risinger visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Risinger Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Caskey and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Caskey and family spent February 7 with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caskey and family at Norfolk. Joan and Suellyn came home with their grandparents, the Harry Caskeys, that 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. Edna Boelter. Johnnie Volquardsen visited at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Donald Kinnison that evening.

Mrs. Lula Sessions, Santa Monica, Calif., spent a couple of days last week with her sister, Mrs. Edna Boelter. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Evers came for his mother Friday, taking her to Fairbury where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rice. While in Nebraska Mrs. Sessions spent a visit with her sister, Mrs. Emmett Stamp at Inman, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davey sr., Bellevue, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davey jr., Plattsmouth, visited at the Russell Ickler and Ralph Brookhouser homes February 3.

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- 12 - Second calf Holstein heifers, heavy springers
- 3 - Second calf Holstein heifers, just fresh
- 2 - Swiss cows, 3rd calf
- 4 - Guernsey cows, 2nd calf, 1 just fresh
- 2 - WF heifers, 1st calf
- 2 - Shorthorn heifers, 1 just fresh
- 4 - WF stock cows, 3 with calves at side

7-year-old saddle horse, (well broke)

MACHINERY & MISCELLANEOUS

J. D. "B" tractor, 1948 model	J. D. No. 5 mower	Some cottonwood lumber and
J. D. "B" tractor, 1938 model	2-bottom plow (Moline)	planks
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