

Prairieland Talk

"Guy Green -- Teacher, Printer"

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White. Black. Brown. Blue. But he was a Green—Guy M. Green. Because of a domineering dad, Guy pulled out from home down by Meadow Grove, came to O'Neil where he had at least one friend.



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And in boots and overalls attended county teachers institute, got a certificate to teach and took on a school a mile or two out northeast where the husky lads had scared away their teacher and where Guy won their admiration and loyalty with a ball and bat—he could play ball better than teach school. Later took to the printing and newspaper work here in O'Neil, got to be a good printer and then traveled about some, at one time publishing a paper in Dodge a little town west of Fremont, and was the pitcher for the town's ball playing boys. Later was a printer at a big publishing house in California, where he married a second time, his first wife having died in O'Neil a few months after their marriage. Wife number two had money. They came to Nebraska, settled on the open prairie some 30 miles south of O'Neil and a few years later went to Lincoln, from there to the state of Washington where both Guy and Ida ended their days, leaving no children. As many have, including Prairieland Talker, Guy Green got his start on a successful life in O'Neil where he first set foot about the year 1888. A brother of Guy, John Green, ended his days here a few years ago. The old town had the good ones and some not so good.

He is a PhD in one of our Capital City's educational institutions, is interested in pioneer history of our state and for the past two months or more has been reading and rereading the stories in that 56 page edition of The Frontier that Cal Stewart and I got out some 12 years ago. And he held me for an hour or so the other day telling him about the hay burner that pioneer homesteaders had in their homes.

Some of our political Big Shots tell us of great things they will soon be doing on the farms. No more weeds, proteins increased in growing grains and increased yield per acre. Now I see again the large ears of white corn grown on the newly broken prairie in Holt county; step up again to devour a slice from the huge watermelon dad brought in from his prairieland garden five miles out from town; see again the hundreds of bushels of potatoes and abundance of everything good for food the newly upturned prairie sod turned out. Go to it now, you white-collared gents, but maybe you will make monkeys of yourselves trying to farm.

Tom, Dick and Harry say it may snow or rain. The modern weather gent tells us there will be "precipitation."

At Union college, located in the community of our Capital City where I hang out, there are 926 students registered, as of February 1. Students come from many states and from distant lands; from Old Mexico, South America, from Europe, Asia and Africa, and it is a pleasure to meet some of these students from far countries of earth. Union is an Adventist educational center. The Methodist and Lutherans have schools also in Lincoln. And here is the great State university. Education available for all.

In that great city of New York a few were arrested for doing a bit of honest work on Sunday. Cut throats, thieves, murderers and outlaws back there still on the go. Consistency—where art thou?

Money. We want money because we need the things money will buy a home, a bed and a bite of bread.

A cheering note comes to me from Mabel Meredith McKenna of O'Neil. The lady wrote to express to me her pleasure after reading what we had to say in Prairieland Talk about her uncle, James H. Riggs, the gifted editor of The Frontier in the 1880's and the one cultured and polished gent among the roughnecks of pioneer days. Mrs. McKenna's mother, Mrs. Meredith was a sister of "Jimmie" Riggs, and daughter, Mabel, is a native of the town of O'Neil, and while others have gone to distant places, Mabel remains where life began with her. I count four of my sons and daughters born in O'Neil no longer here—one in Lincoln, one in New Mexico, one in Georgia and one in Ohio.

The ladies have been the school teachers, helped to carry on county affairs at the courthouse and have kept church attendance from fading away; have been in about all lines of business in O'Neil but I recall none who ventured to run a hardware store or blacksmith shop. O yes, in the 1880's one old gal, was in the livery and feed barn business, Mrs. Moffett helping her Old Man at the livery barn that was in those days just west of where the post office now stands. Mrs. Moffett had a sister in the millinery business.

Sunlight glows out of the fair blue sky this February day, snow and ice now faded away. So we go out to have some fun until another cold snap heads us in again on the run.

Three times a day at the table to be fed. Then what? All night in bed.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO
Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son at their home, and as a result Jim is wearing a six foot smile these days . . . Tom Coyne, George Develin, O. G. Lawell, Robert Arbutnot, Patrick Coyne and George Cherry went down to Omaha last Sunday morning to attend the automobile show . . . Frank Harnish has accepted a position in the First National Bank and entered upon his duties the latter part of last week . . . Mrs. John Alfs sr., one of the pioneers of Pleasantview township, died at her home in Atkinson, Saturday . . . The Emmet Literary Society will give a public literary entertainment at the opera house on Monday evening . . . Jack, Daniel and Gene Sullivan and their sister, Mary, entertained a group of friends at their home Sunday evening.

25 YEARS AGO
O'Neil relatives received cards this week announcing the approaching marriage of Donald Stannard, son of Mrs. D. Stannard of this city, to Miss Betty Branch of Bakersfield, Calif. . . D. R. Mounts will head district bar group this year . . . George Cutler was the first to go through with a car going east to Amelia when the snow "tunnels" were shoveled out Friday although he got stuck at one point and his car had to be pulled out by a team . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad of Emmet entertained Sunday evening for the Cobb Olsons, Guy Coles and Mr. and Mrs. Pat McGinnis.

10 YEARS AGO
Ellis L. Scholz, Chambers farmer, dies February 19, after eight-year-illness . . . L. C. Walling, non-political, seeks county judge position . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Loy plan open house in observance of their 45th wedding anniversary February 24 . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Stenger, Lynch, celebrate their golden wedding anniversary January 21 . . . Mrs. Tony Murray, 82, longtime resident of the O'Neil community,

dies February 14 at her home. Richie Ashburn and his Tilden Townies defeated the Lions club basketball team 65-47 in polo benefit Thursday evening arranged by Earl Hunt.

5 YEARS AGO
Edith Iola Castleman, 63, resident of O'Neil since 1927, died Wednesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boelter, Orchard, will observe their golden wedding anniversary February 24 with open house . . . George Rowe exhibits top heifer and Vern Sageser has grand champion bull in Tuesday's registered Hereford show . . . Ivan Kaiser, O'Neil, and Rudolph Wabs, Spencer, leave for military duty . . . Consumers wins permanent possession of safety trophy . . . A daughter was born February 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Albrecht, Atkinson . . . Funeral rites held February 16 for Harvey Wickersham, 73, Lynch resident.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO
A reception was given last night at the Band Hall for Fern Smith and Harry Putnam, members of the band who expect to leave Chambers in the near future, Mr. and Mrs. Putnam going to Canada . . . A party of men have been working the road south of E. Dorothy's this week shoveling out the snow as the road has

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Editorial Back to Basketball

In a recent editorial The Frontier recommended the shortening of the high school basketball season by limiting the games to one for each town in the conference instead of playing two with most of the opponents.

There has been so much comment, pro and con, on the subject that we feel another article is warranted.

One Holt county coach expressed his heartfelt agreement with The Frontier's theory that the season is too long, while another coach had just the opposite views.

Several mothers stated that they, too, felt the season hampered school studies and family life.

The constant request for money for the games is a big issue in many homes. Some weeks there are as many as three games and if any of them are out-of-town that means mom and dad have to hand over money for meals in addition to the game ticket price. It stands to reason none of the youngsters will miss any of the tournament games and if their team is lucky that means arrangements must be made for the district and even the state tourneys.

Possibly not all members of the family attend the games but if three or four make each game, basketball becomes a costly item.

No one minds the length of the football season—it is to be expected that a well rounded education would have a certain amount of sports. But what about the number of boys who can not play basketball or football.

Considering the number of boys in each school in O'Neil and the number on the basketball and football teams it is obvious that many youths are not getting any physical training at all. Perhaps they are too small or too short and haven't a ghost of a chance to make the team. Yet, they must sit out a three-month basketball season until wrestling or track season offer them an opportunity to try out for the team.

In our minds there is no doubt but what the studies would benefit from a shorter basketball schedule.

Perhaps, as one school official expressed it, the answer is to play only Friday night games. This leaves the week free for school work and keeps the young people home in the evenings.

We can only hope the state high school athletic association will take this problem into consideration.

SIKESTON, MO., STANDARD: "Informed sources in Washington indicate that there is a serious threat that the King Bill (HR 7640) to federalize the unemployment benefit program will pass unless the businesses that pay the bill make their views known to their congressmen in the months ahead. The practical results of this bill would be that unemployment benefits would become a political football like Social Security and degenerate into gigantic giveaway paid for entirely by business."

PORT NECHES, TEXAS, CHRONICLE: "We will have a tough time selling our country to Africans and Indians and Chinese if we're not sold on it ourselves."

"It reminds me of two dogs I once had. When one of the mongrels came to the bank of a creek, fearing either discomfort or perhaps drowning, he would sit back on his haunches and howl—oh, such weeping and wailing."

"The other dog, without batting an eyelash, would plunge into the creek and continue the chase on the other side. It goes without saying which dog caught the most rabbits."

BOSTON, MASS., NEWS-TRIBUNE: "Service stations collect federal and state taxes and sell gasoline as a sideline."

been impassable all winter . . . Mr. Walters of Clearwater has moved on the Jensen farm just vacated by James McCabe . . . Charles Barnum went to Omaha the first of the week to attend the auto show . . . C. C. Jones purchased the Potter residence last Saturday and the Leil house Tuesday; also sold the Perrin residence to Lee Baker this week.

25 YEARS AGO
The Fifteenth Judicial District Bar Association met for the annual meeting in O'Neil February 12 . . . Miss Luella Crandall entertained the Hi-Lo Bridge club Thursday evening . . . February 12 the Chambers high school basketball team defeated Anoka with a score of 21-12 . . . The high school basketball team will attend the Niobrara tournament at Butte February 19-20 . . . Lela Grimes and Val Pichler received 100 in their spelling tests Friday evening . . . Erwin Christen assisted his folks in moving from Ewing to Newport last weekend.

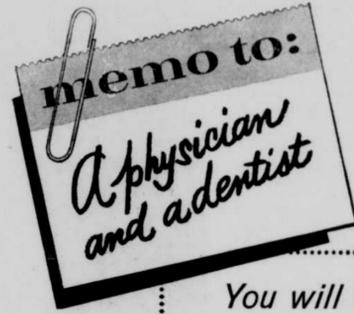
Warranty Deeds

WD-Vera C. Blum, et al of Samuel R. Robertson 1-19-62 \$12,000 NW 1/4, 24-29-12.
WD-Bert Farewell to Bert-Mary E. and Ramon E. Farewell 2-7-62 \$1 part SW 1/4 Sec. 20-26-12.
WD-Bert Farewell to Bert-Mary E. and Ramon E. Farewell 2-7-62 \$1 NW 1/4 7-25-11.
WD-Neil Dawes to Anna Wenke 2-6-62 \$10,000 Lots 15 and 16 Bk 2 Mathew's Add O'Neil.
MINERAL DEED-D. A. Brownkyke to Milo Craig 1-23-62 \$10-50 acres interest in all 25-26-12 and all 28 SE 1/4 E 1/2 SW 1/4 29-25-12.

OIL AND GAS LEASE-Martin C. Lantis to H. L. Hunt 1-4-62 \$10 SE 1/2 NE 1/4 E 1/2 SE 1/4 10-26-16 and land in Rock county
WD-A. Neil Dawes to Harlan Peterson and wf 2-3-62 \$1,000 lots 13 and 14 blk 2 Mathews Add, O'Neil.
WD-William F. Finley to Sammie Derickson and wf 1-15-62 \$750 North 66 ft. lot 9 and No.

66 ft. of west 30 ft. lot 10 blk 1. O'Neil.
QCD-E. C. Weller to Donald G. Walton and wf 8-11-61 \$1,200 lots 1-2-3 blk 1 Ballon's Add, Atkinson.
WD-St. Mary's Academy to T. V. Golden, Inc., 12-29-61 \$500 45 ft. x 170 ft. in blk 6 McCafferty's Annex, O'Neil.
ASSIGNMENT OF OIL AND GAS LEASE-Hunt Petroleum Corp. to H. L. Hunt 1-24-62 \$1 Sec. 23 and 24-28-15.
WD-John E. Weichman to Charles L. Jansen and wf 2-6-62 \$5,500 west 1/2 lots 3 and 4 blk 4 Hallocks 2nd Add, Stuart.
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