

Prairieland Talk

"A Letter From A Friend"

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Shawnee, Wyo. Apr. 16, 1962 Mr. Romaine Saunders, writer of Prairieland Talk Dear Friend,

I am an old woman, born 64 years ago, 1 1/2 miles southeast of Amelia. I'm the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Baker. My mother, a daughter of the late Stephen A. Hiatt and wife. They lived 4 1/2 miles northwest of Amelia. We'd go past the Jack Widman place, Frank Pierce, Dewey Sammons and a family named Weaver. (Their granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stoeker lives on the old place now.) My grandparents lived on the banks of dry creek and it lived its name till on rampage, then came up into the hog lots.

My uncle, Arthur Hiatt, and family still live on the old home place all modern now. But when a child and I played in the grove and around the creek, they lived in an old soddy the same as all their neighbors. My mother taught school in Amelia before her marriage, riding or driving a horse back and forth.

When I was about two years old, my parents moved to O'Neill and I lived my first 12 years there. My father had a livery stable on the street south of the old Dewey hotel. Then he ran a restaurant. It was next door north of the old Reka Tobacco store and we lived upstairs. I always thought the street from the stand pipe to the railroad was center street then. I don't know the names of the streets in O'Neill now but I can get around and know first one building then another.

I walked board walks to public school I have a picture of the old restaurant and it looks as if it were out of TV.

My father did many things, if one thing didn't work, he tried another. When I was small I never knew or thought about it, we were fed and warmed. He tried things for himself and then just plain worked for others. As results, we lived all over. At one time in a small house 1/4 mile east of the old round house. No sign of old place now. My brothers were born in O'Neill, Dr. Gilligan bringing them into the world. One brother lives in O'Neill now and runs the Bear Alinement Shop. We used to own our own home on East Fremont street. My parents built the small home and across the street and one block north is where Dave and Lila Loy live. I see in the O'Neill paper just recently where they celebrated 55 years of wedded life. I've known them always.

While we lived in this little home one brother was born and a Mrs. Elijah Huff came over every day to care for our family. She was a dear but I thought Mr. Huff a real mean man. As we had a huge bulldog and that dog loved all children and most folks but he made Mr. Huff walk around our lot instead of cutting through to go to the river fishing and one day he killed our dog. So that's why I disliked him. I believe he was a nice old man though as he was a Santa who visited me once and I never knew till later years and also many years later I married his great grandnephew. So we never knew.

We lived one or two blocks west of town at one time. I knew Mable and Cora Meredith but they were a little older than I. While we lived there father took a Kincaid homestead 30 miles south of Atkinson and we lived five miles west of Pat Ken-

nedy's. Berney Kennedy and my brothers were few and far between. We got our mail at the Post Office of Kola and we knew most everyone from Jessie James to Amelia and Inez. But as far as I know we never met you folks. My aunt Ola, Mrs. George Travers, who lives in Long Beach, Calif., says she has met you and she takes the Frontier and she sends you Prairieland Talk to my mother who lives in Casper, Wyo. and she in turn sends them to me. I have an envelope full of them and when I'm too tired or nervous or not well, I can read them and go back through the years. I know so many that you name and some just knew who they were. We've been through the Riley Ranch many times but I never knew them. My mother lives in Casper, Wyo. and is 87 years old. I have two brothers in Casper.

While on our homestead in the Sandhills I met my husband and we were married in O'Neill by Judge Malone, no fancy weddings then, and we came to Wyoming in a covered wagon and homesteaded where we live now over 44 years ago and we worked hard and had all early day hardships but now have a lovely modern home and live close to our children and grandchildren.

On a trip to O'Neill a few years ago I visited the Stannard girls in their store. Evelyn and I were in the same grade at school. I see by papers she passed away last year. A few years back I roamed all over O'Neill while there and so many old buildings look the same. The old restaurant still is there or was then. Mr. Reka, they said, saved coupons off the tobacco to get a car. Anyway as far as I know it was the first car in O'Neill. I had a ride in it and what a thrill. We must have gone at least five or seven miles an hour. It had a back seat, sort of a box, and we rode backward in it. But I never forgot it. The old Gallagher store with outside staircase looked the same to me, the school and court house, the old so-called haunted house in the southeast part, the Snider house and many more. We plan to go to O'Neill this spring if all goes well.

We are retired but manage to keep busy with garden and yard and have a few cattle yet.

We plan to drive to Casper tomorrow to see my mother. She lives alone but one brother very close and he's in several times a day. She is very active, went to California this winter with one brother and enjoyed the trip so much and tried to see everything. We will take her with us when we go to O'Neill if and when we do.

I have a granddaughter married and lives in Casper. Wish I could visit with you as each could help on memories. I think you have a nice daughter to care for you and a lovely home and I do enjoy your writing so much. I've been going to write you for several years. I can think of lots of things to write, but my letter is growing long and maybe I can write some of them again. I can hear the meadow larks, killdeers, doves and a small blue bird and frogs as I write. Spring seems to be here, buds are coming fast on trees and flowers, but we can have late snows here.

I must close this or you'll be tired reading. Sincerely, Mrs. Alfred Edison (Gladys Baker) Shawnee, Wyo.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Myrtle Fisher, Catherine Morrison, Mary Gallagher, Mary Fitzsimmons, Laurence Lewis, Alice Morrissey, Frances Dally, Ruth Becker, Irma Stout, Maxine O'Donnell and Frances Lewis are among the cast members of St. Mary's play, "Pontia, the daughter of Pilate" to be presented Friday evening. There were 1,789 votes cast at the primary election in this county Friday. John McHugh, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. Charles McHugh, died at the home of his uncle, William Cronin Wednesday morning. James F. Cody and Miss Anna McCarthy were united in marriage at the Catholic church Wednesday morning.

25 YEARS AGO

A. E. Kiehl announces that his O'Neill Bakery will open its doors for business Saturday morning. The Stannard building is receiving a complete redecorating job. Electric service is crippled by snow and ice storms. Robert Biglin, wins honor of being the best orator of the year at Creighton's annual oratory contest. L. C. Walling, division manager of the Interstate Power company, went to Laurel and Wausa Monday to supervise the repair of their storm-damaged lines. Gay Cole, Emmet, reports that hay has been moving fast the past several weeks and is nearly cleaned out.

10 YEARS AGO

Dale A. Kersenbrook has resigned his position with Consumers which he has held for past 10 years. Miss Maxine Seger and Edgar Bulatt are united in marriage April 20 at Atkinson Presbyterian church. Elizabeth Schafier is presented as 1952 FFA queen. A family Easter Sunday celebration was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth with all members of the family present. Miss Rita Troshynski became the bride of Edwin L. Rome, Omaha, April 19 at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson. Dr. F. J. Fisher, who has practiced dentistry in O'Neill since 1941, and Mrs. Fisher will move to Norfolk in the near future.

5 YEARS AGO

Sister M. Dolores, who is in charge of the office at St. Anthony's hospital, will observe her 50th anniversary in the Sisters of St. Francis order July 9. The new \$20,000 parsonage-district office of the Methodist church headquarters in northeast Nebraska will be dedicated Sunday. Funeral rites conducted April 18 at Verdigris for Rudolph Bartha, 84, retired Knox county farmer. Five hundred attendees at Jack Taggart's sale here in O'Neill the 25th was well attended and the cattle sold well. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nelson took dinner at C. W. Robertsons Thursday. Dr. F. A. Bernard is in Omaha this week with a carload of cattle. Charles Robertson recently sold three acres, adjacent to Chambers for \$100 per acre. Miss Bessie Fray closed a very successful term of school in the Gled District Friday and expects to leave for Chadron in the near future to attend Normal. Word

comes to us that J. C. McGowen is slowly recovering and is out of danger from his recent accident.

25 YEARS AGO Lyle Wilson, Harold Thorin, Edward Grimes, Clair Grimes, Mr. Burch, Maxine Turner, Mrs. John Lamason, Mrs. J. W. Walter, Elvora Woods and Mrs. Coril Calhoun are members of the play cast for "Yimmie Yonson's Yob", a comedy presented by the firemen. Lawrence Widmanns have moved on the place recently vacated by the C. I. Smith family. The Rev. Ray Morton underwent an appendectomy at Omaha Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benda are happy over the arrival of a 9 pound son Easter morning. Leonard Miller has accepted a position with an electric company at Lincoln. Dick Kaiser of Amelia will hold a farm sale April 12 and expected to move on a farm near Ord.

Ewing News

By Mrs. Harold Harris

Thelma Spangler spent the Easter holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Spangler. She is employed in Fremont.

Weekend guests at the Albert Larson home were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pahl and daughter, Mary, Oakland. They also called at the Don Larson home in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Don Drey and children, Omaha, were visitors in the home of relatives during the Easter holiday. They attended the golden wedding anniversary of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jefferies Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza Flanagan, Meadow Grove, was a visitor Sunday at the Waldo Davis home. H. J. Parks, Stuart, is a guest this week in the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parks and family.

Due to the Holt County Extension club tea at O'Neill on May 3, the meeting of the Facts and Fun Home Extension club will be held Friday evening, May 4, at the Ray Tucker home instead of May 3rd, their regular meeting date of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kronschnabel, Michael and Linda and Beverly Rotherham returned to St. Paul, Minn., Monday after spending the holiday weekend in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rotherham and family.

Tressa Bauer, who has spent the past two weeks at the Louis Funk home has returned to the Floyd Lee residence where she makes her home.

Vina Wood had as her dinner guests Easter Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wood and Mrs. Florence Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Welke and Bonnie and Mr. and Mrs. Milan Welke and daughters went to O'Neill Sunday to spend the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rodgers. The Leland Welkes have received word from their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Welke and son who left for Anchorage, Alaska, April 15,

that they are nearing their destination. They made the trip by car.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pofahl, Sunday, were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Seaman, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Glaser, Norfolk, Bondell Glaser of Iowa City, Ia. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pofahl and "Butch", of Ewing.

Mrs. Leon Allemang and son, Timmy, Norfolk, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tams, Friday.

Mrs. Kittie Fry, who spent a few weeks with her son, Eldred Fry and family at McPherson, Kan., returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Vandernick, and daughters, Mrs. Joe Kaczor and Mrs. Lyle Mittels returned Tuesday from Absarokee, Mont., where they have spent the past ten days.

Mrs. Eva Kaczor had as her guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kaczor and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kaczor and family, Omaha. Mrs. Leo Vandernick and Mrs. Joe Kaczor called on Mrs. Elizabeth Schueh at Neligh.

Celia News

Mrs. Merrill Anderson

A violent wind and rain storm accompanied by some hail struck in this area Thursday evening uprooting trees, demolishing hay stacks and causing minor damages to farm buildings. The storm which struck about 7:45 p.m. uprooted five large cottonwood trees near the house at the Robert Hendricks ranch 14 miles north of Atkinson. A metal roof on a stock barn was ripped loose at the Mark Hendricks ranch.

Several stacks of hay were almost completely swept away by the cyclonic winds at the Emil Colfack place. Many tree branches were broken and debris scattered in the path of the storm. Some hail damage to car windows was reported. Approximately .60 inches of rain fell during the storm.

Mrs. Frances Chaffin was honored at a pre-nuptial shower at the fellowship supper Thursday evening at the Wesleyan Methodist church in Atkinson. The supper was attended by approximately 35 persons. Gifts were recorded by Phyllis Lewis. A skit, "Mock Wedding" written by members of the cast was presented. Miss Chaffin will wed Mr. Bruce Hoffman of Reece, Kan., May 23 at the Wesleyan Methodist church in Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks and family were supper guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Frickel.

Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman and Mrs. Emil Colfack were business-collars at Blair, Saturday. The ladies will enroll June 11 for a 6-week course at the Teacher's college at Blair.

The Celia Pinocchio club met in the John Sicheneder home Friday evening. High score winners were Gary Hoffman and John Schwindt. Second were Mrs. Frank Kilmurry and LeRoy Hoffman. The group will meet May 25 with Mr. and Mrs. Natchel Hezozotarski. Mrs. Robert Hendricks called at the Bernard Lorenz home Mon-

day. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks and Arlin were supper guests Friday evening at the Omer Poynts home at Stuart. After school was dismissed Monday a group of the Celia 4-H club girls accompanied by their leaders, Mrs. Milton McKathine and Mrs. Frank Kilmurry, attended a brief informative session regarding dress materials at the smith store in Atkinson.

Mrs. Don Smith was instructor. Attending were Vicki Frickel, Patty Straka, Vanita Schwinn, Dorothy and Mary Poesnecker and Mary Kathern Kilmurry.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton McKathine and family were Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Ed Boshart home at O'Neill.

LeRoy Lauridsen spent Friday night with the Milton McKathine family. Kay and Darrel visited LeRoy on Saturday.

Mrs. Merrill Anderson was surprised on her birthday, Monday evening, when Marilyn, her son, and his family called with a birthday cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Anderson attended the funeral of Mrs. Helen Clouse at Bartlett Monday. Roger Hoffman attended the Walther League Spring Rally, Sunday, held at the Christ Lutheran church, in O'Neill. Others attending from the Emmanuel Lutheran church in Atkinson were: Julene Beck, Sheryl Harley, Vic-

ki and David Frickel. Approximately 150 youths were in attendance with 17 parishes represented.

Linda Chaffin spent Sunday with Evelyn Slaymaker in Atkinson. Bob Pease, Vick Frickel, Jim Sicheneder and Herman Frickel were among those helping brand cattle at the Connie Frickel ranch Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lauridsen and family, Bristow and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lauridsen, were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen.

Mrs. Mabel Hammerberg was hostess Wednesday afternoon to the Celia Home-makers Extension club. Mrs. Ber Beck was co-hostess. Roll call was answered with "Greatest Fear in my Life." Sixteen members and two guests, Mrs. J. B. Meller and Mrs. Gary Hitchcock were present. Mrs. Hitchcock became a member of the club. Twenty-five dollars was voted for the Jeanne Livingston Fund and \$2.00 for the Cancer Fund.

Mrs. Inez Hayes will be hostess for the May meeting.

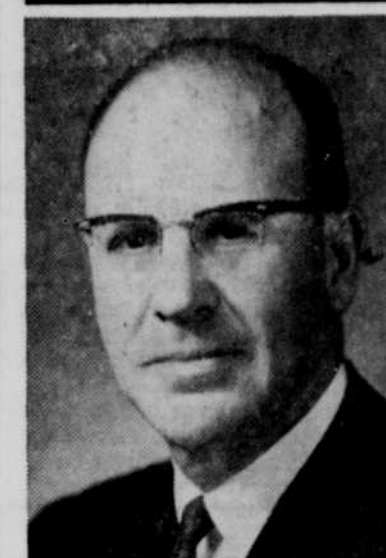
Maximum Profits From Minimum Tillage

Large numbers of corn growers throughout the Midwest are switching to minimum tillage. Equipment and labor savings are great with this relatively new corn production method. This cultural practice is gaining in popularity largely because of the development of excellent new chemicals for weed control.

Modern herbicides are applied at planting time and control weeds and grasses all season. Atrazine, one of the most popular herbicides for weed control in corn, has been largely responsible for the advancement of minimum tillage. The benefits from minimum tillage and Atrazine application include effective weed control coupled with the conservation of soil moisture and elimination of soil compaction.

Since cultivations can be drastically reduced or even eliminated, profits go up. Labor costs are lower, and with excellent chemical weed control yields are higher. Small wonder that more and more farmers are using minimum tillage to bring about maximum corn profits. Valuable information may be obtained by writing to Geigy Agricultural Chemicals, Department WN, Shaw Mill River Road, Ardsley, New York, for their free manual on weed control in corn.

JUDGE PAUL WHITE



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Editorial

The Dangerous Age

Lakefield, Conn., Journal The facts are in, boys, and you just don't make the grade. You, as a group between the ages of 16 and 25 think you're the world's best drivers; but the lowdown is this... you're the country's worst. The facts are in and your insurance rate has gone up anywhere from 20 to 50 per cent. Think it over, lads... and dads. The insurance people are no dopes. They don't care whether you're handsome and have the females in a dither, they don't care whether you have a piece of junk lovingly tuned to a raceway song; they don't care if you can name every part of every motor ever built or that you can rebuild one with your eyes closed. All they care about is poor performance on the road.

Frankly, sons, your performance stinks. You as a group are a menace to society... and to yourselves. Who says so? Not us. The insurance companies say so and they know; they don't know your name and address. They don't know if you own a Ferrari or a Ford. All they care about is facts, and the facts are you have the worst road record of any age group in the country. And getting worse!

And getting worse! Think that over fathers and mothers. Proof? Car insurance costs have gone up sharply this year only for boys in this age group. You are still boys, boys.

You aren't a man unless you can handle cars, among other things, and you aren't handling them properly, though you have plenty of know-how to do so. So, obviously, you aren't handling yourselves. That's the real answer.

Don't blame this on the insurance companies. They just go by the number of accidents, the number of arrests, the number of maimed and killed which you have strewn over the roads of this and other states.

So you as a group are experts, eh? You're suckers for your own buildup. That wouldn't matter so much if only you took the rap. It isn't only you who gets killed or hurt... it's the girl with you, it's the guy down the street, or the lady in the next county who trusted you to act like a man. Or even like a boy who still knows he's a boy and doesn't pretend any different. Sure, you never meant that accident, and won't mean the one you're going to have. And of course it never was your fault. You have a heart of gold and are kind to your mother... you go out on the highways and act like a damn fool. A real fool!

That's the truth and the insurance figures bear it out. Maybe the fifty extra bucks this year will give you pause. Of course you may be the exception that proves the rule. Certainly every one of you isn't that bad.

But as a group you are, and what are you going to do about it? Are you going to be one of the gang that pays homage to the hot rod artist who ought to be in jail and will be soon, or dead? Are you going to go along for the ride so as not to appear chicken and let some bragging twerp at the wheel gamble with your future? Are you going to encourage these "buddies" of yours to keep on boost-

ing your own cost of driving a car: What's the percentage in acting like that?

You wouldn't let this guy hit you over the head with a hammer; why let him drive you into a post? You wouldn't let him steal fifty bucks out of your pocket. Yet he's already done that this year.

And you, the worst offenders... you spoiled brats thinking you can handle 130 horsepower when you can't handle one boypower, what are you going to do about it? Brother, get the lowdown... the girls in your age group have it all over you. Not only in looks, but in intelligence, in self-control, in fair play, and in their ability to handle those 130 horsepower you can't handle.

That's not our opinion; it's the considered opinion of the insurance companies. The rates for girls in your own age group have gone down not up. They are getting to be better drivers, not worse. How does that make you feel?

For all your boasting and all your showing off and all your flouting of the rules of the road, and all your reckless bravado, and all your skill (oh, yes, we know you are skillful) you just haven't got what it takes... and that is judgment.

You haven't yet learned that the champs are not chumps. And if you don't believe the insurance companies about what lousy drivers you are, ask a champ someday... if you can face it. Don't fool yourself about the cheap adulation of the kids around you who don't know any better. And don't think your girl is impressed by your hot shot antics the next time you take her out. She, and most of your buddies have you tabbed for just what you are, a chump. They're just too polite or too scared or disgusted to tell you.

Nobody else will tell you, so we're telling you. We'll take it back when the insurance rates go back down.



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The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Inquiry held in New York concerning the tragic sinking of the Titanic. So far, 206 persons are known dead from the disaster. Jack Taggart's sale here in O'Neill the 25th was well attended and the cattle sold well. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nelson took dinner at C. W. Robertsons Thursday. Dr. F. A. Bernard is in Omaha this week with a carload of cattle. Charles Robertson recently sold three acres, adjacent to Chambers for \$100 per acre. Miss Bessie Fray closed a very successful term of school in the Gled District Friday and expects to leave for Chadron in the near future to attend Normal. Word



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