

Prairie Land Talk

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"Where Are They Today?"

Pat Hagerty, O. O. Snyder, E. H. Benedict on the east side of north Fourth street in days gone and forgotten; John Skirving, Cole and Son with watches and clocks, Art Mullen, Mike Harrington, Tom Golden on the west side of the street. Where are they today? Under the sod up on the hill at rest after playing their part in community life in O'Neill. I do not think they were all buried where they had lived and worked, but some where in the abode of the dead they are at rest. And the pioneers of other days are gone. Their sons and daughters of a second and third generation and many new comers now walk the streets of O'Neill until their time comes to pass out of the picture. And we all travel to life's journeys end.



Romaine Saunders

A few friends sent me Easter greetings this past month, but none put in a boiled egg. But from my niece, Constance Shanner Evans, back in Washington, our nation's capital city, came a large package of delicious candy. Constance was born in her parents' home on south First street in O'Neill in the 1890's and has spent much of her life in Washington, but retains the generous thoughtfulness of others as her Nebraska heritage. She had been a government worker until retired recently.

Homer Campbell came with his parents from their homestead south of Stuart to O'Neill about the year 1883, took a job of delivering bread for the town's first little bake shop just across the street to the west from where the K.C. hall now stands. I followed Homer on that bread wagon when he took to the printers trade. Oddly enough the print shop took me in after a time. Homer worked as a type setter in O'Neill, in Atkinson and then in Stuart, going to Sioux City and later to Seattle, Wash., from where in recent times he wrote me every month. But I have had no word from Homer for several months. Has he I wonder been put to rest in the abode of the dead.

Snow and cold of winter now gone, summer skies above and green robed prairie on earth beneath. The song of birds and hum of prairie life, the sly coyote trotting here and there, the bull snake out of its winter hibernation. Man and beast again on the go and let us go about life's duties another summer time in the fear of the Lord and a hand extended to help some fellow wayfarer.

Editorial

Medical Aid For The Aged

Through the welter of words written and spoken in the current controversy over financing medical care for the aged through higher Social Security taxes, a few facts undisputed by either side are beginning to stand out with increasing clarity. They merit the thoughtful attention of the American people.

No dispute exists even among sponsors of this proposal, for example, that if it is enacted by Congress, the wage earners of this country would be forced to take another cut in their take-home pay to help finance a program of government medicine that would benefit the rich and well-to-do as well as those who need help.

The King-Anderson Bill (H. R. 4222), which is the vehicle for enactment of this program, proposes a payroll tax increase on employer and worker to provide hospitalization, nursing home and home nursing care available to everyone over 65 eligible for Social Security retirement benefits, regardless of need, regardless of income or other resources.

The list of those entitled to medical benefits under the King-Anderson Bill would include millions of persons over 65 who have protected themselves with health insurance against the cost of illness or injury. More than 9,000,000 of the aged have health insurance. It would include thousands of others who have substantial incomes from investments in stocks and bonds, real estate and business enterprises or have accumulated large savings. It would include high-paid executives who continued working beyond the age of 65.

All these—and they are the majority of the population over 65—would be able to get a free ride for their hospitalization at the expense of the wage earners and their employers if the King-Anderson Bill is enacted.

"Niggers" by the train load are being sent north from southern states. Load them into ships and send them to their native homeland of Africa.

He was born on a farm a few miles southeast of our Capital City, lived there all his life and now in middle life plants that farm ground to crops and gathers in the harvest. Will there be a harvest this time? Not if what this Lancaster county farmer tells me continues. A winter of much snow and ice and as corn planting time comes the ground is dry and baked hard. But it may rain any day and wet us up for another crop growing season in this section of Prairieland. And a young fellow I met with today said he was from North Dakota and was here in college to learn to be a farmer. I told him to go back to his farm home as that was the place to learn to farm, not in a seat in a school room.

Will Lowrie and his wife came down from their abiding place in Minnesota to tarry a while in Nebraska, and then left behind the snow and ice and wintered in San Diego, Calif., where they have a son and then up to the San Francisco bay region where they have a daughter living. In late April Will wrote me a lovely letter. In San Diego they saw and had a visit with two from O'Neill, Will Meals and his sister, Laura. Rev. and Mrs. Lowrie plan to return to Nebraska in mid May, then on to their northern home. Will, like his father before him, devoted his life to pastoring Presbyterian churches and is now retired. Yes, "retired". Here that fatal or joyous day awaits all on the journey of life. The way to escape it is to die young.

The day is done and darkness has come as we stretch out in bed to snore the night away; so the night is done and a rooster loudly crows as morning dawns on the prairie rose.

My good Scotch-Irish friend down at Columbus remembered me recently with a cheering word. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hagerty of days now gone she has cherished memories of her girlhood in O'Neill. And she would love to go down to that depot again and see the afternoon train pull in. But no more, the lady now a housewife in that city by the Platte river and maybe she will get up to O'Neill one of these days in person as well as in memory.

As we travel down life's lengthening lane we pause at times and stand to reach out and grasp the Guiding Hand of a heavenly Friend who guides us to life's journeys end.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

The library board held a meeting last Saturday and organized by electing O. F. Biglin chairman and J. A. Donohoe secretary. Herman Dimmitt and Miss Elsie Alm, both of Mineola, were united in marriage by Rev. Angle of the Methodist church Tuesday. W. L. Fisher of Wayne has purchased the hardware and furniture stock of the Golden Hardware and Furniture Company. Brandon Amusement Co. offers the pleasing comedy drama "Lena Rivers", a play without a prurient or suggestive line in it. J. J. Harrington has been elected as president of the Fair association for the ensuing year. Several of the baseball fans are getting together and organizing a baseball team.

25 YEARS AGO

Funeral services held for Paul Neubauer, 64, who died from injuries sustained in farm accident at Gordon. The Johnson Drug store is installing a new fountain in their store this week. M. F. Norton celebrated his 90th birthday Saturday at a luncheon presented by Mrs. Minnie Bowen. May Day exercises are planned at the public school Friday. Council sets limit of 10 beer parlors and 4 liquor stores in the city. Kitten ball fans meet to form city league. Reduced freight rate for drouth ends May 15. Holt county farmers are asked to watch grasshopper hatch.

10 YEARS AGO

Holt county homesteader who came here in 1884, Mrs. Ella Karr, 87, died April 24 at the C. E. Worth home. Daniel Putnam, Frank Petrow, Roger Niemeyer and Ivan Kaiser are advanced from first class to star scouts. A surprise housewarming was held Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Muri McClure at her new home. Holt Supervisor Frank Cronk, Page, is elected president of Northeast-Nebraska County Officials association. Ralph Brostrom, coach at Page high school the past two years, has been elected superintendent for the coming year. Illness forces the Rev. V. R. Bell, pastor of the Methodist church, to retire June 1. Donna Mae Fuhrer, 18, well known polio victim, will receive her high school diploma during commencement Thursday.

5 YEARS AGO

Linda Serck is named valedictorian and Gordon Fox is salutatorian at O'Neill high school. Top honors at St. Mary's go to Bonnie Burial, valedictorian, and Connie Bazelman, salutatorian. Henry R. Schorn, St. Joseph's graduate at Atkinson, will be ordained a Roman Catholic priest May 11. Henry Bausch, 80, resident of Holt county since childhood, died May 5 at the Mrs. Fred Bazelman residence. Two polio immunization clinics will be in operation in Holt county next week. D & S Motor company appointed as new Buick dealer. Glenn Ridgeway, 70, lifelong Holt county resident, dies May 5 following auto accident.

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The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

The linemen are busy this week fixing the telephones in and around Chambers after the recent storm. Charles Robertson recently sold three acres, adjacent to Chambers for 100 dollars per acre. Jack Taggart's sale held in O'Neill April 25 was well attended and the cattle well sold. There is held at the postoffice a letter addressed to B. M. Woodard to be sent to the dead letter office if not called for. Miss Bessie Frary closed a very successful term of school in the Gleed District Friday, and expects to leave for Chadron in the near future to attend Normal. The young people of this vicinity gave a masquerade dance in Kellogg's barn. There were about 212 present and 11 masqued on the floor. Florence McCreath, Atkinson, commenced a small spring term of school in Kola District 245.

25 YEARS AGO

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Irven Graves April 28th a fine 8 1/2 lb. son, Kenneth Duane. Mrs. Al Liedtke is recovering nicely from her recent operation at the Stuart hospital. Don Mille, Evelyn Mitchell, Lorine M. Walter, Mildred E. Riehart, Ethel Irene Clemens, Alice A. Miller, Don R. Medacli, Earlene M. Hutton, Stanley E. Kutscher and Thelma L. Cooper will receive diplomas

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Friday at graduation exercises. The weather this week has been quite encouraging to the farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nissen and babe moved up Friday from Stanton and are located in the Odd Fellow building while Mr. Nissen operates the Beatrice Cream Station here. The Lee hotel has been undergoing several improvements lately.

Dorsey News

By Mrs. Harold Osborn

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carson were O'Neill shoppers Friday. They came home by the way of Lynch and brought Mrs. Mary Wolfe home from Sacred Heart Hospital. Mrs. Wolfe is better, but still very weak. She must do lots of resting. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hull attended Harlan Sedivy's wedding Saturday in Spencer. Gordon Barta, Bud Mitchell and Garry Wilson were Bloomfield visitors Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ruzicka were Spencer callers at the Kerbel home Wednesday evening. Visitors in the Harold Osborn home Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hull and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Svatos. Leman Huber helped saw wood at the Graham home Saturday. Mrs. Huber came along to visit. Mrs. Garry Wilson brought her husband to Bartus Thursday so he could accompany the men to Bloomfield. Mrs. Felix Hendricks is spending a few days at the A. W. Alm home, helping with the work as

Mrs. Alm isn't to do too much family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Scranton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Puckett and family, Mrs. Leta Miles and Linda and husband, Lincoln and Alfred Linquist. Bruce Miller drove home from Hyannis to spend the weekend with his parents and he also was a caller at the Graham home Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in the John Derickson home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Derickson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Scranton and

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