

Prairieland Talk

"Passing Years Mark Changes"

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On the north side of the street from Third street to Fifth one business institution only is at it today that was serving the community in the 1880's and 90's, the First National Bank. Some buildings still along the street that were here in those early years but not the folks that once stepped about in them serving Dick Jones, Hank Mills, Guy Green and the ladies who came along to buy a bit of dress goods. One hotel remains on the south side of the street that got going there about 1892, the Evans, now the Western. To the south on Fourth street the O'Neill National Bank, Biglin's, Stannard's and the Commercial Hotel come out of the past, but Stannard's is the only one still in the hands of one of that family. The lumber yard on South Fourth street is another surviving the years as is also the one on North Fourth street. The passing years mark changes.



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Page, named in honor of Holt county's first county surveyor, W. W. Page, Chambers, the name of the gent who first carried the mail from the railroad to that community in southern Holt county, O'Neill, yes you have all heard of General John O'Neill, Emmet, that noted Irish patriot Robert Emmet. A long haired bewiskered gent by the name of Atkinson came along from the Black Hills, wrote his name in the dust of the road and a town called Atkinson got going.

Traveling west on the highway we leave behind Norfolk, Okadale, Neligh and roll into the quiet and peaceful village of Ewing happy again to look once more at the green robed beauty of southeast Holt county and for 50 miles on to Stuart there it is in all its charm the silken green landscape of Prairieland. And Ewing has been on the map for nearly a century, a community of pioneers and present day patriots in a lovely land robed today in summer green.

Seventy-five years ago we left our Prairieland home five miles out and moved into O'Neill, taking our beloved dog Shep with us. But Shep did not like town life so went back home on the prairie. We left the door ajar so Shep could get in and out. Along came a gent from some miles away and stole a load of corn we had stored in the house and killed our dog. I do not know today where to find the bones of Shep, but memory lingers still of a Prairieland lad and his dog. Do you have a Shep? If so you understand it all.

Editorial

The Fourth of July

The Fourth of July! And what man in O'Neill will be up at daybreak to fire a shotgun salute? Who will be the speaker to utter words of praise and promise and are there men, women and children who will sit on board seats giving close, appropriate attention even though the session lasts for hours? Will heat and insects be forgotten in our enjoyment of this verbal salute to our country? Probably not.

The heady wine of patriotism that inspired such demonstrations in the men of other days seems to have been diluted with a mixture of frustration, fatigue, distrust and an overshoot of fear.

A sort of feeling that our government has become top-heavy, unwieldy and confused, plus a glimpse now and then of cupid and stupidity causes a real feeling of sadness.

A nagging uneasiness about the state of our nation and indeed the rest of the world has taken some of the zip out of us for any spontaneous fireworks. We still have a love of country. We work an average of three months of each year for her support, and in time of danger, life itself is not too great a sacrifice. We recoil in fear from the thought of ever losing so precious a heritage.

However, the average family man needs every ounce of energy that he can muster to earn the goods and opportunities that he must have for his own family so he will in all likelihood just consider "The Fourth" as a much needed day of rest.

We'll hang out the flag and feel a tinge of pride as we head for the easy chair and a can of pop. How about you?

BJR

"Straight Talk About Post Office"

The United States Post Office, under its new set of rates and regulations, has nearly stopped being a service department supported by the taxpayers and has become a strict business proposition.

In so doing, it has forgotten also that newspapers are service institutions and that the second class postal rates were established in the last century, not as a subsidy for an industry that cannot support itself, but as a fair and just payment for a service rendered, that service being a close and detailed communication between the free people of this country and their servant, the government.

By this arbitrary rejection of the historic relationship between government and people this newspaper is being forced to adopt the identical attitude, much against its will.

Since the government now rejects the idea of service paid for through taxes and places the Post Office on a profit and loss basis, requiring payment for every little detail, even to the forwarding of mis-addressed mail—we must do the same.

Hereafter, the notices by the Post Office that Civil Service examinations are pending cannot be run as news. We refer them to our Classified Advertising department, suggesting that the item be placed under "Help Wanted", as other businesses do.

We would also like to see a check attached, at our regular rates, for the following government items:

Notices to buy bonds, from the Treasury Department.

Enlistment information, from the Defense Department.

"News" releases from the departments of Agriculture, Health and Welfare, Commerce, F.H.A., V.A., The Peace Corps, the F.A.A., etc. etc. etc.

When this flood of material ceases to find its

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

J. P. Golden was passing around the cigars last Monday morning over the arrival of an eight pound son, which arrived at his home that morning. . . A class of forty-eight members were initiated into the local council of the Knights of Columbus last Sunday. . . M. H. McCarthy, Arthur Ryan and Thomas Enright went to Enders Lake, south of Ainsworth, last Saturday evening and spent Sunday fishing for bass. The boys said they caught their limit in a few hours. . . Members of the Old Settlers Picnic Association will meet Saturday, July 13 at 8 p.m. to elect officers and make arrangements for the 1912 picnic.

25 YEARS AGO

A beautiful June wedding took place Monday morning, June 28 when Miss Wilma Nelson of Spencer was united in marriage to Mr. Leon D. Putnam. . . Miss Catherine Shoemaker went down to Stanton last Sunday and spent the weekend visiting at the home of her parents. . . Holt County doctors to have material and child health courses. . . 4-H camp will be held next weekend at Long Pine.

10 YEARS AGO

Bert Bertolini has joined the staff of Gilligan's Rexall drug store. . . Baseball Thursday, July 3, O'Neill Rockets vs. Atkinson. . . School entrance examinations to enter kindergarten will begin in O'Neill August 21. . . Five test holes drilled south of the city seeking site for a new well. . . Future subscriber, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Appleby of O'Neill, a son, Charles Owen, born July 2. . . O'Neill has acquired a combination street cleaner, chemical sprayer and fire truck all-in-one vehicle.

5 YEARS AGO

M. J. Golden, O'Neill golfer, won the Ainsworth golf tourney June 23. . . Miss Karen Gruhn was united in marriage to Roy Donald Boshart June 30. . . Fireworks, biggest stock in north central Nebraska. . . All types reasonably priced. . . The home of Mrs. Vannie Newman was the scene of a gathering June 23. . . Beth Ann and Gary McIntosh of Meadow Grove were guests of their cousins, Billy and Richard McIntosh.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO Frank Lienhart is helping in the barber shop this week. . . John Wintermote was so unfortunate as to lose a very valuable horse last Friday by lightning. . . Miss Josephine Lienhart came up from Wayne to visit her parents over the fourth. . . The celebration passed off very quickly, there being no boozing or fighting at all. . . A good display of fireworks in the evening ended as good as celebration as was ever held in Chambers.

25 YEARS AGO Lilly Leah Doherty, 68, funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. . . C. J. Barnum has purchased the residence of Mrs. Mary J. Huffman located on north main street, plans are to use it as a funeral home. . . Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wintermote and Lloyd left for Morse Bluffs Saturday night for a short visit with relatives and friends. . . The Editors returned last Wednesday evening from a four week vacation, in time to help wind up the weeks issue of the Sun. . . Mrs. Inez White entertained 50 guests at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Paul Fisher last Wednesday.

Emmet And Community Dolores Tunender

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tunender and family called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bauer and family Monday night.

Mrs. Ray Pettinger and daughter, Dolores, and Mrs. Joe Pongratz visited Mrs. Bill Mullen and Tim last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Peter and family, O'Neill, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dusatko and family Monday evening.

Mrs. Georgia McGinnis called at the home of Ellen O'Donnell Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grothe and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grothe and Debbie visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dusatko and family last Sunday evening.

Emmet Little Leaguers played two games last week. Monday night they played Ewing, who won by a score of 7 to 4 and Friday night they lost to West O'Neill, 9 to 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shaw and family, O'Neill, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dusatko and family Friday evening.

Little Dewey Pongratz, O'Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Pongratz spent Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pongratz.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schaff,

Omaha, attended the funeral of Mrs. Schaff's grandmother, Mrs. Paul Seger, Atkinson, a week ago. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Babi last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pongratz visited her aunts and cousin, Mrs. Kathryn Johnson and Jack Murphy Friday afternoon at Atkinson.

Mrs. Oscar Hansen, Mrs. Clara Prometor, Mrs. Pauline Benze and Cookie visited at the home of Mrs. Leonard Dusatko Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Babi called at the home of their daughter and family in O'Neill Friday.

Mrs. Leonard Dusatko, Helen and Edwin called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peter and Mrs. Joe Babi, O'Neill, last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pongratz attended the funeral of Joe's uncle, Alois Babi Wednesday at Stuart. Golden Rod Garden club met at the home of Mrs. Charles Tasser Thursday, June 28. All but 3 members were present. Mrs. Vahle was a guest. The hostess served homemade ice cream and cake.

Donald Schaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schaff, Emmet, who is stationed in Korea will attend the Catholic Rally.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Pongratz, Dewey and Debbie, O'Neill, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pongratz and family Thursday night.

Jeanie and Susie Weichman, Stuart, are spending a few days at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Babi and family, O'Neill, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Babi sr., Lionel and Luann, Friday night.

Mrs. Leonard Dusatko, Leona, Kathleen and Edwin, called at the home of Mrs. Pauline Benze and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Babi and Jeanette called at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Babi, sr., Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beckwith, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Ruggless and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ries were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Len Ullrich.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Weber, Lincoln, Clara Burgman, Plattsmouth and Mrs. Al Iwen, Spalding, were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler. They attended the funeral of Alois Babi in Stuart.

Mrs. Al Havranek spent several days last week in Bloomfield at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fehringer and son, Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rauterkus and family, O'Neill, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marcellas and family Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes and family, Racine, Wisc., are spending two weeks vacation here visiting relatives. They are

first cousins to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sterns.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Havranek and Larry and Mrs. James Havranek, sr. called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havranek and family, O'Neill, Friday night.

Marty Mullen was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Joe Kalina, Inman, Sunday, July 1.

Miss Mullen will marry Francis Havranek, O'Neill, July 10 at the Church of Epiphany at Emmet.

A large crowd attended the summer school picnic at Emmet at the Church of Epiphany Sunday, July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welsh called at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miksch, Stuart, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Peter and family, O'Neill, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tunender and family Sunday afternoon.

Francis Malloy, California, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welsh.

Inman News

By Mrs. James McMahan

Mrs. Anna Smith returned to her home Saturday evening from Newport where she spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cadwallader and sons.

Mrs. Amelia Moore has returned from Fullerton, where she spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sholes and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schudel and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gillispie, North Loup, Nebr., and Mrs. Mary Clark, Salem, Ore., visited Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Abney Friday.

In the afternoon the group called on Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelley and family, Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Abney spent Saturday in Omaha where Lyle had a medical check. They were accompanied home by Sheryl and Cathy Brady.

Georgia Herold and Mary Morsbach, Norfolk, spent Wednesday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Herold and Mr. and Mrs. David Morsbach.

Ralph Sholes, Valentine, is spending his vacation visiting his mother, Mrs. Violet Sholes.

Earnest Trowbridge has gone to Ephrata, Wash., where he will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith and family for several weeks.

Kieth Kivett underwent an appendectomy Friday at St. An-

thon's hospital in O'Neill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaden Kivett.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tompkins and sons moved to their home south of Inman Friday, after spending several months in Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Crosser and sons, Neligh, visited Mr. and Mrs. David Morsbach Sunday evening.

Rosedale News

By Karen Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roskens, Winnetka, S. D., were Thursday callers at the Duane Mahlendorf home. On their return home they took Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson, Mrs. Mahlendorf's parents, to their home in Emery, S. D. The Johnsons have been visiting in the community for a couple weeks.

Mrs. Duane Mahlendorf and Mrs. H. Johnson were Thursday callers at the Roy Black home. Vernon Wenke spent the past weekend visiting his mother, Mrs. Glen Wenke.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, and Ivar Johnson left Saturday for Illinois. They went to attend the funeral of Elaine Schultz, eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schultz.

Mrs. Ivar Johnson and children, and Mervin Anderson, Butte, went to Long Pine Sunday to get Margaret Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson and girls called at the Don Lingren home Sunday afternoon. They helped Patty celebrate her birthday.

Beverly Anderson spent the weekend at home. She is present-

ly attending summer school at Wayne State Teachers college. Janice K. Anderson was a Friday overnight guest of Shirley Ruda.

The annual Midsummer picnic, sponsored by the Rosedale Sunday school, was enjoyed by the people of the community Tuesday afternoon. Everyone in attendance had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harrison, Omaha, were Monday supper guests at Herman Landholms.

Mrs. Harry Holmberg, Sharon, and Rose Marie made a business trip to Sioux City Wednesday. Nancy Lightfoot spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Lightfoot. She is presently taking nursing in Omaha.

The Rev. and Mrs. Everette Wilson and family were Saturday supper guests at the Larson Lightfoot home.

Mrs. Carl Nygren was a Friday caller of Mrs. Leonard Anderson. Mrs. Morris Johnson and Lavonne and Mrs. Joe Peterson were Sunday afternoon callers at the Carl Anderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mahlendorf and Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mahlendorf called at the Don Bridge home in Picktown Thursday night. They helped Don celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holbek and sons, Omaha, were weekend guests at the Adolph Sedivy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hull and family were Sunday callers at the Adolph Sedivy home.

Adolph Sedivy spent the weekend in Sioux Falls on business. Anderson home.

The Rev. and Mrs. Everette Wilson and Marjorie were Sunday evening coffee guests at the Carl

Advertisement for Biglin's Beauty Shop. Text: 'A Home's Beauty Starts With Its Floors... And Your Floor's Beauty Starts At BIGLINS For Famous Name Brands Featuring ARMSTRONG Beautiful Colors And Styles'. Includes image of a floor and shop address: 325 E. Douglas St. Phone 268.

Large advertisement for 'Sensational DISCOUNT FREEZER SALE!' at 'Gambles The Friendly Store'. Features a large price tag for \$159.95 and lists various items like a 4 Player Badminton Set for \$2.99, a Gallon Picnic Jug for \$1.99, and Insulated 12 Oz. Tumblers for \$12.50. Includes a 'TRIPLE Guarantee' and 'YOU SAVE \$70!'.

Advertisement for 'THE FRONTIER' newspaper. Text: 'BILL RICHARDSON, Publisher BRUCE J. REHBERG, Editor'. Includes subscription rates and contact information for the National Editorial Association.