

Prairieland Talk

"New Bank Building In O'Neill"

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Not a new bank but a new bank building in O'Neill. The O'Neill National under the present management seems to have acquired the means to build new and more inviting quarters to deal with their many friends. There may be none in the O'Neill community today who were here when the bank first opened for business in the long ago with W. D. Mathews, founder and first publisher of The Frontier, first boss in the O'Neill National. Mathews did not "bank" long but soon returned to the newspaper game. Others followed Mathews, among them James F. O'Donnell, John Weeks, Claude Hancock. And upstairs Mr. Dishner and Mr. Meredith had offices, Lawyer J. D. Cronin now on the upper floor and will move soon to a new and more inviting layout in the new building. In the basement of the bank building years ago C. C. McHugh had his printing plant where he published the O'Neill Sun. One remains today who worked for a time in the Sun print shop. That was Nellie Cronin, a sister of Dan and Will Cronin of pioneer days, and Nellie being a sister of McHugh's wife. Today Nellie lives in Lincoln, she the widow of Den Hunt who laid the first brick at Saint Mary's Academy in O'Neill. A fine new bank building for the O'Neill National. What goes into the old one?



Romaine Saunders

Warm days and showers of rain at night. Good corn growing conditions in eastern Nebraska and the cribs will be full at corn gathering time.

Friend Jim is a native of the land of Sir Walter Scott, but many years a citizen of Lincoln. Jim returned a day or two ago from a visit to his son out in California and happy as a clam to be back to Nebraska and says our Capital City is better for a home than anything he saw while away.

Holt county's first fair grounds, in 1883 or '84 were about a mile east of O'Neill. At fair time Al Heilman was always there with his little race pony, Ed Tierney the rider. Down the home stretch they came, Al's pony the winner. A dog bounced out and barked at the coming race horse. Heilman reached for his six shooter, fired a shot and that dog fell to bark no more. And a woman standing there was in tears—it was her dog that heartless Al Heilman had killed.

CELINA, TEXAS, RECORD: "There ought to be more women working for the government in Washington. Just think of all the fun they would have moving those bureaus around."

DUBLIN, GA., COURIER-HERALD: "The formation of the European Common Market is not only posing a gigantic headache for the United States; Soviet Russia sees in the pact, that starts as an economy to fit into the pattern of the future of the Reds don't like. While we are trying to tailor our economy to fit into the pattern of the future of the European Common Market, the Reds are taking the offensive in an effort to disrupt it before it gets really united and operating."

PORTAGE, PA., NANTY-GLO JOURNAL: "The idea is fast becoming popular in America that citizens no longer need to face the facts of life. Soon

Three men from Germany stopped for a day in our Capital City while on their way to that noted Pacific coast city by the Golden Gate, going there to attend a gathering of their church leaders from all over the earth. In Lincoln they went to my barber for a hair cut, that barber able to understand and talk their language. These three men had it that all was going well in their native land. And we of Prairieland wonder if that is it or whether those men were wanting to hide the worst from Americans.

Is there a nest of a prairie chicken somewhere in Holt County today? Prairie chickens by the thousands 75 years ago, today none, wiped out as the buffalo and antelope were by human hands. And there in the Elkhorn just south of town Jake Hershiser, Jim Davidson, Prairieland Talker and others caught the 3 foot long Pickerer in days now gone. Who does it today here in the old town? Nobody you say. But the silken green robed prairie lays in all its beauty still, adorned here and there with blooming roses and clusters of goldenrod. And down in the water holes the frogs still may be heard.

Arthur Mullen, lawyer, county attorney, good citizen, politician, more of the last than all else. Mullen had a home on North First street, an office on North Fourth street. A Democrat at heart and a busybody in the political game stirring up things along that line. Ended his days down in Omaha where he had lived for a time and stood at the head of his political bunch. O'Neill has no Art Mullen today and all is quiet here now on the office seeking days and days.

My son, Glenn, and his beautiful wife, Florence, spent two days with me recently on their way home from a trip to California. Both are native Nebraskans, Glenn born in O'Neill, now making their home in the beautiful city of Dayton, Ohio.

State Senator Fern Hubbard Orme is one of a group from our Capital City spending a week in southern Indiana to say hello to the Hoosiers. They plan to be back to Lincoln by July 22.

The Hand of Nature paints a beautiful scene across Prairieland this, another mid summer. Clouds in the fair blue sky today and golden sunbeams among the clouds. The landscape robed in green, birds flying from tree to tree and animal and human life up and on the go.

most young Americans will feel it is not necessary to take out health insurance policies to care for their old age when they know the government will do it for them. Health insurance companies will suffer, the medical profession will suffer, and the few Americans who have any pride left in their own abilities will suffer."

WEST POINT, MISS., TIMES LEADER: "It's quite obvious that the American people are becoming more and more concerned over federal expenditure trends. And this concern is indeed encouraging. To be sure, something must be done! Straight-shooting U. S. News & World Report magazine says: 'Kennedy is urging on Congress around 70 ideas for new ways to spend money, or for ways that spending plans already approved can be increased.' Read that sentence again!"

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Frank Pixley purchased the corner of Clay and First street from H. A. Polk and will commence the erection of a modern bungalow thereon. Road expert Booth has certainly done some fine work of road building in O'Neill. The city now has some of the finest streets that are to be found in the country, both drainage and surfacing the roads are practically perfect. One of the swiftest parties of the summer season was a dance given at the K of C hall by Mrs. S. J. Weekes in honor of her sister. Music was furnished by the O'Neill Orchestra.

25 YEARS AGO

The fire department was called to the south end of town last Friday afternoon, a prairie fire having started on the grass north of the Northwestern station and between the Burlington tracks.

Donald Vequist of O'Neill, member of the Honey Creek 4-H Turkey and Sheep Clubs, was notified that he had won a trip to the 4-H conservation camp at Seward. Mrs. Anna McCartney, of Butte, arrived in the city to purchase half interest in the Borden Style Shop. One of the heaviest rainfalls seen in this city in the past twenty years visited O'Neill and vicinity Wednesday night. Quilted chintz is being used for summer evening gowns.

10 YEARS AGO

Legion brings record star to O'Neill. Jimmy Dorsey coming Tuesday. Need for rain now urgent. Dance, American Legion ballroom July 26, music by the Aces of Rhythm Orchestra. Future subscribers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lyons, a daughter, weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces, born July 21. O'Neill will be site of the annual summer meeting of the North-Central Nebraska Press Association district meeting on Saturday, August 16.

5 YEARS AGO

Rev. Basil Price SJ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Price of O'Neill, left Tuesday for missionary work in Korea. Dance at the American Legion Ballroom. Music by Aces of Rhythm. The O'Neill Rockets last Thursday evening fashioned an 8-7 win over the Atkinson entry in the North-Central Nebraska baseball League at Atkinson. A virtually abandoned grain elevator on the Burlington railroad tracks is being rehabilitated by the O'Neill Grain Co.

Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gunter

Mrs. Web Napier entertained the United Presbyterian women at the church annex Thursday afternoon. Mrs. R. A. Hord was co hostess. Sixteen members answered roll.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keller and family visited at the Alfred Napier home Friday evening. Barbara Johnston spent the past week visiting Judy Gunter in Kennard.

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Gunter and family, Kennard, were overnight guests last Saturday at the Eddy Shrader home. Other dinner guests Sunday were Mrs. Gerald Wetlaufer and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston, Barbara and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader, David and Sandra and Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Gunter. Alice Shrader went home with the Verl Gunter family for a week's visit.

Mrs. Keith Biddlecome and Mrs. Althea Peterson attended a miscellaneous shower for La-Royce Blunt at the Earl Schnabel home in Norfolk.

Glenda Napier visited at the John Miller home Tuesday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Miller and family were supper guests Friday at the Lynn Fry home.

Dennis Napier spent last Monday and Friday nights at the R. A. Hord home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Biddlecome called on Mrs. Marcus Pierson and Clarence Schmirer in the Antelope Memorial hospital Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hobbs and family, Omaha, visited last weekend at the Dewitt Hoke home.

Connie, Cheryl and Julie Pierson are standing at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pierson, while their mother is in the Neligh hospital with an injured back.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woeppel visited at the Earl Pierson home last Sunday evening.

Gary Wetlaufer, Sandra Shrader and Marilyn Johnston visited at the Ralph Shrader home last Sunday afternoon.

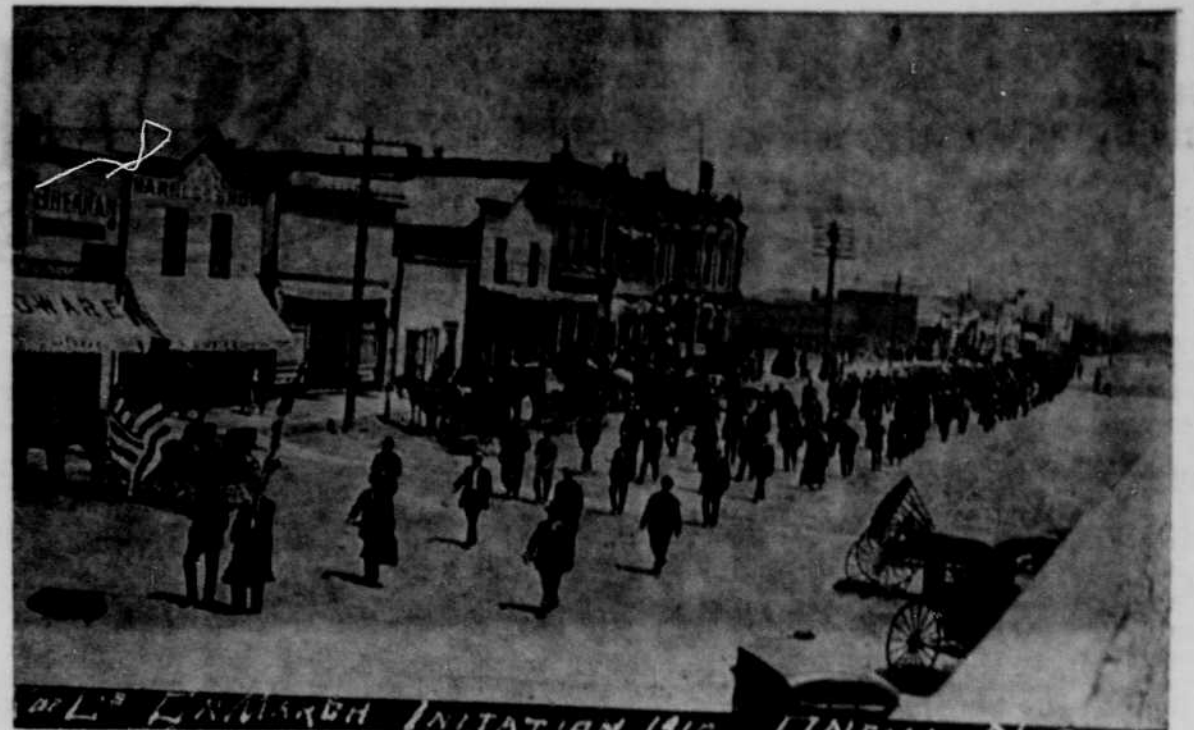
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston visited Mrs. Neal Clark, Sedro Woolley, Wash., at the Sam Trussell home in Orchard last Monday evening.

Mrs. George Keller and family were supper guests Thursday at the Alfred Napier home.

Mrs. Rudy Ahlers helped at the Earl Pierson home Thursday and went with them to Neligh in the afternoon and visited Mrs. Marcus Pierson in the hospital.

Mrs. John Napier and children visited at the Ed Walters home in Chambers Thursday afternoon.

The Seek and Share Project club and their family picnicked



THIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATION parade picture from 1910 was sent to the Frontier by Mrs. Joe Menish shortly after she read in the Frontier of a KC initiation parade of 50 years ago. She was so impressed with the coincidence of the picture that she asked the Frontier to print it. Businesses identifiable in the picture are Neil Brennan hardware, Albers Harness shop, both in the foreground.

at the O'Neill Park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry arrived in Omaha from California last Tuesday and spent the night at the Frank Emsick home. Joan, Cheryl and Michael Emsick came home with them for a few days visit Wednesday.

Mrs. Grant Mott entertained the Riverside Free Methodist Missionary Society Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry, Joan, Cheryl and Michael Emsick visited at the Otto Retke home at Inman Thursday and were supper guests Friday at the Richard Napier home.

Nancy, Reta and Sonja Napier spent last Sunday at the Lynn Fry home.

Susan Napier visited at the Robert McDaniel home last Sunday. Mrs. Dewitt Hoke visited at the George Montgomery home Friday morning.

Mrs. Ed Walters, Mrs. Bill Finch and Mrs. Ed Cuddy visited Mrs. John Napier last Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery visited last Sunday at the Emmett Dewey home northeast of Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fry and family visited last Saturday evening in the Rich Napier home.

Mrs. Ronnie Mott spent Friday night at the Grant Mott home.

Mrs. Alfred Napier took Mrs. R. A. Hord and Mr. D. A. Gunter to O'Neill Wednesday afternoon. They called on Mrs. D. A. Gunter, Mrs. Lyle Mitties, Mrs. Ed Urban and Mrs. John Latzel in the O'Neill hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier and family were guests last Sunday to a barbecued supper at the

Lynn Fry home. Judy Switzer spent the past week with Joan Miller. Judy and Joan spent Thursday night with Sherry Switzer.

Mrs. Lloyd Heese and Larry visited Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Wayne Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hall visited last Monday afternoon at the Ora Switzer home.

Jody Fry spent three days at the 4-H camp at Niobrara last week.

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The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO
 Rain! Rain! Rain! The dry spell has at last been broken and the farmers are rejoicing over the abundance of rain we have been receiving. Joe Myers is building an addition to his house. Everybody is busy these days getting ready to commence haying. The Ice Cream Social, given by the B.Y.P.U. on H. F. Dyke's lawn Tuesday evening, was well attended. Plenty of ice cream and cake were served and everybody reported a good time. J. N. Wyant and Reed Grubb took up Mrs. Major's well, Wednesday, and redrilled it.

25 YEARS AGO
 There has been a tennis court built on school grounds, and is being used, although it is not completed yet. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray July 25, an 8½ pound daughter. Miss Abbie Platt was a dinner guest of Miss Arlene Grimes, Sunday. Dance: At Chambers Friday, July 30th. The Lutheran Ladies Aid are holding an ice cream social Saturday, August 7 at the Tibbets Garage. Chambers ball team crossed bats with the Inman team on the Inman diamond Sunday, winning the game by a score of 12 to 2. O'Neill will play at Chambers next Sunday and Chambers will win again. Maybe?

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