

Prairieland Talk

Holt Streams Offer Beauty

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LINCOLN—Mrs. Merrill Anderson of Redbird, in a letter to Prairieland Talker, calls attention to nature's lavish adornment at her door.

"We need not travel to faraway places in order to see the beauty of God's creation," she writes, "for our own fair state of Nebraska has much to offer, especially along our many streams. The historic old Niobrara flows its crystal tide across our ranch here in northern Holt county and contributes to the scenic beauty of these parts. The evergreen pines, the sturdy oaks, stalwart cottonwoods, the lordly elms all grow here. And the wildlings native to our land have their haunts in the dark recesses of the underbrush—something of a paradise for such of the animal kingdom that survive the ruthless hand of man."



Romaine Saunders

With a touch of color Mrs. Anderson closes her word picture in a tribute to the birds of prairieland. The Holt county lady with a gift to draw word pictures does not come under the glow emanating from classic halls of learning to the haunts of men, but draws inspiration from beauty seen in God's great outdoors.

Grace Kelly and Margaret Truman each have their man and have walked off the front page where it had all become a bore to newspaper readers. Margaret, as Mrs. Daniel, goes to reside over a home in New York City and Grace with her prince are out at sea before settling down amid gambling casinos.

It was in the year 1902. After May 15 the house occupied by A. J. Hammond will be for rent—Dickson & Co. Dan Coffey left Tuesday to enroll as a student at the Fremont Normal. Miss Anna Brennan was up from Omaha visiting her folks in O'Neill. N. Grass and R. H. Murray of Iowa precinct were in the city Thursday. Capt. Peter Greeley of Phoenix had word that his pension had been increased to \$40 a month. Miss Maggie O'Neill was here from Council Bluffs, Ia., visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. King left for Leavenworth, Wash., where they planned to make their home. Will Meals left for Valdez, Alaska, to join his parents. Peter Kelley and Jess Mellor made a trip to Boyd county.

Referring to a paragraph that appeared in this department recently, a friend writes: "You are right—what have we seen today? We had better smell the flowers while we can."

One of Sen. Frank Nelson's primary opponents was removed by tragedy. Three others seek nomination, four in the district—three Holt county patriots and one from Boyd county. Had Messdames Cole and McKenna filed for the senatorial nomination they would have added to the fun and given the four men a run for their money. Maybe their time is coming. If Mrs. Orme is elected in the 20th district she would get thrill from having a seat mate from O'Neill.

Editorial

Enforcing Parental Responsibility

Not many centuries ago society held parents responsible for the behavior of their children. The power of discipline—extending sometimes to power over life and death—was left in the hands of the family head.

Then, however, in the eyes of the law, minor children were little more than chattels of their parents. Ever since western peoples began thinking of children as individuals with rights of their own there has been a question as to the extent of parents' responsibility. The dignity of the individual has been enhanced; but society has not yet found a complete substitute for the old absolute, and sometimes cruel, paternal authority.

Evidence of that search can be seen in a bill recently signed into law in New York. It does not hold parents accountable for their children's delinquency, as some may have assumed. However, where a court has found that parental delinquency (usually neglect) has contributed to juvenile delinquency, the law empowers the court to compel cooperation with its orders. If parents should refuse to obey—for instance, to stay home themselves evenings so as to maintain a family circle as competition to the street corners—the court then may punish them.

This, of course, is no final answer to juvenile delinquency. But the workings of this law will be watched widely and with great interest.

Let's Do It Now!

Now that spring has come (judging by the calendar and not by the snow flurries that have filled the air on several occasions during the past week), it is well to consider a citywide cleanup. "I'll rake the lawn!" "I'll paint the fence!" "I'll clean the attic and the basement!" "I'll plant the garden!" "I'll do my part to make O'Neill north-Nebraska's most beautiful city!"

In the death of J. B. Donohoe of O'Neill and Ivan Dickerson of Atkinson, two more from families of Holt county pioneers pass from the scene. Ivan's people were among the first to be known in the Atkinson community where he spent his life and where he leaves those with cherished memories of a friend and worthy citizen. J.B.'s passing follows soon after that of his brother, J. A., and takes out of the community one more from a family planted on Holt county soil by the Gen. John O'Neill colonization of the 1870's. But a child when the family came to prairieland from Pennsylvania, J. B. never felt kindly toward the promoter of that movement. But he, too, lived his life on Holt county prairies and all who knew J. B. esteemed him as a friend and worthy citizen.

Out of historic New England came the story. The boy is only 11-years-old; he had resented being "spanked." Might well have had more of it, or was parental understanding lacking? With gun in hand the 11-year-old lad went on a killing spree. His mother was the first to fall, then his father, then an older brother. With amazing satisfaction over what he had done he told of plans he had cherished for the triple killings because of home discipline. In Holy Writ a flogger is pointed at a generation "without natural affection." Child problem—here is one.

The writer wrote it D. A. The printer punched it out A. D. It matters not. Daniel Augustus Doyle's ghost will not come down Fourth street on a bay gelding on a lope to kick and cuff that printer for garbling the sanctity of its embodied name as was done in the flesh to another printer who had spoken ill through his paper of Colonel Doyle's political activities. The two, now only ghosts, met as that printer came up the steps to the basement of the O'Neill National bank where his little print shop functioned and Gus whaled away with fist and boot. The printer went back down the steps, sat down at his desk and wrote his lead news story, "Kicked and Cuffed by a Big Brute."

A cold wind haunts the dull gray April day. A canopy of clouds hangs high above and a drizzle of rain is all the day in bringing a mere trace of moisture to thirsty wheat fields in Lancaster county. Broken Bow, out where the sandhills begin, where men and women and kids take time to live and chat with a neighbor, reports 10 inches of snowfall this last week in April. The somber hills will be robed in verdant green and golden rod and prairie rose bring bright color to meadow lands when sunbeams have brushed away the snow and chilly winds no longer blow.

Learning how to drive is something new in public school instruction. The student is given a text book in bulk that is comparable to Olney's arithmetic. Two hours at a sitting in class, 30 minutes at the steering wheel. Fee for 30-day course—\$20 ad valorem.

It is a peculiar twist when people have to be encouraged to save their own lives.

When You and I Were Young

Dan Sullivan Enters Olympics

Brother Jack Goes as Spectator

50 Years Ago James Sullivan received a card from his sons, Dan and Jack, since their arrival at Athens, Greece, to attend the Olympic games. Dan as a contestant and Jack as a spectator. Clara Murphy, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Murphy, died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer, of acute Bright's disease. Cupid has been busy. Asa J. Fouts and Geneva Perrin, both of Chambers, John E. Buckmaster of Brodie and Mary L. Gill of Stuart, Thomas F. Donohoe and Miss Elizabeth McNichols were married and Edward Dale Zink and Blanche Gallagher, both of Stuart, and Mrs. Jill Green and Louis Burr Howard, both of Exeter, were granted licenses.

20 Years Ago Miss Mona Melvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin, won a prize for designing the best sports dress. She is an art student at the University of St. Louis (Mo.). Among marriages, licenses issued were one to Norbert Schaaf and Miss Retta Cleary, both of Atkinson; Elmer Devall and Miss Dorothy Harrison, both of the Meek community; Paul Nelson of Meek and Miss Marjorie Hendricks of Atkinson; and Woodrow Beckler of Coleridge and Miss Viola Nicholson of Spencer.

10 Years Ago Miss Ethel Suchy was chosen by the Women's club and Miss Lu Ann Iler by the Legion auxiliary for girls' state at Lincoln. Bob Parkins, who went on to win the western division of the national oratorical contest, entered the national contest in Chicago, Ill., and in a field of 230 contestants, from nearly every state in the Union he placed third. His subject was "Weep No More, My Lady." Oscar O. Newman, a pioneer and resident of this county for almost 60 years, died at his home.

One Year Ago Sen. Frank Nelson's LB554, a bill which would eliminate flagmen from the C&N's last two remaining mail-express-passenger trains in north Nebraska, went to the unicameral floor against powerful opposition. Ejner Peterson, 62, and Mrs. Arthur Fleming, 31, a former Ewing resident, were killed in separate car accidents. Elayne Reimer of Ewing won third place in a talent contest held by station WJAG. Miss Reimer sang a solo and played the piano.

Venus News

Visitors at the Ralph Brookhouse home last Thursday were Mrs. Paul Cihlar, Mrs. Harold Cihlar and Anita Brookhouse. They were O'Neill shoppers that day.

Mrs. Beulah Rokahr is teaching at district 54 substituting for Mrs. Caskey, who is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dorr and daughters of Creighton were Sunday, April 22, dinner guests at the Herman Dorr home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dorr visited with the latter's brother, Elmer Urwin of Rose, at the Atkinson hospital Saturday, April 21.

April 20 weekend visitors at the George Heggemeyer home were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Nelson and daughter of Clear Lake, Ia.

Saturday, April 21, overnight guests at the Ralph Brookhouse home were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davey and son of Bellevue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouse and Larry Brookhouse of O'Neill were Sunday, April 22, visitors at the Emil Bartos home.

Those attending the senior class play Friday, April 20, at Verdigr were Mr. and Mrs. George Heggemeyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Risinger and Blanche, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foeschell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouse and Mr. and Mrs. James Podany and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Robertson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Anson and girls called Sunday evening.

Mrs. Clay Mashino spent Friday in the Mark Huber home.

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Staff Gets Help from Above, Below

STUART—A large crowd witnessed the senior class play given Wednesday evening, April 25, at the Stuart auditorium.

The 3-act comedy, "Rest Assured," was directed by E. W. Peterson.

The cast included Alan Brewster as "Mr. Morlock," the father; Kay Meyers as "Mrs. Morlock"; Myrna Kaup as "Mary Morlock," a daughter, age 20; Janet Fuelbert as "Jessica Morlock," daughter, age 13; Kay King as "Mildred," the maid; Terry Cobb as "Joe Lanconi," Mary's fiancée; Lowell Seger as "Luigi Lanconi," Joe's papa; Jane Henderson as "Martha," Luigi's departed wife, who comes down from heaven to help straighten out a few matters.

David Moses as "Lucifer," from down below; Joanne Schaffer as "Miss Akers," Mr. Morlock's secretary; Eugene Holbrook as "George Piew," Mr. Morlock's attorney; Janice Scholz as "Mrs. Schmalz"; Gary Lockman as "Dr. Brown"; Jim Norton as "Mr. Black," a mortician; Glenn Lockman as "Jake," a newsboy; and Janice Schmaderer as "Mrs. Frink," a washerwoman.

Captain Butcher Returns from Overseas— Mrs. M. J. Golden returned by plane Saturday evening from Nashville, Tenn., where she and her daughter, Mrs. James T. Butcher, had driven two weeks earlier.

Captain Butcher, who had been overseas in numerous places, including Germany, France, Tripoli, Casablanca and Greece, arrived in Nashville Wednesday, April 25.

Mrs. Butcher had stayed with her parents here while Captain Butcher was overseas.

Bride Hostess— Mrs. Russell Moler was hostess last Thursday to her bride club at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Simonson. Mrs. Charles Fox won high and Mrs. Dwight Worcester was second high.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Beryle L. Bessert, 21, of Redbird and Shirley A. Mashino, 20, of Lynch, April 30. Vernon L. Gorgen, 36, and Patricia J. Hand, both of O'Neill, April 27.

No-Hostess Luncheon— Tuesday the Merry Myx bridge club met at the M&M for a no-hostess luncheon at 1 o'clock. They played cards later at the home of Mrs. Ted McElhenny.

O'NEILL LOCALS Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hovey and Bobby and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kazda and Katherine visited Mrs. Harrison Hovey in Stuart Sunday. Mrs. Hovey is recovering from a recent fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huber were dinner guests in the Clay Mashino home Saturday. Lester Derickson, Bobby and Jerry were Wednesday, April 25, dinner guests of Jeanette Derickson.

Mrs. Guy Cole went to Lincoln Friday to see the ice show, "Aqua Quets." She returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Laura Yarges Succumbs at Hospital

Longtime Resident of Stuart

STUART — Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon, April 26, at the Community church for Mrs. Laura Yarges, 85. She died at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, in the Atkinson hospital.

Rev. D. D. Su, church pastor, was in charge of the services. Mrs. Robert Brayton and Mrs. Harry Covles sang "When the Roll is Called" and "Sweet Bye and Bye," accompanied by Mrs. Mark Nelson.

Services and burial were held at Ogden, Ia., on Saturday. The late Mrs. Yarges had suffered a lingering illness. Laura Helen Yarges, daughter of Andrew and Adella Kouhns, was born December 15, 1870, at Bloomington, Ill. She moved with her parents to Ogden, Ia., where she was married to Albert Yarges on February 1, 1893. They spent the first years of their married life there, moving to Osmond in 1903. Later they lived in Redbird and Atkinson communities and moved to a farm in 1920 northwest of Stuart.

Mrs. Yarges was baptized in the Baptist church in Iowa, was active in the Methodist church in Stuart, especially in the music department. At the time of her death she was a member of the Community church.

She was preceded in death by three sons—two of whom died in infancy—and Lloyd, who died at 17-years-old.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Earl (Daisy) Hulick of Albuquerque, N.M., Mrs. Frank (Pearl) Jauernig of Stuart; sons—Ray and Ora, both of Stuart; sister—Mrs. Alvin Treloar of Ogden, Ia.; brother—R. B. Kouhns, also of Ogden; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

JOINS AIR FORCE SPENCER—John Earl Hornback of Spencer left for Omaha Tuesday where he will join the air force. From Omaha he will go to San Francisco, Calif. John is a brother of Lyle Hornback of O'Neill.

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