

Prairieland Talk

Billy Likes Nebraska

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN — Attorney William McNichols of Hollywood, Calif., with Mrs. McNichols, spends vacation time in Nebraska, while some of our prairieland nitwits go to mountain or Pacific coast resorts.

I was happily surprised the morning of July 14 when Billy "blew in" on me. He had made an early morning drive from Lexington and stopped in Lincoln for a too brief visit before proceeding to Des Moines, Ia., and then to Rochester, Minn., for a medical check-over. Mr. McNichols thought he might look in at the democratic national convention which meets in Chicago, Ill., before returning to Nebraska.



Romaine Saunders

He had been to O'Neill early in June where his genial companionship was enjoyed by his friends there.

Billy is another of the O'Neill natives who went forth and made good in the competitive professional world and ranks with the best of them among 6,500 lawyers in Los Angeles county, California. Mrs. McNichols remained at Lexington while Billy goes galavanting around.

Billy makes no bones about the fact he intends to spend more-and-more time in Nebraska with relatives and old friends. In other words, he likes it here.

"Minor Mentions" a week in July, 1902: Miss Eva Redfield came over from Boyd county. . . J. A. Davis of Deloit was transacting business in O'Neill. . . Mrs. M. J. Daily of Park City, Utah, was visiting here, the guest of Mrs. F. McNichols. . . A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Mullen July 1. . . Sheriff Hall went to Lincoln, having in custody Oliver Crandall, who was to serve a one-year sentence in the penitentiary for horse stealing. . . The Frontier force received complimentary tickets to the state fair. . . Mrs. T. V. Golden resigned as a member of the school board, B. S. Gillespie being elected to fill the vacancy. . . M. T. Elliot of Dorsey supervised the building of a fence at the Bob Morrison home. . . Arthur F. Mullen, county attorney, filed suit against an O'Neill meat market proprietor charging him with selling sick meat.

The wheat is in the storage quarters, fodder not yet in the shock and the turkey gobbler not strutting today. Wheat yields are reported good to nothing at all. Corn appears to be average at this date. Rains sweep across the land and here and there hail and wind that beat fields of growing crops to ruin. The summer of 1956 brought in another season when lone sons of the soil in many states look out upon their fields devastated by devouring locusts or beat into the earth by wind and hail. It is a crushing blow to the individual farmer but he survives it all to carry on. Prairieland as a whole lies beneath the summer skies robed in velvet green, and with the products of the fields and with cattle on a thousand hills, lays in our lap the wealth of nature's bounties.

The defendant was convicted after a long drawn out murder trial that piled up costs on the county. The convicted man now asks poverty plea and the county pays the bill for appeal to the supreme court.

Editorial

So You Think You're Young?

So you're over 40 years of age. Go take a look at yourself in the mirror. Picture the health of a man in his prime, you say to yourself with ill-concealed self-admiration as you admire what you see in the mirror.

So you romp downstairs to breakfast and tell your wife, "I feel just like a kid." You never were so dead wrong in your life—you're an old man. If you think any differently, scan the help wanted ads of the big city newspapers. What do they want? Men from 25 to 35 years of age unless it's one of those door-to-door selling jobs.

And if you're still in doubt, take a trip to the West coast and try to find a job so you can live in a sunny climate. Chances are you'll come trailing back like other residents do from time to time unless you have a particular skill. The big manufacturers don't want "old men." Because, in the eyes of the industrial world you're an old man at 45.

It isn't the fault of the employer. He's had to go to fringe benefits providing greater security, retirement plans and pensions. Loading his payroll with too many older men throws the insurance actuarial statistics all out of balance and makes his cost too high.

This is something that constitutes one of the greatest injustices of our modern age. The man over 50, yes even 60, can be one of the most valuable men in any organization. He may be slowing up a bit physically but not mentally. He may be a bit slower in his motions but he'll have a lot less wasted motions at his work.

Miss Beatrice Cobb, writing in her Morganton (N.C.) News-Herald, also laments this state of affairs. She cites the analysis made of the achievements of 400 famous men in all history. The list includes statesmen, painters, soldiers, poets and writers and a few other categories.

According to this study 35 percent of the group's greatest achievements came when those men were between the ages of 60 and 70; 28 percent came between the ages of 70 and 80; eight percent at an age greater than 80.

In other words, 66 percent of the world's greatest work by these most famous individuals was accomplished by those who had an age greater than 60.

We're letting the unreasonable pressure of "security" rob us of an untold amount of immeasurable achievements by the most productive age group of all . . . we're shutting off the fruits from the "golden years" of living.

And one wonders what a few more years of federal social security will reveal when the statisticians next study man's best achievements in terms of age brackets.

Stop Maligning American Youth

Lurid publicity about a tiny minority of teenage delinquents has blinded us to the solid achievements and ideals of the typical youngsters who constitute 95 percent of American youth today.

Writing in their defense, in the August Reader's Digest, Margaret Culkin Kanning says this vast majority of teenagers "has never been before the police, even for such a minor offense as breaking a window."

Surveys have shown that teenagers place a high value on education. Their willingness to work at part-time and summer jobs refutes any accusation of decadence; indeed their earnings and allowances give them an annual purchasing power of four billion dollars.

I do not know what this school redistricting and closing of small high schools is all about, but venture a guess that neither Judge Mounts nor Supt. Alice French see anything in it either that adds scholarly attainments for prairieland's young America. In the long ago there stood an abandoned homestead shanty on the open prairie 3 1/2 miles east of O'Neill that served as a temple of learning for a few homesteaders' offspring. A similar setup at the west end of the main cow trail passing through O'Neill with "Professor" O'Sullivan performing the functions of pedagogue. With such backgrounds in education the O'Neill community has furnished to the country leaders in industry and the professions equaled by few and surpassed by none. May the "redistricted" product do likewise!

A Lancaster county farmer reports that grasshoppers have become a pest, his farm being in the path of migrating swarms and his alfalfa field having been taken over by the hoppers. He tells me it saves on chicken feed but his flock of 600 or more hens can not eat all the hoppers although doing a good job of it. Under the Leveaux code of 1490 B.C. the Hebrews were permitted to eat grasshoppers. Maybe not enough of the descendants of Abraham around now to come to the help of the hens in consuming the hoppers.

"Retirement age" has become the polestar in Yankeeland for those who have traveled the high way of life for more than half a century. And what lies there awaiting you—pensions, social security checks, old age benefits and a cot in a nursing home? How did the oldtimer make out without those benefits who was born a century too soon? The mouldering dust of many lies up there on the hill at O'Neill's northwest limits who had treated the rugged road of life provided only with what their bare hands could produce.

General prosperity throughout the country, full dinner pails, farmers the real aristocrats, democratic wishful thinkers turn to the president and were shame, but partisan hogswallows no shame. The late Franklin D. Roosevelt was a sick man. He carried on bravely until the last. Mr. Eisenhower will do likewise.

Residential districts of Lincoln are being canvassed to get information in statistical form showing where the citizens spend their money for household necessities—that is, what is their favorite department store and market place and whether or not the citizens would prefer to trade at a shopping center away from the busy shopping districts. Most citizens have a place to trade as they have but one doctor, one dentist, one barber they go to. An O street dime store is Prairieland Talker's "shopping center."

What was thought to be a weather balloon passed over Lincoln today at an altitude of eight miles, according to airplane investigators sailing aloft to get a closeup of the strange white object which appeared to be about 200 feet in breadth. No weather station in this part of the country had knowledge of the sky visitor.

Not everyone who attempts to write witty remarks writes witty remarks.

When You and I Were Young . . .

Bethea's Barn at Ewing Unexcelled

Most Complete in This Section

50 Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mack of Inman Sundayed with friends here. . . New phones were put in at the home of Charley Bigler at Ray and at Ben Kinner's at Phoenix. . . Parties who have recently seen W. W. Bethea's barn in claim that it is the most complete structure of its kind in northeastern Nebraska. . . James O'Neill, 85, a former citizen, died in Chambers at the home of a daughter, Mrs. S. J. Ryan.

20 Years Ago Harold Weier is enjoying a vacation from his duties in the county superintendent's office. He, Mrs. Weier and the baby are spending two weeks in Fairbury with her parents. . . On July 16 the temperature rose to 108 degrees. . . The Frontier is a little crowded for space for news stories in this issue, but it is too hot to print extra pages. . . Buyers of hay are paying from \$7 to \$10 per ton.

10 Years Ago John F. Grady, a major in World War II, was presented the legion of merit. . . Descendants of Palaski and Elizabeth Reed gathered at Neligh for their 11th annual reunion. . . James L. Allen of Rapid City, S.D., and his brother, H. R. Allen of Page, were reunited for the first time in 45 years. . . Two cars were stolen near St. Patrick's church this month and then abandoned. They belonged to M. J. Golden and Don Enright. . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pribil of Chambers are the parents of a daughter born in the Stuart hospital.

One Year Ago Mrs. Michael Hull, 81, of Red-bird, died at her home. . . Murder and suicide was the verdict in the deaths of Mrs. Betty Michaelson and Moran ("Sarge") Pettijohn, both of Stuart. Their bodies were found about 15 miles apart. . . Eugene Simpson, 23, drowned in his father's pond six miles northwest of Verdel. . . Miss Frances Reimer and Richard G. Nelson, Miss Mary C. Schmitz and Lewis Pierson were married. . . A Schultz family reunion was held at the John Kersenbeck home. . . FP2 Harold Young left Friday for Norfolk, Va., after spending a 30-day leave with his parents, the Clarence Youngs of Chambers.

60 Attend Picnic in O'Neill Park

A picnic was held in Ford's park Sunday. Over 60 attended, including:

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kaiser, Esther and Miss Mary Kautz, Mrs. Richard Nelson, Vernon Passieux and Frank Fetrow, all of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kliment and Ivan, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Kliment, Jr., and Larry, Dennis and Sharon, Mrs. James Dobias and Junior, Marjory and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Dobias and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobias, all of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kliment, Betty, Leonard and Garry of Wausa. . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson, Douglas and Mary Susan, and Mrs. Mrs. Gorteb, all of Bloomfield; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Soucek, Marvin, Marlene and Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soucek, all of Verdigris, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Majek, Marie Ann and Josephine, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Lynn and Betty, Lynette and Eugene and Mrs. Frank Pacl, all of Fairfax, S.D.

Former O'Neillite to Wed Soon

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ryan, Sr., of Chicago, Ill., have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth Eileen, to Richard D. Biglin of Denver, Colo., formerly of Hastings and O'Neill.

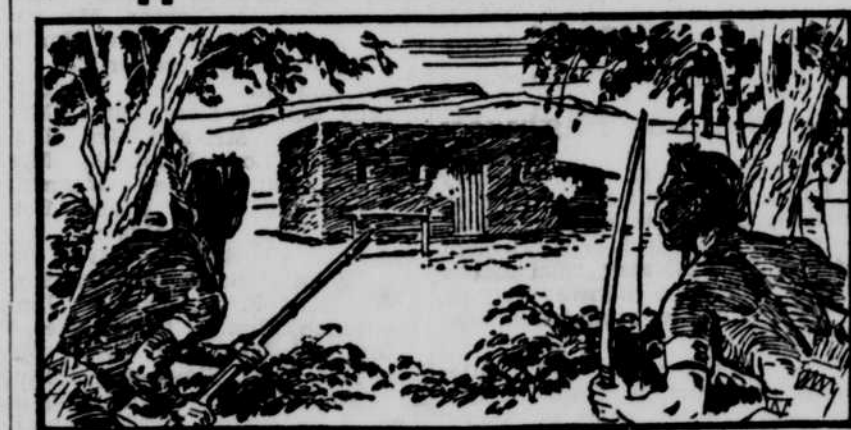
The wedding will take place Saturday, August 4, at 10 a.m., at Our Lady of Hungry Catholic church in Chicago. . . Mr. Biglin is the son of Mrs. John Biglin of Hastings and the late Mr. Biglin. For a time he was associated with his uncles, the late E. J. and W. J. Biglin, in funeral furniture sales here. He is now with the Colorado Farmer at Denver.

Johns Entertain—

The following families were Sunday dinner guests in the Victor Johnson home: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and Norma Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Anderson and Debra and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Libby. Mr. Johnson's sons, Albert C. and Stanley Johnson called in the afternoon.

Other Emmet News Mrs. George Pierson and boys are staying at the Henry Kliment home. . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrington and daughter of Omaha were weekend guests at the Frank Foreman home. . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry called at the Dean Perry home Sunday evening. . . Gerald Willis spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Willis, and brothers, Ronald and Art. . . Don Engler and daughter and son of McCook spent Friday at the Joe Bahl home. They were accompanied to McCook Friday by Cecelia Bahl, who will be their guest for two weeks. . . Mrs. William Newton called at the Dean Perry home last Thursday afternoon. . . Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clouse were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Newton. . . Mrs. Jake Peterson and Carolyn Donzel of Seattle, Wash., spent Wednesday, July 18, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Widfeldt. . . Mrs. Ruth Barnes of Atkinson and daughter, Mrs. Luella Seger, and children of Illinois were last Thursday guests at the Floyd Barnes home. . . Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary last Thursday. . . Mr. and Mrs. Art Holz and daughter of O'Neill were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bahl on Sunday. . . Mrs. Ed Etherton and daughter, Joan, were callers at the Floyd Barnes home Saturday evening. . . The Altar society met Wednesday afternoon, July 18, to complete plans for the smorgasbord and bazaar to be held Sunday. . . Dennis Schaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schaff, celebrated his birthday anniversary Sunday. . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farnik of Verdigris spent Wednesday, July 18, at the Al Haven home. . . Mrs. Joe Winkler was a guest at the Leo Weichman home Monday and Tuesday, July 16-17. . . Mrs. Ramold and son, Nick, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Schaff Sunday. . . Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burge and family of Omaha spent the week-end visiting Mr. Burge's mother, Mrs. Bessie Burge.

It Happened In NEBRASKA---



Indian attack was a constant threat to Nebraska's early stage coach stations. Fortunately, the "building materials" at hand were suited to fortress-like construction: Sod adobe for the walls, and clay for the roof. And the tiny windows became perfect rifle loopholes—if need be.

We'll take the comforts of modern-day living, and leave "Indian attacks" to the youngsters. We'll take today's pleasures, too: A sparkling, refreshing glass of beer! Beer is so right for so many occasions. Be sure to have it on hand to welcome your guests—always!

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Church Notices

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Californian Tells of Church's Activities

CHAMBERS — The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met at the church parlors last Thursday. Mrs. Raymond Beed, Mrs. Clarence Young and Mrs. K. N. Adams were hostesses. Mrs. T. E. Newhouse and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter presented the worship service and lesson on "Scattering the Seed in Brazil." Three guests were present, Mrs. William Crawford and Mrs. John Blair, both of Chambers, and Mrs. Clayton Wood of Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Wood spoke briefly about her church activities in California. Mrs. Blair joined the society. Following a business session, the meeting adjourned and lunch was served.

Paddock to Be Scene of Group Gathering

The annual Holt county group gathering will be held Sunday, July 29, at the Paddock church located three miles east of Midway, one mile south and one-half mile east. Missionary Delbert Dick of western Wyoming will be the morning speaker and Rev. E. E. Cummings of the Spencer Wesleyan Methodist church will be the afternoon speaker. The morning service starts at 10 o'clock and the afternoon service at 1:30. There will be special music. Basket dinner at noon. Everyone welcome.

Personal Evangelism Film Shown—

CHAMBERS — St. Paul's Lutheran Aid met last Thursday at the church parlors with 15 members and one visitor present. A film strip on personal evangelism was shown. The aid voted to pay half of the expenses of all Waltham league members who attended the convention in Omaha on August 26 and 27. Lunch was served by Mrs. L. O. Lenz, Mrs. Leonard Peterson and Mrs. Paul Harley.

Mrs. N. Wayman Is WSCS Hostess

EMMETT—The WSCS met with Mrs. Norman Wayman a last Thursday with nine members and one visitor present. Mrs. John Conard presented the lesson. The hostess served refreshments. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Conard.

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES (O'Neill)

Carl F. Anderson, presiding minister Fourteen delegates from O'Neill, Clearwater, Stuart, Newport and Bassett will join an estimated four thousand ministers at a district rally to be held in the Omaha civic auditorium on August 2-5. This is one of 40 similar gatherings throughout the United States, Canada and the British Isles. Theme of the session: "Christians Enjoy Peaceful Living Now and Forever."

CENTER UNION (O'Neill)

Rev. C. P. Turner, pastor There will be no Sunday-school or church service at the church Sunday, July 29, as we will be going to Paddock for the annual Holt county Sunday-school group gathering. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting will be in the church with Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Green, missionaries from the Belgian Congo, Africa, in charge of the services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)

Sunday, July 29: Bible school, 10 a.m.; preaching and communion, 11 a.m.; youth meeting, 7 p.m.; evening service, 8 o'clock. Bible study, 8 p.m. in O'Neill and 8 p.m. in Larson home near Chambers. Fifth Sunday rally of Elkhorn Valley Churches of Christ will be in Orchard August 5.

METHODIST (Chambers)

Sunday, July 29: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; E. R. Baker, superintendent; worship, 11 a.m. Rev. Leon Foster will be guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holz were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Farenholz at Chambers.

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DRS. BROWN & FRENCH — O'NEILL — PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS

Bette Rae Wetzel Is 4-Years-Old— Fourteen little guests helped Bette Rae Wetzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wetzel, celebrate her fourth birthday anniversary Saturday at the home of her parents.

RETURNS TO CALIFORNIA CELIA—Mrs. A. House of Concord, Calif., left Monday, July 16, for her home in California. Her son, John, stayed to help the Mark Hendricks family.

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