

PrairieLand Talk

Cap at Home Where Grass Grows

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN—Standing at a bus depot in Grand Island waiting to board the public conveyance that would land me among friends and former neighbors in Holt county, a native son of the empire of Holt walked up to me and extended his hand.

Cap Addison, who operates a ranch a few miles east of Atkinson, had been in Grand Island to see his daughter, who is a bookkeeper and accountant for a business organization of Grand Island. Cap is more at home in the saddle out where the grass grows than in the crowded streets of a city, he was headed for home on "my bus." He is a son of the late John Addison of the Minneola country, a pioneer as also John's parents in that section of Holt county. Miss Addison now resides in Grand Island. She is a graduate of Atkinson high school and one of the fourth generation of Holt county Addison families. An aunt of Cap's before her death a few years ago was PrairieLand Talker's sister-in-law.

Out of the march of time of the passing years a few friends of Holt county survive and the prairie-land still stretches its endless miles robed in autumn gold as generations come and go. In O'Neill the first to extend the welcome hand was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gillespie. Lloyd has outlived all other business or professional citizens of the town and still writes insurance after 63 years. I had known him from kneecaps days, now crowned with a head of white glory and he and his wife are the only survivors of "our crowd" of youthful gallantry and maidenly charm of the long ago.

Other O'Neill friends of the long ago, wrinkled brow and graying locks, smiling face and cordial greetings, walking the byways of other years, I stopped at the home of the late Jim Harnish, county treasurer something like 40 years ago, and found Miss Ruth Harnish living contentedly by herself in the house where she was born.

An O'Neill friend of many years invited me to ride with him to Atkinson and after his business there disposed of took me to the land of haystacks, grass and cattle, a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Meals in their pleasant ranch home south of Atkinson, then on past Holt creek and the Charley Peterson herds grazing on meadow lands and to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Baker for a handshake and a little friendly chat with Tom and Ruth, who had just returned from a prairie fire a mile or so away from where Mrs. Saunders and I formerly made our home.

Robed in autumn colors prairie land is today a thing of beauty. With haystacks and countless herds grazing on the farflung grasslands, Holt county friends are cordial and happy.

Shall we blush for shame that a statehouse official, riding the highways in a state owned car, was arrested, fined heavily for drunken driving, pleaded guilty, paid up and sought to square himself with the public by handing to his superior in office his resignation?

Twelve days until election. A notable presidential campaign in that it has been a tame affair, only the candidates have an interest in the outcome. They have exchanged courtesies and insults, a lone mugwump here and there with a vial of venom berates both political parties and even the newspapers that once had an active part in political affairs do not indicate which group they favor. The little interest in this presidential election indicates that Americans have well provided for homes, grub, glad attire, automobiles for vacation trips and to roll to the food markets in which they stock up for another week; factory workers draw over \$100 a week, vacation on full pay, bonus and social security and other benefits accumulating.



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Ann Hunt, a student at our state university and a citizen of Lincoln, dismounted from her saddle to be seated on the throne of "rodeo queen", whatever that may stand for in our modern honorary circles. And what is this, the cowpunchers and bronc busters strutting in the classic halls of universities. Shades of Hay McClure, Mike Calahan, Tom Kearney and Bulldog Bill! The memory of the booted and spurred wild guys of the open range perpetuated by the modern tame affair called a rodeo. It would be interesting to see a rider at these functions rope a wild one on which the hand of man had never been laid, throw him to cinch on a saddle, bridle and blindfold a horse so that creature's first experience with human kind, get him up on all four, mount, snatch away the blindfold and go six feet in the air at the first jump. From out of the frontier days is nothing to remain with us but a feeble reminder of the horse and rider.

Somewhere in the restless waters of the North Atlantic ocean float the bodies of 50 patriots from the Lincoln air base, besides the airship crew of seven. Fifty-seven American horror haunted homes in peacetime as one more tribute to man's struggle to overcome time and space.

Nebraska citizens here and there dispose of their prairie-land holdings and comfortable homes where there is peace and safety in quiet communities to move to California may not know that in a northern section of that much glorified Pacific coast region they may be swept away by floods or daylight scared out of them by earthquakes, while in the southern end of a lengthy state choked with smog and fog or trapped under foot by the millions strutting about. Just for a few week's visit you may pluck an orange from a tree, smile, pack up and head east.

A generous soul donates \$10,000 to the Methodist church at Page for enlarging the edifice and beautifying the interior. Citizens of Page have been a church going people. Methodists at Inman have observed the 75th anniversary of the founding of that church by the pioneers. Inman, too, is a church going community. Circuit riders of the Methodist faith were the pioneer church builders of Holt county and churches stand here today as monuments to the memory of Bartley Blain and his compatriot, Rev. Bargeldt. The church going people are the "salt of the earth".

I can see no reason for a change in the national administration hence will vote for Mr. Eisenhower and his running mate. Nor is there a sufficient reason to replace our present governor, so Mr. Anderson will also get my vote. As I favor Nebraska women having a say in making our laws, Fern Hubbard Orme, an O'Neill citizen in her girlhood days, now of Lincoln, gets my vote to represent the 20th district in the state legislature. Get out and vote, prairie-land patriots!

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When You and I Were Young . . .

Earliest Snow in Make Visit

Ross and Bigler Visit at Ray

50 Years Ago
 A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Weingartner . . . A marriage license was issued to Henry Sprinkle and Laura May Thurlow, both of Stuart. . . Mrs. Henry Lusher has returned from the hospital at Omaha much improved. . . Colmer Ross and Joe Bigler of Ray spent a pleasant evening at Charlie Bigler's place. . . Glenn Anderson of Star had to stay out of school this week to help care for his father's herd. He is greatly missed by his teacher and classmates. . . This is the earliest snow in Holt county for the past 18 years.

20 Years Ago
 Mrs. Vinton Simonson won the consolation prize and Mrs. Lee Farran the chair prize at the Alpha club meeting held at Mrs. A. Auker's home. . . Della Hansen had her tonsils removed. . . Miss Velma Johring is the new secretary in the county superintendent's office. . . Mrs. Harry Little and Beverly Joan, who have been visiting her parents, the Alex McConnells of Emmet, left for their home in Wausau. . . Frank Farnik of Verdel and Miss Libbye Havranek of Atkinson were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. A. J. May.

10 Years Ago
 Miss Sylvia Stone of Long Branch, N.J., became the bride of Sgt. Ben Asher of Page. . . James Johnson, son of the L. Johnsons, celebrated his eighth birthday anniversary at a weiner roast for eight boys. . . Miss Martha Janousek was toastmistress at the Catholic Daughters banquet. . . Leonard and Heiss, who had been hospitalized Ivan Heiss and Mrs. Merwyn French of Page went to Sioux City to bring home Leonard three weeks. . . The crack Rebokah drill team of Inman conferred a degree during the state Odd Fellow and Rebekah convention at Norfolk.

One Year Ago
 Charles Skopec, Jr., showed his home grown movie entitled, "The New Frontier". It was very well received. . . E. L. Sisson and his wife of Ewing celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary while Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benash, the latter having been born during the '88 blizzard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. . . Two hundred and eighty persons were served at the annual home-coming banquet at Stuart. . . Miss Mary Coleman, of Atkinson and Lt. Jerry D. Henderson of friends helped Mrs. A. W. Hub-Stuart were married. . . Nineteen bard of Chambers celebrate her birthday anniversary.

Amelia News

Mr. and Mrs. William Fryrear. Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and Herman Nissen of Atkinson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce. . . Mrs. Amy Slaymaker of Atkinson has been staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dick Doolittle, and helping care for her new little grandson. . . Bob Adair and Dale Doolittle went to Cody Saturday to do some hunting. Mrs. Adair and Jerry stayed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Doolittle, while they were away.

Mrs. Edgar Peterson and her father, Pat Kennedy, and Mrs. Della Ernst called on Art Waldman at the Atkinson hospital. . . Miss Marcia Widman celebrated her 14th birthday anniversary Friday with a dinner prepared by her mother, Mrs. Clyde Widman. Guests present were her grandmother, Mrs. D. L. Fancher, and uncle, Virgil Fancher, and aunt, Miss Eunice Fancher of Ainsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Link Sageser. . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hiatt received word Sunday of the death of Mrs. Hiatt's brother-in-law, Clarence Knuff of Coquille, Ore. The Hiatts were not able to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ott of O'Neill and Mrs. Etta Ott were dinner guests Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adams. The occasion was in honor of the birthday anniversary of their son, Don Adams, whose birthday anniversary was October 14. . . Mr. and Mrs. John Cearn and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Donnie Cearn, of Scottsbluff came Sunday and visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Fryrear. . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schade, Mrs. Lindsey and Florence Lindsey drove to Burwell Sunday and visited Mrs. John Allen. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Kennedy, Larry and Harold, Miss Janice Prewitz, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Slaymaker of O'Neill visited at the Dick Doolittle home Sunday. Mrs. Stella Sparks and Lonnie were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wehland and three children of Holdrege, Shirley and Leonard Renken, of Ragan came Saturday night and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earnie Johnston. Mrs. Wehland is a niece of Mr. Johnstons. . . Mr. and Mrs. Merton Fisher of Bonesteel, S.D., visited at the Paul Fisher home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn White and family were other guests there.

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Mrs. Frances Lewis of Whittier, Calif., was visiting friends and relatives in this community last week. She stayed overnight with Mrs. Della Ernst on Wednesday. Mrs. Edgar Peterson took her to the Charlie Cavanaugh home Thursday evening, where she visited a few days before going to Laurel to visit her brother and family there. . . Mr. and Mrs. Gene Schmit are visiting her mother, Mrs. Helel Pokorny, and family. They have been in the southern states where Mr. Schmit is with the army. . . Miss Marilyn Thompson entertained her brother, Gene Thompson, and family at Sunday dinner.

Lloyd Waldo helped the Roy Fullerton's move their household furniture to the George Fullerton place Sunday. They plan to move there in the spring. . . Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Dierking and Cynthia visited at the Francis Keefe home near North Loup Sunday, October 14. . . Mrs. Vern Sageser returned home Sunday evening from a visit with her mother, Mrs. Minter, at Council Bluffs, Ia., and other relatives at Nemaha. . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dusatko and family of Emmet visited at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adair. . . Harold Chapman of Topeka, Kans., and Wilbur Chapman of San Francisco, Calif., visited their mother, Mrs. George Withers, and Mr. Withers a few days last week.

The Knudsen family of Schleswig, Ia., were business callers at Harlan Dierking's Tuesday, October 16. They purchased cattle from Mr. Dierking. . . Mr. and Mrs. James Curran of O'Neill brought Mrs. Francis Lewis to Amelia Wednesday, October 17, to visit Mrs. Della Ernst. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rees in the afternoon. . . Charli Sigman accompanied the Meals boys to Morrill last week. He visited his son, Cleve, and daughter, Mrs. Bob (Lois) Sawvel. They brought back a load of potatoes. . . Mrs. Jennie Adams of Atkinson spent a few days last week in the Elmer Coolidge home visiting Mrs. Pearl White. Mrs. Ray White of Martin, S.D., brought Mrs. Adams to the Coolidges and also visited Mrs. White. . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coolidge and Kenneth visited at the Elmer Coolidge home Saturday, while there they helped Eric Dankert move Mrs. Pearl White's Skelgas heating unit to the Coolidge home.

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