

Prairie Land Talk

### Paddock Had First Paper

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LINCOLN—Holt county has had 26 newspapers; four are now published in the county. Eleven of the 26 were published and printed in O'Neill when G. M. Cleveland launched The Banner, T. V. Golden being an associate of Mr. Cleveland. W. D. Mathews launched The Frontier in the year 1880. James H. Riggs was the next publisher and editor of The Frontier, followed by Clyde King, D. H. Cronin and the present owners and publishers. The O'Neill group of weekly papers consisted of The Banner, Frontier, Tribune, Free Press, Holt County People, Item, Sun, Alliance Tribune, Beacon Light, Independent, Democrat.



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The first paper in the county carried a Paddock date line and was known as Holt Record. Others in the county were the Minneola Sun, Dustin Dispatch, Amelia Journal, Emmet Echo, Chambers Eagle changed to Bugle and then Sun, Inman Index, Ewing Item and Ewing Advocate, Page Reporter, Shamrock Pickin's, and two papers at Atkinson, The Graphic and Plain Dealer, Stuart Ledger and Stuart Advocate, the total outside of the county set adding up to 15.

There were highway incidents in the long ago also. The Atkinson Plain Dealer in an issue of late November, 1900, told of Henry Martin of Sheridan township being thrown to the ground when his buggy upset as a wheel dropped into a ditch, the horses taking off on the run and dragging the upset buggy with them, Henry escaping unhurt. The Chambers Bugle told of a similar experience. Mr. and Mrs. August Schrier had when out riding in their buggy, Mr. Schrier being quite badly hurt in the upset. Bennett Martin sold his ranch of 600 acres in the Redbird country to a citizen of Laurel. G. C. Hazelett and A. J. Meals arrived home from Alaska. Miss Mattie Mann visited friends in Atkinson. Rev. Father Cleary came to O'Neill to give his second series of lectures to those interested here. Roscoe Conklin, a Union soldier in the war with the south and a bachelor character of frontier days in O'Neill, died in Binghampton, N. Y., November 2, 1900. In his pockets at the time of death there was found \$1,400 in cash.

The group of young bogus statesmen that gathered in a law-making body at the state house and supported measures they thought Nebraska needed, among them the ton-mile tax, will know more about it when they get to operating the farms and ranches and industries of the state.

British and French and Hebrew military might at the field of Armageddon, United Nations troops patrolling the land of the Pharaohs, Poland and Hungarian revolts, strikes at the U. S. industrial centers, the "poor farmer" and the outlook for winter wheat—all of minor concern, the weighty matter of prairie land: shall a Nebraska patriot be yanked up and sent to jail for knocking over a game bird for his dinner while within the law-blessed precincts of a five-rod highway? Mr. Warren, county attorney over in Knox, has stirred up a judicial hornet's nest. Maybe he should be sent, not to jail, but to Congress!

Holiday—when men loaf and housewives stand over the cook stove preparing a big feed for the family and the company, then wash dishes the rest of the day.

Editorial . . .

### Who Is Exempt?

Sportsmen from four counties converged at O'Neill Friday night to hash over some problems. But the dramatic in the so-called Robertson case and its sequel, the Skokan case, dominated the meeting.

Fifty sportsmen from Knox, Holt, Boyd and Rock county adopted resolutions applauding Knox County Attorney Merritt C. Warren of Creighton for his position. The resolutions also called for the resignation of Donald Robertson of North Platte, member of the state game commission.

Why the meeting? Basically, it was an outlet for indignation. Perhaps it provided a forum to ask the simple question: Who is exempt?

To refresh our readers with the background, this is the general (though not detailed) story: Mr. Robertson sometime ago was approached by a state game warden in Johnson county. The warden went to the county attorney in Johnson county and complained that Mr. Robertson was shooting game from a public highway (verboten in Nebraska, but okay in South Dakota). The Johnson county attorney filed charges. Subsequently, State Game Director M. O. Steen, a newcomer in Nebraska, ordered the charges dropped, declaring the facts did not justify a hearing, etc.

Late last month George Skokan, Knox county assessor, was approached on a highway by State Game Warden Fred Salak of O'Neill, who complained to Knox County Attorney Warren.

Mr. Warren made no bones about being reluctant to file charges against Skokan, pending a clarification of the so-called Robertson case. Knox County Judge Ora Ballard, who would have heard the Skokan case, strongly suggested Mr. Skokan would have been found not guilty.

A spokesman for the Knox delegation, present at Friday's meeting here, carried the matter further:

"You can't find a jury of 12 men in Knox county who would convict Skokan!"

Reverberations set in at the statehouse. Gov. Victor Anderson said he would order a full investigation of the Knox case. Spokesmen in the attorney-general's office said Mr. Warren could be ousted from office if he refused to prosecute.

Warren declared he never refused to file but somehow the charges stayed put in a desk drawer while statewide publicity, sometimes embarrassing, was biting at his heels.

Now, Mr. Warren is considered by The Creighton News as a good county attorney. The News declares Mr. Warren has prosecuted more cases and spent more time on the job than any other Knox county attorney in the past decade. Law violators, the Creighton paper continues, are quick to agree that Mr. Warren believes in full enforcement of the statutes.

Therefore, Mr. Warren's only sin is that he is fair. He believes that Knox countyans should get the same treatment as others.

Thus the crux of Friday's discussion at O'Neill was not so much whether Mr. Warren was remiss in his duties as it was whether or not the same law applies to all Nebraskans.

Can a member of the state game commission

The farm near Page that Paul Shanner recently sold for \$100 an acre was where Paul's mother sat as a bride in the long ago in a little one-room homestead abode and shed tears because she did not have even two pennies with which to buy a stamp to mail a letter to her people in Indiana. She and her husband now lie buried in the Page cemetery. The younger of their two sons died recently in Arkansas. Now Paul leaves the land of his childhood and mature years and drives to the southland. His parents and an uncle of Paul's, L. T. Shanner, a merchant in Inman in the long ago and at one time in the state legislature, were pioneers of prairie-land and from such as they, this generation has its heritage. Paul goes to Arkansas and his departure closes the story of another pioneer family of prairie-land. So long, Paul! Come and see us some day.

A young Indian mother with her two small children, from the Rosebud of South Dakota, lost their lives when the shack near Scotts-bluff where they had holed up for a week was destroyed by fire, the buck and dad of the group out downing firewater till a pale face cop came along and landed him in jail.

Back there on the Atlantic sea coast, in old Boston town, eyes are turned this way. With a capital of 20-million-dollars to start with "Christianland" is to be built somewhere out this way, a miniature Nazareth, a Jerusalem, Gethsemane and others of sacred memory to the Christian world. In the minds of men there must be shrines, a place for pilgrims to journey to and maybe roll in the dust. He in whose honor Christianland stands for did not ask for shrines or pilgrimages, but rather if you would do Him honor through inspired devotions, go to thy closet, shut the door, bow there, and "Thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

The whirling eddies of time lay us upon the lap of the closing month of the year, the month in which Prairie-land Talker was born in the long ago. Millions may have birthdays in December but only one of transcending significance to mankind; we call it Christmas. Out of the drifting winds of centuries has come a day when we look again upon a Babe in a manger, feel the inspiration of the wise men of the East who laid their gifts at the feet of Joseph and Mary and we pass along our little tokens that friends and dear ones have a place in these human hearts of ours. So we lay again upon the altar of human emotion our Christmas greetings with a simple gift. Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter have traveled life's highway together for 60 years, the passing years uniting them forever in hand and heart and now in life's golden age enjoy peace and plenty in their home at Fourth and Everett streets where for years now forgotten John Barleycorn was dispensed to cow punchers and the hilarious, now a pleasant home with flower beds and inviting summer garden. Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Carter not only extend the hand of congratulations but wish for them continued happiness in home life together.

A lad, 10- or 11-years-old, stood on the corner of a busy intersection. An aged patriot approached the opposite corner to cross the street. The lad rushed over, took the old man by the arm and guided him safely across the icy street. The lad is a student at a parochial (church) school. If he learns nothing else but to be courteous and helpful it is worth it.

### When You and I Were Young . . . Explosion Burns Stuart 8-Year-Old Tries to Start Fire with Kerosene

#### 50 Years Ago

Mrs. Harvey's little 8-year-old boy of Stuart got up Thanksgiving morning and while his mother was asleep, tried to light the fire with kerosene. An explosion took the skin off his arm and burned the sides of his face and neck. Charles Cavanaugh and Mary Boyle were united in marriage Friday by Rev. M. F. Cassidy. Thomas Simons and Charles Wrede, two Frontier subscribers at Agee, were in to renew their subscriptions. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ihney are still confined to their beds with typhoid fever. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp's baby girl died and was buried Thanksgiving day from their home in Page. Traveling by automobile from O'Neill to Star, a group of five gentlemen made it in an hour and one half for dinner at Mr. Thierolf's.

#### 20 Years Ago

Mrs. Julia M. Thomas died of pneumonia at the age of 63 years. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Taylor of Opportunity celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of 11 children. Mrs. Henry Mullen came into the hospital Wednesday severely burned when her

clothing caught fire from the stove in her home. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lowery of Meek are the proud parents of a baby girl born November 25. All concerned are doing nicely, even Orville is expected to recover.

#### 10 Years Ago

Mrs. Fannie Gallagher, 76, a native of Liverpool, England, died after a 20-day illness. Miss Jeanne Kennedy of Ainsworth and William Sorenson of Page were married. Richard Strube and Miss Ellen Martin of Yuma, Ariz., both who have been residing in Hollywood, California, were married. Mrs. Ralph Cooke, the former Celeste Gleded, of Chambers, was honored at a miscellaneous shower at the C. V. Robertson home.

#### One Year Ago

Mr. and Mrs. John Cassidy of Spencer, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Martin A. Schelkopf, 64, died at St. Anthony's hospital. Yvonne Mlnarik of Ewing and Cletus Thramer were married. Baby boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Honback, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kersebrook, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mossman all of O'Neill and baby girls to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Van Scoyk of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cofack of Page and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scheinost of Spencer and twins, a boy and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Don Focsen of Atkinson.

The Misses Janelle and Donna Tams of Ewing were weekend guests at the M. B. Marcellus home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Miller were in Norfolk last Thursday.

### Mrs. C. F. Clark, 72, Expires at Burwell

BURWELL—Funeral services for Mrs. C. F. Clark, 72, of Burwell were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 1, at the Methodist church here. Burial was in the Burwell cemetery. Mrs. Clark died Wednesday, November 28. Her parents were homesteaders in Garfield county and she had been a resident of the county since 1903.

She married Mr. Clark in 1910. Mr. Clark has been a director of the O'Neill Production Credit association for over 15 years.

Survivors include: Widower—C. F., two daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Vivian, died two years ago.

M. B. Higgins, D. C. Schaffer, William Mattern, Merle Hickey and James W. Rooney, all of O'Neill, and Otto Krupicka of Spencer were among those from a distance attending the funeral.

#### Plan Yule Party—Friendly Neighbors

The Friendly Neighbor Project club met Wednesday, November 28, with Mrs. Dwayne Philbrick. The lesson was on "refinishing furniture."

The Christmas party will be December 11 with dinner at 8 o'clock at the M&M cafe. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ted Kyster.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sobotka, Joe Sobotka, Jr. and Mrs. Margaret Miller and Marie visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Simmons of Hastings.

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