

Prairie Talk . . .

Frank Martins Have Celebration

By ROMANE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Ernest Beaver of Deaver, Wyo., sends us the story of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, Riverton, Wyo., which Mr. and Mrs. Beaver drove the 224 miles one day last month to attend. They were among 150 guests to visit the Martin home. The Beavers and the Martins are former Holt county citizens and continue contact here through the medium of The Frontier. Mrs. Beaver is a daughter of the Hodgkins, early settlers of the Red-bird country, and a sister of Mrs. Hugh O'Neill, other pioneers of the Niobrara river country in this county.



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Frank Martin is a son of the late Bennett and Mrs. Martin O'Neill and has two sisters, Mrs. H. W. Herford and Mrs. Mabel Henry. Mrs. Martin was also an O'Neill girl, Emma Weekes, a sister of the late S. J. Weekes of the O'Neill National bank. They were married in O'Neill in 1902.

Frank, after riding the range up on the White river, got into construction work there and when the section homestead law was passed he and Mrs. Martin moved to a homestead in Loup county. They went to Wyoming in 1915 and are now located 34 miles out of Riverton.

Time has wrought changes in the population of the community, but there are still in this part of the world representatives of the Gallagher, Gatz, Sullivan, Brennan, Donohoe, Golden, Gillespie, Biglin, Cronin, McManus, Stanzard and a few other families that make it for the Beavers and the Martins in our neighbor state to the west not a strange place.

The shadows of life's sunset gather for Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, but I take it that Ernest is still going strong at 77 and his letter head tells me he is in the fire insurance business. He says: "I enjoy the Prairie Talk column in The Frontier and is about the only reason I continue taking it," because of the scarcity of familiar names that get into the paper. So maybe this is a hint to the oldtimers to stir up a scrap or something whereby they may get some editorial attention. The newcomers have taken over the heritage of the earlier generations and are doing a splendid job.

The town of Deaver, located in the Big Horn basin, was named for a one time citizen of O'Neill, D. Clem Deaver, who was an official of the United States land office at O'Neill. He later became immigration agent for the Burlington railroad. Mr. Beaver says he acquired a homestead in the Basin 34 years ago which is now occupied by his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaver entered into their nuptial vows in 1898 and Mrs. Martin, then young Miss Weekes, assisted in services the wedding dinner which Ernest recalls "in those good old times was a real dinner, and not like the dainty refreshments served now." It was interesting to hear from you, Ernest, and no doubt many Frontier readers will learn of you and the Martins with pleasure.

Latest published figures of what it means to American homes places the number of casualties in Korea at 114,810. The mountain measure is nothing compared to the dead and broken bodies of our boys who go down in the burning hell of battlefields.

Those who specialize in such things say the bumble bee is not constructed for flying. The bee doesn't know this so goes ahead and flies. . . Young salmon swim the Columbia river down stream tail first, head always against the current. . . Saluting the United States flag on the platform the speaker said the American who works with his hands is a millionaire compared with the thronging millions in more than 40 countries he had visited, and after seeing conditions behind the iron curtain is amazed at the efforts of communists to so enthrall our people. . . Ethiopia has sent its first representative to Rome since Mussolini over ran the country in 1935. . . Some patriot has decided that no matter how low the dollar goes there will be a lot of folks after it.

Auto Tax Amendment Vital

Nebraskans will be confronted with a half dozen proposed constitutional amendments when they go into the polling places on November 4. One of them is particularly important: The proposal to change the method of taxing automobiles.

Under the present system the tax is not uniform and there is widespread chiseling, particularly by prsons who buy cars in Nebraska and then leave the state before any taxes can be levied or collected.

The present system also encourages evasion of the minor type in which the auto owner sells his car just before it is assessed and thus escapes the payment of taxes. The constitutional amendment would change this, too. Under the proposal, taxes would be paid when license is purchased.

The change also would ease work in the county treasurer's office.

A Service to Us All

(From Blair Pilot-Tribune)

Who is God?

A simple question — but half the people of Blair or any other town or city in America couldn't answer it without a dozen fumbles.

Three nuns this month gave up well-deserved vacations to come to Blair and teach elementary Christian doctrines to 100 Catholic youngsters of the city.

They, and the other people who conduct both summer school sessions and regular Sunday school classes in some 10 local churches, deserve this community's gratitude.

In this age, when godlessness and sheer ignorance of God's laws seems the rule rather than the exception, it is heartening to see people take over the thankless task of inculcating in our youngsters some of the principles we adults seem to have missed.

This nation was founded and became great on the dependence we all owe—and then acknowledged—to God; since becoming great, our nation seems too willing to forget it.

And then there was the cynic who said an appropriate wedding remark would be "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Teaching is often the effort to persuade younger people to accept the conclusions of another generation.

Highway fatalities in Nebraska, like those everywhere, are often unnecessary and always too numerous.

A sign of a good public servant is ability to make good use of modern avenues of publicity.

What people think is not always what they say.

A letter from an official in a distant state would leave no guessing who was thus addressing me only his name is in print on the letterhead, as his written signature discloses that his early training in penmanship must have been sadly neglected. . . A friend of mine took over the steering wheel, his wife beside him, rolled westward over prairie land, mountains and deserts to Southern California. They went to bid good-bye to their daughter as she was leaving for India to do medical missionary work. Another daughter of this couple is in similar service in Cairo, Egypt. The father of those girls not so many years ago was a drunken circus musician, and now is a respected and substantial citizen. . . Soldiers of the Roman Legion were decorated for valorous deeds but the soldier who saves the life of a Roman citizen was above all is it a hangover from the Caesars that an American noncombatant received the congressional medal of honor for saving wounded soldiers who fell in battle. . . Ireland's Blarney castle, including the Blarney stone, fish ponds and all, are up for rent, owner explaining something has to be done to meet taxes. . .

Mr. Raecke's program for "sweeping changes" in Nebraska's election laws will have no appeal to Nebraska's who think this is no time to be ripping our state government to pieces with fantastic experiments.

It was a bright day in April, life awakening on prairie land after being locked in the embrace of the winter of 1932. The soulful young couple stood upon a sandbar as the crystal waters of the Elkhorn lapped at their feet, the canopy of heaven over them, the full flush of romance glowing on maiden cheeks and luster sparkling in many eyes. Here in nature's free and open world two young lives were united in wedlock, a wedding by the river south of O'Neill, the only one the officiating clergyman had been called upon to solemnize in such a setting. The marriage was of record at the court house but licensing official and clergyman had pledged not to divulge the names of those who had conceived the idea of such an unusual nuptial bower. Now after 20 years of life's struggles together may the romance of that hour have bloomed into full fruition of a happy home.

Cheer up, old timers! They're coming around to the Doc Townsend idea. President Truman made effective the law adding another five spot to social security payments. Here comes Gen. Ike with a hint of greater things for the hoary heads if he makes it to the white house.

A few prairie land dwellers report seeing mysterious objects moving across the skies. The mind's eye can imagine seeing strange things. There comes within the range of our good optics a lot of things. We take it seriously or as comedians according to our mental slant. In A. D. 33 there stood by the guilied temple in old Jerusalem One who looked down the centuries as well as penetrating the shadows in human lives as silk-robed great of the land, shepherd clad in garments of the wilderness, destitute widows and mendicants of the streets thronged by, when He turned to a few followers and drew a picture of the world events, closing with these words, "and fearful sights and great wonders shall there be from heaven." Is this the beginning?

The first week in August runs out bringing autumn rains. From out of a gray sky there comes a steady drip, wet hour after wet hour, builders and other outdoor workers having had to lay down their tools and take to cover. From seemingly endless days of solar heat within an hour the sweat is washed away, the dry earth drinks its fill, a chill hangs over the city and night closes in starless and very wet.

Mr. Truman's senatorial candidate in Missouri was snowed under by an avalanche of votes for the other fellow. Is President Truman done and that the trend of the country?

To General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson: We expect your campaign speeches to be seasoned with common sense, your programs for administering the duties of chief executive as you see it and no personal verbal jabs at each other, as becomes American patriots.

Danger in Water Sports

Summer brings vacation days, with most of the people of the nation spending more and more time in the out-of-doors.

Unfortunately, some of these outings, which should bring pleasure and relaxation to everyone, result in tragedies that bring sorrow to happy families.

Many accidents are attributed to carelessness in the water. The surf attracts millions, with inevitable drownings, as venturesome individuals go out too far. Inland lakes, ponds and rivers likewise claim their victims, with non-swimmers occasionally getting into deep water with fatal consequences.

Accidents take a terrible toll of life in this country every year. It is well, therefore, to caution everybody about the dangers that lurk in water, known as well as unknown.

Parents, who read this article, might permit it to remind them to give a warning to their children, with particular emphasis upon the need of caution in the water.

Today in the federal government we have 615,567 more typewriters than we have people to use them.

A matter of principle is often a cloak to conceal an exhibition of selfishness.

Something to remember: The divorce racket never breaks up a happy marriage.

Tolerance, it seems, is the art of not believing in your kind, whatever it may be.

Say what you please, and say it a number of times—somebody will eventually believe you.

A match is a little thing but it can become a big fire.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

WD—F. J. Gilg to Thomas W. Schoberg and wife August 2, 1952. \$10,500. E½ lots 20 & 21, Gilg & Swenson's Subdivision to O'Neill.

WD—Minor Varilek to Joseph A. Krysl 8-12-52, \$3,000. Lot 14, Blk. 6, Hallock's Add., Stuart.

QCD—Anna Davidson to Owen Davidson 8-11-52 \$100 Lots 9 & 10, Blk. 1, Fahy's Add., O'Neill.

WD—Joseph W. Rocke to Joseph W. Rocke and wife, 8-13-52. \$1 NW¼ 31-30-14; SW¼ 25; all 36-39-15.

WD—Anna M. Shald to Bertha Kohlschmidt and husband, 8-12-52, \$1700. Lots 10 & 11, Blk. 14, Hallock's 2nd Add., Stuart.

When You and I Were Young . . . Jacob Pfund Is O'Neill's Mayor

Storz Beer Vault Is Looted

50 Years Ago
It is something unusual for Holt county farmers to be without beer for dry weather, but dry weather will ripen corn and sun to cure the hay is what is needed now. . . Joseph N. Johnson, a farmer near Swan, was in town making proof on his homestead for Isaac Pfund is now mayor of O'Neill. . . Some wandering willies or perhaps local light-fingered gentlemen broke into the Storz Brewing company's beer vault one night last week and when they left several cases of beer accompanied them.

25 Years Ago
Dean Streeter and Bernard Mathews will open a barber shop in the Henry Cook building. . . "I have 1,000 bushels of apples for sale—all kinds. I am located 10 miles north of O'Neill, on the half mile south of Joy—John Bushart". . . Betty Ann Maxey, a 2-year-old trotter owned by John Biglin and Ralph Bryant of Hastings, broke her own Nebraska record for a half-mile at the Adams county fair.

10 Years Ago
Freeman L. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Knight of Opportunity, has enlisted as a naval aviation cadet. . . The Steel Creek 4-H club was revealed as third place prize winners in the scrap metal salvage sponsored by the Ak-Sar-Ben. The group will win \$30. . . Donald Loy of O'Neill left Kearney the first of this week for the United Air Lines in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he will be employed as a radio repairman.

One Year Ago
Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lybolt of Chambers are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. . . Four O'Neillites, members of St. monson post 93 of the American Legion, were delegates to the State convention. They are: Julius D. Cronin, John Grutsch, P. B. Harty and Glea H. Wade. . . Capt. Herbert O. Brennan, O'Neill left for the Far East theater, has rounded the 100th mission mark.

Rock Falls News

(Last week's news)
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and Mr. and Mrs. James McNulty and LaDonna returned Tuesday from several days vacation in the Black Hills. They visited Wind Cave, Mount Roosevelt and other points of interest returning through the Bad Lands of South Dakota. Rita, Janice and Tommy Vequist stayed at Henry Vequist's.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes and Lynda were dinner guests at Oswald Druke's Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young and Bobby of Ravenna were also guests there.

Mrs. Floyd Johnson and Linda visited relatives at Grand Island, Stapleton, and Hershey from Thursday until Monday. Mrs. Theresa Breiner accompanied them. They attended a family reunion Sunday at North Platte where one hundred members of the relatives were together.

Several families attended the hay days in Atkinson Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Waegli were guests at Bill Clausen's Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes and Lynda visited Louis Browns on Thursday evening.

Miss Spaulding of Wausau, Minn., is a guest at Floyd Johnson's this week.

The Tuesday day club and the Eagle Creek 4-H club had a picnic at Bill Clausen's Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ott were guests. Mrs. Dan Rakes demonstrated textile painting.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Margritz and girls were guests at Bill Clausen's Sunday evening.

Miss Doris Sterns and Kathryn Shriner of South Sioux City were weekend guests at the Albert Sterns home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Hunter and daughters of Burdick, Calif., were guests at the Roy Margritz home from Thursday evening until Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Brown and Dave Vequist, jr., of Lawrence Kans., were supper guests at the Albert Widfeldt home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clausen were dinner guests at the John Grutsch home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davis and Evienne Barnes were dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sterns Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Margritz and girls visited at the Francis Curran home Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ott, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ott and son were guests for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sterns and family were supper guests at the Albert Sterns' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yantzie and Peggy of Chadron, Mrs. Levi Yantzie, visited the Bill Clausen's Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wanser of Holly Springs, Ia., and William Montgomery of Omaha spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich. Mrs. Montgomery, who has been visiting her parents for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday with Mr. Montgomery.

State Capitol News . . .

Bernard Boyle Succeeds James Quigley as Head of Nebraska Demo Machine

LINCOLN—Walter R. Raecke, the democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska, laid a couple of his cards on the table last week.

In one of the better keynote addresses of the political year, Raecke told his party's state convention at Grand Island that Nebraska's election laws need a first-class overhauling and that if the people of the state want more and better roads, they'll have to pay for them.

Raecke said he doubted the formation of a highway commission would build any more roads in Nebraska—"certainly (it is) not a cure-all for our road problems—but, he went on, "we believe in a democratic government and if this is what the people want, they are entitled to it."

The Central City lawyer who is making his second bid for the governorship thinks the state law should be changed to make the outcome of the Nebraska presidential preferential primary more binding upon delegates to the national convention, or else have the delegate candidates identified on the ballot with the presidential candidate they support.

And he called for repeal of the Nebraska pre-primary law which provides for party endorsement of state candidates.

"Since the delegates to the convention are permitted to vote in favor of endorsing as many candidates as they wish, no clear-cut decision showing a preference between candidates is actually shown," he said. In addition, "the objective of eliminating so-called name candidates has not been accomplished." This was considered a reference to the victory of Frank Marshall of Lincoln, a political newcomer over Secretary of State James S. Pittenger in the last GOP primary. Marsh's father, who had the same name, was secretary of state for many years.

Boyle-Ing Point

The heated democratic convention reached the Boyle-Ing point late in the afternoon with the failure of the rebellious "new life" wing to push Cook Lawyer Frank Morrison into the national committee's spot being vacated by crafty James C. Quigley of Valentine after 16 years.

Instead the post went to Bernard J. Boyle, a long-time Omaha party worker and manager of the ill-fated campaign of Oklahoma's Sen. Robert S. Kerr.

The vote was 208-177. Serious inroads into the Douglas county delegation plus almost unanimous outstate support won the post for Boyle over the determined efforts of Omaha and Lincoln "new lifers."

Opinion here in Lincoln was almost unanimous that the choice of Boyle will be a big help to Raecke in Douglas county where he was beaten by more than 10,000 votes two years ago. Boyle is expected to be able to deliver a big part of the catholic and labor vote in the state's biggest city.

Hi-Jinks—Those weren't the only political developments of the week.

O'NEILL LOCALS

John Joe Uhl and Pat Hickey left Thursday, August 14, for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly took their son, James jr., to Norfolk Monday from where he took the bus for Omaha where he will be inducted in the marine corp.

The Misses Jean Marie and Ellen Kay Lohaus are visiting in Lincoln at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deusch, Mrs. Nelson Barth and Mrs. Margaret Agnes of Norfolk attended the wedding Saturday of Miss Nancy Froelich and Robert Bergan and visited relatives.

Weekend guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bogan of Grand Island and Dr. and Mrs. Paul Kubitschek of Council Bluffs, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster and son, of Lincoln spent the weekend with Mrs. Foster's mother, Mrs. F. M. Brennan, and attended the wedding Saturday of Miss Nancy Froelich and Robert Bergan.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Minton sr., and son, Richard and Miss Mary Alice Judge spent a few days the past week visiting relatives in Council Bluffs, Ia., and Omaha. They returned home Friday, August 15.

Frank Froelich and nephew, William Froelich, jr., left Saturday on a fishing trip to Saskatchewan, Canada.

Richard Minton, PNSN, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Minton, sr., left Monday for San Diego, Calif., where he is stationed in the navy.

Miss Helen Kubitschek left Sunday for Detroit, Mich., where she will teach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leidy visited the gladioli show in Sioux City Sunday. The affair was held in the Sioux City auditorium.

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