

Out of Old Nebraska ...
Victorian Tastes
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Objects Preserved

Nebraska was settled quite largely during what we now call the Victorian era, and the fine taste of that period is reflected in homes which developed in virtual preservation. By present-day standards they were heavily over-decorated, but the taste of the middle and late years of the 19th century revelled in the ornate. The period was one of great creative activity in the decorative arts, and the housewife whose husband had been able to build a fine home felt obliged to beautify it with objects of her own handiwork. Many of these homewrought objects of art are preserved in the State Historical society's museum in Lincoln.

are the wreaths, made of a wide variety of materials, and framed in oval glass and wood frames, bordered with gilt.

A favorite material for making wreaths was human hair, frequently from the head of a departed loved one. Occasionally the wreath surrounded a tintype showing the likeness of the departed. One of the most elaborate hair wreaths in the Historical society's collection was made in the late 1870's, using hair from various members of the family, including 10 children. The wreath has a dark border, the hair for which was provided by the family's favorite horse.

Buttons, feathers, wool and seeds also were frequently used to make wreaths. All were very complicated, and one purpose served by the wreaths—usually made by young ladies—was to impress the young beau or prospective suitor. The David D. Whitney collection in the museum includes many objects of this sort. Particularly noteworthy is a many-colored, highly-elaborate seed wreath made in 1865.

framed decoration was known as pictorial embroidery. This was a combination of embroidery and painting and was taught young ladies in finishing school as an indispensable part of their education.

Keepsakes and heirlooms were frequently framed and hung on the parlor wall. Baby hoods were particular favorites. Though these objects would hardly fit in today's ranch-style home, they seemed most appropriate to the Victorian housewife on the walls of her crowded and heavily-decorated parlor. In the museum today, they are somewhat poignant reminders of a by-gone era.

Medical Paratrooper
Going Overseas

Pvt. Joseph L. Hoffman left December 1, for Camp Stoneman, Calif., where he was assigned overseas duty. Private Hoffman, a medical paratrooper has made 30 jumps and has been overseas on two trips to get wounded soldiers from Korea. His assignment was to a field hospital in Korea.

Private Hoffman enlisted in the medical corps in 1951, and received his training at Camp Pickett, Va., and at Fitzsimmons hospital at Denver, Colo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harmon, Donald and Raymond, and Mrs. Alvin Vorce drove to Ansley on Thursday, December 4, to visit Mr. Harmon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harmon. They remained overnight and returned Friday.

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Slaughter Cattle
Prices Lower in '53?

Magazine Says More
Beef Available

Where will the farm profit be in 1953? It won't be found in any great change in prices, although supplies of certain commodities may have some bearing on it. Farm profit next year will be found right where modern agriculture has placed it—in better management.

The general farm picture for the coming year, according to leading agricultural economists, shows demand remaining stable. Prices will be determined largely by supply plus the accumulation of stocks from reduced exports. Farm prices may fall below parity during the year.

This does not mean that farming will be unprofitable, says the December issue of Successful Farming magazine, but it reaffirms the need for intelligent long-range planning.

There will be more beef available per person and slaughter cattle prices are expected to be lower than in the past two years. Another record cattle population—about 92 million head—is looked for in 1953.

Demand for milk and ice cream will be strong next year, with less milk being used for butter. Experts predict that net returns for the efficient dairyman will be higher. It's suggested that dairy-men build up herds and substitute more good legume roughages for expensive proteins and part of the grain.

Corn should be one of the highest-value feed crops again. Farmers are urged to increase their corn acreage and try for high yields. Prices are expected to range from \$1.60 to \$1.75, although the 1953 summer price will depend on harvest prospects.

Better Safety
Record Possible

Holt Has 1 Traffic
Death in '52

With only three weeks to go, 15 counties in northeast and north Nebraska served by the state patrol from Norfolk headquarters have an excellent chance to beat their 1951 safety record.

Since the first of the year, 22 persons have been killed in highway motor vehicle crashes in the 15 counties, as compared to 32 in the first 11 months of last year. A year ago this month one person was killed, making the year's total 33.

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tal motor vehicle accident since 1950. Madison county has gone four consecutive months without a highway death.

The following table shows the number of fatalities in the 15 counties in 1949, 1950, 1951, and in the first 11 months of 1952.

County	1949	1950	1951	1952
Madison	0	0	0	0
Holt	8	1	3	1
Antelope	2	4	2	0
Pierce	3	0	4	0
Stanton	2	0	0	1
Knox	1	2	1	2
Wayne	2	1	2	1
Cherry	1	8	1	2
Brown	0	4	1	0
Keya Paha	0	0	1	0
Rock	0	1	2	2
Boyd	1	2	0	0
Cedar	0	5	4	4
Dixon	0	3	2	2
Wheeler	0	0	1	2
Greeley	1	2	2	0
Totals	21	34	33	22

GETS NEW LIGHTS

EWING—The past month has found workmen busy on main street in the village of Ewing making preparations and installing a new lighting system which has proven popular in all neighboring towns. All poles were set in concrete bases to replace the old system. Installation was completed and the new lights turned on Tuesday, November 25, putting Ewing in the class of the better-lighted towns.

Friday evening, December 5, dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Vorce were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harmon, Donald and Raymond Harmon and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Berner.

Improved Steering
Pontiac Feature

The new 1953 Pontiac went on display Saturday at the Wm. Krotter Co. showrooms in West O'Neill. The O'Neill showing featured the Chieftain four-door deluxe.

From an engineering standpoint, probably the most interesting technical development in the 1953 Pontiac cars is the improved steering system and front suspension which contributes greatly to the easy handling of the car over rough roads and curves and in combination with other chassis elements produces a substantially improved ride, according to Manager Herbert Kaiser of the Krotter firm.

Describing the new development, announced as "curve control front suspension," Kaiser pointed out that the action of the front wheels of an automobile on a turn is controlled by many practical limitations which prevent the full utilization of the principles best represented by a bicycle, where the wheels tilt or incline into the turn, giving a natural banking action.

After several years of research and development, curve control front suspension is introduced on the 1953 Pontiac car as a practical approach to the adoption of this principle of front wheel characteristics on a curve, Kaiser said. The net result is a sharp reduction of wheel tilt on curves, providing improved line handling and steering characteristics. Also there is less tire noise, and tires have longer life.

O'NEILL LOCALS
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berigan of Omaha were honored at the M&M cafe Saturday evening, November 29, by a group of friends with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campbell as hosts.
 Thanksgiving dinner was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harmon. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Harmon and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harmon and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Berner, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harmon and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Vorce. Pvt. Donald Harmon and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harmon arrived early in the evening from Omaha, where Mr. Harmon met Donald.

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