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Prairieland Talk . . .

## 'Ma' Summers Brought a Goose

### By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN-Let brotherly love continue, be ? not forgetful to entertain strangers. Advice that comes to us from one who enjoyed the fellowship, from the blood-stained block.

Brotherly love compels us, not at the point es of a gun, to open the hand to a needy fellow be-

ing, minister to the unfortunate, maybe to deprive yourself of a comfort in order to help a less fortunate person.

An oldtimer known as Tige, once a familiar figure around O'Neill, deplored the lack of the spirit of brotherly love, saying, "Everybody for himself and the devil take the hindmost." Tige was a bit cynical, born of a hard experience in his day.

Organized charity has done Romaine · much to lessen the feeling of Saunders responsibility on the part of individuals in this respect.

People chip in their two bits to the Red Cross, the chest fund and other charitable and worthy andertakings. I wonder if that meets all that is involved in the command respecting brotherly love. There is a sort of group brotherly feeeling -- he or she belongs to our crowd. It's alright to have special friends.

Out and beyond the circle of close friends and associates brotherly love inspires a handshake, a smile and a word of cheer for those bowed under life's burdens, give a lift to a fallen fellow being and stop a moment to dry the tears of a little child.

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Editor Cal seems to have had better luck with the products of what he graciously refers to as Tech institutions than has been my lot through many years dealing with competents and incompetents who assayed to become craftsmen in the "art preservative of all arts." Interesting to learn that the trades school at Milford has turned out at least two experts, and that O'Neill has one of them. No doubt he had what it takes and would have made a mark in the business world anyway. Students at the state medical school have real sick people and lots of them to experi-

School district 266 in Swan precinct has a school house because Frank Kellogg employed Attorney R. R. Dickson in 1906 and went to the brotherly love of devoted followers until he | court, the judge grfanted the preemptory mandawas led to a Roman execution and his head fell mus that made the school board get busy and put up the school house which had been authorized by the voters of the district and the money being available. And I think that is the same school house where the patriots in Swan go to vote. . . A day that year word came from Chicago, Ill., that H. O. Jackson, who had been in the insurance business in O'Neill, said to have punched the nose of M. P. Kinkaid and married an O'Neill girl, had bought the American Clock company for a consideration of \$100,000. . . Miller & Paine, a swank department store still functioning in Lincoln, took a spot in The Frontier of November 15, 1906, to announce that they were sending a representative to O'Neill to interest the ladies in fur coats, the representative to be contacted at Hotel Evans.

> The word of the 11 apostles was to go to all the world and make over the pagans and through the 11 to succeeding generations. After nearly 2,000 years at the job less than 35 percent of the earth's multitudes are counted as Christian.

### \* \* \* THE PRAIRIE

From the Missouri river's muddy tide Westward toward the Continental divide, From Dakota's rugged Badlands Southward, here lies the wonderous prairielands-

Its loveliness our admiration demands. Cities, towns and country homes And open spaces where the wilding roams. Rivers, lakes and sparkling brooks. Waving fields of grain and sheltered nooks, Grass lands feeding countless herds, Nesting places for prairie birds. From dawn to sunset the landscape charms the

A thousand dots of light adorn the evening sky. This is prairieland where contented people dwell And think this land of promise is "just swell."

Genius is often envied, talent admired, virtue esteemed brilliant minds respected; but the envy is cruel, the admiration distant, the esteem cold. talents are useful in a pinch. He reads the rock time it really came in handy. A present. The visitors were Mr.

went to town after needed sup- | were O'Neill visitors Friday. plies. Mrs. D. F. Scott attended cir-cle meeting at the Wes Gage Hillside chapel patrons held a folks at their place of worship swered by giving the name of t home Wednesday, February 18. Friday evening. Ten members were present. Mrs. Gene Livingston spent and family were Sunday dinner the weekend at the Charles Do- guests at the home of her sister, bias home as she was unable to Mrs. Bob Reiser, and family in

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck were the home of their aunt, Mrs. Hod blizzard. Wednesday, February 18, visit-ors at the Emil Colfack home. Mrs. Lois Mil

Mr. and Mrs. George Beck spent Wednesday, February 18, at the Duane Beck home.

(Last week's news) Friday, pupils of the Lauridsen

school district 147, also pupils from the Hendricks and Celia Paul Ziska Heads schools, attended the Interna-Emmet 4-H Club tional Harvester company's show in the ag building in Aktinson. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Colfack were O'Neill visitors Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pease were O'Neill visitors Friday.

Mrs. D. F. Scott attended the Shakespeare club meeting at the home of Mrs. Hazel Purtzer Friday afternoon. Construction of Mrs. and Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. I attended president; Connie Brockman, vice-president; Mary Agnes Boyle, secretary; Leo Tunender, re-porter; Don Skopec, song leader; **Retires** from Service Friday afternoon. George Schaaf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schaaf, celebrated his 11th birthday anniversary at school on Wednesday afternoon, February 11. His mother sent chili, jello and cake to school to M/Sgt. Lloyd C. Caufield (above), formerly of Verdigre and Lynch, retired in January after 251/2 years of military service. He served almost 19

serve all the pupils and teacher, seven members. Our teacher, Miss Leona Beckwith. Miss Mary Agnes Boyle is our Jim Lauridsen was an O'Neill | leader, and she is also a member visitor Wednesday morning, Feb- of the club.

Bill Carroll and Duane Beck helped Emil Colfack Monday, February 9.

Clarence Focken was an O'-Neill visitor last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Colfack,

Shirley and Dennis visited the Earl Schlotfeld home on Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Focken

the Joe Hendricks home and helped Jimmy Hendricks celebrate his 13th birthday anniversary.

tine gifts were distributed, also

grab bag gifts. The next meet-

Markita Hendricks, June and

Denton Colfack and Buddy

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen

and sons and Jim Lauridsen

were supper guests at the Earl Schlotfeld home Sunday.

M.D.

O'Neill

CELIA— The big news story this week is snow and strong Mrs. O. A. Hendricks attendwinds last Thursday and Friday ed the Atkinson Country Women's which piled up huge drifts all club last Thursday at the home over and made watering and of Mrs. Robert Fullerton. Assistfeeding cattle an almost impos- ing hostesses were Mrs. Daisy Genung, Mrs. Albert Hill, Mrs.

Most farmers have hay nearby | Fritz Dunn, Mrs. Louie Siebert where cattle are kept to use in and Mrs. Ray Elder. Eighteen The towering highbrow inspires a bit of awe. His an emergency, and this was the members and five visitors were

meeting for club dues. return home on account of the Butte. That afternoon they at-

Mrs. Lois Milner and son, Billy, and William Maloun of Lincolnville, Kans.. arrived early Sunday morning for a visit with Mrs. Milner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hamerberg. They left Tuesday morning for home.

DR. H. D. GILDERSLEEVE.

The next meeting will be held | All members are taking the

your favorite fruit, and each

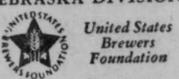
Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Heriford Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks family will bring 10 cents at each spent Monday and Tuesday in Omaha on business,



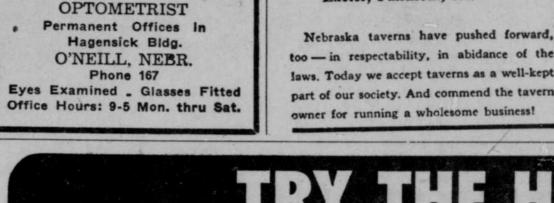
pany" had pushed as far west as Lincoln, Nebraska, few towns farther west had been named. So, as the new railroad forged into the unsettled prairie country, it determined the location and names of towns along the route. In alphabetical series: Crete, Dorchester, Exeter, Fairmont, etc.

NEBRASKA DIVISION

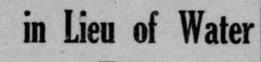
too - in respectability, in abidance of the laws. Today we accept taverns as a well-kept part of our society. And commend the tavern



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### residing in Arizona. He is a son of Mrs. Hulda Caufield of O'Neill and a brother of Mrs. ruary 11. Joseph Cunningham. **Cattle Eat Snow**



years as a member of the army

and after World War II trans-

ferred to the air force. Ser-

geant Caufield and his wife are

Emergency Feed Is and family were supper guests at Handy

mentoon, and you get neither a medical nor law degree handed to you without money and without price. If economy in government is to be realized, a start must be made on something. It is presumption, if not shameful, to contend with the boss, but that is a Yankee privilege. One may see only the beauty of the rose, another is torn by its thorns.

Mrs. M. A. Summers - we used to call her "Ma"-one of prairieland's grand old ladies, has withstood the storms, enjoyed the pleasures and shed smiles and sunshine along life's highway for 93 years. It was in those days of struggle for a livelihood during the early 1930's that Mrs. Summers brought in a fat goose for a Thanksgiving treat for The Frontier force, consisting of my son, Glenn, and dad. We closed shop, drove home down by Amelia and roast goose with all the trimmings were features for that Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Summers' happy outlook on life, together with the hardihood of a Scotch Convenanter background, accounts for her survival these many years and we trust she will yet see the year that marks for her a full century.

strata and assumes the attributes of omnipotence lot of cattle ate snow for a few and Mrs. Stanley Johnson, Mrs. but without the ability to create the smallest liv- days before water could be open- Maude Clifford, Mrs. Bertha Fuling thing or make enduring friendships. Quite different is the cheerful guy. There is a mellow radiance in his smile and heart-warming spirit in his presence that the blaze of intellect does not impart. The cheerful soul sheds an atmosphere of happiness without hilarious outbursts, without the vulgar and vain and profane boastings of the four-flusher. Cheerfulness endears one to the heart; we admire the intellectual-we love tended circle meeting at the the cheerful guy.

A mother down in old Virginia, in sight of the nation's capitol dome, calmly admits tossing her unwanted infant into a burning fiery furnace. Crazy? No. Human depravity only account for such nameless horror.

Delaware and Pennsylvania, two of the or- Mark Hendricks home. iginal, have been making a go of it as states since 1787. Arizona and New Mexico, the two last territories within the boundaries of the two oceans, were admitted to statehood in 1912. Hawaii and Alaska citizens feel they are ready for statehood.

# O'Neill--Martyr of Weatherman

And so it happened again.

Editorial . . .

O'Neill was buffeted and pummeled unmercifully last week by Ol' Man Winter during a nightmarish 48-hour stretch that won't soon be forgotten.

History-making blizzards are getting to be a habit-or so it seems to weather-hardened Holt countyans.

Still fresh in everyone's mind are the nowfamous Recurring Blizzards of 1948-'49, innocently beginning with a combination rain-sleetsnow storm on November 17 and 18, 1948. During the ensuing 10 weeks layer-after-layer of snow piled up, totaling some 120 inches. The mechanized U.S. Fifth army with bulldozers and weasels finally dugout the beleagured residents and the American Red Cross did a grand reljef job.

#### The most notable storm of the Recurring Blizzards was on January 2, 1949, when misery was dealt in the form of subzero temperatures and a huge volume of snow, borne by strong winds, spilled in the region.

The January 2 debacle was a freakish thing, so Omaha's Weatherman E. F. Stapowich explained. A large storm developed over the southwest mountain states, collided over north-central Nebraska with a mass of cold air drawn from the north by a low-pressure area. Subsequent weather charts showed that the storm, doing a 180-degree turn, slapped O'Neill from three directions-north, west and south-and deposited an abundance of snow on the earlier residue. From that moment on the problems of citizenry here grew serious and remained so for the rest of the winter. Three Holt countyans perished. Then came March 7, 1950-a truly infamous day in Holt county history. A wind measuring up to 85-miles-per-hour in velocity swept across northwest Nebraska and roared through O'Neill. Except the temperature never got down to zero, the loss of human life and livestock might have been appalling. Snow was driven into crevices never before discovered by nature's white stuff.

mountainous snowbanks suddenly appeared outside your window.

In the late hours Friday night the storm began to recede and Satudray dawned bright and crisp. Residents lost no time in buckling into the giant drifts and by midday a warm sun contributed to the settling and shrinking of drifts by 15 or 20 percent.

A 73-year-old O'Neill farmer and a 20-year-old Osmond woman died, both indirectly blamed on the storm.

Stapowich had an explanation for the strange goings-on that so closely resembled the January 2, 1949, fiasco. "A well-developed, large storm, centered over northern New Mexico was responsible," he said. "The low-pressure area over Nebraska was pulling cold Canadian air down from the north, but shooting warm air up from the south in a counter-clockwise motion. That was responsible for the wide difference in weather between southeast and northwest Nebraska."

Of course, O'Neill got the brunt of the snow. These paragraphs on Ol' Man Winter's behavior in retrospect are not particularly important unless it might point up that for the past four years, anyway, O'Neill has been a martyr of the weatherman.

A news story in The Frontier last week heralds the scheduled speaking engagement here of Former Congressman Howard Buffett of Omaha. Buffett might well be remembered in congress as a prophet born five, 10 or 20 years too soon. The Frontier believes he's been on the right track incredibly often and we will look with anticipation for what he has to offer when he speaks before the Northeast Nebraska County Officials' association in O'Neill on March 12.

ed for them. lerton and Merrill Smith. Valen-

### Other Celia News

sible task.

ing will be with Mrs. Jim Beck. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen and family and Leona Beckwith Karen Focken spent the weekwere Wednesday evening, Febend with Alice Focken in Atkinruary 18, supper guests at the son Lawrence Smith home. Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg at-

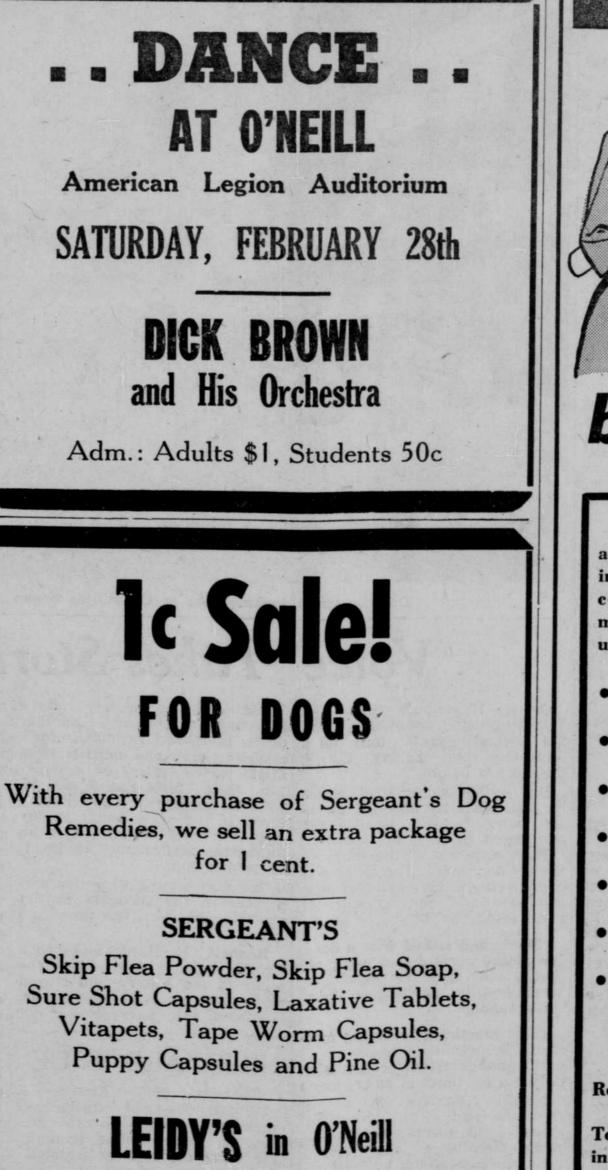
Focken spent the weekend in town and attended the FFA home of Mrs. Ralph Chace Wedmeeting in the ag shop Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlotfeld nesday, February 18. Ten mem-bers and one visitor, Mrs. Pearl and family spent Sunday, Feb-Wahl, were present. Next meet-ing will be with Mrs. Paul ruary 8, visiting his brother, John Schlotfeld, and family and Schultz. father at Fullerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks and family were Sunday, February 22, dinner guests at the Mrs. Darel Bright, teacher of Hendricks school, came from home Thursday, February 19, to teach school and was unable to return home. She spent the weekend with the Emil Colfack family

Mrs. Gene Livingston taught school Saturday to make up time lost due to illness. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck Dr. Rex W. Wilson, Fred Mack, Harry Ressel of

O'Neill and Lee Sellon of Randolph were Wednesday, Febru-ary 18, visitors at the D. F. Scott PHYSICIAN & SURGEON Offices, 128 W. Douglas St. home.

A snow plow opened roads Phones: Office 138, Res. 158 Monday so a lot of neighbors



Phone 410

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Holt countyans dug out, flexed their muscles, and went about their workaday tasks.

Late Wednesday, last week, the mercury began to skid, snow began falling and cautious wayfarers began filling up O'Neill hostelries. By Thursday morning, it was obvious a man-sized winter's storm was at hand.

The westbound mainline passenger-mail train on the Chicago & North Western reached O'Neill 40 minutes late. Little did anyone realize it was to be the last scheduled train on that road for more than 40 hours.

Commercial and business activities and traffic began grinding to a halt. By nightfall the die was cast and the weatherman predicted zero temperatures and winds up to 55-milesper-hour for the next day-Friday.

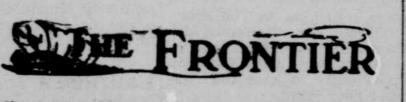
O'Neillites braced themselves and went to bed to await the worst. At Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island, however, residents were blithely enjoying rain, movies and basketball games.

The meteorologists had been painfully accurate if not slightly conservative in their predic-tions. Anyone who didn't sample the outdoors on Friday morning will never know how devastating and breath-taking the blizzard that raged.

Swirling snow filled the air, a strong north wind bowled over anything in its path, and

Unsung heroes of the recent blizzard: Those power and telephone linemen who braved everything the weatherman could throw at 'em to mend communications breaks for your comfort and convenience; also a tip of the hat to the highway and street employees who did a whale of a job digging us out.

The Milford trade school lives, escaping abolishment 6-3 in a unicameral committee hearing. We're glad.



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