

## Semi-Centennial Home Coming and Three-Day Racing Meet Was Wonderful Celebration

Words are inadequate to describe the Semi-Centennial Home-coming Celebration and Three-Day Racing Meet held at O'Neill last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 3rd, 4th and 5th.

The weather could not have been better for the occasion if the local committee had been in charge of the making of it. The various committees had each performed his part of the preparatory work and on the morning of the 3d everything was in readiness for the celebration.

The city was profusely decorated with flags and bunting and presented a gala appearance. The uniform flags making a very pretty decoration.

The celebration was given under the auspices of the O'Neill Commercial club, who had entire charge of the Home-Coming arrangements and the Racing Meet. The morning of each day was given over for the registration and entertainment of those who had come "home" for the occasion and for the getting together of the old timers from all parts of the county.

The program Friday morning began with a band concert on the streets at 10:30.

At eleven o'clock the Children's parade headed by Uncle Sam and the O'Neill Concert band formed at the school house corner and the children marched through the principal streets of the city. About seventy-five boys and girls were in line with decorated buggies, wagons and tricycles, Shetland pony carts and various other modes of transportation, then there were Indians, clowns, flag carriers, and a prairie schooner which was very appropriate for the occasion for which this celebration was in commemoration.

The ladies double quartette rendered several vocal selections, Miss Margaret Donohoe sang two appropriate vocal solos, and the band played several numbers during the morning program.

Judge Robert R. Dickson gave the Address of Welcome from the grand stand on the court house lawn. The address was replete with reminiscences of the early days and the Judge described the hardships that the homesteader and pioneer encountered during the settlement of the county.

The program Saturday morning began with a band concert at 10:30 followed by a historical parade depicting the early life of the county. Among the features of the parade was the old time prairie schooner, a band of Indians, a freighter wagon, a log cabin representing the first I. O. O. F. lodge hall, built in 1876, a car occupied by Sam Wolfe, the only charter member of the local Odd Fellows, living in this vicinity, and a number of other Odd Fellows, a car bearing the date of the founding of The Frontier,

the old time stage coach and a number of cars occupied by old timers.

Following the parade a number of reminiscence talks were made from the grandstand on the court house lawn at which time Hon. John A. Harmon ably officiated as chairman introducing Attorney James H. Hanley, of Omaha; W. J. McNichols, head of the Bureau of Securities, of Lincoln; Hon. T. V. Golden, of this city; O. J. Moore, head of a wholesale grocery firm bearing his name, of Sioux City; each of whom made very able talks relative to the occasion.

A balloon ascension and parachute drop was made each evening from the vacant lots two blocks west from the center of town. The last night the balloon did not rise high enough to permit the rider to cut lose with the parachute. In descending the rider was bumped against the A. Saunto residence and was slightly injured.

A fleet of three aeroplanes owned by and under the supervision of Roy Page, of Lincoln, were here all three days and amused the large crowds with many of the latest and most daring "stunts."

Following is the result of the races each afternoon:

**Thursday, July 3rd**  
Pace, 3/4 mile: Sailor Boy, first; Rex, second; Blonde S., third. Time 1:11, 1:12 1/2, 1:09.

Running, 3/8-mile: Rameo, first; Victory, second; Golden Glory, third. Time: 0:59.

Running, 3/8-mile: Elsie Gould, first; Fox, second; Cappy, third. Time: 0:37 1-5.

Running, 3/8-mile: Blue Van, first; Kirkwood, second; Mone Dale, third. Time: 1:18 1-5.

Holt county horses, 1/2-mile: Miss Bagdad, first; Patchen, second; Dynamite, third. Time 0:52.

Running, 1/2-mile: Hazel Dale, first; New Model, second; Fay Delmer, third. Time: 0:51 1/4.

Running, 1-mile: Young Huxter, first; Boreas, second; Dartey Belle, third. Time: 1:48.

**Friday, July 4th.**  
2:30 pace—Rex first, Blonde H. second; Sailor Boy, third. Time, 1:11. Purses \$125.

1/2-mile Maiden race—Burlington Babe, first; Run Lady, second; Agnes Huxter, third. Time 55 seconds. Purses \$100.

3/8-mile—Victor Won, first; Fay Delmer, second; Goldie L, third. Time 59 1-5 seconds. Purses \$125.

4 1/2-furlongs—Hazel Dale, first; Truant, second; New Model, third. Time 59 seconds. Purses \$100.

1/4-mile—Fox, first; Elsie Gould, second; Cashier, third. Time, 25 sec-

onds. Purses \$50.  
One and 1-16 miles handicap—Mont Dale, first; Dartey Belle, second; Boreas, third. Time 1:54 1/2. Purses \$300.

**Saturday, July 5th.**  
2:30 pace: Rex, first; Sailor Boy, second; Blonde H., third. Time: 2:10 1-5. Purses, \$125.

3/8-mile running: Dexter, first; Babe, second; Ronate, third. Time: 39 1-5. Purses, \$200.

1/4-mile: Cattie, first; Patchen, second; Wild Rose, third. Time: 0:25. Purses, \$175.

3/8-mile: Darley Belle, first; Kirkwood, second; Twelve Bells, third. Time: 1:15 1/2. Purses \$2.00.

1/2-mile: Goldie L., first; New Model, second; Truant, third. Time: 0:52 1-5. Purses, \$125.

3/8-mile: Emily Waite, first; Dick Bremdle, second; Sailor Boy, third. Time: 1:03. Purses, \$100.

**VISITORS AND OLD SETTLERS.**  
The following is a list of the old settlers of the county who registered in the "soddie," many of whom now make their home in cities far distant from O'Neill, but were here during the "Home-Coming" that they might meet again their associates of the early days:

Dates following names are the dates of arrival in Holt county:

Frank O'Connell, Columbus, 1908.  
Jack Sullivan, Citizen of the world.  
M. F. O'Donnell, Dallas, Texas.  
John O'Donnell, Omaha.  
W. M. (Dago) Campbell, St. Louis, 2315 Pine St.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bright, Los Angeles, California, Sept., 1882.  
Vincent Golden, Creston, Ia., 1887.  
A. T. Whelan, San Diego, Calif.  
T. F. Nolan, Bassett, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Murphy, St. Louis, Mo., 6229 Washington St., March, 1885.

C. L. Harding, O'Neill, 1880.  
Mrs. Anna Harding, O'Neill, 1874.  
B. Shearer, Stuart, 1888.  
C. W. Dohney, Stuart, 1889.  
John Crellon, Stuart, 1884.

J. P. Golden, Casper, Wyo., 1883.  
Ole Olson, Lincoln, 1903.  
Cyril Erychleb, Spencer, 1882.  
F. L. Latroe, New York City.  
E. H. Tierney, Norfolk, 1912.

T. V. Norval and wife, Norfolk.  
W. B. Stanton, Ann Carr.  
Guy Mulhair, Lynch.  
E. J. Kilmurray, Atkinson, 1877.  
J. T. Butterfield, Star, 1879.

P. J. McManus, O'Neill, 1885.  
Jack McManus, O'Neill, 1885.  
Joseph Schollmeyer, 1884.  
B. T. Winchell, O'Neill, 1888.  
Mrs. A. U. Knapp, Broken Bow, 1897.

Katherine Horiskey Miller, Salina, Kansas.  
Mary, Bill and Pat Lyman, Omaha.  
Patrick O'Connolly, came to O'Neill in 1874 with Gen. O'Neill.

William Enright, O'Neill, 1877.  
Frank Connolly, O'Neill, 1874.  
Pat Welsh, O'Neill, July 4, 1876.  
B. B. Bay, O'Neill, 1888.  
Mrs. F. Bergholm, Omaha, 1890.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kite, Terra Haute, Ind.  
Mrs. M. F. Libe, O'Neill, April 8, 1884.  
J. J. Hunt, O'Neill, 1878.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Kinch, Rapid City, South Dakota.  
A. S. Carlson, Litchfield, Minn.  
Margarite Duffy, Greeley, Neb.  
Madeline Duffy, Greeley, Neb.  
James P. Cullen, Omaha.

T. F. Donohoe, O'Neill, May 1, 1879.  
Myron Sparks, O'Neill, 1877.  
E. F. Roberts, O'Neill, June 3, 1878.  
S. J. Benson, O'Neill, Aug. 20, 1883.  
Wallace R. Johnson, O'Neill, Sept. 12, 1880.

Mrs. Eliza Cain, O'Neill, April 18, 1874.  
Marie Rogman, O'Neill, March 15, 1874.  
R. H. Murray, O'Neill, Mar., 1884.  
E. W. Sargent, O'Neill, 1879.  
J. B. Long, Opportunity, 1884.

G. A. Conard, Meek, 1885.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hough, Norfolk, August Wabs, Spencer.  
Luther Wabs, Isabel, Okla.  
Dr. L. J. C. Reichard, Stuart, April 23, 1883.

W. P. Hynes, Greeley, Neb.  
Mrs. Mary E. Lamson, Page, 1889.  
Sam Lop, Sioux City.  
Mrs. John Burns, Platte Center, Nebraska.  
Mrs. Gustave Reider, Gregory, S. D., 1880.

Clark Hough, O'Neill, June 7, 1876.  
Walter Tullis, O'Neill, 1882.  
Mrs. C. E. Williamson, Settled in Nebraska in 1859.  
Ethel Barnes, Elgin, Neb.  
John Russel, Clearwater, Neb.

F. E. Harmon, Norfolk, 1881.  
Carl Storzjohann, Phoenix, 1887.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roberts, Sidney.  
Mrs. O. E. Ott, Dickson, Tenn.  
Ed Jenkinson, Dallas, Texas.  
A. J. Edson, Wanut, Neb.  
Leslie Lee, Long Pine.  
Floyd Farley, Bassett.  
John M. Grutch, O'Neill, 1885.  
John Ernst, O'Neill, 1884.  
W. A. Moler, O'Neill, 1895.  
Harold Green, Neligh.  
Geo. R. Sanders, Scottville, 1880.  
Dewey Darrah, Inman, 1883, Ord, 1849.

L. G. Greenfill, O'Neill, 1877.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellsworth, York.  
Fred Anderson, Ewing, 1883.  
C. F. Kury, O'Neill, April, 1885.  
Patrick Regan, O'Neill, Oct., 1882.  
J. J. Swartz, O'Neill, March, 1883.  
Sam Wolfe, O'Neill, 1873.

Mrs. John J. Machaley, Casper, Wyoming, O'Neill in 1886.  
John J. McNally, Casper, O'Neill, 1890.  
Mrs. James Crowley, O'Neill, April 29, 1876.

Louise Sattler, Notre Dame, Ind.  
Miss Louise Palmer, Atwood, Colo., O'Neill, 1892.  
Junjata Miller, Salina, Kansas.  
Mrs. Kate Dougherty, Seranton, Pa.  
C. A. Grass, O'Neill, March, 1884.

Mrs. A. F. Spengler, O'Neill, Jan. 6, 1890.  
Mrs. F. E. Samples, with parents in 1871.  
Mrs. Wm. Cuddy, with parents in 1871.

James Triggs, O'Neill, 1881.  
Mrs. W. T. Woolvington, Denver, Colorado.  
Herbert J. Roberts, Stanton, N. D.  
J. A. Maring, Emmet, June 1, 1882.  
Thos. J. Gaffney, Atkinson, 1881.

Joe Welsh, Emmet, parents in 1875.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hickman, Lincoln.  
Miss Mattie Kinzie, Bristow.  
M. T. Elliott, Lynch, Oct. 25, 1883.  
J. A. Pinkerman, O'Neill, 1882.

T. J. Bauman, O'Neill, April 29, 1877.  
Mrs. Laura Karel, O'Neill, 1883.  
Mrs. Mary Mullen, O'Neill, 1878.  
Jas. A. Brennan, O'Neill, Oct. 4, 1879.

Henry J. Cook, O'Neill, Oct. 4, 1877.  
D. H. Cronin, O'Neill, June, 1877.  
J. M. Hunter, O'Neill, April, 1884.  
Wallace Gray, O'Neill, Feb., 1906.  
W. D. Bradstreet, May 15, 1879.

J. M. and Tim Brophie, Fairfax, South Dakota.  
P. J. Biglin, Aug. 15, 1882.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ricketts, Fremont.  
Geo. W. Bradt, O'Neill, Sept. 18, 1879.

John Philinson, with Gen. O'Neill, 1874.  
John Carney, O'Neill, April 14, 1876.  
Bernard Doyle, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
W. H. Dartt, Rapid City, South Dakota, O'Neill, 1879.

W. T. Hayes, Atkinson, 1878.  
Mrs. John Hunt, Omaha, O'Neill in 1878.  
Walter Spengler, Seneca, Nebr., O'Neill, 1893.  
J. W. Fullerton, Atkinson, with parents, Oct. 1, 1883.

Walter F. Roberts, Wahoo.  
Herbert J. Roberts, North Dakota.  
James C. Graham, Emmet, May, 1881.  
Frank Barrett, O'Neill, March 1, 1881.

Matt Cleary, Emmet, Oct., 1879.  
Wm. F. Grothe, Emmet, March 9, 1887.  
C. E. Stout, O'Neill, 1895.  
John Carr, Stafford, 1884.  
Walter M. Burge, Omaha.

Charles Berger, O'Neill, 1882.  
James Conley, May 12, 1874.  
W. G. Townsend, Norfolk, 1871.  
John A. Robertson, Joy, 1883.  
M. F. Norton, to Neb. in 1867.  
Miss Tyfil O'Neill, Norfolk.

Miss B. and Miss Dimple Good, Omaha.  
Paul D. Riley, O'Neill, 1880.  
Smith Merrill, O'Neill, Aug. 10, 1884.

Frank J. Brennan, O'Neill, 1893.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Moore, Sioux City, Iowa.  
L. H. Downey, Page, 1880.  
Sherm S. Pittinger, Neb. in 1864.  
Hugh O'Neill, Ann Carr, December 2, 1878.

J. H. Wade, O'Neill, 1878.  
J. F. Root, Stuart, 1890.

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Miss Martha Braun, Huron, S. D.  
W. H. Maskell, Ponca, Neb.  
Ralph Baker, Brunswick.  
Henry Thompson, Brunswick.  
Cecil W. Gawen, Creighton.

### FIRST COMMUNION AT EMMET

Thirty children received first communion at the Catholic church at Emmet last Sunday at the 8:30 a. m. Mass.

The largest congregation that was ever seen in the church was present on the occasion. Every pew was filled and quite a number stood in the back of the church and in the choir gallery. All the children in the parish under sixteen years of age repeated or renewed their first communion. Thus about eighty children in all went up to the altar steps to receive communion. All the girls wore white dresses with wreaths and veils. The boys were neatly dressed in black and each boy had a bouquet of flowers on the lapel of his coat. The children showed excellent training. The choir sang appropriate hymns during Mass and Communion and Benediction.

Father Byrne gave a very impressive sermon. The following children received first communion:

### THE PRESIDENT'S SON DIES MONDAY EVENING FROM SEPTIC POISONING

Calvin Coolidge, the sixteen year old son of President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, died Monday evening at 10:30 o'clock in the Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D. C., following a five days' illness from septic poisoning resulting from a blister upon his heel which he received while playing tennis.

### HOLT COUNTY VALUATION MUCH LOWER THIS YEAR

Abstracts of the assessments as returned by the county assessors of the state show a decrease over last year in nearly all of the counties.

The total valuation of Holt county for 1924 as reported to the state tax commissioner by County Assessor J. M. Hunter, is \$28,642,025, while in 1923 the valuation was \$32,239,745. Showing a decrease of \$3,597,720.

George McFarlin, of Des Arc, Arkansas, head chef at Col. Phil Ziemer's Bell Hotel, arrived in the city the first of last week to assist the colonel in conducting the eatery at the home-coming celebration just closed, and later in the summer will accompany the hotel force on its annual summer tour of the country.

Joseph Malloy Blondina Welsh  
John Cuddy Beatrice Welsh  
James Coday Bertha Bruder  
Bernard Coday Rita Cleary  
Clement Cleary Cecelia Malloy  
Bernard Congratz Frances Heinowski  
Anthony O'Donnell Rita Coday  
Thomas Malloy Velma Johnson  
Jeremiah O'Connell Helen Malloy  
Lawrence Murray Rose Malloy  
Clement Cuddy Cleta Murray  
Francis Tenborg Margaret Gallaghe  
John O'Donnell Edna Heeb  
Alexander Cleary Eileen Johnson  
Helen McCaffrey Mary Murray

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