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**ABSENT ONES SEND GREETINGS TO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS**

Sons and daughters of O'Neill unable to be present at the semi-centennial celebration in honor of the founding of the city did not fail to remember the old home town. Telegrams and letters from many of them in distant points poured in during the festivities. Arthur Mullen paused long enough during the heat of the democratic battle in New York to wire his sentiments, and others just as warmly testified that they were present in spirit if not in flesh. Below the Frontier presents a few of the testimonials from the absent ones, and headed by the sentiment of a former resident of the community who after attending the celebration desired publicly to express his appreciation of the hospitality extended him during his sojourn.

**TO MY GOOD FRIENDS IN O'NEILL**

My family and myself have been the guests of the genial Jim O'Donnell and his wonderful family all during your homecoming festivities. The great charm of hospitality which has met us at every turn has seemed to dull the cares of the day and pleasantly turned the hands of the clock backward to times which had long since faded into dreamland. O'Neill may well boast of her people and her surrounding country. We are leaving for home with the most pleasant memories and a fond desire to return to your frolics again. Sincerely, O. J. MOORE.

**TELEGRAM.**

New York, N. Y., July 4, 1924. Jas. A. Donohoe, O'Neill, Neb. Delay here prevents me from being present at celebration of semi-centennial. I favor making an appropriate memorial in memory of the hardy and brave men and women who laid the foundation of the settlement at O'Neill. ARTHUR F. MULLEN.

Norfolk, Neb., July 4, 1924. Editor Frontier: Conditions were such that I was unable to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary of the good old town of O'Neill.

Although not there in person my thoughts, and well wishes were present. It surely would have been a great pleasure to take these "old timers" by the hand, and look into their faces, again. It would have bridged, for the time being, the space of time since we were pioneering in Holt county.

My father, J. B. Torbert, moved to a homestead two miles from the mouth of the Redbird Creek, on said creek, arriving there November 14, 1876; at that time the settlers were few and far between.

The Enders boys, Len, Byron and Thed; Dan and Jim Cook; Geo. Brown and Albert Swatman, constituted all the settlers at that time.

How father managed to get through that first winter only the Creator and himself knows. The nearest grist mill was at Wisner, and it took ten days to make this trip with oxen, they were our only means of locomotion at that time.

I well remember the first time we made that trip in November of the following year—with two loads of wheat that was made into flour, using these same oxen. This wheat had been sown by hand, but with a cradle, and threshed out with a flail (the old primitive way). This fall, as usual, the Indians had burned off the whole country, the ground was frozen, and there was no sign of a road until we struck the McCormick ranch thirty miles south on the Elkhorn River. It took one and one-half days to make this trip of thirty miles, this necessitated us camping one night and the weather was bitter cold and snow.

In making the return trip, I had the misfortune to break my arm. Father and another man (I have forgotten his name) set the broken member; we could not stop, and I went to say that I never suffered such pain as I did riding this last forty miles, in this condition, ground frozen, no road, ground rough, very cold, and on top of a load of flour, and having to camp one night on the prairie. I was about fourteen years old at the time.

During the winter of '80 and '81 the war department moved the whole Spotted Tail tribe of Indians opposite the mouth of the Redbird creek on the north side of the river, and the whole country was overrun with them, some semi-civilized and some wild as they could be, in one respect they were a godsend for the settlers, as they had just been issued a great amount of good warm clothing, of which they did not know the use or value. They were sure pork and hay hungry, and the settlers found a ready trade for all the produce that they had to spare.

I forgot to add that the tribe numbered something like 6,000. They had no idea of values of any commodity and to demonstrate this will state that in one instance I traded an Indian three onions, and a loaf of bread for a new overcoat, two new red flannel shirts, and a new cap.

For several years we had no market for anything in the way of farm products. I remember one fall we butchered fifteen large hogs and father hauled this meat about sixty miles over on the Elkhorn to what was known at that time as Frenchtown, and sold this for 2c per pound. Father understood surveying and did a lot of locating in the early days, as new people were continually coming into the country, among them were W. J. Sprague, A. W. Baldwin, H. H. Knight, Jacob Davis, W. V. McElhaney, Dan and Bige Dowell, M. D. Hazard, Fred Pine, Jos. Turgeon, B. B. Likens and a great many others that have since crossed the great divide.

After the first few years our school was located at what is known as Redbird; and it consisted of three months

a year. D. P. O'Sullivan was county superintendent some of this time.

During this time Geo. Brown had the store and post office at the above place. One day I was over to the store at noon, when they brought Kid Wade through enroute to Paddock, that being the head quarters of the Vigilantes at that time. I had heard that a desperado he was reported to be, and I had my shudder all ready; I was greatly surprised in looking him over; I found him to be nothing but a young boy, I do not think he was over seventeen years of age at that time, but he was a wizard with the six gun. I have seen Doc Middleton, Jno. Little and several of the real gun men and they had nothing on Wade with the old Frontier six pistol.

I saw him again at Back Berry's where they kept the rest of the horse thieves guarded and he seemed different from the rest of the gang.

I was in O'Neill one fall when a bunch of cow boys came down from the west about ten or twelve of them, the saloon keepers name was Hall (I think) anyway the boys fired their usual salute and entered the town with their horses on the run; when the bar-keep heard them coming he locked the outside door with a padlock and hid. They rode up to the door pounded on it with the butt end of a six gun, and hearing nothing inside, they shot the lock off and rode their horses into the saloon, filled themselves and horses with whiskey; it was the only time I ever saw a horse drunk and they acted just like the men.

They shot everything up inside the saloon, and chased a couple of eastern land hunters out of town, finally roped them and brought them back and made them do a lot of things they did not want to. It was Jno. J. McCafferty (I think) that prevailed on them to let the men go.

But with all the hardships we had during the early settlement I want to state with all candor, that I believe that the people really felt better and enjoyed themselves more than at present. We were all alike, no one thought himself better than his neighbor, always ready to help anyone in distress, and they were more careful what they said about anyone, for they generally had a settlement on their hands at the business end of a six shooter.

**FRED TORBERT.**

Mr. R. J. Marsh, O'Neill, Neb.

Dear Bob: I am in receipt of an invitation from someone to attend the Homecoming of former O'Neill residents and it is a source of much regret to me that I find myself unable to be there. I had counted considerably on this visit but the facts are I have been out of the office already over three months since the first of January on business matters which carried me to Washington, D. C., and those absences have gotten my work in such shape that I feel I cannot leave at this time, especially in view of the fact that I am leaving about the middle of this month for a six weeks' trip on the coast.

I wish you would express to my many friends my kind remembrances and assure them that nothing would have afforded me more pleasure than to have spent this week in O'Neill. Every time I get to Nebraska, I want to run over there but as you know, it is hard to get to O'Neill from Broken Eow except by auto and usually my time is so short that I have been unable, so far, to get there. I saw several of the boys at Lincoln last fall, however, attending the Notre Dame-Nebraska Foot Ball game. They all looked natural and I would like to renew my old acquaintances. I will in all probability, attend the Illinois-Nebraska Foot Ball game at Lincoln this fall and if I do I hope that I can run across some of my former friends.

With kindest regards and best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Marsh, I am Sincerely yours, PAUL N. HUMPHREY.

**MORE LOCAL MATTERS.**

Art McGrew, of Stuart, was an over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Morton.

J. P. O'Sullivan is enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. Ryder, of Gregory, South Dakota.

Mrs. Patrick Barrett, of Greeley, Nebraska, are visiting at the home of Patrick Barrett southeast of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Morton, of Omaha, took dinner Tuesday with their uncle, A. C. Morton and Mrs. Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCormick, of Norden, Nebraska, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunter.

Mrs. Katherine (Horiskey) Miller and children, of Salina, Kansas, arrived here last week in time to attend the home-coming.

Mrs. Frank Lancaster has been enjoying a week's visit from her mother, Mrs. Kate Bliss, of Schuyler. Mrs. Bliss expects to return home tomorrow.

C. A. Barrett came up from Sioux City, and spent Friday and Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Barrett southeast of O'Neill.

Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Meer and daughter, Miss Mary Ann, of Valentine, spent the latter part of last week at the home of Dr. Meer's father and sister in this city.

Miss Hilda Gallagher arrived here from Denver last week for a visit with her father, J. P. Gallagher. Mrs. Gallagher and Miss Helen are expected to arrive here this week.

T. N. J. Hynes, of Norden, was a visitor at the Home-Coming celebration last week. Mr. Hynes is one of the original colony who landed here in May, 1874, with Gen. John O'Neill.

Donald Gallagher is visiting relatives in O'Neill today. Donald is on his way from Lincoln to his home in Casper. Mrs. Gallagher and the little son are at the home of her parents in Lincoln.

Attorney James Hanley and family, John Hanley and Miss Mary Hanley, all of Omaha, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hanley in this city during the Home-Coming celebration last week.

A home coming was held at the home of Mrs. Mike Gallagher during the celebration in O'Neill last week. Those from out-of-town who were here were Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Murphy and daughter, Miss Mary Ann, of St. Louis; Mrs. A. Baker, of Casper, and Mrs. E. P. Driscoll, of Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Driscoll will visit here for a short time.

**O'NEILL SHAMROCKS WIN ALL THREE GAMES**

Atkinson 2, O'Neill 4.

The ball game the first day of the Semi-Centennial Home Coming and Race Meet held in O'Neill, July 3rd, 4th and 5th was won last Thursday by the O'Neill Shamrocks when they met and defeated the Atkinson Sluggers 4 to 2.

An unusually large and enthusiastic crowd of boosters were here from Atkinson in the hopes of seeing their team win, and to lend them all the support available.

The game was one of the most hotly contested games played this year.

The batteries were Atkinson; Bender and Curtis. O'Neill: Persons and Ford.

Strikeouts by Bender 8; by Persons 16.

Errors: Atkinson 3; O'Neill 1.

Bases on balls: off Bender 2; off Persons 1.

Hits: off Bender 6; off Persons 5.

Home runs: Angst.

Following is the line-up:  
Atkinson— O'Neill—

McKee, 2b Willging, 2b  
Jungman, 1b Martin, rf  
Curtis, c Holliday, ss  
Weber, 3b Higgenbotham, 1b  
Miller, rf Ford, c  
Blake, cf Persons, p  
Carroll, ss Beha, cf  
Chase, lf Angst, cf  
Bender, p Butterfield, 3b  
Atkinson 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0—2  
O'Neill 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 2—4

Spencer 10, O'Neill 12.

The largest crowd that has ever assembled in O'Neill witnessed the ball game Friday, July 4, between Spencer and O'Neill. The game was a good one notwithstanding the fact that many runs were made by both teams.

Batteries: Spencer: Harding, Nygren and Tomlinson and Bartling; O'Neill: Higgenbotham and Holliday and Ford.

Strikeouts, by Higgenbotham 8; by Holliday 1; by Harding 2; by Tomlinson 2.

Hits: off Higgenbotham 16; off Holliday 7; off Harding 9; off Nygren 5; off Tomlinson 2.

Three base hits: O'Neill 2; Spencer 2.

Spencer— O'Neill—  
Racely, 1b Willging, 2b  
Martin, 3b Martin, rf  
Brown, lf Holliday, ss  
Nygren, ss Higgenbotham, p  
Pucelik, rf Ford, c  
Bartling, c Persons, 1b  
Tomlinson, 2b Beha, cf  
Chase, lf Angst, lf  
Harding, p Butterfield, 3b  
Spencer 0 0 0 4 3 1 2 0—10  
O'Neill 0 1 6 4 0 0 1 x—12  
Attendance 12,000.

Emmet 5, O'Neill 10.

The ball game Saturday afternoon, between Emmet and O'Neill marked the closing of the three-day celebration. The game was another of those exceptionally good ones that always develop when these two teams get together.

Batteries: Emmet, Snyder, McCaulley and Troshynski; O'Neill, Persons and Ford.

Strikeouts, by Snider 7; by Persons 9.

Hits, off Snider 9; off Persons 5.

Three base hits, Higgenbotham and Butterfield.

Two base hits, Angst.

Following is the line-up:  
Emmet— O'Neill—  
H. Troshynski, 3b Butterfield, 3b  
Laws, cf Martin, rf  
Carroll, ss Higgenbotham, 1b  
B. Troshynski, 2b Holliday, ss  
Tom Troshynski, lf Ford, c  
Harris, rf Persons, p  
Snider, p Beha, cf  
McCaulley, c Angst, lf  
J. Troshynski, 1b Willging, 2b  
Fritton, lf Knight, rf  
Emmet 3 0 0 0 0 0 1 1—5  
O'Neill 1 0 4 0 1 1 3 0 x—10

**SHAMROCK'S DEFEAT BASSETT BALL TEAM ON HOME GROUNDS**

The O'Neill ball team were in Bassett team Sunday and won their tenth successive game when they defeated the Bassett boys 3 to 1. Up to the sixth inning the game was 0 to 0. In the sixth the Bassett team made their only score of the game. O'Neill scored two in the seventh and one in the ninth.

Batteries, Bassett, Merritt and Lanz; O'Neill, Persons and Ford.

Strikeouts, by Persons 16; by Merritt 9.

Three base hit, Beha.

Following is the line-up:  
Bassett— O'Neill—

Estes, 3b Beha, 1b  
Ludwig, lf Butterfield, 3b  
Nelsson, 1b Martin, ss  
Lanz, c Ford, c  
E. Bussinger, rf Angst, 2b  
Led, ss Person, p  
Ed Bussinger, 2b Enright, cf  
Merritt, p Bazelman, lf  
Hall, cf Hanley, rf  
Bassett 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1  
O'Neill 0 0 0 0 2 0 1—3

**Clearance Sale of All Summer Millinery Now On at The CLINTON HAT SHOP**

**MORE LOCALS.**

Father Carboy, of Creighton college, Omaha, was a guest of Father Cassidy over the three-day celebration here last week. Father Carboy was an over-sea soldier during the world war and was under steady fire at one time for twenty-four hours.

A gentleman came to O'Neill Wednesday from the west and reported that he had been held up and robbed of about \$20.00 by three men in a large red auto bearing the county number "2." The robbery was reported to have taken place during the early part of the forenoon.

A fishing party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Weekes, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellor, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clauson, of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larson, of Pilger, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stobs, of Norfolk, and Dr. and Mrs. Eckhart, of West Point, went over to Lake Andes last Sunday and have been enjoying the week angling for bass. The party returned home today with a long string of nice ones.

**DRIVER FLED FROM "MESS OF WIDDERS"**

**Possibly Remembered Tony Weller's Warning.**

In a certain old New England seaport the toll of the sea throughout many years left so many widows that they formed an important part of the population. Some of them, resident upon a street that though it possessed another name was never called anything except Widows' lane, even took a curious pride in their estate and rather resented the intention of a newly married couple to build a house on the one remaining vacant lot.

"Being as we're all widows on the lane, it don't seem suitable," one of them explained to the bride, "and, lookin' for'ard, your husband not being a seafaring man, there's no reason to think you'd be left a widow any more likely than him to be left a widower. Still, if you're really set on

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