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**Amelia Youth Joins
Journalism Fraternity**

AMELIA—Floyd Sageser is spending his Christmas vacation here. He is a student at Kansas State college, at Manhattan, and is pledged Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity.

Pledges are chosen on scholarship and work done in the journalism field. Only those who plan to remain in the journalism field are admitted.

**Social Lunch Nets
Amelia School \$217.06**

AMELIA—The Christmas program at the Amelia school was ended by a large crowd. The social and lunch netted \$17.06.

Family in Yule Reunion

AMELIA—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fahm spent their first Christmas in seven years in which all of their children were home. Heinie who had been discharged from the Army in the summer, is at home. Mrs. Keith (Maie) Shelhase and family came from Hastings. Mrs. Jerome (Hilda) Krutz and husband returned from Canton.

Sunday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Hop Condon were Mrs. Laura Burke and Evelyn Stansard.

**PRAIRIELAND
... TALK**

By
ROMAINE
SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — I feel indebted to Editor Stewart for a new volume to add to my book shelves. The title reads, "In All Its Fury." It is a history of the blizzard of January 12, 1888, and might properly be defined as a collection of individual experiences of that day of fury.

The authors, W. H. O'Gara and Ora A. Clement, have given the public in permanent form a notable contribution to the literature of the prairie. As near as tongue and pen can tell the story of that overwhelming visitation of nature this new book presents it.

But words at the best must fail to convey the picture, as one who sees "through a glass darkly." It was not a snow storm or blizzard in the ordinary understanding. It was a mighty onrush as if the very snow clouds had dropped to earth to be swept across the land by hurricane winds. My own escape from being on the open road between O'Neill and Inman was by an eyelash, and I recall now one touching story among the several moving stories of the grandmother out at Dustin who was found frozen in the sled in which she was driving to Stuart and had put her coat and wraps about her little granddaughter to save her from a like fate.

Lee Baker, the pioneer druggist of Chambers, started for home and found himself a few hours later the guest in a pen of swine some distance out of town. Several men with teams from Dorsey, caught on the road to O'Neill, huddled up in companionship with the hogs they were bringing to market and they were a sorry looking frost bitten bunch when they pulled up at Geo. Jones' livery and feed barn in O'Neill the forenoon of the 13th.

Tom Kearny survived the blizzard and headed east next morning on a brown broncho to return to the horseranch where he was occasionally useful as a broncho-buster.

Con Keys weathered the storm in a barn and came down Douglas street with one horse hitched to a sled, the other horse of the team having given up the ghost during the night. That anyone caught out in the open a distance from shelter survived was because of pioneer hardihood.

Among the contributors to this interesting book is Mrs. Grace Hummell-McCoy, teaching a district school north of O'Neill during the winter of 1888. The McCoy family lived a few miles west of town, where Pat Keys is now located. The book is issued under the auspices of the '88 Blizzard Club, printed by the Union College Press at Lincoln.

It's 1948, and so another year opens on peaceful prairie-land-peaceful, enriched by material abundance and the greater riches of the cherished traditions of a people secure in the homes of a quiet land set apart from the troubled world. The new year will prolong the joys and sorrows of the old according to the

measure not only of what we gather but what we impart to community and neighborly welfare. Resolutions to do a little better may or may not outlive the year; but they are an expression of aspirations which reach out for a higher goal. And so long as such aspirations throb in the hearts of men so long will Christian character hold throughout the community. Happy New Year to friends who care a little for P. Airieland Talk.

An able gentleman of the staff of able instructors of the University of Nebraska has been quoted as saying in an address to a college group of students that "the one answer to the fundamental needs of the world is unswerving loyalty by American youth to what America stands for." Perhaps he meant that for which America has stood. It is not very clear to any of us just what America does stand for at the present.

Elliot Roosevelt sold Christmas trees at a dollar each "to make Christains" out of dealers in that yuletide commodity who priced the trees at three and four times Elliot's price. Whereupon a gent with a grove of evergreens in Maryland advertised his free "to make a Christain out of Elliot Roosevelt."

Salads have become a food fad. Try a bowl of white beans thoroughly cooked, seasoned only with salt, and you have something that doesn't exhaust the grocery budget the first day and gives you that well-fed feeding.

Farm income is reported to be at an all-time high level. Maybe the farm out-go is at a still higher level.

He lifted his 250 pounds of avoirdupois onto the bus where there was standing room for one only. His blue denims and lunch pail marked him as a knight of the order of hard labor, a notable figure in a busload of young college breds with books and brief cases. But he was a notable figure othe wise. His huge bulk had the bearing and commanding dignity of a descendant of Anakin kings. A million dollar smile uncovered a row of gleaming white teeth and a cheering word from him addressed to the bus driver lifted a little of the weight from that harassed individual. Here was a gentleman in overalls, a commanding figure in a compact group of Nebraska's school town culture.

The conflicting ideas as how to go about it discourages the hopes for permanent world peace among men. Most of us insist on our way or we don't play.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. James Corke and family spent Sunday visiting Sister Cara at the St. John's academy at Petersburg.

Mrs. Sophia Lasmeit, of Newport, was a Christmas guest at the D. D. DeBolt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman DeGroff had as their guests on Christmas day: Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Senn and family, of Ericson; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kelly, of Burwell; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DeGroff and family, Miss Cleora DeGroff, Billy Dierks, Miss Betty Wallendorf and Miss Jean Bonenberger, all of Atkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kurtz, of O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dexter spent Sunday in Burwell visiting the C. W. Gumb family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ryan, of Kearney, left Sunday for their home after visiting since Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dolan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kelly,

Miss Cleora DeGroff, Jay DeGroff and Billy Dirks left Friday for a vacation in Denver and Pueblo, Colo.

For income tax assistance see: R. H. ("Ray") Shriner, O'Neill.

W. B. Pharris and Dwayne Landis, of Gregory, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Art Bridge, of Royal, were guests on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Bridge.

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R. L. Bode left Saturday for Ogallala a ter spending Christmas with his family here.

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