

Out of Old Nebraska . . .

## Corn First Crop For Early Settlers

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Corn, Nebraska's leading crop, was likewise the first crop planted by most of Nebraska's early pioneer settlers.

During the first year on his new farm, the settlers usually contented himself with raising sod corn. The process was relatively simple and was well adapted to conditions found in Nebraska. The sod was broken, then the corn was planted by dropping the kernels into holes cut with an axe. Barring serious drouth, the planting was almost sure to produce a yield, and with little or no cultivation.

The second year, the sod was backed and the crop was often checked. To do this, a device resembling a sled was dragged both ways across the field, with the corn being planted at the intersections of the small furrows made in this way.

During the 1860s and early '70s, most of the actual planting was done by hand. Stories are told of boys and girls walking along and diggin their bare toes into the moist earth, dropping three or four kernels at each intersection.

With practice, they could walk along at a steady gait, dropping the kernels swiftly and accurately. The "droppers" would be followed by men with light hoes covering each hill.

The earliest planters used were the hand planters. These were carried and used like a cane, and while they were advertised as a labor saving device (as indeed they were) they still necessitated marking the field both ways.

With the coming of the mechanical planter, farm ers needed only to mark their fields one way. The "rotary drop" planter was used in a limited way in the late seventies. It required two men to operate, and the man who worked the lever needed to possess considerable skill if the field was to be properly checked. As a result, the few available frequently were hired out to those who did not own the machine.

The wire check - rower made its appearance in Nebraska in the early '80s. This probably was the most important step in the evolution of the modern planter.

Listers were placed on the market in the early '90s, although they did not come into general use in Nebraska until about the turn of the century.

### Return from Hills —

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kratochvil, of Osmond, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Naprstek. They were returning from a vacation in the Black Hills, S. D.

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## O'NEILL NEWS

Edward Quinn, jr., of Council Bluffs, Ia., arrived in O'Neill Friday, June 16, and spent until Monday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Quinn. Mrs. Quinn and baby, who had been visiting here several days, returned home with him. Mrs. Ray Verzal, of Atkinson, accompanied them for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown and daughter, Janice, of Valentine, visited Saturday, June 17, with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Putnam and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Walter and children visited Sunday, June 18, with Mr. Walter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Walter, of Clearwater.

Mavis Spry visited Thursday and Friday, June 15 and 16, with Iris Carpenter, of Page.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parkins visited in Omaha over the weekend.

Mrs. Harold Young returned home Thursday, June 15, from Lincoln where she went to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Bryan, and to make the acquaintance of her new granddaughter. The The Bryans now have 3 daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wade and children, Stevie and Camille, of Venango, drove Mrs. Young home and will remain for a 2 week's visit. Mrs. Wade is also a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rosenkrans, of Dorsey, visited Sunday, June 18, with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis attended their niece's wedding in Clarinda, Ia., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wettlaufer, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Woods, of Page, drove to Sioux City Sunday, June 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yarnell and family spent Sunday, June 18, in Valentine.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Classen and daughter, Patty Clare, of Chicago, Ill., came Thursday, June 15, to visit her mother, Mrs. M. R. Sullivan, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Sullivan. Mr. Classen returned to Chicago Monday but Mrs. Classen and baby will remain for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Soukup visited Sunday, June 18, with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bates.

Mrs. John Cuddy and children, of Sioux Falls, S. D., arrived Monday, June 12, for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stanton, and Eileen. Mr. Cuddy came Friday, June 16, and they all returned to Sioux Falls on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Naprstek and daughter visited Sunday, June 18, in Creighton.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Soukup were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reddick, of Wood Lake, on Monday and Tuesday, June 12 and 13.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cavanaugh, jr., and son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McKamy, in Arkansas. They will be gone for 2 weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brady, jr., entertained at Sunday, June 18, dinner Mrs. Fred Wickhaus and her mother, Mrs. Emma Carson, both of Lincoln.

Mrs. Paul Tallon and son, Mike, of Omaha, are visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. W. French. Mr. Tallon came for the June 17-18 weekend.

## Ticklers

By George



"He says he's studying up on President Truman's 'Point Four' program."

## HOSPITAL NOTES

**SACRED HEART (Lynch)**  
Tonsilectomies performed at the Sacred Heart hospital last week were: Michael Marx, 5, of Spencer, June 13; Leona Davis, of Butte, June 12; Sharon and Charlotte Davis, of Naper, June 12; Marvin Charles Prokop, of Spencer, June 9.

Mrs. Walter Tschirren, of Niobrara, maternity case, condition unchanged, entered June 13; Mrs. Virgil Hubby, of O'Neill, entered June 13, operation, "satisfactory"; Mrs. Harvey Scott, of Verdel, surgery, June 13; Mrs. Arthur Stewart, of Lynch, entered June 12, for surgery.

Edith Elaine Guthmiller, of Anoka, medical case, "improved"; Stephanie Anna Hargens, of Spencer, medical case, "good"; L. L. Keeler, of Anoka, medical case, June 11, "improved"; Mrs. Gordon Keller, of Spencer, major surgery, "good."

## STUART COMMUNITY

Admissions: June 12 — Mrs. James Jardee, of Stuart. 13 — Doloris Miller, of Dustin, minor surgery. 14 — Anne Lynn Mueller, of Stuart, minor surgery; James Murphy, of Stuart, minor surgery; Sophia Murphy, of Stuart, minor surgery. 17 — Michael Batenhorst, of Stuart, minor surgery; Frank Root, of Stuart, medical, "fairly good."

Dismissals: June 12 — Mrs. Jennie Milner, of Atkinson. 14 — Mrs. Leonard Olberding and daughter, of Stuart; Mrs. Walter Kaup and daughter, of Stuart; Doloris Miller, of Dustin. 15 — Anne Lynn Mueller, of Stuart; James Murphy, of Stuart; Sophia Murphy, of Stuart. 17 — Mrs. James Jardee and son, of Stuart.

Still in hospital: Mrs. Lola Humrick, of Stuart, medical, condition "fair."

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- QUESTIONS**
1. Where is the world's largest artificial lake?
  2. How many women have been members of the Presidential Cabinets in the U. S.?
  3. Who was the last major league pitcher to win 30 games in a season?
  4. Where and when was daylight savings time first used?
  5. Where is the geographical center of the United States?

- ANSWERS**
1. Lake of the Ozarks, in central Missouri.
  2. One—Francis Perkins, secretary of labor from 1933 to 1945.
  3. Dizzy Dean, in 1934.
  4. Germany, in 1916.
  5. Smith county, Kans.

## LYNCH NEWS

Henry Maly, of Spencer, spent a week recently with his daughter, Mrs. Joe Slechta, sr. Jerry Sixta and Mr. and Mrs. Art Vesely were in Omaha, Monday, May 29.

Marian J. Kalkowski was a 6 o'clock diner guest recently at the Herman Schochenmaier home in Boneseel, S. D.

Mrs. Thomas Courtney, sr., accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Milton Serk, and family Tuesday, May 30, to their home in California for an extended visit there. The Serks had visited here at Spencer for 2 weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Keim left for their home in Lincoln recently. Bud was assisted in installing the large scale at the Farmers Union station and Mrs. Keim assisted her mother with housecleaning during their stay. The Dick and Gene Ross families, of Norfolk, visited Lynch relatives and friends Memorial week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kolund and baby were recent visitors at the Clarence Kolund home.

## INMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilligan, of Sioux City and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Chase, of Sheldon, Ia., were visitors in the home of Joe and Bea Gallagher recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pichler and Larry and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pichler and son, of Grand Island, spent Memorial day at Chambers. The Harvey Pichlers were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Dallegge, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore and son, LeRoy, spent Tuesday, May 30, in Gregory, S. D., visiting Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. C. Zimbelman. They also attended Memorial services at Gregory.

The Harmony club met Tuesday, June 6, with Mrs. Don Lusen for a regular meeting.

The RNA met Wednesday afternoon, June 7, with Mrs. Minnie Miller.

Mrs. Joseph Coon and daughter, Doris May, spent a few days in Ewing recently visiting her mother, Mrs. Spangler.

Mrs. Alice Bridges and Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet, attended the wedding of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindahl and niece of Mrs. Harry Vogt in Tilden Sunday, June 18.

## O'NEILL LOCALS

June 17-18 weekend guests at the Virgil L. Laursen home were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Carr and Debra, of South Sioux City and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ellis and sons, of Sioux City.

Mrs. Edward L. O'Donnell and her mother, Mrs. P. J. Biglin and Miss Marie Biglin, who is visiting them from Salt Lake City, Utah, left Tuesday, June 20, to visit Mr. O'Donnell in Salina, Kans. Miss Biglin arrived Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hart, of Scottsbluff, visited Sunday and Monday, June 19 and 20, at the homes of their parents, Mrs. W. H. Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bosn. They attended the golf tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Plank, of Spearfish, S. D., arrived Wednesday, June 14, for a visit until Monday, June 19, with Mrs. Plank's sister, Mrs. D. H. Clauson, and Mr. Clauson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kalena, of Table Rock, were Thursday, June 15, overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Huston were callers Monday, June 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gillespie entertained his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gillespie, and her mother, Mrs. E. J. Eby, and Bob, at dinner Father's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dexter and Jerry spent Father's day at the Raymond Bly home in Amelia. The dinner honored all the fathers, including Edward Dexter. Jerry went home for a week with the Edward Dexters to be with his brothers, who are spending the summer there.

Mrs. Virgil L. Laursen and children left Wednesday, June 21, for Allen where they will spend the rest of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Ellis. Mr. Laursen, A. W. Carroll and Marvin Johnson left Wednesday for a fishing trip in Minnesota.

Claude Johnson, of Sioux Falls, S. D., spent the June 17-18 weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lorenz returned Saturday, June 17, from a 10-day trip to the Ozarks in Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz, his parents, took care of the children and the ranch while they were gone.

## EWING NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gibson went to Neligh Sunday afternoon, June 18, to attend the wedding of their minister, Rev. Orin Dyer, of the Church of Christ, to Miss Shirley White, of Norfolk.

On Sunday, June 18, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rickert and family entertained the following guests at their home in honor of Father's day: Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Jensen and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jensen and sons, Deanna Emsick, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harpster, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Fry, of McPherson, Kans., were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rickert and family on Saturday, June 17.

## Teachers In Final Meeting

Fred Dale, instructor from Wayne State Teachers' college, Saturday, June 17, conducted the final meeting with the Holt county teachers who recently returned from the conducted tour of Nebraska. The session, was held at the O'Neill public school.

## HOLT COUNTY EDUCATIONAL NOTES

Rural pupils who will need and are eligible for free high school tuition should make application for such tuition on or before July 1. — By Elja McCullough, county superintendent.

## Shower Honorees

PAGE — Our Neighborhood club held a shower at the Henry Hesse home for Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hesse. They received many gifts. The young couple is residing on the Willis Russell farm.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Paul D. Hartigan, 20, of Inman, and Naomi J. Steinber, 20, of Page, June 19.  
Hugh L. Nini, 21, of Beaumont Tex., and Helen M. Sturbaum, 21, of Ewing, June 17.

Mrs. Mabel Shube and daughter, Elvira, of Page, visited Mrs. William G. Kraft Tuesday, June 20.

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