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## Recovers from Hurts Suffered in Mishap

EWING—Friends have received word from Mrs. J. C. Kay, in California, that she hopes to be able to come to her home in Ewing in the near future.

Mrs. Kay was injured several weeks ago in a car accident and is convalescing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Alice Maxwell, in California.

### Other Ewing News

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rocky returned Friday from their wedding trip. They were sightseeing in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harris and family went to Fremont Sunday. They were guests of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Merchant, and Mrs. Harris's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fink. Before returning home, Mrs. Harris will go to Omaha for a physical checkup.

Miss Esther Schram, former director of music in the Ewing public school, was calling on friends in Ewing over the weekend.

Mrs. Joe Tomjack, accompanied by Mrs. Louis Tomjack, were guests of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. Herley, and family, of Clearwater, on Thursday.

Mrs. Percy Grass, of Rosebury, Ore., recently visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith. The Grass family are former residents of the Ewing vicinity.

Mrs. May Gemmill returned Friday from Schaller and Kinsley, Ia., where she had visited relatives the past month.

Mrs. Leslie Cary and daughters, Leola and Nila, returned to Lake Andes, S.D., on Tuesday, June 19, after spending a few days at their home in Ewing.

Mrs. Wilda Carr and daughter, Mary Catherine, spent the week-

end in Ewing. They returned to Lincoln on Sunday where Mrs. Carr is attending the University of Nebraska.

Mrs. Victor Marquardt and daughter, Joan, returned to their home in Laurel after spending a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marquardt.

Mrs. Martha Hill and daughter, Anna Mae, are enjoying a vacation from their duties at the Hills store. Mrs. Peter Hientz is in charge during their absence.

A nice addition to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Jensen is un-Miss Carol Wulf is now employed at the county assistance office in O'Neill. She is a graduate of the class of 1951 from the Ewing high school.

Mrs. Agnes Bartak spent several days visiting at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Bennett, and family, returning home Saturday.

Saturday evening a large crowd was present for an open air concert given by the Ewing high school band, which began at 8 and continued for an hour.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wunner returned home Thursday after a picture show business in Page.

Ed Urban, well-known rancher and farmer of the Goose Lake vicinity, and Mrs. Millie Bollwitt, of Ewing, were married at Valentine Tuesday, June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitmore and family, of Atwater, Calif., called on friends in Ewing recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson, of Lincoln, who were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Lounsbury and daughter, Gerlyn, spent 5 days last week in Omaha visiting with Mrs. Lounsbury's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Welsch. Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury returned to work Monday morning at the J. M. McDonald store after a 2-weeks vacation.

## Prairieland Talk—

# Pioneer Woman Couldn't Write 'Home' for Lack of Price of Postage Stamp

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — In the death of Mrs. Sadie Shanner another pioneer of eastern Holt county has joined that innumerable caravan from whose bourn no traveler returns.

Mrs. Shanner of late years had been living in Arkansas with her sons, Paul and Luther, who went there with a herd of Guernseys from the Page community, being induced to do so by men at the college of agriculture of that state when no encouragement came from a like institution in their native state.

Mrs. Shanner was the widow of the late James Shanner and they were both among a generation now about all gone who pioneered in the Page community before Page was on the map of Holt county. They had come here from Indiana.

One day in the long ago Mrs. Shanner sat in her 1-room homestead abode reading a letter from the folks "back home." And that letter was stained by a tear drop as she read the closing line, "Why don't you write?"

She did not write because she did not have the price of a postage stamp. Hardship was the lot of many homesteaders. The Shanners raised their boys, developed one of the best farm properties in the county, were leaders in the community and in connection with their other interest had a picture show business in Page.

James Shanner was prominent in the political activities of the Barret Scott period and had a brother, L. T. Shanner, who served as state senator.

The boys have brought their mother home to rest beside their father in the Page cemetery.

She rests under the soil made sacred by the sacrifices of the pioneers, who had lonely hours out on open prairie as they struggled to redeem a wilderness that this generation now enjoys as a fruitful heritage.

As soon as they dispose of their Arkansas holdings, Paul and Luther plan to return to Holt county and will bring their herd of 60 purebred Guernsey cows.

Mrs. Shanner was born in Salisbury, Ind., February 10, 1861. Death occurred June 19, 1951. Mr. Shanner was married at Salisbury September 11, 1881.

Two years later they came to Holt county and began the life of homesteaders 2 miles northwest of what is now the town of Page. That homestead was their home until the death of Mr. Shanner in 1929 and for some years after Mrs. Shanner and the boys remained in the old home. And with other real estate holdings, the original homestead is part of the Shanner estate.

In 1897 Jim Shanner brought the first registered Guernsey sire into Holt county.

Vacationists are touring the country. This generation gets around. They thought they were doing something a half-century ago when they left the boundaries of Holt county and got up to the Long Pine chautauqua in a North Western coach for a weekend. And those gatherings attracted some notable talent in music and oratory that was worth the price of admission.

Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.—Eccle. 7:29.

Frontier for printing!

The federal constitution opens the program of "We the People" by declaring: "All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a congress of the United States, which shall consist of a senate and house of representatives." First off, the colonial patriots under Articles of Confederation tried out the 1-house legislative body. It did not prove satisfactory so in framing the federal constitution a twin legislative body was provided for, one branch to complement or act as a balance wheel for the other. States generally adopted the same plan. But a brilliant idea sprouted in Nebraska and we went back to the colonial plan of adding to our endless code of laws, a heritage of doubtful value from the late George W. Norris.

For the first time in a generation farmers in southeast Nebraska are in the slumps. They say they have neither money nor growing crops. Fields have been converted to mudholes. That's the picture at the beginning of summer. The gloom may be lifted during the next few months and the cheering glow of dawn replace the twilight. Henry Grady, Mike Horisky, Lloyd Gillespie and a few others around O'Neill will recall their kid days on prairieland when all faces gathered the blackness of despair — and then the exodus was on. All because of a rainless period of about a year. River bottom farmers now are in despair because of too much rain.

I wonder how this slaughter over in Korea "protects our freedom." No foreign overlord shakes his banner of slavery in our faces. Yet this blood bath our young men are drawn into unblushingly has been fostered to "protect our freedom." And now how does freedom, looking on from her mountain heights, regard the picture? We play the hypocrite to excuse the holocaust in far off Asia by the subterfuge of protecting our freedom. To protect our freedom and the American traditions we better get busy at home.

A little spot of ground in New York City was sold for \$125 a square foot. The Black Hawks got the equivalent of 2 cents for the same plot of land. Millers hold you up now for 4 bits for 5 pounds of flour. Con Keys, next door to The Frontier, sold crack-jacks 60 cents for a 50 pound bag.

A holdup is punishable by prison confinement. Maybe such treatment will need to be restored to bring down prices.

The last will and testament of a British admiral of the navy provides that none of his heirs shall share in his \$212,800 estate who smoke, drink, gamble, use face powder, cremes, lipstick, scents,

nail polish "or anything but good soap and water."

Worms were having a feast on tender tree leaves, and then a frenzy of excitement for fear the trees were to be denuded. June draws to its close with a heavy mass of foliage covering the trees more abundantly than ever.

Up in Canada they let you have a yearly take of \$400,000, but each dollar over that is taxed \$1.88.

## Mrs. Guy Beckwith New WSCS President

EMMET — The WSCS of the Methodist church, of Emmet, held an election of officers for the fiscal year at the home of Reverend and Mrs. Hughes in Atkinson Thursday.

The results were as follows: Mrs. Guy Beckwith, president; Mrs. Woodrow Gaughenbaugh, vice-president; Mrs. John Conard, secretary-treasurer.

After the business meeting was held a lunch was served by Mrs. Hughes.

### Other Emmet News

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fox were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heeb, of Atkinson, were Monday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Babl, Lu Ann, Arnold and Lionel.

Thursday afternoon guests of Mrs. Joe Winkler were Mrs. Charles Abart and Mrs. Lucy Earls.

Mr. and Mrs. John Makohus, of Omaha, returned to their home Monday, June 25, after spending some time visiting Mrs. Makohus's mother, Mrs. Wedige, who was recently taken ill by a heart attack. They have also been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wedige and Van, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wedige.

Miss Mary Lou Conard was a Friday overnight guest of Elizabeth Schaffer at O'Neill.

Ed Winkler, of Butte, was a Wednesday evening, June 27, caller of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler, and Bob.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Troshynski and Miss Betty Thomas were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murphy and family.

Jo and Larry Gene McConnell spent last week visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McConnell. They were employed at the blue grass yards.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Weichman and son, Ricky, of Stuart, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler and Bob.

Mrs. Lloyd Johnson and family, of O'Neill, were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foreman and family.

Mrs. Jack Murphy and Maur-reen were Wednesday evening, June 27, callers at the Mike Troshynski home.

Mrs. Ed Heeb, of Atkinson, was a Thursday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Babl and family.

Misses Mary Lou Conard and

Jeanie Cole spent from Sunday, June 23, until Friday, June 29, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGrew in Seward. They also spent some time in Lincoln.

Mrs. Bob Cole accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Humpal, of Atkinson, to Lincoln last week where they spent Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, of O'Neill, were Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Perry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wedige spent Thursday and Friday in Stuart visiting Mrs. Wedige's mother.

Mrs. Maude Sesler, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sesler and family, all of Valentine, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Farr.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saunto and family, of O'Neill, were Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McConnell.

Blue grass harvesting is well underway in the Emmet blue grass yards and the surrounding community.

Miss Norma Lou Foreman was a Wednesday, June 27, overnight guest of Mrs. Wayne Fox and sons.

Miss Maureen Schaaf and Miss Strong were Friday overnight guests of Judy Anderson.

### Laible Family Holds Gathering—

ATKINSON — Honored at a large family gathering Sunday, June 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Laible were their daughters, Sister M. Lorenzo, R.N., and Sister M. Raynardus. A lunch was served in the late afternoon to 70 relatives.

Those present were: Sister M. Lorenzo, R.N., of Beaver Dam, Wis.; Sister M. Raynardus, of Bensenville, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Buscher and family, of Breckenridge, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Laible and family, of Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Straka and family, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kran r and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kramer, George Laible, Mrs. Joe Ramold and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tunsen-

der and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Timmerman and family, all of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Engler, Mrs. Mary Laible, Mrs. Mary Kramer and sons, Joe and Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Laible and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deemer and family, all of Stuart; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Peter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gettert, of O'Neill.

Those unable to attend were: Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Smedley and Joe G. Laible, of Winnetka, Ill. Smedley and Joe are daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Laible.

### PAGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sweet, of Lewiston, Ida., came Wednesday, June 20, and visited until Monday, June 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey, Mrs. Leonard Wright and son and Mrs. Calvin Harvey and sons drove to Elm Creek on Sunday, June 24, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stauffer.

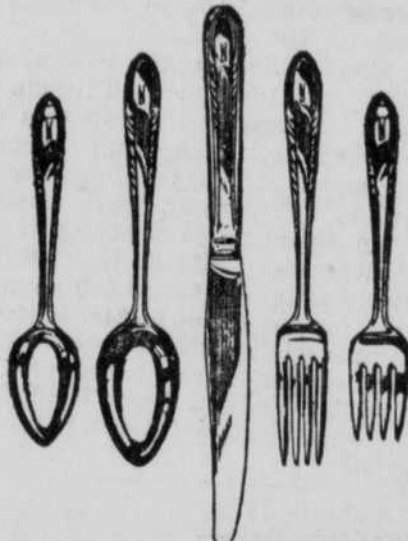
The Improvement club held a strawberry festival at the Held

building Saturday evening, June 23. The affair was well patronized.

The American Legion auxiliary sponsored a dance at the Legion hall Saturday evening, June 23.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Wilcox, son and daughter, Miss Barbara Trowbridge and Miss Carolyn Russell left Sunday, June 24, for Fonca state park. Miss Russell and Edward Wilcox attended the MYF camp where Reverend Wilcox and Miss Trowbridge were instructors. Edward Wilcox won the contest, "Why I Like to Go to Camp," in the intermediate group of the MYF in the district. The prize was the trip to the camp.

The Fellowship Sunday-school class of the Methodist church held a party for the members and their families in the church parlors Tuesday evening, June 19. There were around 50 in attendance.



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