

PrairieTalk —

Oldtime Holt Printer Coined Word 'Blizzard' Now Used World Over

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—There are a few patriots left in Holt county who will recall the terrible day 64 years back on the scroll of time this coming Saturday. To memorialize a weather event is something out of the ordinary but Nebraska has at least one January 12 blizzard club, functioning in Lincoln. Though I personally escaped by a hair's breadth from being a silent victim of that raging day, I have not been identified with a club in whose gatherings the stories of suffering and death are retold.

I think it was that storm which inspired O. C. Bates, an oldtime printer around O'Neill and Atkinson, to coin a word as he sat on a stool at a case of type and from his own fertile brain without the customary "copy" spliced up the type for a classic story of the storm in which for the first time appeared the word "blizzard."

The story has been forgotten, covered with the rubbish of such literature as "PrairieTalk," but the one word lives on. And who witnessed or became enveloped in that avalanche of snow and wind and lived to tell the story could have come up with a better combination of letters to name it than "blizzard"?

Bates lies in an unknown, unmarked grave in Atkinson or Stuart but his word lives on to tell the story of snow and winds the world over.

Under a camouflage of alluring public service, while there is a thin dime in the public store

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house, the busybodies will be after it. A group of dentists are pushing for a program to dope the water supply in Lincoln with an organic poison known as flourine, a byproduct of aluminum that tests have proven to be death to living things in the Gulf of Mexico and one inland small body of water.

Without producing any evidence the knights of the toothache say the flourine added to drinking water is beneficial to kids' teeth, promoting the growth of healthy, even and shining white mouth equipment.

A standard medical work says the opposite of the dentists' claims is the result. The waters of Nebraska, pure nectar of the sands, are the best to be found anywhere. The program for doping Lincoln waters meets with plenty of opposition.

Whether the brewers and soft drink production centers have a hand in this move to encourage more consumption of their product has not been disclosed. That dentists are promoting a thing that would put their business on the rocks is a new thing in humanitarian endeavor.

Well, why not add a little DDT to put the mosquitos out of business and a liberal dose of whisky to protect us from snake bite?

For strangling his wife, and killing his 3 daughters by burning the trailer house they called home, a 27-year-old Nebraskan paid the penalty for his fourfold crime on the gallows at the Kansas state prison. . . Mr. Griswold, back from a winter visit to Mexico, is getting steamed up for a vigorous campaign for the U.S. senate short term. . . Holt county democrats are allotted 5 delegates to get in on the state convention in Omaha February 5. The county convention to name these 5 delegates is called by the state chairman for January 26. Come on, fellows, it's a little discouraging, but make a showing at your convention. . . Senator Butler has returned to Washington to be on hand for the second session of the 82d congress. His candidacy for renomination is "in the hands of his friends."

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white. Trees and bushes and hedge rows were dusted with the purity of fallen snow unmarred by the hand of man, a winter scene of transcending beauty given only to those who live where snow and frost and ice are nature's contribution for the welfare of mankind. What the heavens drop upon the earth in the winter season does more to renew fertility of the soil than the conservationists can accomplish in a hundred years. Oh yes, it requires some back-bending snow shoveling, but why let that mar the charm of a lovely landscape?

Julius Caesar led the Roman legions in 500 battles, took over 1,000 cities and was responsible for the slaughter of 1,192,000 killed in battle. He himself was cut down by the daggers of treachery. Caesar's nephew, Caesar Augustus, took over trouble Rome and gave the world sovereigns lessons in tax gathering. A new breed of Augustus Caesar has sprung up that makes the ancient tax collectors appear as pikers.

Anything Homer S. Cummins accomplished as a member of the Roosevelt cabinet may have been forgotten, but not what he said when state's attorney in New York in a case wherein a defenseless fellow was charged with shooting a priest who was walking on the street in his parish town. "It is just as important," Cummins said, "for a state's attorney to use the great powers of his office to protect the innocent as it is to convict the guilty." His investigation in the trial of the accused resulted asking for the dismissal of the charges. The record of that trial is now required study in law schools.

Coaches making up the swank passenger train now take on their human freight through side openings like cattle cars. And we'll not be surprised if a 20-thousand-dollar aristocrat from one of those stock shows, curried and groomed and the red hair covering an ample hide waved and curled like a lady stepping out of a beauty parlor, would be led by a silver-trimmed halter and put aboard one of these new creations that travel the rails.

Now it turns up that it was a Jewish rabbi that ousted the Pendergast crowd down at Kansas City in the notorious '30's. That was not the first instance of a Jew turning over the established order of society. It was a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin who turned the Greek and Roman worlds "upside down." And was not it a Jew of the tribe of Judah who gave birth to the babe whose advent so recently has been observed, a babe destined to change the thinking of mankind?

Are there any newspaper guys out of a job? Maybe Governor Val has something for you. Another editor has just been corraled for service in and out of the state-house. And Nebraskans now have the assurance of the protection of a guardian agency with an able newspaper man to head the civil defense setup. The next best qualified to an editor for such a job I would say try an army brass.

Flour is put up in 10-pound bags now and sells at the rate of \$10 per 100 pounds, which Holt county bread makers once got at Bill Nollkamper's mill out on the Eagle for \$2.

INMAN NEWS

Nels Christensen, of Ewing, was a visitor in Inman Monday.

Mrs. James Coventry entertained a group of girls Thursday evening at a birthday supper in honor of her daughter, Kay, who was 13-years-old on that day. Games furnished the entertainment and Kay received many gifts.

The WSCS met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Floyd Keyes. Mrs. James Coventry had charge of the devotionals. Lunch was served at the close of the afternoon.

Mrs. Anna M. Clark has returned to her home here after spending a few weeks visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clark at Burwell.

Cloyd Docks with Navy Rocket Ship

EWING—Word has been received in Ewing of the recent arrival of 3 of the navy's small but mighty rocket ships in the harbor of San Diego, Calif., and an item of special interest to folks in the old home town concerns David Cloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Cloyd, who is aboard the USS LSMR 409. The vessel just completed 7 months of almost continuous action in Korean waters. In a telephone call to his parents, he said he expected to be home within a few weeks.

Billy Sisson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robley Sison, sr., is also homebound after 4 years in the Far East. He is expected to be home on leave some time in February.

Other Ewing News

New officers of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church in Ewing are: Mrs. Lee Fink, president; Mrs. Dale Napier, vice-president, with Mrs. Carl Christen as alternate; Mrs. DeWitt Hoke, secretary; Mrs. Wilbur Bennett, treasurer; Mrs. Archie Johnston, thank offering secretary; Mrs. Willie Shrader, president of the junior missionary, with Mrs. Fred Colfack, assistant.

Donald Clark, of Ewing, is among those from Holt county selective service registrants who will report for induction on Thursday, January 17.

Evelyn Snyder celebrated her 5th birthday anniversary on Sunday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Snyder, served a dinner honoring the anniversary. Mrs. Eula Eppenbach, Evelyn's grandmother, was a guest.

Mrs. Wayne Fry and daughters, who have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gibson, for the past 10 days, returned to their country home on Saturday.

On the evening of January 3, the Band Mothers club met at the Ewing public school for the regular meeting. Due to weather and road conditions the attendance was small. At the business session, plans were discussed for raising money for new band uniforms. The following band members presented vocal solos: "My Hero," by Volanda Biddlecome; "The Big Brown Bear," by Joelyn Eacker; "Friend of Mine," by Judy Jefferies, Miss Marcia Gibson was pianist for all the numbers. The club plans to meet the first Thursday of each month at 8 o'clock. Gerald Chapula, music director, will make arrangements for a program of musical numbers for each gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Pollock were guests, Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huffman and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Goulding, of Tilghen, drove to Ewing to spend a day visiting at the home of their daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brenneman. Maj. and Mrs. E. D. McDonald and son, Douglas, have returned to their home in St. Louis, Mo., after visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Funk and Rosalie Spittler returned home on Sunday from Omaha where they spent a few days - visiting relatives. They called on Mrs. Fred Decker, Mr. Funk's sister, who is a patient in an Omaha hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Spittler and son, of Omaha, came Saturday to spend a few days visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Spittler. They returned on Tuesday, accompanied by Mr. Spittler's brother, Richard, who is a student at Creighton university.

A family party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Funk and daughters on New Year's day. Those in attendance were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Spittler and Rosalie, Mrs. Nellie Kommer, J. B. Spittler, of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Regan, of Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harris, Betty and Billy, of Fremont, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Merchant, of Elgin, were guests on New Year's day at the Harold Harris home.

A New Year's 6 o'clock dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harris. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, James Wilson and Leonard Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanders

had as their guests on New Year's his mother, Mrs. Caroline Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders and children, all of Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawk and family moved into their new home during the holidays.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rocky was the scene of a happy Christmas party. Dinner was served at noon to the 26 guests in the recreation room where a long table was set, decorated in a holiday scheme. Those in attendance were: Mrs. Frank MacNeil, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Buford Carlson and Danny, of Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rocky, Vernon Rocky, all the children of Mr. and Mrs. Rocky. Others were Mrs. Leota Butler, Mrs. Vera Anson and son, Lyle, Miss Vina Wood, E. R. Porter, Donald Ruode, Gene Fields, all of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. Will Staples, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Butler and family, all of Neligh, and Mr. and Mrs. Coe Butler, of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rocky, Mrs. Leota Butler, Mrs. Vera Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Tuttle and daughter were guests on New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Butler at Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rocky drove to Omaha New Year's day to visit at the home of Willis' sister, Mrs. Frank MacNeil.

The Women's Society of Christian Service, of the Ewing Methodist church met at the church parlors Wednesday afternoon, January 3. Mrs. Henry Fleming had charge of the devotionals and she also presented the lesson, "Because We Have Been Greatly Blessed," Mrs. William Spence, president, presided at the business session at which routine business was discussed. Mrs. Charles Chapell and Mrs. Maden Funk were the hostesses for the afternoon. On adjournment, they served a luncheon from tables which were decorated in a New Year scheme. Miniature snowmen made a clever centerpiece.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Muff and family, of Clearwater, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Muff and Carolyn, of O'Neill, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jefferies on Sunday. Other callers the same day were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maulding and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bumgardner, all of Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kurpogewit and son, Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jefferies, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Wilma Daniels, were O'Neill visitors on Wednesday, January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maben, of Clearwater, were guests at the George Jefferies home on Wednesday, January 2.

Mrs. Henry Wegner, a longtime resident of Orchard, where she has just completed building a new home. Her property in Ewing has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. John Shiffbauer, of Madison, former residents of Ewing. They recently moved their household goods from Madison. They have one son, Tommy, who is a freshman in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Boies spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David McGee at Clearwater.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shain and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Boies attended the Clearwater Pinochle club which was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David McGee at Clearwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Shaw, of O'Neill, were guests at the home of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frances Shaw, and family on Saturday.

New Year's day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dierks were M. W. Dierks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spittler, all of Ewing, Mrs. Wilda Carr and family, of Holdrege.

Virginia Allen returned to her home at Plainview Sunday after spending a part of the holiday vacation at the home of her friend, Miss Sandra Dierks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Evans and family, of Imperial, were calling on friends in Ewing during their Christmas vacation. Mr. Evans is a former superintendent of the Ewing public school.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis spent New Year's day in Orchard where they visited at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barton.

Victor Kennedy, of Ord, was an overnight guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Grace Briggs on Friday.

Miss Ina Bennett was a guest at the J. L. Pruden home on Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1. She went to Clearwater on Wednesday, January 2, to resume her school duties in the Clearwater public school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Crellin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harris at a New Year's eve dinner party.

Miss Joyce Johannsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Johannsen, of Armour, S.D., and Cpl. Joseph Jardee, son of Mrs. Emma Jardee, were united in marriage on Wednesday, January 2, by Reverend Wigdahl at the Lutheran parsonage in Lake Andes, S.D.

They arrived here Monday, January 7, from Deadwood, S.D., where they have been visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Jardee, and family. At Hot Springs they visited his aunt and uncle.

Corporal Jardee will report for duty at Camp Carson, Colo., today (Thursday). Mrs. Jardee will remain in O'Neill with Mrs. Emma Jardee.

Corporal Jardee served 15 months in Korea and arrived in the U.S. December 11. He also served in Guam for about 11 months.

Numerous Servicemen Home for Holidays

LYNCH—Servicemen who enjoyed the holidays with home folks and have returned to duty are:

SM Stanley Bjornsen who left Friday, December 28, for San Diego, Calif.

Pfc. August L. Kalkowski left Wednesday, January 2, for Cheyenne, Wyo.

SM Buddy Stewart left Wednesday, December 26, for Norfolk, Va.

SM Ronald J. Stewart left Saturday, January 5, for Norfolk, Va.

Pvt. Ernest Vomacka left for Ft. Sill, Okla., on Wednesday, January 3.

Pvt. Clayton Bennett left Monday, December 31, for Aberdeen, Md.

Pvt. Ivan J. Thomson left Thursday, December 27, for California.

SM Alvin Carson left Saturday, January 5, for the West coast.

Pfc. Leo Sedlacek left Thursday, January 3, for Keesler Field, Miss.

Sgt. Lyle Hoffman left Sunday, December 30, for Rantoul, Ill.

Pvt. Duane Pikkappa left Friday, January 4, for Camp Roberts, Calif.

Pfc. Duane Hammon left Friday, December 28, for Oceanside, Calif.

Richard Tanner and Gerald Elssasser arrived this week.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ray left Saturday, January 5, for their new home in Loveland, Colo.

Rev. Eugene F. Gallagher, S.J., arrived Tuesday, January 2, to visit his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gallagher, and family. Father Gallagher, who had been in Denver, Colo., and other places, left for Omaha Friday. He had planned to stop at St. Mary, Kans., before returning to St. Louis, Mo., where he headquarters.

Don't let the record show you forgot! Send your contribution for the Tuberculosis Association today to the Christmas Seal Chairman, O'Neill.—Bernadette Brennan, Pub. Ch. 36c

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huebert left Monday for their home in Wichita, Kans., after spending the holidays with Mr. Huebert's mother, Mrs. Edna Huebert, and Mrs. Huebert's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Clyde Streeter, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Johnson were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Grothe at Emmet.

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Things You Should Know About School Leases

Since the Board of Educational Lands and Funds has resumed the sale of school leases in Holt County, the Holt County School Land Lease-Holders think that the people should be informed as to what they are buying when they purchase a school lease.

Some people have the impression that they are getting a deed to school land when they purchase a lease. Such is not the case. When a lease is put up for auction the successful bidder secures a lease which gives him the privilege of renting the land for a period of 12 years, at a rental to be determined by the "Board." This rental can be raised at any time by the board. The purchaser of the lease pays the full amount of the bonus at the time of purchase. Any improvements will be appraised by the Board of Supervisors, in case the old and new lease-holders can not agree on the value of the improvements. The new lease-holder pays the appraisal cost. The purchaser of the lease will pay the amount of the appraisal value of the improvements to the County Treasurer, to be held in escrow for the former lease-holder. If the appraisal value of the improvements is not satisfactory to either party he may appeal to District Court.

If the lease-holder, who secures a lease by being high bidder at public auction, desires to assign his lease to another party for a valuable consideration, the state receives one-half of the consideration of the assignment, exclusive of the value of the improvements. Whenever an application to assign a lease is made to the "Board," the "Board" may put up the lease for auction if they deem it in the best interests of the state, one-half of the consideration received, exclusive of the value of the improvements, must be paid to the "Board." For example: If a man gives a bonus of \$2,500.00 for a lease (12 year) and then after 2 years he assigns the lease for \$2,000.00, the state would receive \$1,000.00 of the assignment price of \$2,000.00.

Bidders on a lease should bear in mind that the payment of a high bonus by any purchaser will enable the "Board" to raise the valuation of the land, which will increase the rental to be paid by the lease-holder. The "Board" will reason that if the land is worth a high bonus then they do not have it appraised high enough.

At the end of the 12 year period the lease will again be put up for auction. The prospective purchaser must realize that there is a question whether the "Board" can execute a valid lease. Those lease-holders whose leases have been cancelled do not have much confidence in the state's word or in a contract with the state. The new 12-year lease will be subject to any further interpretations of the Supreme Court. There is some question, when a lease-holder dies during the term of a lease, as to what rights his heirs may have, the lease might be cancelled and the lease be put up for public auction.

It is taken for granted by the law that all lease-holders know what they are securing when they execute a lease. They are dealing with the "Board" as "trustees." "In dealing with a trustee, an individual is supposed to know what authority a 'trustee' has and deals with him at his own peril."

Anyone planning on purchasing a school lease should first consult an attorney and find out what he is buying.

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