

Prairieland Talk

Prairie Disappears in O'Neill

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LINCOLN—The vacant spots at O'Neill are fast becoming "residential districts," the last foot of prairie sod will soon be no more within its limits.



Romaine Saunders

The young, too, are marching step by step toward the inexorable end, gathering along the way treasures of memory, joy and sorrow, smiles and tears, moments of bliss and days of heartache.

The aged know it will soon be over. The gathering shadows of life's twilight permit one more step—and then the dark, life's closing years for some are crowned with serenity and peaceful plenty, for others the tragedy of being alone and unwanted.

Senate rules require opening each session with prayer offered by the chaplain. An adjourned night session recently caught the senators without their clergyman, who had turned in for the night.

Senator McCarthy still seems to be the "paramount issue" in congress, the stage now being set for "condemnation" proceeding when the senate convenes in special session early in November.

Secretary Benson observed during his visit to Nebraska that there is not a tractor rider here seeking a seat in the U.S. senate. This inspired one candidate, James F. Green, to announce so we all may know that he is an Omaha attorney and doesn't know much about riding tractors.

Editorial

Why Not a Holt County Museum?

It has been mentioned in these columns before and we now take occasion to repeat the fact that a historical society should be formed in Holt county.

We noted by the Wayne Herald a museum recently was opened at the courthouse there. About three hundred persons found time to examine relics of early life in that area the first evening the museum was open to the public.

The Wayne museum was a project of the Wayne Woman's club. The members collected, cataloged and displayed more than 275 items.

We think a museum of that sort would be a fine thing for Holt county, and it is The Frontier's hope some individuals or a group will come forward and set out to preserve the tools, implements, household goods and clothes of old.

In 1949 when The Frontier published its 64-page diamond jubilee issue (the largest single issue of a weekly newspaper ever published in Nebraska), the jubilee editor, Romaine Saunders, pleaded for someone to bring in a hayburner heating stove.

The project clubs which banded together to reconstruct a "grandmother's kitchen" at the 1954 Holt county fair at Chambers had the right idea—an aged cupboard, rocking chair, clock, lamp, etc.

The original Holt county courthouse, a log cabin on the Boyle place southeast of town, might be transplanted to O'Neill and be made into a museum.

There is no doubt that many Holt county homes contain relics of early day life in this area. Some of these could become outstanding contributions to a museum.

Two net results of such a museum are quite

We look back today upon the scene in early autumn of 1903. M. F. Harrington was having a house built on his land in the vicinity of the McClure ranch, and Hank Mills went thither to put down a well.

A young man back from a week in Dallas, Tex., during the last week in September, says that section is very dry and hot, heat registering 117 degrees while he was there.

Officials charged with the job of dealing with criminals say that crime is at an all time high mark in America. This in the face of what some churchmen claim is the greatest religious surge the country has ever experienced.

Talking with a superannuated old patriot today, he expressed a desire to visit his home of long ago in another state but he did not have the money necessary for the trip.

Folks at O'Neill have become concert conscious. Now the swelling notes of imported song birds will float out over the calm evening air across prairieland.

The statehouse custodian says the budget for his department can be materially reduced for the next biennium, the old age assistance budget will be less by about a million and a group of American Legion patriots call for a reduction in costs of college education.

When You and I Were Young... Temperature Skids 50 Degrees Overnight Blast of August Turns Arctic

The sandhills over south can produce something besides grass and blowouts. A load of cabbage came in from that section the other day and was unloaded at Leek and Gatz' meat market.

The 50th anniversary of the First Baptist church at Chambers was celebrated during the week. The anniversary picture was revealed and presented to the church.

O'Neill high has lost its first two football games this season. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chapman purchased the Hotel Augusta and Green Lantern dining room in Fairmont, Minn.

An unsuccessful attempt to crack the safe in the office of Shelhamer Foods was made some time during the early hours of the morning after the store closed around midnight Saturday.

Page News

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Asher and son were Sunday dinner guests at the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher.

Mrs. Eva Murten came from Gordon Wednesday evening, September 29, to visit relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hartigan and family were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Marye Hartigan, at Inman.

Mrs. Laura Walker visited Wednesday afternoon, September 29, with Mrs. C. A. Townsend. She had been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Bright, at Orchard and was going to O'Neill to visit another daughter, Mrs. L. A. Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming and Mrs. Frank Belmar of Ewing, and Mrs. Dora Townsend of Page were Picktown, S. D., visitors Saturday and also attended the Pancake day celebration at Yankton, S. D.

The GGG&G club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Otto Matschullat, Mrs. Clarence Dobbins, Mrs. Alta French and Mrs. Elsie Cork were guests. Mrs. Hester Edmisten won the high score prize.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Advertisement for Keith Neville, Democrat & former Gov. of Nebraska, with text: "Let me fight for the Parity they promised us... and then forgot!"



Gets Promotion

Fred R. Mitchell (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Mitchell of Stuart, recently was promoted from private first-class to corporal.

1 Killed, 3 Hurt in Horse Mishaps

During the past fortnight accidents involving saddle horses killed one Boyd county man and injured three other persons in the O'Neill area.

Recently William Pratt of Bristow suffered a severely wrenched shoulder when the horse he was riding stepped into a badger hole.

Last week, W. Anson, a farmer residing four miles east of Bristow, suffered a severely skinned face. The horse he was riding stepped into a washed-out hole near a deep gully.

Lynch doctors dressed the wounds and Mr. Anson loaded the cattle he had been driving into a truck.

Mrs. Mark Gribble fell from a saddle horse Monday morning and fractured two bones in her leg, about six inches above the right ankle.

Mrs. Anna V. Brown returned last week from San Antonio, Tex., where she had attended the convention of Spanish-American war veterans September 19 through 23.

Those attending the NCCW convention held Tuesday in Omaha were Mrs. L. A. Becker, Mrs. Fred O. Heerman, Mrs. Ira Moss, Mrs. George Head and Mrs. W. H. Bowker.

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the several voting precincts of the County of Holt, State of Nebraska, on Tuesday, the second day of November, 1954.

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fill vacancy expiring January, 1955). 3. For the election of one United States Senator (short term—to fill vacancy expiring January, 1959).

7. For the election of one member of the Unicameral Legislature for the twenty-eighth Legislative District of the State.

10. To vote upon eight proposals of the 1953 and 1954 sessions of the Legislature amending Article IV, Section 25; Article VII, Section 1; Article IV, Section 1; Article VIII, Section 1; Article IX, section 4; Article VIII, section 2; Article VIII, by adding a new section; and Article IV, section 28, of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

11. For the election of the following County Officers, to-wit: One County Clerk One County Treasurer One Clerk of the District Court One County Attorney

Advertisement for O'Neill Drive-In Theatre, featuring Sterling Hayden and Coleen Grey in "Arrow in the Dust", with text: "O'NEILL DRIVE-IN THEATRE FRI.-SAT.-SUN. OCT. 8-9-10"

Large advertisement for Gambles The Friendly Store, featuring Sueded Flannel Sport Shirts, with text: "Gambles The Friendly Store PLAIDS CHECKS SUPER VALUE! SUEDED FLANNEL SPORT SHIRTS SEE ALL THESE FEATURES"

One Sheriff One Assessor One Surveyor One County Superintendent of Public Instruction One Supervisor from each of the First, Third, Fifth and Seventh Supervisor Districts of the County (Full Term) One Supervisor from the Second Supervisor District of the County (short term to fill vacancy)

12. For the election of precinct officers and any other officer needed in the State, County or subdivision, as provided by law. At which General Election the polls will open at 8:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. of the same day.

RUTH HOFFMAN BAKER County Clerk (SEAL) 23c

(First pub. Sept. 30, 1954) William W. Griffin, Attorney NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNT No. 3933

FINEST BEVERAGES ALWAYS COME IN BOTTLES

will be for hearing in this court on October 20, 1954, at 10 o'clock, A.M. LOUIS W. REIMER County Judge (COUNTY COURT SEAL) 22-24c

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