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Prairieland Talk . . .

# Prairie Disappears in O'Neill

### By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

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. In a recent visit I saw about a dozen friends that "grew-up" with the town. Like the

shifting sands of desert lands, the population of O'Neill and the community around comes and goes. We have seen the long procession moving down the highway of life, "the young heart hot and restless, the old subdued and slow."

The young, too, are marching step by step toward the inexorbable 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. And so from without the borne of time and place all strut across the stage and pass out of the picture. And then how many can say with the great St. Paul, "There is laid up for me a crown which the Lord will give me at that day"?

Romaine

Saunders

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. A republican senator from Utah, Wallace F. Bennett, an elder in the Mormon church, rose to the occasion and supplied the customary prayer.

. . 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. The Wisconsin senator will take care of himself. A hundred years ago Sam Houston faced his accusers on the floor of the federal legislative halls and in one of the greatest flights of oratory ever known in those historic chambers made his enemies regret their move, "I stand before this house," said Houston, "as a man of broken fortune and blasted reputation." And with bowed head in the presence of lawmakers and galleries crowded with spectators, the great Sam Houston concluded his own defense with these words: "Though the plowshare of ruin has been driven over me, I have only to say I seek no sympathy nor need any. The thorns that I have reaped are of the tree I planted; they have torn me and I bleed." And then he raised his eyes to the flag and said: "Sirs, so long as that flag shall bear aloft its glittering stars, so long I trust the rights of American citizens will be preserved." Now soon, a hundred years later, an American citizen and high public official will stand before his accusers for having performed his duty as a United States senator as he sees it.

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 Mc-Clure ranch, and Hank Mills went thither to put down a well. . . Alice Coykendall took off for Chicago, Ill., to attend a national gathering of dress makers. . . Martin Cronin went to Stuart to stick type for the Ledger publisher. . . John M. Stewart and Ida B. Morse, both of O'Neill, were issued a marriage license by County Judge Morgan. . . Father Isadore (Richard Dwyer) arrived in the city from the East for a visit with relatives and friends. . . The J. P. Mann store was offering boys' knee pants suits for \$1.50. . . A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kellogg. Mrs. Kellogg was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ziemer. . . Bernard McGreevy passed cigars around and remarked with a smile, "It's a daughter!" . . Arthur Gwin and Emma Stein were married at the home of the bride's parents on a farm north of O'Neill.

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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. Cotton crop is short, one planter telling him his loss this year on his crop will amount to \$20,000 because of prolonged drought.

. . .

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. Maybe the gunmen have everybody frightened, so they take refuge in church membership, which in itself means little or nothing. One of the late apostolic writers mentions a time of a "form of godliness" but the real stuff is "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction" and keep himself straight. There is form aplenty, show and display. Friends up at O'Neill and out on prairieland have something that transcends all that in their religious thinking. Most any of them would hand me the bus fare if I were broke and wanted to get back to Lincoln.

Talking with a superannuated old patriot today, he expressed a esire to visit his home of long ago in another state but he did not have the money necessary for the trip. His life had been spent not in gathering money and property but in service to others as a Methodist preacher, 50 years or more ago in Holt county. Now before life's gathering shadows merge into night he would like to visit again the scenes of his childhood and youth. The lack of a few dollars bars the way. But as I watched the patriarch move away with faltering step I concluded he could not go alone any place though he might have a mint to draw on.

When You and I Were Young ... **Temperature** Skids 50 Degrees Overnite

# Blast of August Turns

Arctic

50 Years Ago 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. There were some enormous heads. Many of the heads would, when weighed singly, tip the scales at 20 pounds. . . Tempera-tures varied 50 degrees this last week - 'twas something like a blast of August and then a bit of the Arctic overnight! . . County Clerk Gilmore has returned from his eastern trip and is on duty again at his office. . . An oyster supper will be sponsored by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in the Dayle building. . . O'Neill citizens several hundred strong planned to attend the Chambers fair, but were held at home due to a downpour of rain all day.

#### 20 Years Ago

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. The presentation speech was made by Leo Adams.

. . The All-Stars of Boyd coundate. . . Candidates for state ofcoming week. Richard Johnson, republican candidate for state of this section of the state. . . A him instantly. reception was held at the Metho-Mrs. A. Judson May.

#### 10 Years Ago

O'Neill high has lost its first two football games this season... Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chapman is the former Pauline McPharlin, face. daughter of Mrs. J. H. McPharlin. . . The American Legion, second district, will hold its annual meeting at Wausa. . . Jack Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent, received his degree Memorial. . . Petty Oficer 3/c William O'Connell arrived in Norfolk, Va., after spending sev-

saddle horse Monday morning

and fractured two bones in her

#### fill vacancy expiring January, 1955).

3. For the election of one United States Senator (short termto fill vacancy expiring January, 1959)

4. For the election of one member of Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of the State

5. For the election of the following State Officers, to-wit; One Governor

One Lieutenant Governor One Secretary of State One Auditor of Public Accounts

One State Treasurer

One Attorney General

One Railway Commissioner 6. For the election of one member of the State Board of Education for the Sixth District (four

vear term).

7. For the election of one member of the Unicameral Leg-islature for the twenty-eighth Fred R. Mitchell (above). Legislative District of the State. son of Mr. and Mrs. Berlin 8. For the election of one mem-Mitchell of Stuart, recently ber of the Board of Regents of was promoted from private the University of Nebr. for Dis-trict Six, (short term to fill vafirst-class to corporal. He is as-signed to a field artillery unit cancy expiring January, 1957). in Korea and recently helped

9. For the election of any Directors of Public Power Districts to be elected.

10. To vote upon eight proposals of the 1953 and 1954 sessions of the Legislature amending petition has been filed for final Article IV, Section 25; Article in Horse Mishaps VII, Section 1; Article IV, Section 1; Article Section 1; Article IV, Section 1; Article VIII, Section 1; fees and commissions, distribu-tion 1; Article IX, section 4; Article VIII, by fees and commissions, distribu-tion of estate and approval of fi-nal account and discharge, which

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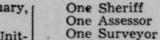
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adding a new section; and Artity defeated the Holt All-Stars dents involving saddle horses cle IV, section 28, of the Consti-with a score of 3-2 in 11 innings. killed one Boyd county man and tution of the State of Nebraska. 11. For the election of the folthe O'Neill area. All were wide- lowing County Officers, to-wit:

One County Clerk One County Treasurer One Clerk of the District Court One County Attorney

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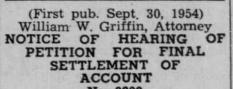


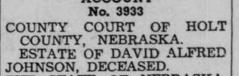
One County Superintendent of Public Instruction One Supervisor from each of the First, Third, Fifth and Seventh Supervisor Districts of the County (Full Term)

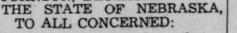
One Supervisor from the Second Supervisor District of the County (short term to) fill vacancy)

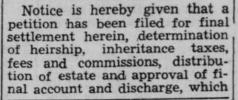
12. For the election of precinct officers and any other officer needed in the State, County or subdivision, as provided by law. At which General Election the polls will open at 8:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. of the same day. RUTH HOFFMAN BAKER

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1 Killed, 3 Hurt

During the past fortnight acci-

Each team has won a game to- injured three other persons in fices will speak here during the ly-separated incidents. The Frontier last issue carried republican candidate for attor-ney-general, and Dr. T. W. Bass, Piklapp's fall from his horse, the complete acount of Marvin

which broke the 36-year-old treasurer, are on a speaking tour Monowi farmer's neck, killing **Recently William Pratt of Bris-**

dist church honoring the new tow suffered a severely wrenchpastor and his wife, Rev. and ed shoulder when the horse he was riding stepped into a badger hole. The horse fell on Mr. Pratt.

Last week, W. Anson, a farmer residing four miles east of Bristow, suffered a severely skinned face. The horse he was riding purchased the Hotel Augusta and stepped into a washed-out hole Green Lantern dining room in near a deep gully. The horse fell Fairmont, Minn. Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Anson suffered a bruised

Lynch doctors dressed the wounds and Mr. Anson loaded the cattle he had been driving into a truck. He planned to take them to the Verdigre sale barn to be sold at auction. But misof doctor of medicine at Joslyn fortune again plagued Mr. Anson. The truck upset southeast of Niobrara enroute to the market. Mrs. Mark Gribble fell from a eral months overseas.

erect a school for Korean children. Corporal Mitchell entered the army in March, 1953.

Gets Promotion

Editorial . . .

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. We have had a compentent lady senator for a few months who rides a cow pony. Propably there is now a surplus of lawyers in the congress and maybe there should be a delegation of tractor and cow pony riders making themselves heard on capitol hill.

## 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 O'Neill of the long ago had its native concert singers, its Shakespearean actors and blackface comedians. Has it come to this, that the old town points a beckoning finger toward New York City with the plea, "Come and sing for us or put on a show"? Shades of Denny Cronin and John Smoot!

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.

visit to the museum; (2) Those who long for the

"good old days" may change their minds after

seeing the primitive tools and the clothing worn

#### One Year Ago leg, about six inches above the unsuccessful attempt to right ankle. A strap that fastens crack the safe in the office of Shelhamer Foods was made some

onto the cinch on the saddle broke and caused the fall. Her time during the early hours of husband and Vernon Smith, who the morning after the store was in a field nearby, took her closed around midnight Saturto St. Anthony's hospital at O'day. . . Mother M. Erica, superior Neill. The mishap occurred seven at St. Mary's academy, died of a miles south of the Gribble home. cerebral hemorrhage at St. An-thony's hospital. . . Pfc. Glen E. O'Neill doctors set the fracture and confined Mrs. Gribble to the Knight was heard over radio stahospital for several days. tion WJAG in a transcribed interview recently made in Mun-Visits Mexico-

san, Korea, the truce talk area. Pre-historic bones of a rhinoceros were unearthed on the Melvin Colson farm northeast of Orchard.

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. She visited in Mexico while there and on her return trip visited relatives in Lawarence, Kans., and St. Joseph, Mo.

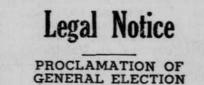
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Asher and son were Sunday dinner guests at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil

Page News

friends here.

Omaha were Mrs. L. A. Becker, Mrs. Fred O. Heerman, Mrs. Ira Moss, Mrs. George Head and Mrs. W. H. Bowker. Mr. Becker drove

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



Mrs. Laura Walker visited Wednesday afternoon, September Notice is hereby given that a 29, with Mrs. C. A. Townsend. She General Election will be held in the several voting precincts of had been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Bright, at Orchard and the County of Holt, State of Newas going to O'Neill to visit an- braska, on Tuesday, the second other daughter, Mrs. L. A. Bur- day of November, 1954, during

and Mrs. Frank Belmar of Ewing, were Pickstown, S. D., visitors Pancake day celebration at Yankton, S. D.

Rural & City Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes were dinner guests Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wells PHILLIPS "66" PRODUCTS

in O'Neill. They were supper guests and spent the night at the nome of their son and daughter-New & Used Tires in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Haynes and family.

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, Mrs. Clarence Stevens, low, and Mrs. I. O. Wood, traveling. Refreshments were served.

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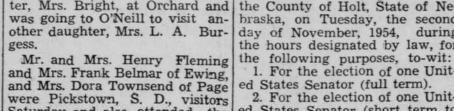
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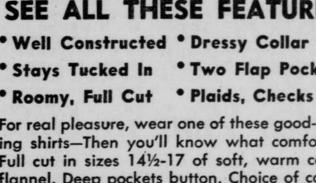
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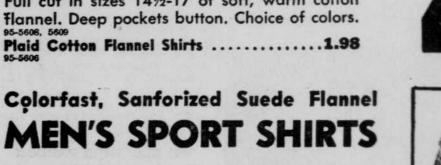
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### Why Not a Holt County Museum? It has been mentioned in these columns be- | certain: (1) Respect for our ancestors and the hardy settlers in this region would grow after a

by the pioneers.

fore and we now take occasion to repeat the fact that a historical society should be formed in Holt county. Many attics, basements and barns are sheltering items that would be of prime interest in a historical group. One-by-one these items are finding their way to the junk yards whereas some of them could be quite valuable to a collection.

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. No doubt it is an undertaking for a permanent organization, because people with historical interests will be constantly searching for additional articles to be displayed.

Following publication of an editorial along these same lines appearing in this newspaper about two years ago, Joel Parker was quick to like the idea. Joel has a first-class collection of historical items in his possession right now; items that some less historically-conscious person might quickly relegate to the junk yard. Charles Cole of Star has several items set aside. Elmer Juracek one day brought in for us to examine an 1880 township clerk's record book-a classic example of painstaking longhand and dedicated public service.

In 1949 when The Frontier published its 64page 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. Several weeks elapsed. A delapidated one finally was brought in from the southwestern corner of the county. Recently the Nebraska State Historical society put on an SOS for a similar hayburner. What success the Lincoln appeal met with we do not know.

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,

The original Holt county courthouse, a log oin on the Boyle p

Teach 'Em Young . . . Right Pearl Cary were also guests of (Guest editorial from Pierce County Leader) their daughter, Mrs. Hartigan. A bike to a boy or a girl is as important as the automobile is to the parents. Just like the automobile driver, the youngster occasionally becomes careless and when this happens an accident can result.

Teach your youngster to stop the bike at stop signs . . . it's just as important a bike stop as an automobile. The car driver having the right-of-way will look for oncoming cars but knowing he must halt at a stop sign often will breeze right through an intersection.

A kid on a bike that "breezes" right through a stop sign could meet instant death below the crushing wheels of an auto that had the right-ofwav

Teach your youngster to signal turns when riding a bike in the street. A car coming from behind should be warned when a youngster plans a left hand turn.

A bike can be a youngster's greatest joy and thrill . . . if handled properly. When youngsters forget the laws of the road that bike could be a 'way-of-death.'

Dad and mother remember this . . . your youngster will ride his bike cautiously if you drive cautiously . . . what kind of an example are you setting?

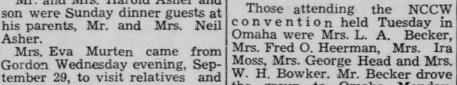
Man is a wonder to himself; he can neither govern nor know himself .- Benjamin Wichcote.



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the group to Omaha Monday. They returned Tuesday evening.

gan, at Inman. His brother Pvt. Grayden Hartigan, was home from Ft. Bliss, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. 1954

theast of town, might the Audit Bureau of Circulations. be transplanted to O'Neill and be made into a museum.

There is no doubt that many Holt county homes contain certain 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 we are quite Audited (ABC) Circulation-2,335 (Mar. 31, 1954)



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