

Prairieland Talk

Militia Kept Eye on Sitting Bull

By ROMANE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

MARION, IND.—Doubtless Mr. Rooney and the members of the committee of which he is chairman are not anticipating an invasion of the community by a band of Oriental red savages as a background for promoting a military unit at O'Neill.

The town once had a state militia, mustered in and authorized to function as such in a stately setting at the town's first opera house and roller skating rink. The background, never admitted as such, was some uneasiness over Sitting Bull having taken up the ghost dance which had significance with the Indians, who were looking for a Messiah who would blot out the paleface race and restore the Indian hunting grounds.



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Sitting Bull was some distance away from us but what is now Boyd county was part of the Sioux reservation and at that time there were Indian tepees where Butte, Spencer and Lynch mark communities on the map and the print of moccasined feet could still be seen along the brink of the Elkhorn south of town.

The ghost dance filled children as well as some adults with terror. Sitting Bull and his warriors performed their last ghost dance when an order came from the war department to the officer in command at Ft. Yates to "secure the person of Sitting Bull."

The chief was shot down at his camp up on the Grand river by an Indian police known as Lt. Bull Head, who himself was shot down in the act of killing Sitting Bull. This precipitated the last Indian war, the battle of Wounded Knee up on the Pine Ridge. There is a museum in East Greenwich, R.I., the figure of an Indian wearing the buckskin jacket that was worn by Lt. Bull Head when he shot the ghost dancing chief.

J. H. Meredith was the first captain of the militia, company F, Second regiment, organized at O'Neill; Charley Hall and Clyde King, Lieutenants, and D. H. Cronin, first sergeant. Neil Brennan, a booster for the organization of a militia company, was made a colonel on the staff of Governor Crounce, who mustered in the company at O'Neill.

That group of Indian fighters were all hometown fellows, roughnecks and young bloods alike. If O'Neill becomes the chosen spot in north Nebraska for a defense unit, it will mean the recognition on the part of military men of this community as a desirable place to locate what they have in mind. Company F's "armory" was a building put up for a packing plant near the North Western stockyards, but should the proposed military unit come to O'Neill an armory worthy of the demands of modern times will be needed.

When a measure is submitted to become a state law "to help in the training of retriever dogs," most any crackpot proposition may be expected.

Snow has placed a thin blanket across the city. This day in late January opened welcome arms to the shining celestial orb looking down upon us from the clear morning sky. Hours pass. Out of the west clouds are blown in by a cold wind and the day turns to gray gloom, cold and cheerless without, warm and inviting within. Wharton Drive is deserted, the street from the ice and snow-bound river west to the next turn is void of traffic and householders remain behind closed doors. Within the next half hour there will be the home-coming of husbands and fathers from office and business activities of the day; the evening meal, the TV and radio, the afternoon paper, a book, in a home here and there a worship hour, off to bed. The day is done, darkness envelops the land as industrious patriots in a law-abiding community curl up for a night's repose, thinking the alarm clock will jar them awake in the morning.

Editorial

Alcohol Reforms Too Realistic

Alcoholism is becoming a growing menace in all parts of the world, but it has gained the headlines most recently in France. There, Ex-Premier Mendes-France attempted to cut down on the manufacture and sale of hard liquor in an effort to decrease the very considerable loss to the economy resulting from alcoholism.

The idea, apparently, was too realistic because it contributed to his recent downfall as the head of the French government.

It has been estimated that alcoholism costs France as much as \$1,500,000,000 a year, in days lost from work alone. The French, for centuries addicted to wine, are presumably taking to hard liquors in somewhat the same fashion.

Alcoholism is a most deceptive disease, but definitely a disease, and modern-day psychiatrists tell us that it usually requires a number of years to mold an alcoholic. Once an individual succumbs to the disease, he is usually unable to pull free from its clutches without outside help.

In every town and city there are those—many of them casting themselves in high society—who are actually alcoholics and who refuse to admit it. They pose a problem, for they are unable to adequately control their behavior according to accepted standards, and the many problems they cause society are not confined to outsiders but affect members of their families most of all.

Considering the fact that there are many millions of people in the United States who do not partake of any alcoholic beverage, many millions who use it only once in a while, and many more millions, perhaps, the majority, who use it in sensible moderation, it is little short of amazing how heavy drinking is emphasized in the theater and movie industries. The same problem exists in France, in this regard, as in the United States, and the entertainment industries perhaps bear the greatest responsibility of all in this problem.

Though it is most difficult to do, we urge all youngsters to disregard the sly propaganda of the day, to make up their own minds about the smartness of alcohol, and other habit-forming traits.

A Noteworthy Anniversary

We salute the Boy Scouts of America on its 45th birthday anniversary, now being observed during Boy Scout week, February 6 to 12.

Since its founding in 1910 the organization has enriched the lives of over 22,750,000 boys and adult leaders. Truly scouting represents a living cross-section of American life.

Boys of every race, religion and economic background are attached to scouting. Today we find 2,700,000 boys in its ranks. Add to that impressive figure the 960,000 adults of good character who give generously of their time and talents to serve as leaders of units, merit badge counsel-

M. F. Brown, B. B. Storey, C. W. Kemp, J. J. Parshall, J. R. Hughes, D. Robinson, E. Rinney, D. Parshall, O. A. ("Kid") Wade, George Parshall, John Courtney, J. Parshall, Thomas Cody, W. A. Cummings, Hugh O'Neill, Thomas Richardson, Fallesen Chelsea, Mike Coleman, William E. White—the last five named, all from Holt county, out on a mission to see that "Kid" Wade escaped from the clutches of a possible lynching party. The night of February 5, 1884, this group of 20 men registered at the Long Pine House. Eighteen of them were concerned with the breaking up of a band of horse thieves in the Niobrara river country, of which young Wade and Doc Middleton were the outstanding ones. O'Neill and Coleman had sworn out a warrant for the arrest of Wade, who had been promised a fair trial in Holt county but instead had been turned over to a delegation from Brown county, of which Rock was then a part. Sheriff Ed Hershiser of Holt county was given the warrant for Wade's arrest and went out after him. During the afternoon of February 6 Hershiser arrived at Long Pine. The Brown county delegation turned Wade over to Hershiser, who, with his prisoner and one of the Parshalls, drove to Bassett where they stopped for the night of February 6. The morning of February 7 young Wade was found dead, strung up on a whistling post just east of Bassett. The vigilantes had come at midnight to the hotel in Bassett and had taken over the custody of Wade. Ed never became reconciled

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She paraded up and down in front of her husband, showing off her new gown. "Well, how do I look?" she asked him. Her husband hesitated before speaking, then murmured: "I know it sounds unkind, dear, but you are getting fat." "In the best places they say 'plump,'" she snapped. "Well, then," he retorted, "in the best places you're getting plump!" A domestic picture from far-off Montreal, Can., given out by a newspaper guy.

Introduced on the screen as the one who knew it all, and accompanied by violent head and feature punctuation, the speaker expounded his wisdom of the Orient, but we don't know any more about it than we did before. Unless it is that China is pushing Russia out of the picture and when the powder pile blows up, it will come from the Far East.

Most people can give good excuses for failing to do what they don't want to do.

Young people do not have to copy the examples of their parents, fortunately.

Most citizens favor laws which give them an advantage in business.

When You and I Were Young . . .

Scoundrels Take Half Hog from Keys

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PUBLIC SALE

The following personal property will be offered at public auction in Ewing, Nebr., one block west of the school and one block north, on—

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

— 2 P.M. —

- 2—Beds with Wood Cook Stove
- Mattress Wood Heater
- Davenport Oil Stove
- Library Table Dishes
- Buffet Cooking Utensils
- Table Oil Barrel, 100-gal.
- 9—Chairs with 50-gals. fuel and pipe
- Kitchen Cabinet Other Items too
- Cupboard Numerous to
- Coronado Refrigerator Mention

TERMS: Cash

ELMER E. SMITH, Owner
Col. Buv Wanser, Auctioneer-Clerk

Attends Meter Class at U—

Donald Kellner of O'Neill was among the more than 80 Nebraskans concerned with testing and installing electric meters in the utility field who attended the four-day second annual electric meter short course at the University of Nebraska. Kellner is a meter superintendent with the Consumers Public Power district at O'Neill.

New Library Books at Ewing Noted

EWING—New books to be found at the Ewing public library are: For boys and girls—"A Child's Book of Trees" by Swenby; "Pennyweather Luck" by Hubbard; "Clarinda" by Duncombe; "Summer at Yellow Singers" by Bailey; "Stolen Summer" by Barrett; "The Golden Arrowhead" by Capron; "Christmas Is Shaped Like Stars" by Frost. For adults: "Winter Selections of the Readers Digest"; "My Heart an Altar" by Covert; "The Family Nobody Wanted" by Doss; "Goodbye, My Lady" by Street; "The Terrific Timothy's" by Drake; "Lobo Brand" by Friend; "Powder Valley Holdup" and "Riders of Outlaw Trail" by Field; "Wide Loop" by Nye; "Riders of Buffalo Grass" by Lomax; "The Bandits of Hell's Bend" by Burroughs; "Gunsmoke Over Sabado" by Evan; "A Gunman Rode North" by Hopson, and non-fiction, "Hammond's New World Atlas."

Other Ewing News
Mr. and Mrs. Claus Sievers of Wyoming were present at the open-house honoring Miss Hazel Ruby, sister of Mrs. Sievers. Miss Ruby is retiring as postal clerk after 37 years of service in the Ewing postoffice.

Mr. James Ruby and children of Norfolk spent the weekend with relatives in Ewing and vicinity. They attended the open-house at the Ewing Methodist church in honor of their aunt, Miss Hazel Ruby.

The six members of the Clearwater Rifle club, who were winners in a series of games, were guests of the losers on Monday evening, January 31, at a 6 o'clock diner at the Hi-Way cafe at Clearwater. They were Mr. and Mrs. Gail Boies, and Frank Bohn, all of Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patras and Mrs. Roy Stevens of Clearwater, The hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Art Jaeke and Roy Stevens, all of Clearwater, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Knapp and Mrs. Frank Bohn, all of Ewing. After the dinner all were invited to the Walter Patras home for an evening of pinocle.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hill and children, recently moved to the Mrs. Caroline Sanders ranch south of Ewing. The Hill family lived in the Venus community before moving to Ewing. Mr. Hill is the son of Mrs. Martha Hill, who owns and operates Hill's store.

Mrs. Richard Edwards entertained the following ladies at a coffee hour on Friday afternoon: Mrs. Thomas Eacker and daughter, Mary Lynn, Mrs. Archie Tuttle, Mrs. Clifford Hahlbeck and son, Maurice.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards celebrated a wedding anniversary on Wednesday, February 2. The family enjoyed a 6 o'clock dinner at the Highway cafe at Clearwater; then went to Orchard to spend the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Merle Shilousky and family.

Mrs. James Minarik and Donna, Mrs. Dwight Schroeder and Peggy, Mrs. Anita Lee and Virtus, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader and son, Mrs. Kittie Fry, Mrs. Richard Edwards and daughters and Mrs. Archie Tuttle were Neligh visitors Tuesday, February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Larsen, who have been visiting relatives in Iowa, arrived in Ewing last Thursday and stopped to spend a few days at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Larsen, before continuing on the way to their home at Alzada, Mont.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Larsen had as their guests from Tuesday, February 1, until Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrington of Fremont.

Lester Bergstrom went to Chambers on Friday evening where he attended the family night of the Farmers and Ranchers Co-Operative association.

Rozetta McDonald, Jerry Miller Wed

EWING—Baskets of gold chrysanthemums, green fernery and candelabra formed the background at the Ewing Methodist church on Sunday, January 30, when Miss Rozetta McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watson McDonald of Ewing, became the bride of Jerry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Clearwater.

Rev. E. L. Bridgen officiated in the double-ring 3 o'clock ceremony. The bride, given in marriage by her father, appeared in a floor-length gown of white chantilly lace and nylon tulle over satin, fashioned with a fitted bodice, long sleeves tapering at the wrist, and a Peter Pan collar. The skirt was highlighted with tiers of inserted French lace. Her three-tier fingertip veil was held by a fitted crown of seed pearls. Her jewelry included a double strand of pearls, a gift from the bridegroom. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

Miss Virginia McDonald, sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor. She wore a waltz-length gown of copper nylon net over taffeta and carried a colonial bouquet of gold chrysanthemums with gold satin streamers.

Mrs. Wilbur Spangler played the prelude, wedding march and recessional. Mrs. Wayne Fry and Miss Marcia Gibson sang "I Love You Truly" and "True Love Goes On and On."

The bridegroom wore his navy uniform. He was attended by Lonny Miller, his brother, and Richard McDonald, brother of the bride. They wore business suits with white carnation boutonnieres, as did the fathers of the bride and bridegroom.

Merle Angus and Merle Filsinger were ushers and candle-lighters. The bride's mother wore a navy crepe dress trimmed with white satin. Her corsage was of white carnations. The bridegroom's mother wore a navy faille dress. Her corsage was of white carnations also.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlors. The wedding party and immediate family of the bride and bridegroom were seated at the bride's table. It was covered with white linen centered with a bouquet of mixed flowers. The three-tier wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom was cut and served by Miss Jeanne Welke, a close friend of the bride. Methodist ladies assisted with the serving. Mrs. Hazel Kimes and Mrs. Merle Filsinger poured. Mrs. Charles Scott and Mrs. Raymond Peterson were in charge of the gifts.

For going away, the bride wore a turquoise suit with black accessories. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Miller will return and visit relatives here. In early February they will leave for Long Beach, Calif., to make their home

where Mr. Miller is stationed with the navy.

Out-of-town guests were from Lincoln, Grand Island, Norfolk, O'Neill, Stuart, Atkinson, Spencer, Neligh, Clearwater, Chambers, Springfield, Mo., and points in Kansas.

Arrive from Capital—

Miss Mae D. Hammond of Washington, D. C., arrived Monday to spend several days visiting relatives.

Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Britnell were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dailey and Donald.

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