

Encounter Much Snow in Kansas

CELIA — Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks and Arlin went to McPherson, Kans., Tuesday, February 1, to visit their son, Robert, and family and to get acquainted with their new grandson, Robert Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks.

They arrived home Sunday and reported more snow had fallen at McPherson than at Celia and that much damage had been done to trees and electric power lines. From Concordia, Kans., to York blowing snow and icy roads made driving hazardous.

Other Celia News

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bausch and father, Steve Bausch, were Sunday dinner guests at the Milton McKathnie home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Disterhaupt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Ballou spent Wednesday, February 2, at the Perry Terwilliger home.

Mrs. John Sicheneder spent Wednesday afternoon, February 2, at the Milton McKathnie home.

Leon Hendricks and Millie Ernst were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests at the Joe Hendricks home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Malouin and son were Monday evening,

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Focken home Monday, January 31.

Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman and son, Gary, stayed with the Edwin Krugman children in Atkinson on Tuesday, February 1, while their parents attended the wedding reception in O'Neill for his brother, Harold Krugman, and wife, who was the former Miss Margaret Judge. They were married Tuesday at 10 a.m., in St. Patrick's Catholic church, O'Neill.

Mrs. Ray Pease returned Friday morning from several days visit in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Frickel and family were Sunday evening, January 30, visitors at the Ray Pease home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Scott and Dorothy were Sunday dinner guests at the Charles Dobias home.

Donnie Frickel, Jim Puckett, Gary Small and Jeanene Johnson attended a basketball game between Hastings and Wayne Saturday night at Hastings. They returned home Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Smith of Atkinson were Wednesday afternoon, February 2, supper guests at the Victor Frickel home.

O'Neill News

Mrs. Loren Nelson, Mrs. Arlo Hiatt and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith were hostesses at the meeting of the Presbyterian Women's association held last Thursday in the church parlors.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beckwith of Emmet spent Wednesday evening, February 2, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith.

Stevie and Cheryl Harley of Atkinson were Tuesday, February 1, overnight guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith.

Carnival skating party, Sunday, February 13, at Neligh Rink. 41p

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Britzell and family visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Fernau in Neligh.

Robert Carroll, student at the University of Nebraska, visited from Saturday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carroll.

Mrs. D. H. Clauson returned Wednesday, February 2, from Omaha where she had attended the NHCA convention held there January 29, 30 and 31.

Monuments of lasting beauty made by skilled craftsmen of the J. F. Bloom Co. . . monuments from the factory to the consumer. — Emmet Crabb, O'Neill phone 139-J. 37H

Mrs. Margaret Bauman of Eugene, Ore., visited for a week with her mother, Mrs. Elma Evans, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lanman and family of Verdel visited Saturday evening at the Roy Lanman home.

Keith Anspach, student at the University of Nebraska, spent the weekend with his wife and family and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harden Anspach.

Venetian blinds, prompt delivery, made to measure, metal or wood, all colors.—J. M. McDonalds.

Mrs. Owen Kissinger of Loma Park, Calif., arrived Sunday to visit for several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bazelman. Mrs. Kissinger is the former Eleanor Bazelman.

Reviews Brother's Visit to U.S.

By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR., Frontier Feature Writer

Wednesday, February 2, was George Pongratz's 73d birthday anniversary. Jokingly he asserts it was also ground hog's day.

So Mr. Pongratz, who resides northeast of Emmet, made it a holiday and took off time to review the highlights of the three-months' visit of his brother, Sebastian.

George (southeastern Germany) when he was 11-years-old. At that time, Sebastian was 2-years-old.

George came to America with an aunt. Other in the family were to follow but misfortune overtook the family. The mother died and the father was unable to accumulate enough to begin the overseas journey to young America.

Sebastian's recent visit to Holt county was the culmination of a dream.

In the beginning, it was George's idea to return to Germany after he had put together enough money to make the trip. When he got married the picture changed a bit. When six children, growth, hardships, bank failures, and two world wars came along the picture changed considerably — yet the idea persisted.

George's wife had no burning desire to see Germany and would not consider leaving the family behind. Time went on.

In the meantime, Sebastian had married and raised a son and daughter. About two years ago his wife died and the son took over the more active part of farming their 40-acre tract. The daughter, also married, lived on an adjoining farm.

George switched his plans. He asked his brother to come to the United States where he might see his sisters, brother and their families. One sister, Sister M. Gerona, belonging to the Order of St. Francis, came to America in 1913.

Another sister, Fanny, wife of Mike Hausladen of Plattsmouth, died in 1926. A few years later, Mike visited his homeland. With the 1930 quota came Fanny's sister, Sophia, who became the second Mrs. Hausladen.

Four daughters of Mike and the first Mrs. Hausladen are also nuns, belonging to the Order of St. Francis. They are teachers or nurses in Humphrey, Lincoln, Columbus and Grand Island. When they all had a leave, George, Sebastian, Mrs. Pongratz and Sister Gerona went to the Hausladen home near Plattsmouth for the long-awaited reunion.

The Bavarian farm, contrary to supposition, is farmed with modern machinery and, except for a manure spreader in which Sebastian evidenced a good deal of interest, they are as modern as the ordinary farmer here.

American machinery is for sale here but German farmers are wary of buying lest another war come along and they might not be able to get repairs.

Even though he deplored the "waste" of land and remarked about the amount of food or grain that might be raised on that "waste", Sebastian appreciated the custom of housing all possessions under one roof for the winter season. Files complicate the situation in summer.

Children attend school seven years, supplementing that with three years of religious training taken on Sunday afternoons. English is an elective subject for those who desire to learn the language. English letters are replacing the German script, retaining the German spelling and pronunciation.

The German people dress much as we do and they shop by mail. If you were to attempt to locate Sebastian without his exact address, you would not look for Sebastian Pongratz, but would trace him through his "Haus" name or Hausnamen, which, in his case, is Heidelberg. You would be looking for "Heidelberg, Sebastian."

The "Haus" or bloodline is the important item — as in "Hapsbergs" or "Hohenzollerns."

Sebastian served four years in World War I, being based in France. He learned to speak the language fluently.

Sebastian was surprised that so few Americans speak German well. He would not care to live here at his age but if he were a young man he would gladly avail himself of the opportunity of making a home here.

The cost of the trip was not prohibitive. George still dreams of seeing the old German home and still may do so. He paid Sebastian's way from Bremen, the point of embarkation, to O'Neill and return and Sebastian took care of his own expenses from his home to the seaport.



Pongratz reunion at Plattsmouth . . . (left-to-right): Mrs. Michael Hausladen, Sister M. Gerona, Sebastian Pongratz of Bavaria, Germany, and George Pongratz of Emmet.

Mr. Pongratz made all the arrangements through a travel agency and the total cost to him was \$557.

He came third-class on the Swedish liner, Gripsholm, which served as a Red Cross ship during the war.

George's birthday anniversary was spent quietly with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Troshynski, and a neighbor and his wife. The evening was spent playing cards and reminiscing.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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Riverside News

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Braden and son were Monday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fink. Robert had just received his discharge from the army. They were enroute to their home in South Dakota from Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller were Monday, January 31 supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christon.

Later in the evening the Millers went to Leo Millers where Mrs. Anna Smith and Ernest Trowbridge joined them with cake and ice cream to further celebrate Vera Miller's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lofquest entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harold Milnar and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fry and daughters at supper Tuesday evening, February

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christon were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson Sunday. In the afternoon they attended "Open House" for Miss Hazel Ruby in the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fink and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Milnar and girls enjoyed a turkey supper at the Grant Mott home Friday evening.

Leo and Shirley Miller were in Neligh for dental work Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Pollock and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sturbaum visited at the Jim Pollock home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Pollock returned home Thursday from an extensive trip through the Southern States. They visited her sister and family in Texas and Sis Ebbengaards and Tommy Jacobsons in Florida.

Mrs. Duane Jensen, Anna Marie and Janice of Newman Grove visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry, from Tuesday until Thursday.

.. DANCE ..

AT O'NEILL

American Legion Auditorium & BALLROOM

Saturday, February 12th

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Adm.: Adults \$1; Students 50c

CLOSE-OUT SALE

As we are unable to lease a ranch, we will sell at public auction the following described personal property, on the ranch, located 9 miles west of Chambers on Highway 95, 3 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1/2-mile west; OR 3 miles east on Highway 95 from junction with Highway 11, then 3 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1/2-mile west; on —

Monday, February 14th

Starting at 12 Noon Lunch Will Be Served

- ### 82 - Head of Cattle - 82
- 11—Milk COWS
7 milking now, others to freshen soon
 - 23—Stock COWS, 3 with calves at side
Herefords
 - 10—3-Yr.-Old 1st Calf HEIFERS
8 with calves at side; Herefords
 - 7—2-yr.-old HEIFERS, open
 - 1—2-Yr.-Old STEER
 - 2—Yearling HEIFERS
 - 1—Yearling STEER
 - 7—Bucket CALVES
 - 8—CALVES, small
 - 1—Registered Hereford BULL
Coming 4-years-old (horned); good breeder
 - 2—Polled Hereford BULLS
Coming 2-years-old. Sired by Ladys Hervalcer, Hervalcer Farms Breeding, consigned by Troxel Green
 - 3 — HORSES (all saddle broke)
 - 2—GELDINGS, one 5-yrs., one 8-yrs.
 - MARE, 5-yrs.-old

Machinery, Etc.

- John Deere 36B, on rubber
- Allis Chalmers Tractor, WC, 1948
- IHC V25 Power Mower
- IHC No. 9 Trail Mower, 7-ft.
- Center Mounted Winch, with 65 ft. 5/8 cable
- Overshot Stacker
- 2—Mc. Hay Rakes, 12-ft.
- 2-Rake Hitch
- Sweep for J-D 36
- Wagon, on rubber
- 80 TONS PRAIRIE HAY (approx.)
- Comfort Cover for AC
- 32-Volt Light Plant, with some accessories
- Loading Chute
- 2—Pr. Tractor Chains, 11x28 and 10x36
- 4—Feed Bunks
- Blue Flame Brooder
- Bride — 3 Saddles
- Auto Guide Cabling Rack, 8" beams, 65' 5/8 cable
- 2—50-Gal. Fuel Barrels
- 30-Gal. Fuel Barrel
- 15-Gal. Fuel Barrel
- No. 518 DeLaval Cream Separator
- Wood Heater
- '36 Dodge, good motor, can be made into sweep
- '41 Chev., will make a good wagon
- 2—Sets of Brands
- Some Shop Tools
- Miscellaneous Articles
- 2—DOZ. PULLETS

TERMS: Cash. No property to be removed until settled for

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