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## Prairieland Talk . . . Belonged to O'Neill That Was

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

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LINCOLN-The funeral Friday, November 25, for Mrs. P. J. Biglin consigned to the tomb another of the community's noble women.

Mrs. Biglin grew up in O'Neill after coming to the community from the East at the age of 12years when Holt county was young and drawing settlers from various states. Her declining years were spent with her daughter in Kansas but she belonged to the O'Neill that was.

I met her first as Miss Dailey when she and Mary Belle were the capable functionaries in the Heinrickson establishment that served meals to the young bloods of the town, and I held the exalted station of roustabout for a few weeks at that emporium of great things to eat.

Miss Dailey became the wife Romaine Saunders

of Patsy Biglin, one of the popular and industrious young gents of the O'Neill of 60 years ago. As wife and mother, Mrs. Biglin, as in her girlhood, sought to exemplify the characteristics of true womanhood. Mr. Biglin laid down life's burdens 10 years ago. She, too, has responded to the roll call to join the others of the generation to which they belonged. \* \* 1

Now, like a million inherited by a beggar, comes the story to disperse the gloom and silence the wailing over the effects of summer heat and rainless days. Who'd have guessed it! Down in Custer county a corn field is said to have yielded 153 bushels to the acre. The growing corn had been encouraged by irrigation.

\* \* \* December 1, 1902, R. J. Marsh became the owner of the O'Neill Bottling Works. having taken over the business from S. L. Thompson. . . Pay \$5 on what you owe and you have a chance to win \$100 in gold to be given away January 1, 1903, was P. J. McManus's way of dunning 'em. . . S. J. Weekes, as register of the U.S. land office, was summoned to Omaha by the United States district attorney to appear before the grand jury investigating alleged frauds relating to homestead entries. . . Dr. J. W. McLeran withdrew from professional duties long enough to pay a visit to friends in Ashland. . . Claud Stout of Tekamah spent Thanksgiving in O'Neill on a visit to his brother, C. E. Stout, and sister, Mrs. J. P. Gilligan. . . . William Lakey and family moved to Spencer where Mr. Lakey opened a hotel. . . Jack Meals planned to move his family to Valdez, Alaska, in the spring, believing a great future was on the way for that north land. Some of the family are still in Valdez. Mrs. Meals being one of them, but their son, George, returned to his native Holt county and lives near Atkinson with his wife, two sons and their wives.

A year ago the people over at Naper voted \$25,000 bond debt to build a town auditorium. Now they assume a \$15,000 bond debt to build use. Nebraska City taxpayers feel th can take care of just under one million bond indebtedness for similiar purposes. \* \*

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Someone who has taken time to count them comes up with the figures disclosing that there are 141,733 more places dispensing firewater than there are churches and temples of religious services in the country. From the number of church notices seen in the papers it appears that the churches in O'Neill outnumber the booze joints. . . A star gazer down in Mexico looked into the heavens studied the position of the planets and came up with the warning that within a few hours San Francisco, Calif., would be sunk into the Pacific. The city by the Golden Gate still lives. . . The day SD began, one thousand cars crashed on icy streets in Chicago, Ill. . . The mother of 12 down in Greeley county makes a newspaper story and is quoted as saying a large family makes her long and its waters vary in depth less work than when there were but two children from a few feet to 50 feet. In in the home. She can relax and let the kids do the work. They stow away three dozen eggs for breakfast and two gallons of milk a day. They milk 11 covered rolling from the roof of the Roberts building on Douglas cows and have 1,200 chickens.

Impossible is a word found only in the dictionary of fools, said Napoleon. But that was before he met his Waterloo.

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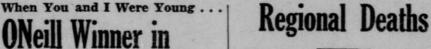
The bakers are shouting it over the air, the the Presbyterian church in O'kids must have ample slices of the loaf if they are Neill. . . Under the supervision to grow physically, develop mentally and acquire of Miss Roberta Arbuthnot, a moral conception. Now the bake ovens roll out group of O'Neill ladies collected what they call chuck wagon bread. Chuck wagon money for a toy fund for those -that revives memories. I was riding the cow- children whose Christmas haptrails with the late John Addison doing the piness depends entirely upon the cooking. John became ill from eating his campfire products and the cook's job fell to me. Bread was the chief culinary problem. My first "chuck wag- won over the local public school on" bread consisted of biscuit about the size of a 7 to 6. football baked until hard enough to knock a steer down if he were hit with one. John thereupon managed to crawl out of his blanket, take over and send me back to the herd. But instead, I hung up saddle and lariat and went back to the print

shop to set type. No "chuck wagon" bread since. \* \* \* Edgar Faure ousted as French premier, Peron

saved his neck by taking to flight. The way of those who aspire to run things is strewn with roses for a brief moment and then come the thorns. The vitals of King Saul were pierced by his own sword, Belshazzer sat down on the throne of Babylon and was slain by Medes and Persians, the great Alexander died in his cups, Julius Caesar met his Ides of March and Napoleon his Waterloo. Mussolini with his paramour perished at the hands of a mob, Hitler defaced the map of Europe and he, too, perished. The czar of all the Russians and household -who knows their fate? Stalin strutted across the scene of sorrow for a time only to meet his end, and there he lay, a crimson robe round a form of clay. Prairieland patriot, stay in your overalls! Sister, hang on to the calico gown!

World War II accounted for 1,070,000 Americans killed or wounded in combat. On the

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**Titanic Grid Battle** 

game

### **New River Discovered** in Sandhills

50 Years Ago The greatest football

**ONeill Winner in** 

ver witnessed in western Nebraska took place at the new fair grounds on Thanksgiving day when the sturdy gridiron athletes from Long Pine met O'Neill's recently taken place in the sand hills; a great new river of clear water, rivaling the Niobrara, the Elkhorn and the Platte, has sudbrothers and sisters. denly sprung into existence. The

new river is more than 150 miles some places New River is half a mile wide. . . Smoke was disstreet.

20 Years Ago

brothers. Twenty-two Holt county students registered at the University of Nebraska this year. . . Clyde R. Burge of Emmet and Ruby Irene Holcomb were married in sisters. assistance of others. . . Football playing came to a climax here were held Wednesday, November 23, from the Rosedale Lutheran

10 Years Ago Miss Mildred Cavanaugh and dren, 11 grandchildren. Richard Perry were married at Oakland, Calif. . . Mrs. Frank Froelich was called to Audubon, Ia., by the serious illness of her mother. . . Miss Margaret Gib-

bons, pioneer settler of this community, died at her home in Butte, Mont. . . St. Mary's lost its first game of the season to Spalding high. . . Eighty-five per-sons were employed at the Tri-State Produce getting ready for and some of his chest. His father Thanksgiving 626,500 pounds of took him to a doctor in Neligh, prime turkey meat and 201,000 who had him spend a day or two pounds of chickens. . . Clyde Kel- in the hospital. He returned home ler has bought a cafe on lower Thursday. Fourth street and will continue

feeding that section of the city. . The town needs a bus terminal with "no parking" signs and Lionel Gunter helped D. E. where buses stop. . . Fred Zink, Conner saw wood Thursday afwho resigned as county clerk for ternoon. the benefit of his health, is in Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader and Doug, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sundance, Wyo.

### One Year Ago

high backfield star, was accorded

honorable mention for all-state

grid honors by the Lincoln Star-Journal. . . Preliminary planning

ATKINSON - Dr. and Mrs. J.

C. Sutherland, medical mission-

aries, sail for a new home in

Their new home will be Ra-

Mrs. M. J. Baack and Rickey spent the weekend in Seward vis-

iting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hans, while Mr. Baack was in Lincoln attending a national

leigh Fitkin Memorial hospital,

Bremersdorpt, in Swaziland, South Africa.

to be erected here.

Atkinson Doctor Sails

to New African Home-

South Africa this week.

Visitors at Seward-

guard conference.

Bernard Hynes, 28, former O'-| Mr. and Mrs. Rol Hord, Glenda

**Caroline Louise McClain** 

ROYAL - Funeral services snick and family ate supper at were held Sunday, November 27, the Mick Hobbs home Friday. from the Methodist church in Royal for Caroline Louise Mc- Leonard, and Bobby Kreitziner Clain, 91, who died Thursday, returned Thursday from Malbeta November 24, at the Antelope

Mrs. Mary Schulte

SPENCER - Funeral services

church for Mrs. Alma Thorell,

67, who died Sunday, November

20. Survivors include seven chil-

RIVERSIDE-Wayne Fry had

Other Riverside News

Fry went shopping in Norfolk

Will Conner Vet Schlotman

Stove Explosion

**Hospitalized** After

Memorial hospital in Neligh. Sur-vivors include five children, one with the trip and each boy got his deer. sister, 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-

great-grandchildren.

Leonard Weber BUTTE—Funeral services were held Thursday, December 1, from the Free Methodist church on

vember 28.

the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Wednesday, November 30. Minischurch in Butte for Leonard Web- ters from Illinois, Wyoming and

er, 48, who died Monday, No-vember 28, at the Sacred Heart Walter and Howard Miller had hospital in Lynch. Survivors in- the ministers as their guests clude: Widow-Sarah, parents- Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lofquist ac-Mr. and Mrs. Nick Weber; several

companied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rotherham to Sioux City on Friday. Wayne Pollock is working part

BUTTE-Funeral services were held Monday, November 28, from time at Stoneys Service Station. Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anson callchurch in Butte for Mrs. Mary ed at Wayne Frys Sunday after-Schulte, who died Saturday, Nonoon.

vember 25, at Fairfax, Minn. Survivors include 10 daughters, Letter from Stanley Rickert family stated that they spent five sons, two sisters and two

Fred W. Dittrick Wednesday, November 30, Ste-VERDIGRE— Funeral services were held Saturday, November vie Meller had his sixth birthday anniversary. On Thursday evenwere held Saturday, November 26, from St. Wenceslaus Catholic ing his grandparents, Mr. and church for Fred W. Dittrick, 82, Mrs. Howard Miller and Mr. and who died Tuesday, November 22. Mrs. Ora Switzer also Mr. and Survivors include: Widow—Rose; Mrs. Wendell Switzer and family, one daughter, one son, two grand- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller helpchildren, two brothers and two ed celebrate with refreshments Mrs. Alma Thorell

Thanksgiving with Zelma Litscomb and family at Viaslia, Calif.

and birthday cakes. Wayne Switzer and family of Clearwater called the same evening.

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and family were supper guests at Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hansen the Lynn Fry home Monday, Noloaded out this week moving to Wilmar, Minn., where they will Mr. and Mrs. Victor Vanderfarm.

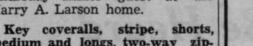
Sam Lidell of Omaha was a Thursday dinner guest at the Harry A. Larson home.

Leonard and Bob were pleased medium and longs, two-way zip-with the trip and each boy got per, all sizes 34-50, \$4.95. - Mc-Carvilles.

Bonita Bollwitt helped at the Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas and Vic Vandersnick home from Tuesfamily spent Sunday afternoon at day, November 29, until Thursthe Donald Franklin home. Bert Finks were at Lee Finks Paul Baker spent the weekend

in O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goree of

Long Pine spent Friday visiting relatives here.

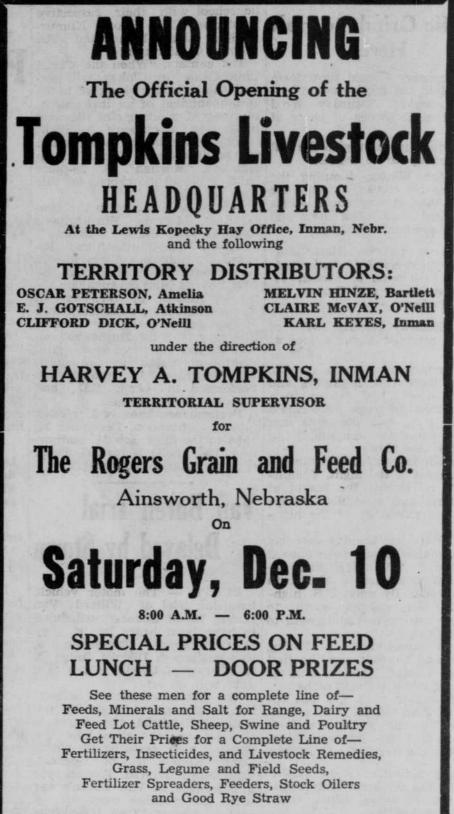


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Mrs. Joseph Axtell of Stuart has recently arrived down the highway of time at her 104th birthday anniversary. Much of her life has been spent in Holt county and is rich in the lore of pioneer days which, if compiled in a volume of memoirs would be more thrilling to prairieland patriots than the "memoirs of our late president."

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Lancaster county high school students numbering 202 visited the county courthouse the last day of November, the occasion being county government day devoted to giving school students firsthand information pertaining to official affairs and the duties devolving upon county officers. \* \*

The sun shines upon the mountain top before it glows upon the plain, but snow and hoar frost cover the mountain top when roses bloom upon the plain.

In Argentina a great wrong which was felt by the press of all the free world has been righted.

A decree by Provisional President Aramburu has

restored the Buenos Aires newspaper La Prensa to

publisher when the paper was taken over by the

press but also and perhaps more importantly for

freedom of information. The pre-Peron La Prensa

was known not only as probably the largest paper

in Latin America but also for objective and tho-

rough news reporting. Hence it stood in the way of the president, who was well on the way to be-

tion and in unconstitutional legislation adopted by

In this is not only a victory for freedom of the

reg.me of former President Peron.

coming a dictator.

a rubber-stamp congress.

Editorial . . . .

home front at the same period of time 3,396,000 were killed or injured in traffic accidents.

\* \* \* If you had the courage or were of necessity bounding out of bed before dawn this last morning activated company D, are asked Robert Montgomery helped Lorof November, your attention may have been drawn to the full moon shining in splendor as it was about to disappear below the earth's northwestern rim. A sheet of snow over the land, temperature near zero and no cloud in the firmament above, in that quiet hour before daybreak natures picture holds within its scope a captivating is underway for a new 75-thoucharm, and so the sidereal heavens and earth sand-dollar Presbyterian church unite to form a scene for contemplation that in-

spires the mind with thoughts of the Infinite. Pause a moment before the unrivaled grandeur if not in a hurry to get seated at the breakfast table to fill your belly.

Early came the winter chill, nipping frost on vale and hill. Whose delight is for a Christmas white see it now almost in sight.

Two trucks collided four miles home Tuesday afternoon, Novemwest of Emmet. . . Men interested ber 29. He had spent Thanksgivin joining a national guard tank ing weekend visiting at the Hord company, in the event O'Neill is home.

Thursday.

Neill resident, died of pneumonia and Dennis Napier brought James

in a Portland, Ore., hospital. . . Gunter to the Lionel Gunter

to contact Robert Hornby, sec- raine Montgomery shell corn retary of the Chamber of Com- Thursday afternoon. merce. . . Duane Alton, O'Neill

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### Odds Are Narrowing

"The odds are narrowing," the Omaha World-Herald's Washington correspondent writes, "on the Dr. Albert Gainza Paz, who was its editor and possibility that President Eisenhower will seek re- | Monday.

Wrong Is Righted in Argentina

an adverse recommendation from his physician will keep the president out of the arena in 1956.

respondent adds.

bed as new head football coach at the University of Nebraska is encouraging. At least with a "confederate" on our team we might be able to cope with the wreckers from the University of Oklahoma.

### Note to Private Pilots

The seizure of La Prensa was no less a theft because it was clothed in the name of expropria-

G. B. Caesar, writing in Flying Magazine, has a tip for the nation's private pilots. It may also prove of value to others who fly, whether they be pilots or not.

Caesar contends that an old basic weather rule -outlined in 1860 by a Dutch scientist named Buys Ballot, is still sound. In brief, the rule is that a right drift, in the northern hemisphere, is a sign of deteriorating weather. Conversely, a left drift, in this hemisphere, means weather conditions should improve enroute.

Modern weather students, and some officials of the weather bureaus, will contend that this rule is not altogether sound, but Caesar cites several examples, personal experiences, which show that the rule has often worked for him.

Generally speaking, the most widely accepted rule in this hemisphere is that low pressure areas. with counter-clockwise winds, are the surest sign of deteriorating weather. Winds in a low pressure area circulate in a counter-clockwise direction.

It would seem, accepting this bit of established scientific weather information, that these winds could cause drifts in any direction, depending upon the area of the counter-clockwise rotating circle one found himself in.

However, low pressure areas do not necessarily always constitute a circle, and there is much yet unknown about the weather. It is possible that | tion, National Editorial Association and the Audit

election next year. "There is a well-defined belief now that only

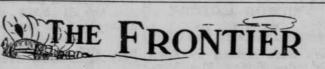
"Speculation at this time is futile," the cor-

Announcement that Pete Elliott has been tab-

The short-lived December 3 storm came as no real surprise, because the weatherman had foretold its coming for a number of hours. But somehow the early storm parallels the start of the historic 1948-'49 winter-the worst seige in the annals of the area.

At 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 30, was "signing-on" time for O'Neill's new radio station, KVHC. The Frontier offers congratulations and best wishes to the newcomers.

Leo Durocher, it seems, is ready to take up acting in preference to baseball. The pay is better you don't have to win pennants and no one throws pop bottles at you while you work.



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Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Becker left last Thursday for Kansas City where Barbara is employed. Mr. and Mrs. Becker returned home

If Mary and Martha of Bible story fame were living today, Martha would probably be in a dither with a thousand and one last minute Christmas prepara-

Why the "X" in

She would spend her time, first of all, in private meditations, family devotions, and frequent holiday church attendance.

The modern world has lost sight of the "one thing needful." And in doing so, it has replaced the Christian Christmas with the pagan Xmas-the Xmas of excitement, extravagance, and exhaustion

Put Christ back into your Christmas by coming to church and worshipping at the manger of the Christ Child. Our Church extends a hearty welcome.

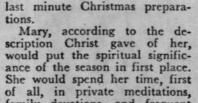
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At any rate, the weather rule is almost one seek to pry more information and knowledge out | are paid-in-advance. of the behavior of the layer of gases which surrounds the earth.

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