

Prairieland Talk—

Lucile Cress Hull--Only Survivor

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LINCOLN—Prairieland Talker received a letter from Lucile Cress Hull, route 2, box 285, Acampo, Calif.

Mrs. Hull is the only surviving member of the Cress family, pioneers on the prairie of the O'Neill community. After the death of Mr. Cress, the family moved into O'Neill, Mrs. Cress died in Lincoln in 1934. Lucille's husband died in 1953.



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She has been living in California for 41 years but cherishes memories of childhood and girlhood days and the friends of those days back here. Her favorite teacher was Maude Gillespie.

"All the kids loved her" she says. She recalls her Sunday-school teacher, Agnes Bentley, and the lessons inculcated that have stayed with her through life. Gladys and Ronnie Pfund, the last of that family which had lived in O'Neill, reside near her in California.

Jack Pfund was in the grocery business in O'Neill for some years. Laurence Skirving, another O'Neill native, lives in Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Hull has visited with him via telephone. And I see by her letter that Lucille is another of those lonely souls now treading the highway of life toward its sunset.

She would like to have a letter from any in O'Neill who may remember her.

One of those winged chariots of the air sell for \$2,000,000 at the airplane factory. With a roll of cash like that what would a guy want with an airplane!

In September in the year 1904 the last of the county division proposals was brought out. Atkinson and Ewing patriots wanted a county courthouse in their midst. An imaginary line was drawn from south to north across the center of the county. All west of that line was to be known as Meadow county. The east half was divided in the center, the southern half to be known as Elkhorn and the northern half retaining the name Holt. The fall election defeated the proposal.

Republicans of the then 13th senatorial districts nominated Dr. J. B. Gilligan as their candidate for the senate. He was elected. Miss Margaret Hall went to Omaha to become a student at the Omaha college. F. J. Dishner went to Omaha on business. A daughter was born October 5 that year to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Minton. Mrs. Perkins, a relative of the Bentley family, came from Oregon for a visit here. Cards were out announcing the marriage of Fred C. Barnett and Miss Martha Cress. Mrs. Mary O'Sullivan and children returned from a visit with friends in Boyd county.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Snyder were in San Francisco, Calif., attending a gathering of the Odd Fellows.

Prairieland is robed in velvet green across the farflung landscape, nature holds today the early autumn charm. Standing speechless before the flower tinted picture this calm September evening, not a breeze in motion nor cloud to bedim the setting sun's refulgent glow, and I am aware that an unseen Hand has drawn the picture, spread the velvet carpet beneath our feet, inspiring human adoration and gratitude to an all wise Creator.

State Sen. Terry Carpenter of the Scottsbluff country tells prairieland patriots that our highways are "political." Suppose he infers that it takes a political pull to secure favors at our highway department at the state house. It can hardly be that bad. As I ride the state highways I see no politics on display.

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Other weather folklore also is based on scientific observation. For instance, old-timers believe that cobwebs on the grass are a sign of fair weather. They also believe that "When the dew is on the grass, rain will never come to pass."

Both the belief and the proverb are true, Emrich says. Cobwebs can be seen only when there is dew on the ground. And dew cannot form unless the skies are cloudless and there is no wind. A cloud-sheet would prevent the radiation which caused the loss of heat and resulting condensation on the grass. A windless night is necessary lest warm air passing over the ground prevent it from cooling.

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You Can't Win

A man's life is full of trouble. He comes into the world without his consent and goes out usually against his will, and the trip between his coming and going is exceedingly rocky. The rule of contraries is one of the features of this journey.

When he is little, the big girls kiss him; but when he is big, only little girls kiss him.

If he is poor, he's said to be a bad manager; if he's rich, they'll claim he's dishonest.

If he needs credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous, everybody wants to do him a favor.

If he is in politics, they say he takes graft; if he's out of politics, they say he is not patriotic.

If he gives to charity, it's for show. If he doesn't,

Walking along a street in O'Neill on an early morning stroll early this past summer I was approached by Hugh Birmingham, who invited me to join him for a ride about the city. Later in the day we drove to Atkinson. Hugh then appeared to be in customary health. I had known Hugh's father, the late Tom Birmingham, since the days when he came to O'Neill as a young man from his native Wisconsin and launched out in the lumber business with another from his home community, the late Ed F. Gallagher. Tom was a dashing young blood who whirled the girls as in the dance at the skating rink that he and Mr. Gallagher built. Tom spent his days from young manhood here in O'Neill until he was layed away among the dead where now his son, Hugh, has joined that numberless caravan. Friendly and generous, but see no more on the streets of his native O'Neill.

His name is Rodney. At the age of nine years and six months he was put to work in a coal mine in his native Scotland. Came to America as a young man and followed the miners job in various states. Today at the age of 82 years he serves as custodian or janitor of a Lincoln bank and pulls down \$9 a day, gets social security checks and dwells in comfort with his totally blind wife. And writes poems.

The closing of the poultry dressing plant in O'Neill marks the passing of another community enterprise. First the butter-making plant closed sometime in the 1880's, then the meat packing plant closed down, followed by flour mills, chicory factory and brickyard. Closing of the Tri-State is a loss to the community and poultry farmers throughout Holt county. For many years car loads of dressed Holt county chickens and turkeys were shipped East to be served on dining tables in the great city of New York. But Holt county beef is still available. I earned on a recent visit there that the combined herds of just three of the ranchers in the county make a drove of 22,000 cattle. And The Frontier still goes to press on time.

A clergyman's story of his visit to Moscow presents a different picture than that coming from other sources. The American gentleman of the cloth was in the Russian capital during the international youth gathering there in July and reports flags of many nations, among them stars and stripes, all over the city and banners in various languages—English, French, German and others—floating messages of welcome. He joined the natives in a church service and the worshippers were free to carry on their services.

I walked a day in early September where pioneers walked in the long ago, where Neil Brennan, John McCafferty, Father Cassidy, Doc Mathews, Jim Riggs had walked. Concrete now covers their foot prints and hides from view the hoof marks of Bob Ingersoll's and Sam Elwood's saddle ponies buried under pavement. Where covered wagons ad the mounts of cowboys once were seen now it is crowded with automobiles. Only the bell of St. Patrick's church up on the hill remains.

The swivel chair farmers have the crop gathered in Nebraska's cornbelt and report an average of 43 bushels to the acre. Better wait until Clodhopper Harry and Husker Hank come from the fields to tell us what has been the yield. Prairieland has abundance of everything that grows here this another year and the landscape lies serene robed in silken green.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson has the nations' tough job and that he would like to quit and go back to his duties as an apostle in the Mormon church is understandable. President Eisenhower asked him to continue as a member of the cabinet and Mr. Benson consents to remain on the job in Washington.

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News, Views and Gossip by THE EDITOR

Gloves for O'Neill?

Max Pofahl, who hails from Ewing and won golden gloves boxing title at Norfolk four out of seven years, firmly believes O'Neill is ripe for a boxing team. "There's bound to be a lot of kids around O'Neill with an appetite and a desire to box," Max declared Thursday while attending the cattle sale.

"Wouldn't take much encouragement to get me to organize a bunch of kids and train them." Max is one of the fighting Pofahls who have had singular success in golden gloves competition and have brought a lot of glory to their hometown of Ewing. Max insists that Walt Fick, Inman farmer-stockman, is responsible for much of Ewing's boxing success.

"Walt has been a hard-working, conscientious manager - trainer. He's one of the finest men I ever knew, lives clean, and his own boxing background and training habits have always been a model for members of the Ewing team."

Max says the boxing training must start at about 11- or 12-years-old if you're going to develop a champion.

"Don't expect any titles the first year or two after a team is organized. It takes a lot of hard work to build a champion. The boys you meet in the advanced competition at Norfolk and in the Midwest meet in Omaha are 'bad boys—real bad' (meaning dangerous to meet in the ring.)"

Max says the risk of personal injury has been virtually removed from golden gloves competition.

"It's a wonderful sport. I'm ranching not too far from O'Neill and I'd like to get a team going."

—CAL STEWART

When You & I Were Young . . . 'Stupified by Effects of Destructive Storm' Historian McCafferty Pens Description

50 Years Ago Historian McCafferty wrote a graphic description of one of the most destructive storms in Holt county's history that took place July 24, 1907. Excerpts: "I went over the country where the storm was most furious, in a short while after, on my way to the hospitable home of friend, W. Spindler, by stage, and was stupified at the aftermath of destruction in that triangular country from Mrs. Widow Hopkins to Walt Hodgins and from there to Widow McGovern's place. From Miss May McGovern's field to George Hansen's the leaves were beaten off the trees and in some instances the trees themselves were stripped and left bereft of the habiliments of bark. Stephen Hicks lost 30 hogs." (Editor's note: The late Mr. McCafferty was the father of Mrs. John Melvin of O'Neill and Mrs. J. A. Frinking of Omaha.)

20 Years Ago The poultry team of Marjory Rees and Vera Grutsch received a blue ribbon at the state fair. The forestry team of Donald Scott and Dick Shearer won a red ribbon. Deaths: Roy D. Judge of near Emmet and Mrs. Carrie Cronk of northeast of Page. . . Some 1,000-pound steers brought \$10.10 per hundred at O'Neill Livestock market. They were grass fat steers.

10 Years Ago Open-house is being planned at the new American Legion club. Mrs. Orland Fryrear of Atkinson, rural school teacher, had an emergency operation and was followed to the hospital in a short time by her husband. . . Miss Eileen Sullivan was hostess at a pre-nuptial shower given in honor of Miss Ella Mae Clark.

One Year Ago U. S. Sen. Carl Curtis told of hardships on non-union truck firms at a dinner meeting here. . . At a Save-the-Trains meeting at Bassett with Chicago & North Western railroad officials, neither side would budge from stand taken earlier. . . The civil aeronautics administration okayed a \$8,000 airport improvement.

Mrs. K. C. Wrede Heads Club—The September meeting of the Cactus Ranchette project club was held on Tuesday, September 17, at the Ed Boshart home. Mrs. Roy Boshart was a visitor. Officers for 1938 were elected. The new officers are: Mrs. K. C. Wrede, president; Mrs. Elmer Devall, secretary; Mrs. Axel Borg, music leader; Mrs. Opal Hammerlin, news reporter. October meeting is to be held with Mrs. Elmer Devall.—By Melba Wrede, news reporter.

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Mrs. James Berigan to Appear on Panel

Today (Thursday) the Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold its annual convention at the city auditorium in Fremont.

Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, archbishop of Omaha, will celebrate mass at 9 a. m. at St. Patrick's church to open the session. Theme of the convention, the centennial year of the Catholic church in Nebraska, is "Faith Through the Century", which will be keynoted by Rev. Leo Kreikemeier of Hooper. Rev. Henry Creghton university will give the history of the church in Nebraska.

A panel discussion on "Spiritual Values and the Woman", led by Mrs. Peter McShane of Omaha, will follow the 12 o'clock luncheon. Moderator will be Rev. Paul Schwaab of St. Peter and Paul Parish of Omaha, and the evaluator will be Rev. Robert E. Southard of St. Margaret Mary's, Omaha. Those taking part in the panel are Mrs. Joseph H. Dinslage of West Point, Mrs. Ludwig Stanek of Scribner and Mrs. James Berigan of Atkinson.

Archbishop Bergan will give the closing address. Luncheon reservations should be made with Mrs. Roy Lee, 1879 Parkview, Fremont, luncheon chairman.

Those serving on committees

along with other northeast Nebraska women are: Mrs. A. A. Kalkowski of Lynch, hospitality, and Mrs. Dave Weider of Lynch, nominating.

Letter to Editor

September 21, 1937 Route 2 Bentonville, Ark.

We southerners feel honored indeed to have a dam yankee stand up for the fundamental principle of state rights.

The truth is Governor Faubus made a fool of himself. Little Rock would have become integrated without much trouble; but Orval wanted the southeast segregation vote. He planned on running for governor again; and else wanted to replace Senator McClellan.

Now even his own party is sick of him. He has lost the vote of northwest Arkansas and I believe his political days are numbered.

Time magazine indicted him for coming down from a small town and running a country newspaper. While we have to admit that small town editors are very low intellectually, we must admit that small towns didn't produce Jimmy Walker, Mayor O'Dwyer, Legs Diamond or Al Capone.

Neither did small towns produce Tom (I Like Me) Dewey, or Harry (Peanuts) Truman. And best of all, they didn't produce

Eleanor Kruschef Roosevelt. John Kasper is in jail and will stay there for some time. So, trying to avoid a civil war, I am

Very truly yours, Ralph N. Leidy

(Editor's note: A couple of years ago Mr. Leidy told us Bentonville had only four Negroes. One was named Cal Stewart.)

years-old Tuesday, September 17, but celebrated it the next day at the home of her parents, the Roy Worths. Guests at the dinner were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindberg and Miss Marian Rosenkrans.

Dr. Donald E. David OPTOMETRIST Eyes Examined Glasses Fitted Phone 2101 Spencer

SELLING AT

AUCTION

As I have been transferred to Norfolk, I will sell my home, known as the former Cecil Greiner place, at the residence, located three blocks east and four blocks south of the center stop light in O'Neill, Nebraska, on—

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

AT 1:30 P. M.

5-ROOM DWELLING

With full basement, nice lot with space for garden; size of lot and legal description will be legally described from records of the abstract. Same to be furnished with warranty deed.

TERMS OF SALE: 25 percent of purchase price date of sale, balance on delivery of abstract and title.

MR. AND MRS. EARL FARR

ED THORIN, O'Neill—Licensed Broker and Auctioneer

Where is it... IN NEBRASKA? Scotia, Nebr., boasts probably the only buildings in the world made from chalk. Many years ago chalk was quarried from the nearby Chalk Mines, which still attract tourists today. You can see these "caves" just a few miles south of Scotia on Highway 11. Beer Belongs . . . as a refreshing part of modern-day Nebraska. Its good taste is in good taste—anytime, anywhere. NEBRASKA DIVISION United States Brewers Foundation 812 First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Lincoln

Fixtures, Stock of Sundries Store

at . . . PUBLIC AUCTION

EWING, NEBRASKA

HAVING DECIDED TO QUIT BUSINESS, I will offer the following described fixtures and equipment in an established Sundries Store at Ewing, located 55 miles northwest of Norfolk on U.S. Highway 275, OR 20 miles southeast of O'Neill on U. S. 275, on—

Saturday, October 5th

Sale to Start at 7:30 P. M.

Offering Includes:

- ICE CREAM & SODA FOUNTAIN Extra large, very good condition
• DOUBLE-UNIT ICE CREAM MACHINE
• ICE CREAM CABINET
• 8-FT. REFRIGERATOR
• TWO CASH REGISTERS
• ADDING MACHINE
• 100-FT. OF WALL TYPE MERCHANDISE DISPLAY CASES
• Nine feet in height, plate glass windows with sliding doors
• FOUR CONVENTIONAL DISPLAY CASES
• CARD RACKS
• ISLAND DISPLAYS

The fixtures will be offered initially as a unit. Purchaser of fixtures can obtain stock of merchandise at 10 percent discount of inventory value. Building may be leased. Merchandise presently will inventory at approximately \$1,500.

COMMENT

This GIBSON STORE has an excellent location and is the only sundries (or drug store) of its type in the territory. The community needs and will support a store of this kind.

TERMS

Sale will be conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Bulk Sales Law. TERMS: Cash. Inspection of premises may be arranged by contacting the owner, who is operating the store.

GIBSON SUNDRIES

A. L. GIBSON, OWNER

COL. ED THORIN, O'Neill, Auctioneer-Broker

FARMERS STATE BANK, Ewing, Clerk