

# Prairieland Talk—

## Jerry's 77 Years in Holt

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LINCOLN—On Calvary's hill lies another son of a couple who came from old Ireland to join the General John O'Neill colony that came to this community in the long ago to build homes for themselves and subdue a wilderness. All of Jerry Hanley's 77 years wrote the record of his life in the O'Neill community, childhood, youth and manhood lived and labored on the open prairie in what became known as the Michigan settlement.



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I wonder if Jerry was one of those boys in a country school out there who became such a problem for the teacher that he quit and pulled out?

Then Guy Green, a sturdy youth from Meadow Grove, himself a fugitive from a father's wrath and abuse, came to O'Neill, learned of the school out there in the Hanley community that had run out one teacher, got M. M. Sullivan's store to fit him out with a suit of clothes—on credit—took on the school and won the hearts of those Michigan kids with a baseball and bat, prolonged "recess" out on the ball diamond.

And maybe that is where Tim, a brother of Jerry, started his career as O'Neill's accomplished baseball pitcher. Jerry ended his days down at Innan, a community apart from Jerry's beginning, a community that inspired one of its citizens to write, as he was feeling "happy as a clam in this land of Uncle Sam," that prairieland classic, "My Little Old Sod Shanty On My Claim." Jerry's death removes one more of the sons of those who came here from Ireland.

It comes out of Washington as authentic the four and a half million of our citizens are of jobs. On our way back to the 1930's, the 1890's? What has been could be again.

It was a week in January, 1907—Sanford Parker went to Omaha, and O. F. Biglin was in Sioux City on business. . . Miss Mabel Snyder returned to her studies at the state university at Lincoln. . . Miss Eula Barton was home after two weeks spent with friends at Papillion. . . Albert's Harness shop had gone into the sewing machine business. . . Sam Wolf, living down the river, marked two hogs that brought him \$71.70. . . Mark Howard of Page had business in O'Neill and was shaking hands with friends. . . R. R. Dickson was looking after his law business on a trip to Omaha and Lincoln. The value of grain and hay produced in Holt county in 1906, \$1,288,971. . . H. W. McClure, founder and owner of the McClure ranch in southeast Holt, died in Sioux City where the family was living. . . Joseph Eppenbaugh of Minneola and Myrtle Moore of Star, and Charles J. Dougherty of Venus and Minnie Houston of Middle Branch were married by County Judge Malone.

### Editorial—

## Joe Brown: 'Sheer Disgust'

There were caustic comments among newspapers last week on the heels of the Nebraska state railway commission's surprise announcement. On February 7 the commission authorized Chicago & North Western to discontinue passenger-mail-express trains 13 and 14 (Omaha-Chadron-Omaha). These are the last two trains of their type in most of north-Nebbraska.

Wrote Gene Kemper, editor of the Alliance Times-Herald: "Never in 33 years of publishing experience have I seen such a weak case (C&N's presentation in a hearing at Valentine six months ago) triumph before a three-man tribunal elected to protect the interest of the people."

Kemper went on to say C&N's purported losses are "phony and subterfuge."

Mrs. Reva Evans, editor of the Gordon Journal, said: "It was a low blow on the part of Commissioner Joseph Brown, one of two commissioners who supported the railroad in the 2-1 decision. We felt confident of Mr. Brown's support in view of his decision involving an Alliance train (Sunday only), and his decision there did not involve the last two on the line. His antics are received with sheer disgust. Gordon townspeople, ranchers and farmers will back the fight against C&N all the way."

### Taft Wing Stronger?

(Guest editorial from Human Events)

Bright hopes for reversing the drive of "liberal" democrats to win this year's elections, and for restoring the Taft wing to power within the GOP, appeared at party meetings held in Washington during the past 10 days.

The meeting of the republican national committee drew an unusually large attendance from all corners of the nation. The committee session was short, but within its limited time the committee members manifested interests which tint the party picture with more attractive hues than have been reported in the press.

Of great significance was the fact that, within the closed-door session, the committee members showed strong support for Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson in his efforts to cut down on government crop support spending.

Also, the one cabinet member appearing at the meeting who was subjected to critical questioning (described by some present as "very rough") was Secretary of Labor Mitchell. Mitchell, recently a "liberal" democrat, is trying to block right-to-work legislation on Capitol Hill.

The visiting members of the national committee also took a keen interest in the signs and sounds emanating from a meeting of young republicans, which was held concurrently with the national committee session. They saw in the preferences and prejudices revealed in the "youth section" a pattern of Taft republicanism that points to a renaissance of the GOP. According to some national committeemen, soundings among their juniors elicited a strong distaste for "coattail" riding, a liking for labor reform in the nature of right-to-work laws, vigorous opposition to federal aid to education and disdain generally for "middle-of-the-road" policies.

### Oatmeal or Dry Cereal

It appeared some time ago in a mystery story in a national magazine but it so accurately describes most of us and our attitude toward community, state and national problems that the paragraph is worth reprinting:

"I've discovered a tremendous cosmic fact,

So Mr. Truman has been heard from. He will make out now. . . Schools closed in Mississippi; not over the Negro question, but school kids down there don't know how to get around on ice and climb six-foot snowbanks. . . What makes for old age? asks a nationally known doctor. He says it is not years but sickness. If his dream materializes the human life span will be boosted to 120 years. . . Lincoln housewives have laid aside their hammers brought out to nail up windows and doors while Starkweather was still at large, and now that he is in "cold storage" ladies meet you at the door without a hammer or butcher knife in hand.

The head of one of the country's great international labor unions has resigned, the old familiar gag—health. Yes, disclosures in federal government circles back there in Washington make it rather unhealthy for the gentleman to sit longer on the throne of a labor union boss and plunder the honest members of the organization. It is said this labor organization provides a \$50,000 yearly pay check for its retiring head man, so with this and the accumulation of 30 years plunder and his three swank places of dwelling in various sections far removed from prairieland his retirement in "bad health and old age" he sits in the lap of luxury.

By order of the state railway commission, north Nebraskans have seen the last passenger trains. The Northwestern railway at one time, operating four passenger trains a day across north Nebraska, Tom Shively of O'Neill, the engineer pulling one train, now discontinues all passenger, mail and express service as it was formerly known. Save the train boys, what next?

Two of America's greatest were born in the month of February, George Washington, the father of his country and the friend of man; Abe Lincoln, who brought an end to slavery in our land, preserved the union and suffered a martyr's death. Many unknown great throughout our land were born in February, great in the sense of nobility of character and their upright lives; great too as humble industrious citizens, ever ready to extend a helping hand to any unfortunate one and promote the general community welfare. What month it may have been when you entered life's scene is not important, the important thing is the track we leave behind along the pathway of life.

Nearly two months of another year gone, another wrinkle wrote upon the furrowed brow of time. Back along the highway we dropped the days, the months, the years, having woven again a bit of the tapestry of life, in toil, in smiles, in tears. So down the road of life we go weaving a web firm and true that brings an eternity of recompense at the journey's end.

which can be put in a nutshell—namely and to-wit: a lot more people aren't interested than are. I mean, take anything from who is elected president to whom Myrtle is going to marry, and more people don't give a darn than are all het up. Most things are just something you read in the newspapers, and then you pass on to something important, like whether to have oatmeal or dry cereal for papa's breakfast."

Who is to be mayor, governor or even president is nothing for us to worry about. That the wrong choice may mean poor government, or result in catastrophes like those which overtook Germany, Italy, Russia and a dozen other nations, is something we don't need to think about—not today anyway. Who is elected to office is the problem of the candidate—it's not our battle. Let him fight it out. We're just spectators.

As the mystery story writer says, we'll "pass on to something important, like whether to have oatmeal or dry cereal for papa's breakfast."

### Experts Not Carping!

The successful launching of the U. S. army's earth satellite has had an excellent effect on American morale, so badly damaged by the success of Russia's Sputniks I and II and by the U. S. navy's failure to put up Vanguard II.

However, according to our reading, the professional physicists and scientists on our team are not carping. They say they will have to wait a bit for subsequent performances before exultation. They point out the U. S. army's satellite weighs only 30 pounds. Sputnik II is said to weigh a half-ton.

What has disturbed American leaders so much is not so much Russia's lead in the race for outer space, as it is Russia's apparent lead in the missile race.

If the Reds succeed in perfecting and producing intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM) before we do, look out.

Our 11-year-old posed a question brought home from the school crowd: "What has been the worst weather in Nebraska history?" The suggested answers ranged from the Blizzard of '88 to Omaha's Easter cyclone to the Recurring Blizzards of 1948-'49. But they were incorrect, according to the bright one. Her answer: "Stark-weather!"

An idea is one thing; putting it into words, so that everybody will understand it is another.

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### When You & I Were Young . . .

## Mrs. Tom Tierney, Mother of 6, Dies

### Little Girls Among Survivors

50 Years Ago

Jurors selected for the next session of district court are: Ed Burwell, W. D. Baxter, Thomas Crow, O. Doherty, Peter Donohoe, F. J. Dishner, William Enright, D. A. Farnsworth, William Froelich, Warren Gilman, W. L. Holcomb, John Henning, George Herzog, O. P. Hanks, Theodore Kubart, S. L. Lofquist, L. D. Montgomery, Lewis McDermott, J. W. Rhodes, J. A. Robertson, Simon Simonson, S. J. Stites, Robert Wright and John Walmer. Mrs. Thomas Tierney, 40, mother of six little girls, died. . . William A. Burke of Randolph and Miss Annie Shoemaker of O'Neill were married.

20 Years Ago

A dozen or more old time friends dropped in on Mrs. J. J. McCafferty to help celebrate her 79th birthday anniversary. Among those present, who have passed the three score and 10 mark, were Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Biglin, Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Minton and Mrs. McCabe. . . Mr. and Mrs. John S. Johnson of Beatrice are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Edwards. Mr. Johnson comes from a family of railroaders. He retired last year after 49 years with the Burlington. He is a brother of Mike Johnson, a section foreman with the Q since 1903. Another brother, Frank, is foreman at Beiden. He has been with the Burlington since 1898.

Two other brothers, Bert and Charles, have been with the Burlington as foreman, but are now retired. They are sons of a pioneer family, who settled about 23 miles southwest of the city in 1880. They resided there many years. Funeral services were held for Charles F. Pruss, 77. . . A wonderful time was had at the miscellaneous shower held at the James Earley home for Mrs. Gertrude Conway. A new dance, the big apple, was introduced. The orchestra consisted of Martha Murphy, Sallie Murray, Cora Murray, Mrs. Tom Coyne and Gerald Donohoe. At cards whenever Tom Coyne won, you could tell by his gleeful actions that he was tickled to get a scratch. Tom will likely admit we have a few sharks left who know a thing or two about cards.

10 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Donohoe, well-known O'Neill farm couple, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. . . Deaths: Mrs. Thomas Markey, 77, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. D. F. Murphy; Frank Bain, 68, retired O'Neill blacksmith and farmer; A. J. Placek, 90, of Lynch; William Decker of Lincoln, formerly of the Page and O'Neill communities. . . Mrs. Axel Borg of O'Neill was chosen as one of two representatives from an 11-county district to compete in a Nebraska-Iowa homemaking contest in Omaha. . . The body of T-S Ericelle Robert Nines of Stuart arrived from France for burial. He was killed in action in France. . . Marriages: Mr. Lucille Hickey of O'Neill and Joseph Dufek; Miss Opal Rockford of Butte and Donald Staples of Atkinson; Miss Ramona Doolittle of Amelia and Gerald V. Tesch of Fremont.

### Hospital Notes

LUNDBERG MEMORIAL (Creighton)

Admitted: Mrs. Charles Frederick of Creighton, Mrs. Leonard Pittick of Plainview, Guy Parsons of Atkinson, Mrs. Kenneth Meier of Niobrara, Mrs. Anna Hoferer of Creighton, Mrs. Ed Skaliky of Winner, S.D., Mrs. Dale Beck of Winneton.

Dismissed: Arvey Pavlik of Verdigris, Mrs. Archie Stone and daughter of Verdigris, Mrs. Leonard Pittick of Plainview, Guy Parsons of Atkinson, Mrs. Charles Frederick and son of Creighton, Emma A. Schultz of Creighton (transferred to University hospital), Mrs. Kenneth Meier and daughter of Niobrara, Mrs. Jack McManigal of Bloomfield, Andrew Nygaard of Winneton, Mrs. Alvin Pavlekka of Verdigris, Baby Lloyd Clarence Nelson of Creighton, Ray Overholt of Creighton, Mrs. Ed Skaliky of Winner, S.D., Pat Herrick of Winneton, Baby Gordon Jay Woods of Center.

MOVE TO CLEARWATER EWING—Lyle Clark has moved and is now receiving his mail at Clearwater.

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### Celia News

Sunday, February 16, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks invited the senior class of Atkinson high school and a few others to their ranch home to help their son, Jim, celebrate his 18th birthday anniversary. Several brought various instruments and a lot of music was enjoyed by the group.

Missionary circle met at the Milton McKathie home Thursday afternoon. The ladies rolled bandages.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks and family were Wednesday evening visitors at the Omer Poynts home.

Arlyn Hendricks spent Saturday, February 8, at the Clarence Focken home.

Roger and Gary Hoffman, Harold, Garold, David, Vicki and Glen Frickel attended their 4-H meeting at the William Black home Sunday afternoon.

Billy Focken came home from Norfolk Saturday evening and returned to school Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman and sons were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Alice Hill.

Mrs. Victor Frickel and Beverly were Sunday morning visitors at the home of Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg.

Mavis Rahn spent Sunday with Marketa Hendricks.

Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman, teacher of McKathie school, and pupils of her school entertained the mothers and pre-school children with a Valentine party. Mothers present: Mrs. Ed Heiser and daughters, Linda and Lella, Mrs. Milton McKathie and Kay, Mrs. John Sicheneder and Gail. They played games and the teacher served lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. August Troshynski and Mrs. Bernard Troshynski and son, Tommy, of Lincoln were Wednesday, February 15, dinner guests at the Frank Kilmurry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sammons were Sunday supper guests at the Duane Beck home. Dorothy Scott was a Sunday dinner guest at the Beck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton McKathie and family were Friday evening visitors at the Ralph Arnold home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Milnar were Wednesday afternoon, February 15, and supper guests at the Duane Beck home.

Celia Homemakers extension club will meet at the home of Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg Tuesday afternoon, February 25. Mrs. Victor Frickel will be co-hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen and LeRoy were Tuesday evening, February 14, visitors at the William Tassler home.

Mrs. Hans Lauridsen visited Mrs. Fritz Naber Thursday afternoon.

Snowplow Needed on County Line—DELOIT A snowplow was needed to clear the road Saturday on the Wheeler-Holt county line. Mercury dipped to 20 degrees below zero early that morning. Throughout last week and Sunday morning the temperature was near zero or below every night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lower and children spent the weekend in Platt Center visiting her mother, Mrs. Julia Kroeger.

### Willing Workers

Reorganize—

The Willing Workers 4-H club held a organization meeting Friday, February 14, at the Neil Dawes home.

Election of officers was held with the following elected: Perry Dawes, president; Ilene Nelson, vice-president; Kathleen Brady, secretary-treasurer; Nancy Wray, news reporter and Gary Gillespie, song leader. There were 32 members present including nine new ones.

Project and project leaders are: Automotive, Perry Dawes; photography, Karen Nutter and Nancy Wray; beginning meal-planning, Mrs. W. B. Gillespie; meal planning, Mrs. Neil Dawes; skirt and blouse, Mrs. Ralph Walker; home living, Mrs. Fred Salak; first year REA, Gary Gillespie; fourth year REA, Ben Gillespie; livestock and a rope, Esty Nelson; garden, Grant Peacock; wildlife, Charles Nut-

ter; let's help mom and dad, Mrs. Neil Dawes; poultry and junior leadership.

The junior leaders are Kathy Brady, Karen Nutter, Ilene Nelson, Nancy Wray, Perry Dawes and Gary Gillespie.

Committees were appointed to prepare a radio program and window display for 4-H week with

Nancy Wray and Ilene Nelson as chairmen, respectively.

There was a special guest, Ayse Baysal of Turkey, who talked about her country and answered questions about it. Lunch was served by Salaks and Wrays. Next meeting will be held at Gillespies. —By Nancy Wray, news reporter.

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