

Family History Parellels Town's

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PAGE—Mr. and Mrs. John Gray noted the 62nd anniversary of their marriage Monday, March 10. No celebration was planned and they passed the day quietly at the home of their son, Robert, with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snyder of Inman as guests.

Wed on March 10, 1896, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, John I. Gray and Essie Ward exchanged marriage vows in the presence of immediate relatives. Rev. Bartley Blain, affectionately known as "Grandpa" Blain, officiated.

Essie Ward made her home with "Grandpa" and "Grandma" Blain in the house east of the cemetery, now a part of the Heiss farm.

Many changes are noted by the Grays since that time. John recalls that their first well operated in an "over-hand" manner. They thought they enjoyed the latest years later when that one was replaced by a bored wheel. Mr. Gray had three tall buckets welded together with a valve in the bottom for the water to fill in and a horse was hitched to the rope that brought the pail to the surface. With it the horse trough was filled and the needs of the house taken care of. In time a windmill replaced this and now, of course, most homes, whether town or country, have some form of plumbing taking water both into and out of the house and in many cases some of the barns as well.

Files Claim in '81

John's father, hearing of a new territory of land opening up in this section of Nebraska, came and took a timber claim in 1881, dug an open well and returned to Polk county. Two years later he returned with his family.

Their first project was the building of a two-room soddy, plastered walls and rough board floors. Sod for the house was turned by a big strong pair of oxen, the property of John's grandfather, Ranson Hunter. His uncle, George Hunter, also assisted in the construction and the family lived with the Hunters while it was in the preparation stage.

Soddies were warm in winter and cool in summer and the pioneer families had great need for the utilization of whatever material was at hand. Transportation was a problem.

The early settlers pastured their livestock on what was called free range. Kids were mostly responsible for keeping track of their stock and for their return home at milking time.

Berries Abundant

There was an abundance of game. Fishing was good and such fruit as elder and buffalo berries, sand and choke cherries, plums and grapes grew along the streams. The fruit was theirs for the taking.

John's mother brought a new fangled White sewing machine with her. It was the habit of the ladies to come and stay several days to their sewing.

The first sod school house was located "kitty-corner" to the Page home (now the Chichester home) and Mrs. Page was the first teacher. Cracks were wide,



The John Grays . . . four-generations on family timber claim.



endangering the slate pencils. The first school furniture was made by those who built the school.

Five of the "boys" who attended school in the old soddy teamed up and set out the evergreen trees surrounding the Page cemetery.

There has been a four-generation succession of Grays on the old timber claim—Robert, John, Robert and Veldon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray occupy the old home site while John and his wife live on the town side of the farm.

John spent but four years in the farming game and then relinquished his place to his brother, Robert, who built a home close to the homestead and farmed until his death in 1934. His son, Duane, took a short turn at it until Robert took it over.

Becomes Merchant
John became an associate in the Hunter & Gray firm, a general merchandise store in Page, and that became a three generation business terminating in 1942 when Willard Gray sold out to Shelhamer's of O'Neill.

John retired from active work in 1940 and kept cows, chickens and a few hogs until just recently when a fracas with a cow made it hard for him to chore.

Mrs. Gray is active in WSCS



The Grays . . . on their wedding day—March 10, 1896.

closely follows the frontier life of the community. One of the cherished possessions is the contract entered into by Robert Gray with the United States land office at Washington, D.C.

The Grays are the parents of three children: Daughter—Mrs. Jack Soukup of Lafayette, Calif.; sons—Willard of Lodi, Calif., and Robert of Page.

O'Neill High Honor Roll Is Announced

The honor roll for the fourth six weeks at O'Neill high is as follows:

Seniors — Wayne Reynoldson, AABBB; Jane Petersen, AAAA; Faye Murray, AAABB; Marion

Moseman, AABAA; Michael Liddy, ABAA; Gale Holcomb, BBAA; Lynda Haynes, BAAB.

Juniors — Veldon Tomlinson, AABBB; Betty Rothman, AAAA; Merle Pease, AAAA; Connie Kurtz, AAAA; Elaine Krugman, ABABA; Gerald Kaczor, AAAA; George Fuller, AABAA; Velda Ernst, AAAAB; Joan Booth, AAAAA.

Sophomores — Nancy Wray, AABA; Barbara Wayman, ABBA; Joyce Summers, AABA; Paula Reed, AAAA; Barbara Miller, AABAB; Janet Krugman, AAAA; Connie Johnson, ABAA; Richard Ernst, BBAAA.

Freshmen: Marion Rosenkrans.

Mrs. Joe Bruder, of Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. George Shald and Jim of Stuart were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Janzing.



O'Neill, Nebr.
Shop 8 A. M. — 5:30 P. M.
Saturdays til 9 P. M.



EASTER BONUS BUYS

Be the Best Dressed Family this Spring — And Save Up to 25%

17⁸⁸ Coat Sale!

TWEEDS AND FLANNELS
\$19.95 VALUES! Lovely new spring styles! Fabrics include a handsome brushed cotton tweed; also wool-nylon tweeds and all wool flannels. See them today! Misses' sizes 8-18.

DRESS BUYS!
6⁹⁸

Early spring arrivals! Full-skirted, slim-skirted and sheath styles in pretty dark prints and lovely springtime pastels. Linen-weave rayons, rayon crepes and wonderful easy-care blends. Choose now for Easter! Sizes 9-15, 10-20, 14½-24½.

Other Easter Dresses 4.98-10.98

GIRLS' REVERSIBLE

Bonus Buy 2⁸⁸
Reg. 3.98

Plain side, plaid side—jacket reverses to suit the whim of your junior miss. Elasticized waist, full zip front. Red, navy or turquoise poplin with harmonizing gingham plaid. Sizes 7-14.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF Chambers State Bank

of Chambers, Nebraska
Charter No. 637, at the close of business on March 4, 1938.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection \$165,685.04
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 396,918.75
Loans and discounts (including overdrafts) 261,154.75
Bank premises owned \$1.00, furniture and fixtures \$1.00 2.00
Total Assets \$823,760.54

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations 636,544.28
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 53,850.00
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 5,295.00
Deposits of States and political subdivisions 55,615.95
TOTAL DEPOSITS \$751,305.23

Total Liabilities \$751,305.23

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital* 25,000.00
Surplus 26,000.00
Undivided profits 21,455.31

Total Capital Accounts 72,455.31

Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts

\$823,760.54
*This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold with agreement to repurchase) \$ 75,000.00
I, Ralph Adams, Cashier, of the above named bank, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RALPH ADAMS
CORRECT—Attest: G. H. Adams, S. Z. Adams, Lloyd Glead, Directors.

Bonus Buy!

IVY LEAGUE BLOUSES
1⁹⁸

Roll-sleeve blouse styled by Land 'n Sea in crisp cotton checks. Ivy League button-down collar. Choice of colors. 32-38.

Bonus Buy!

EVERGLAZE COTTON SKIRTS
3³³

Full, swishy skirts in crisp Everglaze cotton. Black background with blue, yellow or red roses. Lacy print border. Sizes 22-30.

Bonus Buy!

TOTS' POPLIN JACKETS
1⁸⁸

Perky poplin jacket, plaid-lined in cozy cotton flannel. Full zip front, button cuffs. Light blue, red or navy. Sizes 2-6X.

Save 25%

SHOES FOR BOYS & GIRLS
2⁸⁸

Straps, oxfords—sturdy styles for school and play. All have durable composition soles. Bring the kiddies in today! Sizes 8½-3.

Price Cut!

IVY LEAGUE SADDLE SHOES
3⁷⁷

New version of an old favorite—low-cut black and white saddle with Ivy League buckle. Foam cushion sole. 4½-9.

Bonus Buy!

BOYS' 3.98 REVERSIBLES
2⁹⁹

Useful spring-weight jacket for school and sports. Bright gingham plaid reverses to solid color poplin. Zip front. Sizes 4-16.

Sevel Regular 69¢ Quality
Patricia Nyons
2 PAIR 1⁰⁰

Lovely dress sheer nyons with dark-line seams. New spring beige tone in sizes 8½-11.

Shimmery Rayon-Silk Blend
Pastel Scarves
69¢ VALUE **59¢**

Springtime prints and plains on lovely rayon-silk blend. Hand-rolled hems. 33" squares.

Bonus Buy!

22 x 44" SIZE BATH TOWELS
2 FOR 99¢

A terrific buy—79¢ values! Big, fluffy, and absorbent, with new extra-strong selvage. Blue, green, gold or pink.

Cannon Quality! Regular 19¢
Wash Cloths
2 for 25¢

Buy by the dozen at low sale price! 12x12" size, in a wide range of popular colors.

Need Little or No Ironing!
Dacron Ironers
1.59 VALUE **1¹⁷**

Sheer, sun-resistant panels drape beautifully, launder like a breeze. White, 41x81".

ALWAYS BETTER BUYS AT GAMBLES