By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR.

Special Corespondent PAGE-Mr. and Mrs. John Gray noted the 62d anniversary their marriage Monday, March 10. No celebation 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 well. 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

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 wth his family.

Their first project was the building of a two-room soddy, a ritzy dwelling that featured plastered walls and rough board floors. Sod for the house was turned ed by a big strong pair of oxen, the property of John's grand-father, 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 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

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 do their sewing.

located "kitty-corner" from the first school furniture was made by Page home (now the Chichester those who built the school. home) and Mrs. Page was the first teacher. Cracks were wide,

REPORT OF CONDITION OF **Chambers State Bank** 

of Chambers, Nebraska Charter No. 637, at the close of business on March 4, 1958. ASSETS Cash, balances with other banks, includ-

ing reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection \$165,685.04 United States Government obligations, direct and guaran-

teed Loans and discounts (including \$477.64 overdrafts) Bank premises owned

\$1.00, furniture and fixtures \$1.00 Total Assets

LIABILITIES deposits of Demand individuals, partnerships and corporations Time deposits of indi-

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(including postal savings) Deposits of States and political subdivi-55,615.95 sions TOTAL DEPOSITS \$751,305.23

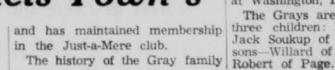
Total Liabilities \_\_\_\_ CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 25,000.00 Capital\* 26,000.00 21,455.31

Undivided profits Total Capital 72,455.31 Total Liabilites and \$823,760.54

Capital Accounts \*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 \$ 75,000.00 repurchase)

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 Gleed, Di-



cherished possessions is the con tract 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

closely follows the frontier life of the community. One of the O'Neill High Honor Roll Is Announced AA; Lynda Haynes, BAAB.

AABBB; Jane Petersen, AAAA; Ernst, Faye Murray, AAABB; Marion AAAAAA.

Moseman, AABAA; Michael Liddy, ABAA; Gale Holcomb, BB-

Juniors - Veldon Tomlinson. The honor roll for the fourth six weeks at O'Neill high is as Merle Pease, AAAA; Konnie Kurfollows AAAA; Elaine Krugman, Seniors — Wayne Reynoldson, George Fuller, AABAA; Velda ABBB; Jane Petersen, AAAA; Ernst, AAAAB; Joan Booth, aye Murray AAABB; Marion

AABA; John Kurtz, AAAA; Sophomores - Nancy Wray AABA; Barbara Wayman, ABBA; Joyce Summers, AABA; Paula Reed, AAAA; Barbara Miller,

Freshmen: Marion Rosenkrans, Janzing

Richard Ernst, BBAAA.

Gary Jeffrey, AABA; John Harder, AABA; Bill Fricke, BAAA Mrs. Joe Bruder, of Atkinson AABAB; Janet Krugman, AAAand Mr. and Mrs. George Shald AA; Connie Johnson, ABAA; and Jim of Stuart were Friday

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman

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The John Grays . . . fourgenerations on family timber

The first sod school house was endangering the slate pencils. The Five of the "boys" who attend-

ed school in the old soddy teamed up and set out the evergreen trees surrounding the Page ceme-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 whn Willard Gray sold out to Shelhamer's of O'Neill.

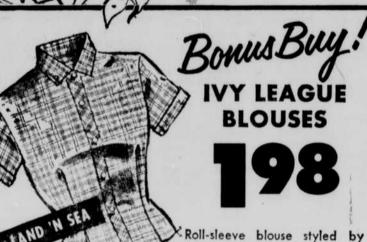
John retired from active work in 1940 and kept cows, chickens and a few hogs until just recently when a fracas with a cow made it hard for him to chore. John was born at Genoa, Wisc., December 18, 1872, and came with his parents to Polk county in 1875, traveling by prairie

Mrs. Gray is active in WSCS



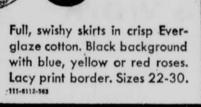
ding day-March 10, 1896.





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

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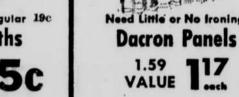
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