

PrairieLand Talk—

# The Frontier Followed Whites

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LINCOLN—The diminishing remnant of the once great Sioux nation had been moved to the Rosebud and Pine Ridge from that strip of north Nebraska prairie we know today as Boyd county.

Henry and I spent the night in a crude structure common on prairie-land 70 years ago at a lonely spot where Indian tepees had recently stood, and our bed was sprinkled by a shower of rain that night. We had come to this new settlement that was to become the county seat of Boyd county to hand out copies of Jim Riggs' Frontier to prospective subscribers.



Romaine Saunders

I was just the "teamster" hauling Henry around, he picking up a dollar and a half here and there and adding names to The Frontier's list of readers in a former Indian land and now being taken over by pale-face coming from O'Neill and elsewhere.

The first settlers in Boyd county read The Frontier, and no doubt Editor Cal can tell you of many Boyd county citizens of today who look to The Frontier for their news. Our last stop as we crossed the bridge that bears his name was at Ed Whiting's, the squaw man who figured in the early history of Holt county. And the Whiting bridge speaks of the tragedy where Barret Scott was hung, the rope cut and his body plunging into the icy waters of the Niobrara river a cold night in December, 1894.

I saw her today. She sat at a table her hands occupied spreading ample slices of bread and jellyed fruits and preparing other foods that were to be given to needy aged ones of whom she knew that she was no longer able to provide for themselves. Hands occupied to help others. In the world torn with trouble, with strife, with crime, there are others every where lifting a hand to help, to save, as this prairie-land mother is doing today, smiling and speaking cheerfully as she picks up another slice of bread to spread.

Early next month at Boulder, Colo., what is said to be the "last word" in sanitarium and hospital invention will be formally opened to the public. The speaker for the occasion will be Honorable Steve McNichols, governor of Colorado. The governor comes from an early O'Neill family of McNichols, his father and this superannated has been being kids together bumbling around the streets of O'Neill back in the 1880's. Steve's father pulled out for Denver about the time I went to work at The Frontier. With the Irish gift for politics, Steve's father was soon seeking office in Denver and continued to do so to the end of his days. Son, like father, has followed the paths that lead to public service and now is the chief executive of a great state. Governor Steve and the late Billy McNichols were cousins.

W. H. Plourd, editor of the Nance County Journal says, "Once in awhile we get to leafing through one of the magazines friend wife subscribes to and we find out some of the damndest things. For instance, egg white will remove chewing gum from children's hair. A lot of the kids we know would rather have gum in their hair than egg white."

The onward march of time closes the door to another month and we step over the threshold to march along November's highway, having been to the polls and voted for the candidates of our choice. In late October I received a letter from a daughter of an O'Neill school teacher of a generation now about gone. That letter came from Mrs. Benson J. Woods of Gentryville, Ind., whose parents Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Shanner, were part of the active life of O'Neill before the turn of the century. Mrs. Woods had run onto the story that PrairieLand Talker talked a little at that old settlers gathering in August. Her home is in the community of southern Indiana where Abe Lincoln grew up and she was billed for an address on what she had learned of that great American at a community gathering on Lincoln's birthday. As my birthday anniversary comes in the month and the day of the month of the death of another great American I may in fancy travel there and place a floral tribute at George Town to the memory of George Washington.

Since the year 1880 O'Neill has been the scene of activity of 20 newspaper editors, if I count them all beginning with Doc Mathews who with a few cases of type and a hand press edited and printed the first Frontier. Three of this list of editors served as postmaster, Mathews, the first, Jim Riggs and Denny Cronin, both of whom had edited The Frontier. Mr. Cronin served in the state legislature also, his next public service being when serving as United States marshal with headquarters in Omaha. Another of our time editors, Clarence Selah, served for a time as U. S. revenue collector. And an editor until recent times had a free pass on the railroads for which in return the railroads received much publicity. The pass and publicity long since having been discontinued, passenger trains also have had to stop running up and down the Elkhorn valley.

Two blocks from where this is typewritten she sits alone today, old and infirm, her daughter in the air on flight to that trouble spot of earth we know as the Middle East to join her husband. And here in that section of earth where human history began, where human blood flowed throughout the centuries, a husband and wife from the prairies of Nebraska have sacrificed home and friends and dear ones to take again the story of the cross to the descendants of an ancient race and minister to the needy. So that aged mother sitting alone today has sacrificed all that is dear to a mother's heart that she may have some small part in extending a helping hand to those in need in a far away land.

## THE FRONTIER

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**METHODIST (Page-Inman)**  
Rev. Lisle E. Mewmaw, pastor  
PAGE —  
Thursday, November 6 (today): Women's Society of Christian Service meeting, 2 p.m.; junior choir practice, 4 p.m.  
World Order Sunday, November 9: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; young adult chili supper, 6:30 p.m.; and monthly meeting, MYF, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, November 10: Commission on missions meeting, 8 p.m., in the Harold Heiss home.  
Wednesday, November 12: Chancel choir practice, 8 p.m.  
INMAN—  
World Order Sunday, November 9: Worship, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday-school, 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday, November 12: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.; and MYF.

Thursday, November 13: Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting, 2:30 p.m.; official board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
November 20: Commissions on education and missions will meet at 7:30 p.m.  
FOR BOTH CHURCHES  
Wednesday, November 12: Mid-week prayer, 9:45 a.m. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:13-18.  
November 16: MYF sub-district rally at Spencer.  
November 20 to 22: Sub-district Bible studies at Atkinson with Dr. Kraft of Garrett Seminary as instructor.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN (Ewing)**  
Dr. William H. Ross, minister  
Saturday, November 8: Choir practice, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, November 9: Bible school, 10 a.m.; the sacrament of baptism, reception of members, sermon, "The Bible and Higher Criticism" 11 a.m.; youth fellowship, 7 p.m.; Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield, sponsors; junior missionary society, 7 p.m.; Mrs. Ross, sponsor; singpiration, sermon, "How Do You Worship?", 8 p.m.  
Monday, November 10: Session, 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 12: Prayer and study of Romans 6:15-23, 8 p.m., Miss Ina Bennett, leader.

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES (127 S. 4th St., O'Neill)**  
Friday, November 7: Theocratic ministry school, 7:30 p.m., subject, "Giving Praise to Jehovah"; service meeting, 8:30 p.m., theme, "Knowing Job's Happiness for Endurance."  
Sunday, November 9: Watchtower study, 6 p.m., subject, "God's Kingdom Rules—Is the World's End Near?"  
Tuesday, November 11: Bible book study, 8 p.m., subject, "Why It Must Be Done on Earth", Mat. 6:10.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN (Atkinson)**  
Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, pastor  
Sunday, November 9: Divine worship, 9 a.m., S. H. Brauer, superintendent; "The Lutheran Hour" on WJAG, 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 11: Confirmation classes.

**'How'd You Meet Your Hubby?'**  
The Eagle Belles extension club met Tuesday, October 28, at the Neil Hipke home. Roll call was answered by telling how the women met their husbands. Nine members and four visitors were present. The visitors included Mrs. Russell Hipke, Mrs. Richard Doty, Mrs. Cecil Miller and Mrs. Fauser. Mrs. George Mellor and Mrs. Tom Greene reported on Achievement Day.  
Mrs. Neil Hipke gave the lesson on Mental Health and Dr. Moss's lecture.  
Mrs. Cecil Miller guessed the contents of the guessing box.  
The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 18, at the home of Mrs. Don Fernau.  
Lunch was served by the hostess.

**Terminates Visit —**  
Miss Veronica Coyne of Chicago, Ill., left Wednesday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne, since Thursday, October 23. Her mother had been a patient in Rochester, Minn.

## Enright Home Nears Completion

### Located on City's 'Kid Hill'

Married: Ray Haynes of Redbird and Miss Jesta Blanche Miller of Meek; Elmer S. London of Auburn and Miss Jennie L. Klotzback of Atkinson; Clyde V. Walker of Omaha and Miss Hazel W. Coats of Stuart; Julius Eppengaugh of Scottville and Mrs. James Lichty of Agee. The residence of Thomas Enright on "Kid Hill" is nearing completion. J. B. Ryan has commenced the erection of a handsome home on east Douglas street. The building will be 26x30 feet with 18 foot posts. He expects to move in before Christmas. Mrs. Younklin was hostess to the WCTU. Among students taking part in a recital at St. Mary's academy were Elsie Gatenby, Mildred Scatford, Lorena Powers, May, Margaret and Rose Fallon, Mabel Phillips and Loretta Sullivan. Miss Fanny Millard will lead Epworth league at the Methodist church.

**20 Years Ago**  
Dr. J. Milton Murphy of Portland, Ore., a son of a pioneer couple, is visiting here. His mother is the former Mary Gibbons and his father was John Murphy, who is deceased. Jimmie Merriman entertained eight of his friends at a Halloween party at his home. Miss Grace Loy of Rancho

Santa Fe, Calif., and Henry L. Layton of San Pedro, Calif., were married. The committee for the barn dance at the Country club are Mrs. R. R. Morrison, Mrs. J. J. Harrington, Mrs. Simar, Mrs. S. J. Weekes, Mrs. D. H. Clausen and Mrs. William Biglin. Attending the state teachers' convention in Norfolk were Mrs. Luella Parker, Miss Mary Horiskey, Mrs. Katie Miller and Mrs. Ann McCartney.

**10 Years Ago**  
Deaths: Mrs. Carl E. Adamson, 56; Mrs. Fred Van Fleet, 79, of Atkinson; Arthur E. Lee, 81, who was killed by a truck at Olympia, Wash. He was formerly of Atkinson. Richard White and Vivian Lemmer of Atkinson, were crowned Duke and Duchess of the annual homecoming at Atkinson high school. Five youths from Atkinson, Bassett and Ainsworth admitted thefts and break-ins. Atkinson's male chorus will appear in O'Neill. The proceeds will go to the young adult group of the Methodist church.

**One Year Ago**  
An O'Neill naval officer, Ensign E. Donald Hagensick, was pictured with Mitzi Gaynor in Hawaii. Mitzi is there filming "South Pacific" and Hagensick is supply officer aboard the USS LaFayette County. Fred Frerichs, 17, escaped injury when his car over turned in a creek and he was pinned in with his head under water. He managed to crawl out a rear door. The First Methodist church will celebrate its 75th anniversary. Miss Patty Pierson has joined Northwest airlines and is awaiting an assignment.

## Letter to Editor

Scribner, Nebr.  
I have long wanted to write and compliment you on your good newspaper and also your news broadcasts over radio station WJAG, which I try to tune into each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Homer Mullen of the First National bank here, occasionally hands us a copy of The Frontier which we find very interesting. Moving down here from Spencer 16 years ago, we have been subscribing to another newspaper, but as soon as our subscription runs out the end of December we will quit it and enter our subscription to The Frontier, which I feel is superior in news and picture coverage of all that area up there.

I am enclosing herewith 10c in cash for which I would like to have you send me a copy of the October 23 issue of The Frontier, as I'm quite sure there would be a writeup and picture of the Damero golden wedding. The family were old friends of Grandma and

Grandpa Storjohann and we saw them quite often when we lived up that way.  
Thank you for your good news coverage, and keep up the good work!  
Yours very truly,  
—MRS. H. J. STORJOHANN

**Visit Merrimans —**  
Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman were her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peshek, of Wagner, S.D.

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## Church Notes

**METHODIST (O'Neill-Emmett)**  
O'NEILL—  
Thursday, November 6, Prayer circle at Claude Bates home, 10 a.m.; Dorcas, 2 p.m.  
Saturday, November 8: Fall festival in old Council Oak building—lunches, food sale, bazaar, candy booth, etc.  
Sunday, November 9: Church school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; evening service, 7:15 p.m.; songfest, worship service, travel pictures.  
Monday, November 10: Inter-

mediate, MYF, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 11: A service is planned with Rev. Leon Miller, an agricultural specialist who is directing the Methodist Rural center at San Carlos, Costa Rica.  
Wednesday, November 12: WSCS study, 2 p.m.; Rev. Miller will speak to the group; high school choir, 7 p.m.; adult choir, 8 p.m.; senior MYF, 8 p.m. with Rev. Miller speaking.  
Thursday, November 13: Prayer circle, 10 a.m.; WSCS, 2 p.m.;

church board, 8 p.m.  
EMMETT —  
Sunday, November 9: Children's Sunday-school and worship, 9:30 a.m.  
**CHRIST LUTHERAN (O'Neill)**  
(Seventh and Clay sts.)  
Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, pastor  
Thursday, Men's club meeting, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, November 9: Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; W. Fricke, superintendent; divine worship, 11 a.m.; "The Lutheran Hour" on WJAG, 4 p.m.; adult membership class, 7 p.m.  
Monday, November 10: Adult membership class, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 11: Sunday-school teachers' and staff meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 12: Annual Smorgasbord supper

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