

Thursdays Are Eventful

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LINCOLN—Thursday, the fifth day of the week. The new year—1959—will be ushered in on Thursday, Christmas comes on Thursday, the anniversary of the birth of the compiler of PrairieTalk (after 88 years) falls on Thursday, and of course, the great American Thanksgiving comes year-by-year on Thursday.



Romaine Saunders

Lincoln and the region round about had the first snowfall of the season on Thanksgiving day. And I had my first Thanksgiving dinner at a Kansas home of a grandson. We traveled 200 miles south under a clouded sky with neither snow nor rain falling, on through Beatrice to Fairbury, to Belleville and Concordia, Kans., to the outskirts of Salina.

Citizens of cities and towns enjoying the holiday, others like us on the highway rolling toward the dinner table of a son and daughters and the countryside stretching beyond human vision over hills and valleys. The ample dinner, the bright eyes of a sweet little girl looking into my one glimmer as she was kissed good-bye.

Snow began to fall around 3 o'clock and a half-hour later we headed for home over the snow blanketed highway, pulling safely into the home driveway some five hours later.

A district court jury up in Sheridan county rendered a verdict of not guilty in the Grandinger case. The brief comment of the presiding judge, as he read the verdict, was unusual and wholly uncalculated. The young man held in custody and in court for four years fell into the arms of his attorney and exclaimed "Thank God" when he heard the words not guilty!

He walked out from the clutches of the law for the last time, a free man. But there was a killing there in Cherry county, by no means the first, probably not the last. Will the hand that was stained with the blood of that highway patrolman in 1954 yet be identified beyond just suspicion?

The death of Mrs. Louise Heiss at the age of four score and four years removes another of the pioneers of the Page community. She was one of the French family which cast anchor near the town of Page before that town was started. For something near 77 years Mrs. Heiss knew that community as home. One-by-one the pioneers we had known are falling to sleep in the sleep of death from which there is no awakening while time lasts.

The last of our pioneers, who made the prairies of Holt county to grow a stack of corn and pasture the herds, will respond to the summons of the death angel. Others carry on until they, too, join the procession to the abodes of the dead.

The Fugate girl, recently found guilty of murder by a jury of five women and seven men in Lancaster county court, turns to religion for consolation, asks for a clergyman to come to her prison cell. If as a child she had received what she now seeks her hands may not have been dipped in human blood. In childhood Carl was deprived of what every child should learn at their mother's knee.

Homer Campbell writes from Seattle, Wash., recalling a trip he made 75 years ago when he hauled a traveling salesman from Fremont to a county store out at Eagle Mills, received as pay a 10-dollar gold piece, then headed for his parents' homestead home near Atkinson, retired from hauling traveling salesmen around and found himself at the Atkinson Graphic shop setting type for Harry Mathews. At 88 Homer now devotes himself to the care of his invalid wife.

From a pioneer daughter, MRS. ETHEL JOHNSON BROWN O'Neill has no passenger trains rolling in and out, but does have bus service to the east, to the west, to the north and to the south. In the long ago it was Charley Downey's stage to Niobrara.

Editorial

O'Neill Stores Brimming

Never in O'Neill's history have stores been so jam-packed with Christmas merchandise and, we might add, with yuletide shoppers.

The title of north-Nebraska's Christmas city rightfully belongs to O'Neill. A tour of the gaily-decorated stores will convince you that O'Neill offers just about everything anybody could be hunting for to complete his or her gift list.

The columns of The Frontier have been proclaiming this fine assortment of gifts for several weeks now. Stores have been brimming with buyers and most retail stores are pointing to sales figures ahead of sales marks for corresponding periods in recent years.

In keeping with policy established several years ago, the Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to add new yuletide decorations each year. This year the lamp posts are festooned with seasonal decorations, complementing the strings of colored lights and other traditional decorations.

Yes, O'Neill is north-Nebraska's Christmas city in every detail shoppers will do well to come here from a considerable distance in order to find unexcelled selections and bargains for yuletide gift-giving.

Congress Four Weeks Away

A new congress of the United States will be meeting in four more weeks. Both republicans and democrats will be nominating their candidates for the presidency in little more than 18 months.

Richard Nixon, among republicans, is far out front. Nelson Rockefeller appears to be a possibility and there is a beating of drums in his behalf by the left wing of the GOP party. You'll note Life magazine manages to give "Rock" the buildup each week, much as the groundwork was laid a few years ago for Dwight Eisenhower.

Adlai Stevenson appears to us to be the most probable compromise for the democrats, and young John Kennedy is more likely to be favored for vice-president than for president. Then there is Lyndon Johnson of Texas who is another demo contender. If as the political influence is shifting westward as fast as the population, we might find a Californian (Nixon) at the head of one party and a Texan (Johnson) heading the other.

U.S. News & World Report predicts the spending trend will continue upward when the new congress convenes. Aid to depressed areas will be favored, also school aid, scholarships, more economic (less military) aid to friendly countries abroad, no backing away from agriculture aid, big highway and public works programs. That magazine predicts labor laws will be changed somewhat and there's not even an outside chance of a balanced budget.

Fiscal '57 Figures Ready

Our state governments work through such a maze of bewildering financial systems, we are told, that the census bureau, which makes it its business

Atkinson, Nebr. November 25, 1958

Dear Mr. Saunders: In last week's issue of The Frontier, in your PrairieTalk, I noticed that you had received a letter from Trudy Schultz. (No, Audrey as was stated in your Talk). Trudy is my little great niece, her mother, Lorraine, is my niece, the former Lorraine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Johnson. Both families reside there at the Lazy F J ranch on Eagle creek about two miles southeast of Rock Falls.

My sister-in-law, Mrs. Floyd Johnson, is the Rock Falls correspondent for The Frontier. I visited the Schultz family, also the Johnsons, when Glass Eyes was three-days-old. Her mother brought her down from the hills for a drink of water for the first time. I am a little envious of Glass Eyes as she is living now at my girlhood home.

I am Mrs. Ethel Brown of Atkinson, the former Ethel Johnson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Johnson, Eagle creek pioneers. Mother came to Nebraska with her parents and family when she was 10-years-old from Lawrence, Mass. Her parents were the Gordons. Papa was born at Peoria, Ill. I think he came to Nebraska with his parents and family when he was 14-years-old. Both families, Johnsons and Gordons, took homesteads adjoining on Eagle creek. I don't know in what years, but they were all here to weather the blizzard of 1888.

I have heard them relate many interesting tales of that blizzard. I can remember hearing papa tell that he and his youngest brother, Elmer, had gone to the cornfield in a bobbed after fodder when the blizzard struck. He said Uncle Elmer laid down in the back of the sled. He could faintly see the road that way. He guided papa's driving by calling "gee" and "haw" whenever the horses began to pull out of the road. My uncle John (Jack) Gordon was working away from home, at a farm home—I think at the Gregs.

He was sent to O'Neill that morning with bobbed sled and team for groceries for the Greg family. He was about halfway to town when the storm struck. Neither he nor the horses could face it any longer, so he unhitched the team and turned them, facing to the sled. Then he turned the sled over, on top of himself, and kicked and pounded all night to help keep from going to sleep and freezing. He was found next morning by someone who had gone in search of him. He had just given up the battle and was numb and was going to sleep. He was so badly frozen that his health was never good afterwards. Yet he lived to be over 80-years-old.

I read also in When You and I Were Young of last week's Frontier, in the 20 years ago items, of my father's death. Needless to say I hadn't forgotten papa. But it doesn't seem possible that it was 20 years ago that God granted the old pioneer his final award. Mother passed away 27 months later.

As for myself, I have lived 30 years across the 50-yard-line, and am no spring chicken any more. I have seen the team and buggy change into the present automobile and airplane age and the lowly kerosene lamp and lantern, (my brother Floyd, and I used to carry and hold lanterns for papa while he did the chores and milking. Now we just push a button and — . . .

Well, Mr. Saunders, I guess it's time to close my letter now so will do so, hoping you have a very merry yuletide.

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Why not a gift subscription this year?

Records Should Be Kept The director of the Nebraska Historical society, Dr. W. D. Aeschbacher, recently told the Saline County Historical society it is extremely important that all records of the military men and women of Saline county should be preserved.

The Wilber Republican reported the speaker compared the observance of Armistice day 40 years ago with the observance of Veterans day now. He also stated it is possible the day may not be observed at all 40 years from now. This indicates a need to preserve all military records, he pointed out.

Please Everybody

There is one gift that will please every member of the family—not just at Christmas time but for 52 weeks out of the year. We are suggesting to you that you give a gift subscription to The Frontier. The cost amounts to only a few cents each week, yet it is a year-around reminder of the giver. An attractive gift card will be sent to the person or persons for whom the subscription is intended. And the subscription rate is only \$2.50 per year in Nebraska; \$3 per year elsewhere; \$2 per year for men and women in the armed forces.

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O'Neill Gridders Wallop Norfolk

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Hunter, Horiskey Are Officials

Miss L. Pearl Peeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peeler of Lynch, and Edward L. Davies of Ewing were married. Miss Goldie Martin played the wedding march. Attending the couple were Miss Edith Eviltth and Burl Martin. . . O'Neill high school football team beat Norfolk, 5-0. O'Neill players were McNichols, Hunt, Gallagher, Campbell, Kane, Biglin, Simmons, Golden, McCafferty, Hanley and Kelley. Referee was Hunter and umpire was Horiskey. . . Mrs. L. G. Gillespie is visiting at the home of her parents in Minneapolis, Minn. . . Mrs. J. H. McPharlin and children returned after visiting relatives in Pamrey, Ia. . . Miss Lillian Carlon of Denver, Colo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Shoemaker.

20 Years Ago

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10 Years Ago

The Frontier had 28 pages jammed packed of Christmas news. The bodies of Sgt. John M. Gallagher, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gallagher of near Inman, and Sgt. Dewey C. Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Newton of Emmet, arrived in the United States for burial. . . Romaine Saunders is to be the editor-in-chief of the diamond jubilee edition of The Frontier. . . Asked what they wanted from Santa Claus when interviewed by The Frontier's Mrs. Santa Claus, Kathleen Weier, said "I want a doll or doll buggy. I have two brothers. They both are good. Bruce wants a wood carving set. And that's all." Theodore Strong, 8, wanted "A construction set, a banjo and a cash register. I have some toys I don't play with anymore and I'd like Santa to give them to some other little boy." Jolene Stutz, 2½, said "Toys, a crib, table and chairs and bring my little sister some toys". Judy Sullivan, 3, quipped: "I've got to get a shovel and a dollie. I want Santa to bring Jackie a shovel, too. I want chairs for my tea party, one for one side and one for the other side. I want a baby buggy for my dollie, Susie". Linda Stultbergen, 2, remarked: "I just want toys—whole toys." Virginia Lawrence, 2, wanted "A doll and a book". Jimmy Sullivan, 4 said: "I want a wheelbarrow, a shovel, a farm with horses and pigs, a manure spreader and a tractor". Mary Louise Ray, 2, said: "I want a tricycle and a table and dolly". Christine Herley, 2½, wanted "A tricycle and a present". Karen Rae McKim, 7, said "I want a magic skin doll and a watch". Keith McKim, 8, wants "A sled and a cop set". Kenneth McKim, 9, said that he didn't know at first, but upon thinking it over: "Guns and I wouldn't mind a wagon". Jimmy Richter, 7, said "I want two pairs of boxing gloves, a truck with a dirt digger on it and an electric train, a toy stocking with marbles and stuff like that". Betty Jean Rodson, 7, "I want a pair of skates". Betty Jo Turner, 5, "I want a dolly and a doll buggy". Ronnie Ross, 7, wanted "Boxing gloves, a tool chest, bow and arrows, a truck with a dirt digger in it and a basket and basketball". Billy Joe Pruss, almost three, "I want a lit-

One Year Ago

Deaths: Clarence A. ("Red") Booth 51; Dr. Edwin B. Bradley, 78, of Spencer; August W. Bollwitt, 66, of Ewing; Mrs. Orville Cook, 63, of Walnut; Frank E. Peter, 31, and Esley H. Borral, 81, of Butte. . . Our O'Neill correspondent, Mrs. D. A. Hammerburg, rated a headline with "Coon Population Declines

Legal Notice

(First pub. Dec. 11, 1958.) FRANCIS D. LEE, attorney. NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNT COUNTY COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA. ESTATE OF J. VICTOR JOHNSON, DECEASED. THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, TO ALL CONCERNED: Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed for final settlement herein, determination of heirship, inheritance taxes, fees and commissions, distribution of estate and approval of final account and discharge, which will be for hearing in this court on December 31, 1958, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The community TV drive for boosters reached \$3,300.

LOUIS W. REIMER, County Judge (COUNTY COURT SEAL) 33-35c

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cleveland, Sr., of Orchard, Tuesday, December 2, moved to O'Neill. They are the parents of Donald Cleveland and E. E. Cleveland, Jr., both O'Neill residents.

Storjohann's Complete DISPERSION

AS WE HAVE decided to quit ranching and farming, we will dispose of the following described personal property at public auction on the premises, located 20 miles north of O'Neill on U. S. Highway 281 and 4½ miles west; OR 13 miles south of Spencer on U.S. 281 and 4½ miles west; OR 8 miles north of Atkinson, 6 miles east and 5 miles north (all on State Highway 11), 4 miles east, 1 mile north and ½-mile east (road well marked), on —

Monday, December 22nd, 1958

(In event of adverse weather and road conditions, sale will be held Monday, December 29, 1958)

Sale Starts at 12 O'clock Noon Lunch on the Grounds

113 - Head of Angus and Dairy Cattle - 113

- 56—Angus Young COWS, some with fall calves, Others to calve in early spring
13—Coming 3-Year-old Angus HEIFERS, to calves in spring
4—Coming 2-Year-Old Angus HEIFERS
7—Shorthorn MILK COWS coming 3-Years-Old, and HEIFERS
Some milking now, others to freshen
30—Summer Angus Fall CALVES
3—Angus BULLS
Including coming two-year-old bull; one coming three purebred bull; one aged registered bull.

- 25—One-Year-Old MIXED HENS . . . 65—Barred Rock PULLETS . . . 12x12 BROODER HOUSE, good
135—Tons Good PRAIRIE HAY . . . 240—Tons ALFALFA HAY . . . 200—Bushels OATS

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No. 7 Trail Mower
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1958 Du-All Loader with manure bucket, hay basket and pushoff
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G-I Hammermill
Sweep to fit John Deere tractor
Heavy Duty Underslung in good shape
Center Mounted Winch with short stingers to fit M tractor
2—Rubber-Tired Wagons with boxes
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1949 Chevrolet Two-Ton Truck
Air Compressor
12-38 Tractor Chains
Hay Cage — Pump Jack
Bulldozer with snow blade
20th Century Electric Welder
Smith Gas Welder
300-Gal. Fuel Tank and Stand
Other Fuel Barrels
Vise — Post Drill — Tools
Hand Corn Sheller
Cream Separator
Some Used Lumber
Three-Section Harrow
Many other items too numerous to mention

HOUSEHOLD GOODS include Copper-Clad combination on Skelgas-wood range, good condition

TERMS CASH: No property removed until settled for.

EARL & JOSEPHINE STORJOHANN, Owners

COLS. LESTER PEARSON, Spencer, and WALLACE O'CONNELL, O'Neill, Auctioneers

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, O'Neill, Clerk