

Prairie Land Talk

"Snow For Growing"

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I see it as I look out of my window. There it is in all its white purity, a foot of snow spread across the lawn that at other seasons is robed in silken green. February draws to a close as this is type written, but winter lingers with snow and ice, stately trees reaching nude arms heavenward as if to implore the clouded sky to brush away those snow-spitting clouds that the golden glow of sunshine may flash out of heaven's blue and warm the earth. Two months now of snow and ice across prairie land. What now will the weather be as the month of March starts down the highway of time? Any way the melting snow will wet the soil of prairie land to start us on a fruitful crop season. And as another growing time comes the fruits of field and garden, orchard, livestock and poultry to fill again the country's breadbasket. A foot of snow—yes then prairie land wet for another growing season.



Romaine Saunders

State Senator Carpenter of Scottsbluff county, the Democratic candidate for governor 20 years ago, failing then to attain his desired haven, will try for the Republican nomination for governor this year. If successful and is elected governor something will be doing at the Statehouse for a year or two.

I can not reach a hand to far distant worlds, but I can walk down life's highway where human feet have walked and extend a hand to life a fallen traveler in this battle of life along the way.

A friendly letter comes again to me from Mrs. Keeler at Fremont in which expresses her pleasure in reading Prairie Land Talk and other articles and news in The Frontier. Mrs. Keeler is of pioneer Holt county stock, her people the Coburns settling in the Phoenix community in 1880. She now is the only one of the family living, a brother of hers having died this past year out in Washington. She writes of her girlhood pleasure, romping about with the Welton girls when the Coburns came into O'Neill from 27 miles out and were welcomed at the Welton home and fed and entertained for a day or two. That was pioneer hospitality that we would like to see a little more of today.

It was a week in March in 1904—Frank Brittel's meat dispensing establishment was destroyed by fire, the building still standing. A cold windy day Jim Shaner pulled into O'Neill from his ranch in the Page country to look after matters of interest to him at the courthouse. R. R. Dickson arrived home from a business trip to San Francisco, Calif. Frank Dishner went to Jefferson City, Ia., to be away from his O'Neill office for a week or so. Con-Keys had a team, harness and wagon for sale. John Harmon was a passenger on the train for Omaha. Maylon Price spent Sunday with relatives

in Atkinson. Miss Susie Gillespie entertained a few friends at cards at her home. A "farmers' institute" was farmed out down at Chambers. Mrs. Evans of Hotel Evans entertained a company of lady friends an evening that week in a social gathering in the hotel dining quarters. Dr. Gilligan was called to Stuart to give a sick fellow-being medical care. Mrs. J. C. Harnish went to Boyd county on a visit to friends.

Mr. Brooks is not seeking re-election as governor but has an eye on a seat in the United States Senate and will seek Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator. I have sat where spectators sit at our national capitol and looked down upon the members of the upper branch of our congress as they were in session. A group of dignitaries sent to Washington by the folks at home. And I could but conclude that there sat a group of common guys like the rest of us who had been exalted to a high place in our government and were probably doing as well but no better than all loyal Americans could do on the job at our nation's capitol. If Mr. Brooks makes it he will be just another.

U are in the lead with many footsteps following along, so I will stand aside and see the moving throng.

Today Holt county has a lady inspired with a gift of poetic beauty. Mrs. Eby brings to Frontier readers sentiments of the soul expressed in poetry. Yet neither floral prose nor honeyed lines of verse will erase from the memory of the old Timer the "Little Old Sod Shanty on My Claim." A poetic outburst of a pioneer homesteader some four or five miles south of Inman, who in the early pioneer days said his "ears were tough as leather and they flopped in windy weather," but he was "happy as a clam in this land of Uncle Sam," while holding down his claim. It was printed in the Inman Index when Inman had a newspaper and is included today in American literary works as a classic from the prairies of Nebraska.

William Jennings Bryan, the boy actor of the Platte, three times up for president, if living today would be 100 years of age, so our State Historical Society directors will put on a centennial gathering and a dinner March 19 at the Lincoln hotel in the Capitol City in memory of Mr. Bryan. It was at the national Democratic convention in Chicago in the 1890's that Mr. Bryan, the free silver champion, brought down the house with his cross of gold and crown of thorns oration and went out of that convention their candidate for president. Some Republicans supported him falling for his free silver talk. Twice again Mr. Bryan was the Democratic candidate for president, and then his party ditched him because he preached prohibition. One of the Capitol City's largest hospitals bears the Bryan name and is located where the Bryan home once stood.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor
Last Friday afternoon the truth was brought forth when our Co. Supt. lost in shameful defeat and ran out from the audience. If she kept on running it would be for the best of the Community. She should hang her head in shame facing the public taxpayers, teachers and school boards. Too bad we don't have more brilliant men like Mr. Brauer—who is broad minded enough to look out for the welfare of others and bring out the truth of the situation.
Unless we get up and rebel against this school crisis we're headed for the road of communism.
This is still a democratic country and I hope everyone sees the facts and realizes that by appointing the Commissioners of Education we are slowly losing our rights a little at a time. By voting we still have our democratic American way of life.
I hope this arouses enough interest in other Holt Co. residents to express their opinions in this paper, so HURRY—we still have freedom of the press!
"On Looker"

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO
J. B. Berry was in from Paddock Tuesday. "Back" says that during the thirty-six year residence on the Niobrara he never saw the ice pile up on the old river like it did last Saturday night. Every bridge across the river between his place and Niobrara he says has been washed away, including three spans of the government bridge at Niobrara. Brick layers resumed work on the Catholic church Monday morning. If fair weather continues they will be able to complete the brick work in about four weeks. Frank Hatch went to town a week ago Wednesday and broke a pair of double trees on his spring wagon. He says he will not go to town again until the roads get good. The first of the week farmers were busy in the fields picking corn, but since a snow fall Tuesday night has caused a temporary suspension of work in the corn fields.

25 YEARS AGO
On Friday, March 1, about 70 relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Carson at Red Bird to help them celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. It was a complete surprise to them, which had been planned by their children. On Sunday evening, March 3, 1935, a large and enthusiastic audience was present at the program given by the Community club at the John Cleary Nellie. Several of her relatives and friends remembering that she had a birthday anniversary on this day and came prepared to do her honor by presenting several birthday anniversary cakes. A nice little shower fell here last Saturday and Sunday, the precipitation amounting to 21 of an inch. North and west of here the rain fall was much heavier than it was here, a half inch falling at Stuart and north of Emmet.

10 YEARS AGO
March 7, 1950 will live in history. That was the date of the most violent snow and wind storm in the history of the O'Neill region. With savage fury the storm struck O'Neill in the early hours Tuesday morning. Radios had forewarned a storm and lower temperatures, but there was no advance notice of 17 inches of snow that was to be borne by gauges ranging from 60-100-miles per hour throughout the entire day.

and into the night. Joe Kokes, office manager at the Atkinson Livestock Market, dug an abandoned pair of 4-buckle overshoe out of the basement to wear enroute to his work the day after the big snow. He thought one shoe felt "spry." Removing the shoe, he discovered why. A small garter snake had been stowed away in the shoe, but was killed by the pressure of the heel. "The snake was in a hibernated condition," Kokes said.
5 YEARS AGO
Mr. and Mrs. John Gray today will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary quietly at the home of their son, Robert, and family. The Grays marked their golden wedding in 1946. Relatives and friends gathered at the Johnny Bauer home Sunday to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The Stockmen's cafe, owned and operated for the past 12 years by Mr. and Mrs. Art Sanders, has been leased to Annette, Jim and Fank Canaday of Gordon. The 633 Holt County 4-Hers did a remarkable job in 1954. They stood third in the state in members enrolled and projects enrolled and completed.
Deaths: Miss Mary A. Kelly, 67, who would have observed her 68th birthday anniversary the following day; Carl E. Mitchell, 65, resident of the Chambers community since 1934; Mrs. Fred Newton, about 85, came to Holt county 1877.

The Long Ago At Chambers

The Frontier has received complete issues of the Chambers Sun and will be publishing items from the past 50 and 25 years.
50 YEARS AGO
The Shadow social which was to be held at W. S. Grimes has been postponed on account of sickness and will be held at the Butterfield Hotel Wednesday evening, March 16, 1910 and Sunday, March 17, 1910 this morning. Mrs. Lambert tells us that there is talk of trying for a Rural Route in his neighborhood. Wend your way to the Barber Shop and try a real Havana cigar. John Bogart moved his family into the house, recently occupied by Jay Snider Saturday. Mr. Bogart returned to his school Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith of Page visited at M. S. Potter's Tuesday and Wednesday went out to visit Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Hardy.
25 YEARS AGO
The Sun folks had an interesting visit with W. O. Sammons of Amelia Tuesday. Mr. Sammons was telling us about the early days in Holt County. He came out here from Illinois in 1882 before there was even a wagon track through this territory and still resides on his original homestead. Mr. Sammons hauled in the first load of lumber for what is now the town of Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Blake were pleasantly surprised when their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary, this venerable couple are the parents of thirteen children all reaching maturity, eleven of whom are living and who, with the grandchildren planned the family gathering at the home seven and one half miles west and one mile south of Chambers.

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A Poem From Mrs. Eby...

Behind a Smile
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And greet your friends with your usual smile,
With a pain crushed back from sight of others,
That tugged at your heartstrings all the while
And they never guessed that you hid a sorrow
Behind a Smile
Well those you meet in life's onward journey,
Or who walk beside you life's long mile,
Are strangely like you, they too, are bearing
Burdens unknown to you all the while
And there's often hidden a real heart anguish
Behind a Smile
We cannot know when a heart is aching
Or grief is hidden with Spartan guile,
But we can be tender to all and thoughtful,
We shall not be sorry, after a while
That we thought of the heart that might be aching.
Behind a Smile
A smile dispels the clouds and lets the sun shine through.
(Selected)

O'Neill Locals

Carl Kamphaus of Bartlett was a Saturday over-night guest in the home of his mother, Mrs. Juliana Kamphaus.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kamphaus and family of Lynch were Thursday dinner guests in the home of his mother, Mrs. Juliana Kamphaus.
Don Meyers of Midwest Furniture attended a Linoleum school of instruction at Sioux City Monday to Friday.
Adolph Janak and family of Verdigré moved Tuesday to the farm they recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Widholm.
Elmer Juracek, vice president of the State Soil and Water Conservation program, will spend the week attending meetings at Holdrege, McCook, Scottsbluff and Theoford.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graze of O'Neill accompanied her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser of Ewing to Page Sunday where they were guests in the home of Max's mother, Mrs. Lulu Wanser.
Mr. Van Voorhis went to Scottsbluff last Thursday where he attended funeral services on Friday for his wife's mother, Mrs. N. E. West. Mrs. Van Voorhis, who has been in Scottsbluff helping care for her mother, returned to O'Neill with her husband.

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Editorial

NSIA Fights Hard!

Phases of the Holt county school problem came to a boil last Friday at the Legion club in O'Neill as charges and counter-charges were hurled around the big room.

The Nebraska School Improvement Association, perhaps on brute force alone, won the battle hands-down. Miss Alice French, Holt county superintendent, set sail for a cooler climate just 30 minutes after the meeting was called to order.

Richard Brauer Jr., Secretary of the Nebraska group, using well-planned strategy, placed Miss French in jeopardy when he presented proof that a portion of the matter presented in her letter to school board members and dated February 10, was not her own.

We feel that Miss French should not have left the meeting when she did. There was not another single thing concerning schools in the county more important Friday afternoon than the meeting called by Mr. Brauer.

We realize that perhaps Mr. Brauer was just a bit brutal and even a little unfair in not telling Miss French prior to the meeting just what he had up his sleeve.

She was greeted by some 300 people, most of them members of the Nebraska School Improvement Association (NSIA), and all hostile to her recent activities in school reorganization.

School re-organization was not the issue, however. In her letter, Miss French had questioned the legality of the NSIA and the right of local school boards to spend tax money to join the organization. The NSIA was right in taking her to task over this. A minimum of checking could easily have established the legality of the organization and the implication should not have been included in the letter.

We believe that Miss French is now much more educated in the purpose of the NSIA and the steps they will take to reach their goals. At present the organization is circulating a petition to put to a vote the right of the Nebraska commissioner of education to hold his office by appointment.

Whether this will improve education, which is the goal of the NSIA, remains to be seen. They have a good cause, from a democratic standpoint, in wanting this man to stand to a vote.

They should remember, however, that the eastern one-fifth of the state generally controls any state-wide election and a man in favor of re-organization and elected is sometimes harder to replace than one who holds his office by appointment.

We feel that the petition should be signed though. There is nothing better, under democratic government, than to have problems decided at the polls. Signing the petition will elect no one.

Mrs. Abel's Interests Are Ours

Mrs. Hazel Abel Monday filed for the Republican nomination for Governor in Lincoln. Her application brings to five the number of Republican candidates seeking the nomination and, in our view, poses the biggest threat to Sen. Terry Carpenter's chances of receiving the nomination.

Mrs. Abel, in outlining her platform, seems to have the interests of Nebraskans at heart—especially out-state Nebraskans. Her platform although offering no solutions at this time, is aimed directly at problems which this newspaper has headlined during the past months.

At the time of her filing she made the following statements:
"We should step up our efforts toward inducing new industry into our state, helping to expand 'home-grown' industries as well as all types of business. One of the first places to begin is to provide an attractive 'climate' in the statehouse—a government that will inspire confidence."
"We must provide work opportunities for our young people; we must encourage continued and intelligent development and use of our surface and underground water with which our state is so richly endowed."
"If my candidacy is accepted," she said, "there will be no emotional decisions coming out of the governor's office. It shall be my purpose to add to the Republican state leadership a positive approach directed toward a final Republican victory in November."
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Even if the tax on gasoline goes no higher, it should be possible to provide a highway system in Nebraska rivaling that of any other midwestern state."

Mrs. Abel continued: "We must find a way to bolster transportation on public conveyances. Many small towns today are without even bus service. I believe that efficiently operated feeder airlines are imperative and our state must continue to improve her airports."
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