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Prairieland Talk

# "Snow For Growing"

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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 prairieland. 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 prairieland 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 prairieland wet for another growing season.

. . .

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 Republician nomination for governor this year. throng. 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 Prairieland Talk and other articles and news in The Frontier, Mrs. Keeler is of pioneer Holt this past year out in Washington. She writes of her prairies of Nebraska. 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.

. . .

I's meat dispensing establishment was destroyed by fire, the building still standing. . A cold windy day brought down the house with his cross of gold and Jim Shaner pulled into O'Neill from his ranch in the crown of thorns oration and went out of that con-Page country to look after matters of interest to vention their candidate for president. Some Rehim at the courthouse. . .R. R. Dickson arrived home publicans supported him falling for his free silver from a business trip to San Francisco. Calif. Frank Dishner went to Jefferson City, Ia., to be candidate for president, and then his party ditched dock Tuseday. away from his O'Neill office for a week or so. . . Con- him because he preached prohibition. One of the during the thirty-six year resi-Keys had a team, harness and wagon for sale. . . Capitol City's largest hospitals bears the Bryan John Harmon was a passenger on the train for name and is located where the Bryan home once river Omaha. . .Maylon Price spent Sunday with relatives stood.

I see it as I look out of my window. There it is in Atkinson. . . Miss Susie Gillespie entertained a few in all its white purity, a foot of snow spread across 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 gov- Dear Editor ernment and were probably doing as well but no bet- Last Friday afternoon the truth pressure of the heel. "The snake ter than all loyal Americans could do on the job at was brought forth when our Co. was in a hibernated condition, Supt. lost in shameful defeat and Kokes said. our nation's capitol. If Mr. Brooks makes it he will Supt. lost in shameful dereat and ran out from the audience. If be just another.

U are in the lead with many footsteps follow- shame facing the public taxpay- of their son, Robert, and family. ing along, so I will stand aside and see the moving ers, teachers and school boards. The Grays marked their golden

. . .



Today Holt county has a lady inspired with a gift and bring out the truth of the niversary . . . of poetic beauty. Mrs. Eby brings to Frontier readers situation 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 try and I hope everyone sees the 1954. They stood third in the of Inman, who in the early pioneer days said his county stock, her people the Coburns settling in the claim. It was printed in the Inman Index when In-Phoenix community in 1880. She now is the only one man had a newspaper and is included today in terest from other Holt Co. res- Chambers community since 1934; rege,

William Jenings 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 It was a week in March in 1904 .- Frank Brittel- national Democratic convention in Chicago in the 1890's that Mr. Bryan, the free silver champion, . . talk. Twice again Mr. Bryan was the Democratic



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and into the night . . . Joe Kokes, ofice manager at the Atkinson ed 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 'springy." Removing the shoe, he discovered why. A small garter snake had been stowed away

in the shoe, but was killed by the

5 YEARS AGO

she kept on running it would be Mr. and Mrs. John Gray aoday for the best of the Community. will celebrate their 59th wedding She should hang her head in anniversary quietly at the home

who is broad minded enough to Bauer home Sunday to help them

Unless we get up and rebel against this school crisis we're nisum.

Letters

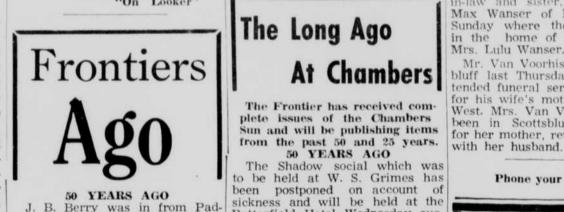
to the

Editor

This is still a democratic coun- 4-H'ers did a remarkable job in day to Friday. tic American way of life. of the family living, a brother of hers having died American literary works as a classic from the idents to express their opinions Mrs. Fred Newton, about 85, Thedford, in this paper, so HURRY-we came to Holt county 1877.

brara

still have freedom of the press! "On Looker"



"Back" says that

dence on the Niobrara he never

saw the ice pile up on the old

night. Every bridge across the

continues they will be able to

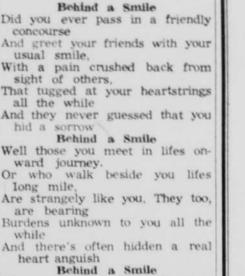
complete the brick work in about

four weeks ... Frank Hatch went

like it did last Saturday

work on the Catholic church Mon day morning. If fair weather Tuesday

## A Poem From Mrs. Eby ...



We cannot know when a heart is aching Livestock Market, dug an aband. 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 dispells the clouds and lets the sun shine through. (Selected)

## O'Neill Locals

Carl Kamphaus of Bartlett was a Saturday over-night guest in the Too bad we don't have more wedding in 1946 . . . Relatives and home of his mother, Mrs. Juliana brilliant men like Mr. Brauer- friends gathered at the Johnny Kamphaus.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kamphaus look out for the welfare of others celebrate their 25th wedding an- and family of Lynch were Thurs-The Stockmen's day dinner guests in the home of cafe, owned and operated for the his mother, Mrs. Juliana Kamppast 12 years by Mr. and Mrs. Art haus.

Don Meyers of Midwest Furni-Sanders, has been leased to Annnheaded for the road of commu- ette, Jim and Fank Canaday of ture attended a Linoleum school . The 633 Holt County of instruction at Sioux City Mon-Gordon .

Adolph Janak and family of facts and realizes that by ap-pointing the Commissioners of Ed-projects enrolled and completed farm they recently purchased from windy weather," but he was "happy as a clam in rights a little at a time. By vot-this land of Uncle Sam," while holding down his ing we still have our democra. Second by would have ob-Elmer Juracek, vice president Elmer Juracek, vice president ing we still have our democra- served her 68th birthday anniver. of the State Soil and Water Consary the following day; Carl E. servation program, will spend the I hope this arouses enough in- Mitchell, 65, resident of the week attending meetings at Hold-McCook, Scottsbluff and

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grage of O'Neill accompanied her brother--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 Scotts-At Chambers bluff last Thursday where he attended funeral services on Friday for his wife's mother. Mrs. N. F

West. Mrs. Van Voorhis, who has been in Scottsbluff helping care for her mother, returned to O'Neill





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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 ever. In her letter, Miss French had questioned the charges and counter-charges were hurled around the big room.

perhaps on brute force alone, won the battle hands- A minimum of checking could easily have establishdown. Miss Alice French, Holt county superinten- ed the legality of the organization and the implicadent, set sail for a cooler climate just 30 minutes after the meeting was called to order.

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 tion to hold his office by appointment. not her own.

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, how- to town a week ago Wednesday legality of the NSIA and the right of local school he will not go to town again until boards to spend tax money to join the organization. the roads get good . . . The first Amelia Tuesday. Mr. Sammons The Nebraska School Improvement Association. The NSIA was right in taking her to task over this. of the week farmers were busy tion should not have been included in the letter.

We believe that Miss French is now much more Richard Brauer Jr., Secretary of the Nebraska educated in the purpose of the NSIA and the steps they will take to reach their goals. At present the or-ganization is circulating a petition to put to a vote Mr. and Mrs. John Carson at Red ber. Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Blake ganization is circulating a petition to put to a vote the right of the Nebraska commissioner of educa-

Whether this will improve education, which is We feel that Miss French should not have left the goal of the NSIA, remains to be seen. They have March 3, 1935, a large and en- all reaching maturity, eleven of a good cause, from a democratic standpoint, in wanting this man to stand to a vote.

> They should remember, however, that the east- home in honor of his daughter, ern one-fifth of the state generally controls any and state-wide election and a man in favor of re-organishe zation and elected is sometimes harder to replace sary on the day and came prethan 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 probems decided at the polls. Signing the petition will elect no one.

25 YEARS AGO and broke a pair of double trees The Sun folks had an interesting visit with W. O. Sammons of was telling us about the early days in Holt County. He came out here from Illinois in 1882 betrack through this territory and still resides on his original homestead. Mr. Sammons hauled

Butterfield Hotel Wednesday eve

Lambert was in town this morn

ing, Mrs. Lambert tells us that

there is talk of trying for a Rural

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Wednesday went out to visit Mrs

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John Bogart moved his fam-

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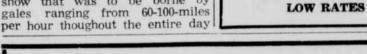
thusiastic audience was present at whom are living and who, with the program given by the Com- the grandchildren planned the

friends remembering that had a birthday anniverpared 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 his-That was the date of the tory.

violent snow and wind Household Goods, Personal region. With savage fury the HARRINGTON storm struck O'Neill in the early Loan and Investment er temperatures, but there was no advance notice of 17 inches of snow that was to be borne by



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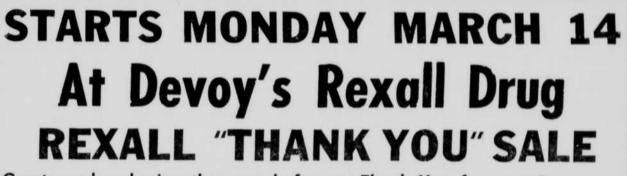
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# Mrs. Abel's Interests Are Ours

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.

She called for an overhaul of Nebraska's "archaic tax structure" and said "a constitutional convention is the place to do it and do it right.

"I am not in sympathy with glib, glittering generalities and off-hand references to a variety of new ways to raise tax revenues.

"I am acutely conscious of the need to bolster Nebraska's economy because of difficulties besetting the grain farmer and the cattle and hog raiserparticularly the problems plaguing the small operators.

"I am for every sound program for betterment ber of education. Good farm-to-market roads seem to me to be every bit as important as the intelligent completion of the Interstate network. We have an obligaion to provide adequate, all-weather transportation routes for our mechanized farms and ranches. easily

Even if the tax on gasoline goes no higher, it should most be possible to provide a highway system in Nebras- storm in the history of the O'Neill ka rivalling that of any other midwestern state."

Mrs. Abel continued: "We must find a way to hours Tuesday moning. Radios bolster transportation on public conveyances. Many had forewarned a storm and lowsmall towns today are without even bus service. I believe that efficiently operated feeder airlines are imperative and our state must continue to improve gales ranging from 60-100-miles her airports.

"We should step up our efforts toward inducing new industry into our state, helping to expand 'homegrown' 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 Novem-

Every statement concerns a problem in Holt county. Our only hope is that her filing has not split the vote among the five candidates to the extent that Sen. Carpenter can win the nomination too

on his spring wagon. He says in the fields picking corn, but since a snow fall Tuesday noght sion of work in the corn fields. 25 VEARS AGO On Friday, March 1, about 70 in the first load of lumber for

brara he says has been washed Shop and try a real Havana cigar

away, including three spans of the government bridge at Nio-ily into the house, recently oc cupied by Jay Snider Saturday

M.

Brick layers resumed e Catholic church Mon Mr. Bogart returned to his school

Bird to help them celebrate their were pleasantly surprised Sunday 30th wedding anniversary. It was March 10. The occasion being a complete surprise to them, their fifty-sixth wedding anniverwhich had been planned by their sary. This venerable couple are children . . . On Sunday evening, the parents of thirteen children

munity club at the John Cleary family gathering at the home seven and one half miles west Nellie. Several of her relatives and one mile south of Chambers.

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