

Prairie Land Talk

"50 Years Together"

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Another Holt county couple have traveled life's highway together for 50 years. On April 26, Mr. and Mrs. George Meals entertained friends at a dinner held in Atkinson and many friends extended the hand of congratulation to this worthy couple, each of whom had spent most of their life in Holt county, reared a family and have a pleasant old modern home on their ranch some five miles out of Atkinson. George of a pioneer O'Neill couple and Miss Mary of the pioneer Gonderinger family of the Atkinson community, stood at the altar and were joined in marriage in 1910. The groom had but recently returned to Holt county from spending a few years in Alaska, and the bride claimed Atkinson as her home town. The 50th anniversary was a pleasant event and friends all trust the couple will enjoy life together as the years come and go.



Romaine Saundaris

The lilacs are in bloom, the cherry trees adorned in white—nature paints a summer picture pleasant to the sight. And along life's highway we turn in when friends invite.

She sits at a desk day by day; he travels from state to state; their daughter in school the school days through. Mom and daughter each have a saddle pony, and desk duties and school books laid aside they mount their ponies and ride about in open country at the Capital City's southern limits. This Old Prairie Wolf looks on with a bit of envy.

The headline told the sad story in a few words, 3 dead on the highway. I read no more. Three once happy homes now desolated, sorrowing wives, mothers, fathers, husbands, sisters, brothers. So it is, tragedy may await you and I and it may not, but a neighbor, friend or stranger today, tomorrow or days to come will be a victim.

It was a week in summer in 1899. This household journal told its readers that the cash receipts at the U. S. land office for the year totaled \$64,519. . . Mrs. Testman was having another room built to her home on Third street. . . Miss Ruth Evans was visiting friends in Wayne. . . E. H. Thompson was attending the G.A.R. reunion being held at a town down the Short Line. . . All who could get there on foot, horseback or by wagon of the thrifty citizens of the South Fork country met in Chambers to boost for a railroad to come their way. . . Gilligan & Stout had added a "new line of wall paper" to their drug business.

Editorial

How About You?

The Lion's club in O'Neill has once again agreed to organize a parade in conjunction with the O'Neill Rodeo in June. A town parade is real work and we are happy to see one organization in O'Neill take enough interest in the town to undertake such a project.

Projects of this nature are notoriously difficult but could be so easy if businessmen would accept their responsibilities to the town.

Every O'Neill businessman owes his very liveliness to the existence of O'Neill. But too often businessmen are too indifferent to their responsibilities. The history of "dead" towns depicts this indifference. "Let someone else do it. It's too much work. I did it last time, this time I'll coast. Nobody cares anyway." We could list a dozen more excuses, but it all boils down to just one thing. "It means a little more work for me, let some other sucker do it."

This year let's have a good parade—even better than last year. Don't wait until you're asked—call Ken Curran and tell him you'll have a float in the parade.

Accept your responsibility to O'Neill—don't let some other "sucker" do it. You'll actually feel proud when you see your own float go by the thousands of people lining the streets.

And then no one can say that you haven't done a part to make O'Neill a better place to live.

Facts or Rumors

About 40% of the landowners in the O'Neill-Atkinson irrigation unit have thus far indicated an interest in the project. This is encouraging to both farmers and businessmen in the area.

But that's not enough. Recently the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce irrigation educational committee mailed printed booklets concerning the project to every land owner in the district.

The committee now requests that farmers and ranchers who received the "Facts" bulletin sign the statement of intent enclosed with the bulletin and mail it to Dale Wilson, Gil Poese or either O'Neill newspaper.

Regardless of whether you sign the intent statement "for" or "not interested" or whether you sign it at all, the committee wishes to have the forms back.

This seems like such a small thing to do when you consider the many, many benefits possible through irrigation here in Holt county. For many it could mean as much as \$80 per acre added average income for the next 100 years.

At the Mirage Flats project in western Nebraska the average per acre income with irrigation is more than \$123. Holt county land has never, in the history of the county, averaged more than \$20 per acre.

These figures are fact. No one has dreamed them up to paint a rosy picture for irrigation. If an actual comparison in living standards between a farmer irrigating 160 acres and one dry farming 640 acres could be made the committee would be flooded with statements of intent.

Unfortunately there is no direct way to compare. Farmers have only the "Facts" bulletin and rumors. Rumors are a poor substitute for the facts.

A Poem

From Mrs. Eby . . .

—Just a boy— Got to understand the lad, He's not eager to be bad. If the right he always knew, he would be as old as you. Were he now exceedingly wise, he'd be just about your size. When he does things that annoy, "Don't forget he's just a boy." Could he know and understand, he would need no guiding hand. But he is young and hasn't learned how life's corners must be turned. Don't know from day to day, there is more in life than just play. More to face than selfish joy, but don't forget, "he's just a boy." Being just a boy, he'll do much you will not want him to. He'll be careless of his ways, have his disobedient days. Willful, wild and headstrong too, he'll need guidance kind and true. Things of value he'll destroy, but reflect, "he's just a boy." Just a boy who needs a friend, patient, kindly to the end. Needs a father who will show him the things he wants to know. Take him with you where you walk, listen when he wants to talk. His companionship enjoy, Don't forget "He's just a boy". (Selected)

Meek News

By Mrs. Fred Lindberg

The Green Thumb Flower club met at the home of Mrs. Dewayne Anson with Mrs. George Nelson acting as co-hostess on Wednesday afternoon, Apr. 27.

Due to inclement weather several members were unable to be present. Roll call was answered by giving and describing a favorite bird. The lesson on "Lilies" was presented by Mary Peterson. She also won the drawing of the door prize which was a crystal dish.

Mrs. Axel Borg received the club's birthday remembrance having to tell her happiest and saddest day as she remembered it, before receiving her gift.

Next meeting will be held at Mrs. Borg's on May 25th. Roll call to be "My Husband's Favorite Dish".

Everyone enjoyed the coffee and dessert served by the hostesses at the close of the meeting.

Helen Nelson helped her sister, Louise Robertson do some paper hanging on Tuesday, April 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubby called at the Dave Jensen home at Midway Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wabs made a business trip to Burwell Monday. While there they called on Mr. and Mrs. Louis Storkhans.

Rudolph Wabs came home from Burwell last Sunday. He visited his brother, Edwin.

Harold Peterson visited at Edwin Wabs home Thursday evening and watched television.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse and boys called at the home of Edward Kaczors Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Borg and Pete Pietsen spent Tuesday evening, Apr. 26 at Vernon Harding's. The occasion being to help Vern celebrate his birthday.

Curtis Miller was an overnight guest of his cousin, Miley Miller of O'Neill on Wednesday night, Apr. 27.

Miss Donna McGinn was an overnight guest of Mildred Schmitz Apr. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nelson were called Friday night at the Carl Krogh home.

Sunday dinner guests at the Paul Nelson home were Rev. Budensick and family and Mrs. Row and Nancy from Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Devall and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Lewis Goeke home of Atkinson on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Turner were present at Paddock Union Sunday morning and he delivered the morning message.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse and Lloyd called at the Delbert Rouse home Saturday evening.

Deloit News

By Mrs. H. Reimer

Mrs. Minnie Miller's sister from Spalding spent the weekend at the Miller home. They called at the Ralph Tunjick home Monday morning, Apr. 25.

Mrs. G. A. Bauer spent last weekend at the Sylvester Bauer home. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer spent Sunday at the Don Starr home in West Point. The occasion was Mrs. Starr's birthday anniversary.

Mrs. G. A. Bauer visited relatives in O'Neill Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Elliott and two daughters moved from the former Bill Wulf farm to the Smallwood farm on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kuester and family were Sunday evening visitors at the Sylvester Bauer home.

Mrs. Maynard Stearns attended an extension club meeting at O'Neill on Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Reimer was an overnight guest at the Sidney Anderson home in O'Neill on Thursday.

Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Reimer and Mr. and Mrs. H. Manson attended a talent contest sponsored by the Lions club.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Reimer and Mr. and Mrs. Don Starr called at the Carl Bartak home in West Point on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Paul and Mary were also callers at the Starr home.

Primary election Tuesday at the L. L. Bartak home.

L. L. and Mrs. Kenneth Lee and two children left Saturday for Fort Riley, Kan. where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson attended the funeral for a friend in Norfolk on Wednesday.

Mrs. Lambert Bartak took her mother, Mrs. Alice Lodge to a doctor in Norfolk on Monday. Mrs. Lodge returned to her home in Elmer after spending several days at the L. L. Bartak home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer attended the athletic banquet in Inman Saturday evening.

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We urge you to vote Tuesday!

To make it easy for many voters we publish the following list of "best" candidates and reasons why they are the best.

For Governor—Mrs. Hazel Abel. She is definitely for wise use of government monies and for logical, clear-headed government. She has proved her worth in government circles by being elected to the U. S. Senate and served well in that office. She will not be the first woman governor of a state, but she will be the first in the state of Nebraska.

For Fourth District Legislature—Dave Martin. Dave is for a balanced budget, reduction of our national debt and an end to socialistic programs. You can't beat that program.

For Nebraska State Legislature—Frank Nelson. Frank is on his way to becoming the grand-dad of the Senate. His clear-headed approach to Nebraska problems in general and twenty-eighth district problems specifically are definitely needed in Lincoln.

For District Judge—Norman Gonderinger. Norm is a successful O'Neill lawyer, is young enough to handle the strenuous travel associated with the position and lives in O'Neill. The latter point is not near as important as having the district judge make his home in Holt county. With the majority of the district's population in Holt county it stands to reason that a judge from Holt county can better administer the office.

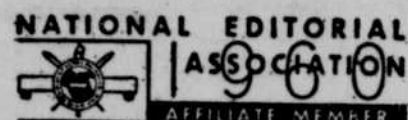
A vote for the above mentioned candidates would be a wise vote but regardless—VOTE TUESDAY!



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Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Anson and family were Sunday dinner guests at the George Nelson home. Mrs. Sam Robertson and Mrs. Victor Johnson called in the evening.

School district 16 closed with a picnic on Saturday, April 30. The school reports a very successful school term. The afternoon was spent by playing ball and eating ice cream. Mrs. Lawrence Johnson was the teacher.

Callers at Grandma Hull's Sunday afternoon were Senator Frank Nelson and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaczors.

Mrs. Buck Watson and son, Danny were Tuesday, Apr. 26 dinner guests at the Emmet Slaughter home.

Gordon and Emmet Slaughter and Mary Peterson called at the Jim McNulty home Friday evening.

The weatherman interfered with the eighth graders taking their tour to Sioux City last Thursday so the date was reset for May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perry, parents and brother of Mrs. Delbert Rouse came Saturday morning from Canton, Ohio. They plan to remain about a week.

Glora Jean Krogh was a weekend guest at the Novak home in Pender. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krogh, Vernetta and Joyce were Sunday dinner guests at Merrill Anderson's home near Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Johring and family called at the Henry Walters home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Anson and family visited Mrs. Leland Anson and new baby girl at the Atkinson hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Rhoda Ridgeway from Sioux City spent Tuesday and Wednesday, Apr. 26-27 at the Lawrence Dobrovolsky home. While visiting there, they made a trip over to view her old home, the Glenn Ridgeway farm.

To break the quietness and mon-

otony, during the absence of the children and grandchildren, Mrs. Axel Borg brought home two small baby lambs. They require feeding with a nursing bottle. We hope it does the trick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse and son were dinner guests with his grandmother Mrs. Carrie Borg and Marvel Wednesday. In the afternoon they called on Maude Rouse and Edith Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harding went to Chadron Sunday to get acquainted with their new granddaughter.

Mrs. Bernard Deans and baby was released from the hospital at Alliance Sunday. The Hardings planned to return Monday.

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