One of O'Neill's Tragedies

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Dorsey to Dustin, from Star to Stuart, from the Nioyoung hearts have throbbed to the tender emotions

of romance, where men and women sacrificed and did the deeds of pioneer heroics, where Vigilanters committed crime in a pretense of punishing crime, a land where tragedy spread its dark shadow at times. It was just an oilcloth mask that hid the face of him who had a leading part in one of those tragedies. Barret Scott with Mrs. Scott and their little daughter and a young man then making



Saunders

his home with them, were on their way to their home at the southwest limits of O'Neill, coming home from a visit to Scott's former home in the Scottville community. They had got as far as a point called Parker where stood a few sod walls of a one time settlement some 12 miles northeast of town. The man behind the mask stepped out from behind those sod walls, shot and killed the horses drawing the Scott buggy. Others of the group behind those sod walls came to life and got into action, bound Scott's arms and legs, loaded him in convicted. So closed another tragic scene.

by taking her and her daughter and young friend

north to the Eagle, followed the creek to the Nio- and killed the beast of the prairie.

From Middlebranch to the Keya Paha, from the ice hooked something, pulled it up; it was the lifeless body they had been hunting for. The dead brara to the Elkhorn and beyond. A land where man was laid out on the bank by the river and the group of searchers sat down by it and wept. Where that dead man lay was on the Boyd county side of the Niobrara, so Boyd county officials were notified and came to go through the legal procedure in such cases. Scott was brought to O'Neill and his body prepared for burial at Biglin's, many going there

Clyde King wrote a beautiful editorial about "Poor Scotty", which was copied by the Omaha Daily Bee and other papers. The editorial appeared in The Frontier the first week in January, 1895.

Barret Scott had served as county treasurer of Holt county. It was a period of hard times in the 1890's. From time to time a hard-pressed citizen would come to Scott with a hard luck story and ask for help. Scott used up the county's funds to help the needy, did in a small way what the late President Roosevelt did in a big way and was considered a great guy for so doing, while Scottie was hung for doing likewise.

His bondsmen made good part of the loss to the county. One or two of the group who killed Scott were tried in court on a charge of murder but not

One of the group paid Mrs. Scott the courtesy heart of the pioneers who settled on the prairies of north Nebraska. His father had warned when within reach of the home of the nearest settler, the Republicans were considering Barret as their then drove away to join those who had taken Scott. candidate for county treasurer that his son might The three fugitives reached the house of that set- use county funds to help the needy if elected county tler, told what had been done, and that gracious treasurer. The writer and Scott were with a group of pioneer prairie dweller brought them into O'Neill. fellows on horseback out in the Dry Creek country Mrs. Scott went at once to the home of J. H. Mere- on a wolf hunt one Thanksgiving day. He and I bedith at First and Everett streets and told the Mere- came separated from the others and we ran onto diths the story. Mr. Meredith at once got into acion a prairie wolf, took off after it until the wolf stopped, and a group of men were soon on hand, got into sat down on its hind quarters, looked at us as much buggies and started out to see what they could learn. as to say, "Here I am, what do you want of me". It was the month of December in 1894. Knowing Scott's reaction was the same as mine, Let that something of the way the Vigilanters did their stuff, creature of the wild go-it has as much right to the group of fellows from town, Clyde King at that live as we have. But the other riders found us with time editor of The Frontier, being with them, drove our wolf, came their horses on the run, dismounted

The Scott home was just to the west of the Arriving at the Whiting bridge they found a home of the late Judge Dickson, south of the Northrope hanging from the bridge, so concluded Scott western railroad tracks, the southwest limits or had been hung there, the rope cut and his body fell maybe clear out of town in his day. Who may live into the icy waters of the Niebrara river. For some there today this writer can not say. Scottie, a victim days the waters were fished over where not frozen of one of this community's tragedies, is no more; to thick ice. One of the searchers at an opening in his bones at rest in the abode of the dead.

Editorial

Let's Welcome Newcomers

Most residents in our fair city will agree that O'Neill is a friendly place filled with hospitable folks, welcoming church members and cooperative

However, it is good once in a while to look at a city through the eyes of newcomers.

New people in a town, any town, are lonely, eager to make friends and to do their share in the community. This offers an opportunity that should not be overlooked as newcomers have an enthusiasm that is needed in community-building projects,

drives and improvements. Churches and project clubs are quick to take advantage of this enthusiasm but often times the personal touch of friendship is slow in being offered. People are hesitant about making new friends, not because they are suspicious of strangers, but simply because most folks are too busy to take the time to call on their new neighbors.

Naturally, after a year or so, a person no longer feels new as the moving adjustment is made and one feels a part of a community.

Isn't it possible, though, to help strangers in our city to feel at home a little bit sooner? Help them to feel happy that they have chosen O'Neill for their home-a place where they might build, do all their shopping, consider new enterprises and think of living here forever?

What does the city of O'Neill do to welcome strangers here?

Why not have a city hostess to call at the home of the newcomers and to welcome them with gifts and information concerning shopping facilities, churches, schools, location of city water department, council members for building permits, contractors, etc.

A city hostess could form a newcomers club which might be sponsored by an auxiliary or extension club. What better way for new folks to meet

and make friends. Definitely, an official welcomer would be an asset to our community. Without new residents, our city would die. Let's make people want to come here

Why Is Govrnment So Costly?

During the present fiscal year our federal government is spending money at a rate that is equivalent to approximately \$2000 for every family in

Government is not productive. It has nowhere to get money except from the people. Since this money is ours, or was ours, until we had to turn it over to the tax collector, we have a right to ask, "Why does government cost so much?"

Is it because of the heavy expenditures for national defense? That is the impression the spenders of our money like to give us. But it is not true that defense spending is responsible for the growth of the public debt in recent years. In fact, current expenditures for defense amount to nine dollars per family less than they did in 1954. But non-defense spending is \$300 more per family than it was then.

Our government has become so costly because it has grown so big. We are supposed to have a federal budget, but the budget actually has expanded to such an extent that it is literally out of the control of the Squanderer. To save our country, we are going to placed representatives of the people. Every year a have to get back to bedrock principles and to those budget is put together by thousands of government sound virtues of thrift and frugality from which we employees in hundreds of different agencies.

Maybe The Frontier editor of today will reprint it.

Scott had the open helpful hand and generous

It is literally true that nearly every federal agency has a group of employees who spend all their time drawing up the agency's next annual

Our federal government has entered many fields of activity where it has no constitutional right to be and is spending a vast amount of money for purposes never contemplated nor approved by the American people generally. For instance, our federal government is not only the largest lender and the largest borrower in the country, but the federal government is also the largest insurer. The government is the largest producer of electric power in the nation. The federal government is the largest landlord and the largest holder of grazing grass. It is the largest holder of timberland and the largest owner of grain. The federal government is the largest ship owner and the largest truck operator.

Of course, our Federal Government is the country's biggest employer. To keep all its employees busy, our Government owns several hundred substantial corporations and nineteen thousand small businesses of all kinds, plus a large number of service organizations. These corporations lose money every year at a rate amounting to \$250 for every

But they do not go out of business simply because they are losing money, as any private company eventually would have to do. They simply chalk up a deficit and keep right on operating with borrowed money which becomes a part of the debt that you owe, and every American owes.

The prinriple of economy in government is one of the most important that we could consider. This great nation of ours was built on the solid virtues of hard work, thrift, and frugality. These virtues are just as important today as they were in the early

But they are virtues that have largely been abandoned. Our Government has been spending the taxpayers' money recklessly and extravagantly for too long. As a result, we now have the highest debt

Who is to blame? Shall we point a finger at a President or a Congress, or shall we be honest and put the responsibility where it really belongs, on each one of us, on our own apathy, on our own selfishness in not wanting to take time out from our own pursuit of material things to really be responsible citizens of the greatest system of freedom in

The hard truth is that such practices as these, a halt is not called, eventually will destroy the economy of the United States. And we can be quite sure that once our economy is destroyed, our whole way of life will go right down. The Mistaken will have won their greatest victory, and without a shot

It is for these reasons that the principle of economy in government should be of the greatest concern to every American citizen. Simple honesty and basic morality call for sound economy in government; for waste is a sin and extravagance with the people's money is evil.

Uncle Sam was never meant to be Uncle should never have departed.

Frontiers

Sixty horse power Thomas Flyer auto offered for sale or trade by William Boedicker. . .Mrs. Fitzimmons left Sunday for Chicago to select spring stock of millinery.'. .Walter Martin dies February 15 in Omaha hospital following long illness. . . City Council decides to use five electric street lights at a cost of \$40.50 25 YEARS AGO

County roads completely blocked by huge drifts of snow. . . Martin Wright of Ewing dies February 11 following heart attack. . Ashes start fire at hotel but quickly extinguished without dam-.George Geary, 82, Inman pioneer, dies of old age complications. . . Temperatures reported at 23 below for several nights. .Corn fed beef offered at 13 cents per pound the hind quarter at Barnhart's Market.

10 YEARS AGO Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve is new Scoutmaster, . . City parking meters arrive but group seeks an injunction. . . Simon W. Schaaf, 58, dies in Atkinson. . . Hogs and cattle runs light at O'Neill. . . All teachers in the Inman public schools reject contracts for next school year.. . . Dr. and Mrs. F.J. Fisher return from California trip and visit with new grandson.

5 YEARS AGO Mary Claire and James Gilg win speech laurels in Holt County 4-H speech contest. . Services held for M. H. Horiskey, 73, retired railway postal clerk who-February 11. . . Dorothy Louise Donohoe of O'Neill weds Buddy Eugene Cloyd of Sidney, .Pfc. Marlan Strenger of Amelia is transferred to Munich, Germany to attend officers school. . .Leonard P. Engler of Stuart and John L. Bohn of O'-Neill get U. of N. degrees.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO Fresh oysters advertised at 50

cents per quart. . .J. Norwood Mill is up for sale or exchange at Niobrara. . . C. E. Martin of the Southfork area caught eight wolves this week. . . Fred Jensen ses, 47 cattle, 11 hogs and machinery at his place 11 miles southwest of Chambers. 25 YEARS AGO

Zero weather and blocked roads . .Fuel shortage becomes a serious matter to Chambers and surrounding territory. .Five year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Martensen succumbs to burns. . . Neligh closes schools, library and business places in effort to avert coal famine. . . Chambers school closes. . . Snow plow built by group of local men in attempt to open streets.

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Orchard News

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Jack Classen **New Fire Chief** At Orchard

Members of the Orchard Fire department, retired members and the rural fire district officials held an oyster feed and meeting at the Legion club Monday night Jack Classen was elected chief; Clifford Erb, assistant chief; Floyd Menning, president; Byron Oltjenbruns, vice president, and Lyle Schleusener, secretary treasurer. Chief Bob Adam reported that fire helmets and a stretcher have arrived and are available

Library board met Friday morning in the town hall. The following officers were elected for another year: Mrs. Carrol Clifton, president; Mrs. E. E. Bruce, vice president, and Mrs. Bernard Kellog, secretary and

The Mothers' March of Dimes netted \$155.37 for the polio fund. Mrs. Raymond Stevens was in charge and she was assisted by Mmes. Homer Barton, Kenneth Bruce, Hoyt Sirek, Ed Bright, Lon Sawyer, Lester Raff, Floyd Steinberg, Gerald Berney, Jack Hildreth and Glen Robertson.

Highlanders extension met recently with Mrs. Lawrence Hauf with 16 members present. Mrs. Anton Pruss jr., and Mrs. Ferd Kiihne gave the lesson on "Arth-Mrs. Harry Johnson assisted Mrs. Hauf.

Mrs. Wayne Holliday has opened a beauty shop in the basement her home. It is known as Fonda's Beauty Shop.

On February 3 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Butterfield were honored on their 35th wedding anniversary at the Spare Time cafe in O'Neill with a dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Volquardson and Mark, Mrs. Lily Pospeshil of Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grimm and Mrs. Lizzie Grimm of Ewing.

The Bloodmobile will be in Orchard April 5.

Jane Schwager, a graduate of Orchard high school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwager, has completed a beauty course at the Beauty school in Kearney. Miss Schwager is at present visiting her parents. Bridgetts Bridge club met with

Mrs. H. O. Hill Tuesday evening. Tony Pruss was a guest. Lyle Schleusener and Mrs. Pruss won prizes. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Lyle Schleusener February 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sparrow visited Sunday in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wesley Johnson and family at Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Everhart and family of Blair brought her mother, Mrs. J. W. Edwards, home Saturday and spent the weekend with them. Keith L. Curtis jr. is serving

in the Navy and is stationed at San Diego, Calif., Naval base. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mitchell attended the Wayne State-Nebraska Wesleyan basketball game at Wayne Friday evening.

The Heart campaign chairman is Mrs. Marvin Haswell. The quota for Antelope county is \$1,350. Mrs. Elmer Carpenter of Neligh is the rural chairman. Township chairmen are: Garfield, Wayne Lautenschla-

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evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mar- satisfaction of knowing your neighbor. vin Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maple and Mrs. Richard Knapp. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lautensch-

lager February 26 Thelma Drayton of Alvo is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dray-

Gertrude Gribble and Mrs. George Johnson were Creighton visitors Friday. Wayne Dempster and daughter,

Betty, of Laurel were Sunday visitors in the Oliver Dempster Mrs. Katherine Kennedy of Ainsworth was a guest in the Henry Drayton home Wednesday.

Mrs. George Hamilton is visiting in the home of her son, Dwain Hamilton of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Menning, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Holliday and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Menning and family visited in the Charles Watson home Sunday at Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Austin and

son, Mark of Lawton, Ia., were

Sunday guests in the Loren Wil-

son home. Mrs. Rustin and Mrs. Wilson were college roommates. The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Withee were Friday callers at the James Withee home.

Lester Withee went to Sidux City Thursday to be with Mrs. Withee for several days. She is a patient at St. Joseph's hospital. Walter League of the St. Peters Lutheran church met Sunday evening at the church parlors. The Rev. Walter Seefeldt led a group Bible study. Plans were made for "family night". The League plans to be host to a joint meeting of neighboring leagues February 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis and Marie of Ewing, Mrs. Louise Beal and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barton and Linda of Orchard were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Austin of Plainview to help celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary

Kenneth Davis from Oregon is visiting his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Utterback of

Bloomfield visited in the John Stelling home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tibbs and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Quigley of Norfolk visited Sunday in the John Stelling home.

John Holliday returned home from the Plainview hospital Sunday, where he had been a patient for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McNabb visited in the home of Mrs. Mc-Nabb's sister, Mrs. John Stelling. Mr. and Mrs. Don Drager, Gary and Carol of Lincoln spent the weekend with Mrs. Drager's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stell-

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barton, Linda and Mrs. Louise Beal and Jan Withee were Norfolk visitors

Mrs. Blanche Fletcher is confined to her home with influenza. Sunset Chapter 300 Order of the Eastern Star met at the Masonic Temple Wednesday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Katherine Kennedy of Ainsworth as a special guest, district supervisor of District 16. Mrs. Henry Drayton, worthy matron, served a luncheon in her home at noon honoring Mrs. Kennedy and all the officers. Mrs. Drayton presented the supervisor Mrs. Cecil Lee and Mrs. Kenwith a corsage. A school of in-

Do You Know Your Neighbor?

"Know Your Neighbor" is not a contest. There are no prizes given Couples pitch club met Sunday for correctly identifying the person pictured. The only reward is the



Last week's Guess Who was Bob Devoy of Devoy's Rexall Drug



Here's an O'Neill businessman you've met.

struction was held at the Temple in the afternoon and a special meeting for initiatory work was held in the evening. Mrs. Henry Drayton and Gordon Johnson, worthy patron, were in charge Mrs. Kennedy gave an address. Mrs. Kennedy was presented a gift from the chapter. An informal hour followed the ceremonies and refreshments were served by the past matrons.

Pitch club met with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lee Sunday night. Prizes were won by Ted Berry, Mrs. James Clifton, Mrs. Allen Hill and James Clifton. The next meeting will be in two weeks in the James Clfiton home. Octette bridge club met with

Mrs. E. E. Bruce Monday afternoon. Mrs. Lyle Schleusener was a guest. Prizes were won by

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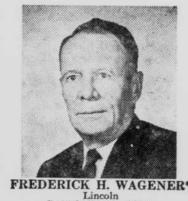
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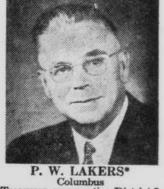








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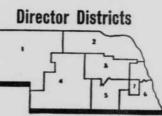




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