

Prairieland Talk

"Jesse James' Hangout Cave"

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Robbers' Cave. Just another of our Capital City's places to go to if you have the two bits to meet the cost of getting into it. A cave in the southwest limits of the city that is said to take you back to the days of Jesse James, who with other thieves and cut-throats of many years ago made that cave their hangout where they planned their unlawful deeds. A one-time den of robbers, now a show place to-day where many go from time to time. An elderly lady, a widow, living in a large white house a few steps from the cave entrance, has been placed in charge of the cave visitors and is there at her home to take your 25 cents and show you to the cave.



Romaine Saunders

A heavy rain wet our Capital City as I write. And it is the weekly wash day, so out there beyond my window they hang clean and white from daughter's wash room and rain soaked. It was the complaint of some that we needed rain for a bit of garden growth to bring about the cabbage heads and other things we eat. The clothes on the line will dry, the grass on lawn and garden things fresh and green. We needed rain they said. We have had it, and now may we open our soul to receive the spiritual rain that feeds the inner life.

Midway between Third and Fourth streets on Douglas is a street crossing walk which served us to get to and from Hotel Evans and the Gatz meat market on the south side of the street and to Brennan's hardware and the Mann store on the north side. But when Dr. J. P. Gilligan was installed as mayor of O'Neill out came that cross walk, the gifted medical mayor feeling that a cross walk at both Third and Fourth streets was all we needed. So, as this lone pilgrim stepped out to cross where that walk had been one day there came a voice from the mayor's office over the drug store ordering me to "get back." But I sneaked across once more.

What makes that ear of yours so attractive to the flies and other flying bugs as you sit out in the open?

The blue of the summer skies will fade again, flowers wither and their beauty fade, birds take to wing and away to southern lands, the rich blanket of green across the landscape turned to autumn brown and silken leaf on tree and bush turned to a golden glow. Summer and autumn days fold their wings and "like the Arabs" silently float away. The snows of winter, again the north winds sullen moan, and all through the long winter night the frost lays in cold but poetic beauty a picture on window pane that tells us another winter has come. Turn on the heat!

Editorial

The Merchant, Magician And the Mad Housewife

The subliminal transference of items needed by the housewife from old standard-sized containers to new, compact, colorful, and smaller-but-larger-looking, packages has been exposed by a Senate Judiciary subcommittee inquiry. Working with the feverish ambition of a side-show magician, some geniuses at packaging have turned up some optical illusionary containers that appear to be as large—or even larger—as the old fashioned kind. Browsing housewives come upon these gay treasures, pay more, and get less on their daily or weekly sojourns through the supermarket. While most of the major-name brand companies have not been named in the investigation, a few are known as well as the name of the hero of a Friday night TV western.

Like the well-known wine bottle with the hollow bottom (now so long known that it is accepted as honest flair) some of the new packages are said to have trick tops, bottoms, sides, color schemes... anything that a designer or a packager could use to make the hurried housewife think she is getting the same quantity when actually she is getting less. A few air-blown grains of cereal gained from the old fashioned box and candy saved from a pound container that now holds fourteen ounces, can become a major contribution to a manufacturer's profits.

As we continue to get less and less for more and more, we can assume that the next dreadful step will be to decrease the value of boxtops.

A card comes to me with greetings from Nellie Hunt, who with her son are visiting the scene of her late husband's, Den Hunt, boyhood home in Minnesota. Nellie and Den both were of pioneer families of the O'Neill community. Most of their married life was lived in Lincoln where Nellie still has her home. Her husband died in Lincoln two or three years ago, his death the result of being hit by a driver near his home.

There were three who were known by the name John O'Neill in this town of ours in the long ago. General John O'Neill, his son, John, and the other John O'Neill who in the 1880's was in the hotel that still stands at Fourth and Everett streets. I count full 40 citizens of the community who we knew as John. How many if any now in the city of O'Neill respond to the name of John. One of the last I recall by that name was John Green who moved from his homestead in Wheeler county to O'Neill some 30 years ago.

Fifty years ago down in Boone county farmers saw and envied her ability to toss 70 to 100 bushels of corn in the wagon during cornhusking time, a woman cornpicker. Today, aged and in poor health, she makes her home with her daughter in daughter's beautiful home in southeast Lincoln, mother and daughter, both widows. And the old gal still works out in the garden; rather hoe a growing garden row than to make up her bed. Some 30 years ago she and her husband spent a year or two in the Amelia community and some down there today may remember the Clarks.

I was an 11-year-old. Coming down the steps at school recess time the one just behind me tried to trip me. Reaching the floor below I doubled my boyish right fist and swung; it took the kid behind me a jolt in the jaw, and that kid was a bully that had been picking on me everyday. That jolt in the jaw subdued him and from then on he courted my friendship. A blow like that is what the Russians need now from American and British fists and may soon get it.

Walking by it again in memory the building on the spot where The Frontier was started and came forth for many years. No, Doc Matthews, Jim Riggs, Clyde King, Denny Cronin are there no more. Step on to the next door—Noah and Susan Gwinn are gone as is Con Keys. And another door or two along the way, Pat McManus greets us no more, and another step to where J. P. Gallagher and Miss Meir were in the picture, now no longer. The lumber yard is still there across the street, but where are Clyde and Joe? O, up on the hill under the sod. And just across the street to the west the hotel building still stands where it stood in the days of Kid Wade and Doc Middleton, but Roscoe and Jack O'Neill are no more. But I see one just next door, a native son, R. H. Parker still here after all these years. Give us a handshake, Parker pal.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Miss Rose Fallon, who has been studying voice culture in Chicago the past year, returned home last Monday evening for a few weeks visit. T. V. Golden has commenced the erection of a building just south of the Royal theatre for office space on the lower floor and sleeping quarters above. The old settlers picnic held near Meek last Thursday was one of the most successful events of the kind ever held in the county; 2,500 persons were present. The Misses Leonore Daly, Bea McCaffrey, Dora Testman and Bea McGinnis went to Long Pine Saturday where they expect to spend a few days camping at Amusement park. Howard M. Bryan and Miss Flossie S. Newton, both of Page were issued a marriage license last Tuesday.

25 YEARS AGO

For the second time in recent months, the Emmet State bank was robbed Monday night but the loss was only \$60. A prairie fire in the Opportunity country last Saturday afternoon destroyed 90 stacks of hay and burned over a strip of country one mile wide and two and a half miles long. Superintendent McClurg is back to his office after some 10 days spent at Dallas, Tex. Chester Calkins is taking a week off from police duties and Bill Lewis is replacing him. A truck of Holt county bales pulled out of O'Neill Tuesday for Eklaka, Mont. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at St. Patrick's catholic church for Margaret Harte, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harte.

10 YEARS AGO

The 59th Holt County Fair is ready to open Thursday at Chambers. Mrs. Henry Michaelson, Page, died at her home August 20 following a stroke that afternoon. Nine Holt county men have been ordered to report for military service. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lybolt of Chambers celebrate golden wedding anniversary. St. Anthony's hospital cement floors were finished this week; landscaping will start soon. Capt. Herbert O. Brennan, O'Neill jet-fighter pilot in Far East theatre, has rounded the 100-mission mark. Rodney Perigoy, Stuart, dies August 17, when hurled from truck in which he was riding.

5 YEARS AGO

Roy Thurlow, 61, Atkinson, died August 22 following fall from tree while picking apples. Brock Reynolds joins O'Neill Livestock Market firm as yardman. New officers take over Atkinson Cooperative creamery. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Golden left Monday for Cheshire, Conn., where Mr. Golden will resume teaching in a private preparatory school. Patricia O'Connell, navy son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Harding, are wed July 7. The Mrs. Celia Christianson 480-acre improved farm located 14 miles southwest of Ewing sold at auction August 15 for \$37.60 per acre to Frank Hawk. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Robinson, Amelia, entertained the men who helped to build their telephone line at a dinner Sunday evening. Coach Marvin Miller announces the start of football practice August 27.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

We understand that F. M. Boyce has disposed of his stock to B. J. Newlon and they are now at work invoicing the stock. A seed company is offering a \$100 cup for the best ten ears of corn displayed this year at the Interstate Livestock Fair in Sioux City. Last Saturday night this section was visited by one of the worst rain and wind storms that we have had in several years. The young people of Chambers gave a party Monday evening in honor of Miss Garwood and Miss Lumsden. Dr. E. T. Wilson left O'Neill Wednesday for Michigan where he will remain until September. N. S. Butler of Inman was in town Tuesday on business.

25 YEARS AGO

J. W. Walter, president; George Kelly, vice president; J. C. Baker, secretary, and Clair Grimes, treasurer, are the new officers of the Chambers Commercial club. Seventeen acres of stubble burned on the east side of the Ernie Earl farm home and no one can fathom the cause of the fire. George B. Clark left Monday to attend cases in county court at Albion, Schuyler, Fremont and David City. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hammer and George Voorhies spent Saturday at the News office in Orchard stapling the Fair books. A family reunion was held at the Leon Hertel home Sunday when Pete Nielsen and all his children and their families were present. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Honeywell will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a picnic at their farm September 4.

A Poem

From Mrs. Eby...

Beauty  
A Sunday school teacher, a minister's wife  
Taught a group of girls from the slum areas, life,  
Ill-fed and ill-clothed they had a dreary existence.  
The teacher prayed to help without resistance.  
I want you should look for some beauty at home.  
Not in things outside as this week you roam.  
Next week a sad faced little girl said no beauty I found till the sun shone on my baby sister's curl.  
Thus the teacher taught them to early in life  
To look for beauty above squalor and strife.  
True, our circumstances we can't always change  
But if we look above we can somehow arrange  
To look for beauty like the brave little girl  
Who saw the sun shine through her sister's curl.  
Many years later that teacher (no more)  
Her husband paused at a beautiful door.  
A gracious lady met him with this happy greeting  
I once was a member of your wife's little meeting.  
She taught us to look for beauty and love  
And from there we turned to Jesus above  
He taught us to look for the good in folk  
Though the slum condition could not be broader consulted a doctor Monday concerning a back ailment.  
The Wayne Fry family were dinner guests Sunday at the Z. H. Fry home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Napier and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hord were supper guests Wednesday at the Alfred Napier home.  
Mrs. George Keller and Nancy and Mrs. Alfred Napier, Glenda, Leroy and Dennis were Norfolk visitors Friday.  
Deanna Emsick was an overnight guest at the Wayne Fry home Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Pollock and Phil, Omaha, came to the Dave Pollock home Saturday to spend the weekend. The Art Bushardt and Kenneth Pollock families, Neligh, visited Sunday in the Pollock home. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norwood called at the Dave Pollock home Thursday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fink and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fry and Terry, Diane and Gordon Shrader, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader and family and the Lynn Fry family went to Grove Lake Friday.  
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Riverside News

Mrs. Wilmer Mosel, Mrs. Melvin Exin, Mrs. Earl Pierson, Mrs. Frank Schmidt, Mrs. Keith Biddlecome, Mrs. Raymond Schmidt and Jeanette, Mrs. Harry Van Horn, Mona Mosel and Mrs. Lionel Gunter attended a miscellaneous shower for Miss Sharon Schmidt Friday evening at the St. Dominic hall. Eddy Shrader consulted a doctor Monday concerning a back ailment.  
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Mrs. Robert Hobbs assisted Mrs. Dewitt Hoke in entertaining the Star Kensington Friday afternoon with 15 members and one guest, Mrs. Lester Spragg, present.

Reed Emsick returned to his home in Omaha last Sunday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fry and Terry were dinner and supper guests Thursday at the Lynn Fry home. Other supper guests were Mrs. Kitty Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fink and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader and family and Diane Shrader.

Mrs. Bert Fink accompanied Sandra Shrader to Fremont Monday and spent the night at the Russel Fink home. Sandra stayed with her girl friend, Joan Harper. Joan came home with Sandra and Mrs. Fink Tuesday for a few days visit at the Willie Shrader home, returning to her home in Fremont by bus Friday morning.  
Mrs. Kittie Fry and Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Fry visited Friday evening at the Z. H. Fry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pierson joined Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woepfel, Mrs. Marilyn Burk and children and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pribnow and children at the Marcus Pierson home Sunday for dinner in honor of Marvin's and Earl's birthdays and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pierson's and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Pierson's wedding anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Fry and Richard and the Lynn Fry and Willie Shrader families were dinner guests Sunday at the Kitty Fry home.  
Deanna Emsick was an overnight guest at the Dale Napier home Friday.

Z. H. Fry left Thursday morning to fish at Pierre, S. D.  
Ina Bennett, Mrs. Ruth Waples and Mrs. Wayne Shrader and family visited Tuesday at the Keith Biddlecome home.  
Al Gibson visited Friday evening at the Wayne Fry home.

The Leo Miller family left Tuesday to visit at the Dan Robbins home at Racine, Minn., for a few days, planning to be home by Saturday or Sunday.  
Mrs. Gerald Wedauffer helped with the painting at her mother's, Mrs. Martha Shrader, Tuesday. Judy Gunter went home with her

for a visit, returning to Ewing by bus Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lofquist and family left last Saturday evening for Scottsbluff and spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Rotherham. Monday they went to the Hidden Paradise park near Long Pine for a couple of days, returning home Wednesday.  
Lucille Rotherham is visiting at the William Lofquist home for a few days before returning to her home at Gallup, N. M.

Wilmer Mosel and Robert Danaway and two sons went fishing Tuesday in South Dakota, returning home Wednesday.  
Mrs. Gerald Haddock and children, Denver, Colo., came Friday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller, and other relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Dale Napier and Anna Marie Jensen met Anna Marie's mother in Tilden Thursday morning and accompanied her to Lincoln. Mrs. Duane Jensen brought Mrs. Dale Napier back to Tilden that night and she returned home from there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Shrader and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shrader attended Mrs. Mary Luzzio's funeral services at Homer Wednesday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier and family took Deanna, Joan and Peggy Emsick to their home in Omaha Sunday morning and were guests at the Frank Emsick home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry were dinner guests Wednesday at the Millie Mahood home in Orchard.  
Mrs. Esther Mae Barnhart and children, Neligh, were dinner guests Sunday at the Grant Mott home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hobbs and Bobby, Omaha, came last Saturday evening to the Dewitt Hoke home. Robert returned home Sunday afternoon and Mrs. Hobbs and Bobby stayed for a week's visit, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Web Napier and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose were supper guests last Saturday at the John Napier home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Fry and Richard, McPherson, Kan., spent Friday night at the Lynn Fry home. Saturday both families joined Mrs. Kitty Fry and Mr.

and Mrs. Willard Fry and Terry for dinner at the Willie Shrader home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke visited last Sunday at the Lee Fink home near Page.  
Mrs. Z. H. Fry, Deanna, Joan and Peggy Emsick, Mrs. Dale Napier and Mrs. Richard Napier, Nancy and Reta attended the Antelope County Fair in Neligh last weekend and watched the judging of the clothing and cooking. Mr. and Mrs. Ora Switzer and the Wendell Switzer family attended the Fair Friday evening. Mrs. Alfred Napier and Glenda and Mrs. G. D. Ryan and Selma took the sewing and cooking exhibits to the Fair Thursday afternoon.

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