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Prairieland Talk

"Lives on in Lonliness"

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Fifty years ago she was an attractive young Miss on the prairies of Wheeler county some 30 miles from O'Neill. Today she is a lonely old soul in a "home" in a community of our Capital City.

Forty years ago she became the wife of a gent who was a great pretender of all that was grand and good, had been married before and was the father of some kids. After a year or so he began to abuse his one time darling, finally left her and later married again. He is now dead and gone and that Wheeler county Miss that had seen and went through what a human devil can do lives on in loneliness with her memories



Romaine Saunders

For a year or less John McDonough published the O'Neill Tribune, his little printing outfit in the basement of the newly built First National Bank building. John was a polished sort of gent but not too exalted for the pioneer way of life. He had his bed in his office where he slept at night, as did two of his print shop workers who made their bed on the floor. Many those days had no mansion to go to when the days work was done. McDonough left the little frontier town of O'Neill and went to New York City to connect with one of the daily newspapers there. Pioneer life to life in the country's largest City. Yes, we had holing up places in later years. I never slept better than I did the winter of 31-32 on my bunk in the basement of The Frontier building beside the roaring coal burning furnace. * * *

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Having elected the head of the house to a county office the family moved into O'Neill from their prairie home some 15 miles out. After a time in town some girls got up this one about one of the boys of that county officials household: "He has hair of course in the middle.

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go on and don't bother me. * * *

I stood today in memory by the grave of my dear departed loved one. And again out of the visions of life as we traveled together the many years of love and sweet things along the way are lived thanks, Cal. again. Some day I too will be under the sod beside that loved one as we await the call to come forth to immortal life and we hand in hand walk along the Golden Streets in our Heavenly Home to part no more.

glow of sunshine for three brief days and the January thaw froze over. Clouds, cold, the north winds sullen roar, and the snow man again spread a blanket of white over the land. So again your window casement is whitened with winters chilly rhyme as you get up another icy morning. Winter days and nights ahead and the weather prognosticators tells us it is not only on Prairieland but the same beyond the distant seas. O for a horse drawn sleigh and the jingling bells! * * *

Out of the deep blue sky above us the golden

John Smoot or Maylon Price would have had to cut the hair of six gents heads to get as much money as I paid today for a haircut.

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State Senator Fern Hubbard Orme Sniffled and sneezed as I called her this morning by phone. The senator was just out of bed where she had rested in her winter illness. Too much holiday indulgence lays you up out of circulation for a spell. But Fern was soon her healthy normal self again and at her duties at the State House in legislative committee work. And so our law makers and state officials keep at it.

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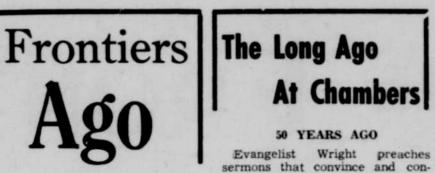
He was the town's dude, well dressed, shoes polished, his hat the best and worn becomingly, a smile for those he met as he sauntered up the east side of lower Fourth street. But fifty years later he was the town bum. And who was he? O that was just Sliver (Jim) Triggs who had been one of the fireman at the great Chicago fire long ago and who was always on hand to fight a fire such as destroyed the Evans Hotel on lower Fourth street about 1890.

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After publishing and editing one weekly newspaper in O'Neill Cal Stewart now has four of them on his hands here in the Capital City. My picture recently appeared in Cal's papers showing me learned to play the flute and fiddle and to part his holding a section of that Ulster County New York Gazette published the first week in January 1800 that has the story of the death and funeral of "I'll be seeing you." A nice way to tell you to George Washington, a paper handed down from my ancesters. Thus appearing it caught the attention of a Lincoln lady interested in historical matters who is moreover a writer. She came to see me and get my life's story. Prairieland Talker may now become one of that lady's group of notables. So

> Many killed in train and highway wrecks, earthquakes, snow and cold all over the land, and United Nations thumbing their noses at eath other. We on Prairieland keep going on the snow and ice.

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50 YEARS AGO

The Uvick-Sullivan fight in Omaha was cancelled due to the illness of Uvick. . .O. B. Long, postmaster at Scottville, died Tuesday night after a lingering illness of considerable duration. .The supervisors of Boyd county want to build another bridge across the Niobrara near Naper and sent a resolution to Holt county which was rejected as Holt county is pledge to building another bridge across the river. .The Burlington train which was to have reached here at 11:30 Friday night did not arrive until 3 Saturday afternoon as the train was stuck in a snowdrift near Royal. . . Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Weekes entertained the 500 club at a 7 p.m. dinner at their beautiful home on east Douglas street last Saturday evening.

25 YEARS AGO

Mrss Margaret Mains died at the home of her son, T. S. Mains, in this city Tuesday afternoon after an illness of three weeks at the age of 82 years. . . All the members of the Holt County Publishers association were guests of D. H. Cronin of The Frontier at dinner Tuesday evening when they met for the annual meeting of the association; D. T. Murfin of Page is president. . .E. E. Clark, the rural mail carrier at Inman, has been experiencing great difficulties in making his route due to the snow-blocked roads. . . The Methodist Ladies aid met at the home of Mrs. Ted McElhaney Thursday. . . Viola Clearwater News Kellar, Theresa Pongratz and Geraldine Harris entertained the Emmet bridge club Thursday eve-

10 YEARS AGO

ning.

Burglars fail in attempt to rob Bristow bank. . .Alfonse Beelaert, retired Ewing farmer, dies following stroke at Norfolk. . . Twenty-one young Holt county men enter armed forces. Thieves rob Spencer high school and get \$225 in basketball game receipts. . .Gerald E. Gotschall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Gotschall, Atkinson, is now assistant special agent in charge of the New Orleans FBI field office. Former Page resident, David Keith Deaver, 62, dies at Des Moines, Ia. . . Donna Vae Hajek, Lynch, united in marriage with Melvin C. Reiber January 11 at Wheat Ridge, Colo.

named chairman of the local March of Dimes. Boy Scouts will make a house to house canvass January 20. Coin containers have been placed in local stores. The Concordia Lutheran aid is

planning the annual chili and oyster supper to be held at the church January 27. Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Mock,

Kathy, and Bobby, Sidney, were recent visitors in the Duaine Filsinger and Emery Carey homes

large membership which will **Orchard News** meet every Friday evening. William Anderson has returned

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Oris Hall, local commercial teacher, started a typing class with 14 adults attending Thursday evening. This will continue through the school year meeting each Thursday evening for a 2hour session. Those attending: Mmes. Allen Hill, Guerney Dray- annual book review. Mrs. Hoyt

YOUR BIGGEST BARGAIN

ton, Walt LaFrenz, Lester Withee, Jack Hildreth, Darlene Snyder, Leo Cleveland, Wayne Lautenschlager, Homer Barton, Leon Mitchell and Archie Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jacobsen, Clarence Juracek and Mrs.

Kasim. Mrs. Hannah Johnson, Mrs. Olive Everhart and Gertrude Gribble were guests when Mrs. Allen Hill entertained Thursday bridge club January 11. Mrs. E Bruce, Mrs. Cecil Lee and Mrs. Ted Berry won prizes. The hostess served lunch. Mrs. E. Bruce will be the next hostess. This will be a housewarming as they are living in their new home.

WSCS made the annual \$5 contribution to polio when they met January 10. Arrangements are being made to observe World Service Sunday January 21, as the local minister will be away on that date and there will be a guest speaker. A new church kitchen appliance is an electric hand mixer as a token of appreciation from a friend. January 31 was set as the date for the

Sirek presided. This will be an all-day meeting with a pot luck dinner. Lesson leader was Mrs-D. Lenz. She was assisted by Mmes. Mitchell, Miller, Thelander and Van Ostrand.

The Orchard Garden club met with Mrs. D. Lenz January 8. Mrs. D. L. Fletcher was lesson leader on the care of house plants. Next meeting will be with Mrs. E. Bruce with Mrs. Gordon Drayton as lesson leader.

Mrs. Evelyn McManigal returned home Thursday from Los Angeles, Calif., where she had spent the past 2 weeks visiting in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russ McManigal.

Mrs. Gordon Drayton sustained a cracked bone in her right arm when she slipped and fell in her home last Sunday evening.

Bill and Newell Mitchell, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mitchell, returned to Wayne following Christmas vacation. Bill will practice teaching physical education and be assistant basketball coach at Wakefield for the second trimester at Wayne.

entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner by the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Brittain Wednesday evening. . Mrs. H. Spence suffered a stroke last Tuesday and is being cared Yes . . . ELECTRICITY . . . is today's for by her son and wife. . .Harbest buy for better living. While the old Michel was called home cost of living has gone up, the average from barber school in Lincoln the last of the week by the illness price per kilowatt hour of electricity of their baby who had pneumonhas gone down. At rates that are ia. . .Flu causes illness in alamong the lowest in the nation, the most every family in Chambers average Nebraska home uses three to recently. . .Frank Porter's truck four times as much electricity as it wheel broke through the bridge did in 1942. Is it any wonder why six miles south of Brady's corner and it was necessary to unso many Nebraskans are switching to "ALL-ELECTRIC" living? Why load all of the hogs before it could be pulled loose by a trac-

Mrs. Charles Curtright

tor.

vert as is shown by the printing

of a list of nearly 100 converts.

A Christian men's society has

been formed in Chambers with a

to Chambers after several weeks

absence. . . Mrs. Sexton, of In-

man, came in on the stage yes-

terday on a visit to her daugh-

ter, Mrs. Thompson, living west

of Chambers. . . The prospect is

pretty certain that Chambers

will have a German Lutheran

The ice harvest this year amount-

ed to 200 tons of the finest ice

25 YEARS AGO

The high school teachers were

church early this spring.

ever seen in this vicinity.

HUnter 5-3290

Band Sponsors met Monday evening in the high school recreation room with 14 members present. Wayne Switzer conducted the business meeting which included payment of bills and a discussion of future meetings. Mrs. Lyle Rice and Mrs. Avalt Sanne were in charge of the evening's entertainment. Mrs. L. Rutledge and Mrs. Darrel Peters served lunch. Kindergarten classes opened

here Monday morning with Mrs. Ava Ruby, Ewing, as instructor. She replaces Mrs. Francis Ander-son, Norfolk, who resigned ef-



Rank Stupidity

D. J. Shultz in the Adams County Record, Hettinger, North Dakota

There was a time in weekly newspapers-and many other small businesses-when we could take a youngster of 13 or 14 and after school hours, during vacations, and on Saturdays train him in the newspaper or printing profession.

He usually started out by running errands, sweeping out, and doing some of the minor jobs around the plant, advancing as he learned. Usually, by the time of 18, he had learned a trade or profession that guaranteed him better opportunities than average throughout his lifetime.

That time is no more. Now, by government edict, we can't train him. We can't even train a youngster on a machine with a one-fourth horsepower motor.

All a person has to do is to think a bit to realize what a silly, foolish idea is contained in such restrictions, and to realize too, how much juvenile delinquency is induced thereby.

Almost every farm boy in this nation handles machinery from 14 years onward. We take them into the armed forces before 18 and let them handle machinery worth many thousands of dollars of we taxpavers

vote to youngsters of 18 with which we could agree if we would try to develop them into men at 18 instead of restraining their development and treating them as babies until 18.

Doesn't it seem awfully silly to you that we can't train a youngster of 15, 16, or 17 on a machine with a simple little one-fourth horsepower motor when we take youngsters as young as 14 and give them legal license to be the pilot of a 300 horsepower death-dealing automobile on our highways?

How silly and how foolish can we get?

MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT, INDEPENDENT: "J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, says 'Just as through research and positive action we have isolated and conquered the germs of so many dread diseases, so can we remove the slaughterers who litter our highways with broken and battered bodies. But it cannot be done by showing pity or offering excuses for those who wantonly violate the basic rules of traffic safety

"Two of the greatest dangers on our roads are the drunken and reckless drivers. Why should anyone feel compassion for them? Their actions show as much disregard for law and order as do the acts of a burglar who follows a carefully laid plan to steal in the night. Also, in many instances, they are a far greater threat to human safety'."

CHICO, CALIF., ENTERPRISE-RECORD: "Each year during the observance of National Newspaper Week the newspapers of the nation set aside one day for honoring their newspaper boys, those young independent businessmen who con-Many of our people think we ought to give the stitute the final link between the newspaper and its subscribers . . .

> "In all America-according to such leaders as former President Eisenhower, J. Edgar Hoover and scores of other top citizens-there is no better value in work training than the lessons of promptness, service, honesty, dependability, courtesy, thrift, obligation, selling and human relations learned by the newspaperboy.

'The young businessmen are learning the basic fundamentals of our business world and our free enterprise system."

5 YEARS AGO

Compulsory school redistricting rapped by overflow crowd representing every district in county. .Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Platt, Chambers, celebrate golden wedding anniversary. . .Spencer school board members pay off all indebtedness on school plant; town celebrates burning of mort-. .Lifelong Atkinson resigage. dent, Mrs. Agnes Slaymaker, 68, dies in Atkinson Memorial hospital. . .W. L. Noring, 47, dies at Orchard. . . O'Neill-Emmet Highway 20 link to follow C & NW railroad track west. . .Karen M. Donohoe and Harold Rotherham exchange vows.

Dr. H. D. GILDERSLEEVE

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Closed Wednesday

fective January 15-The fire department was called Monday night to the Walter Minnebroker home where a fire had started in the chimney. It was quickly extinguished with no damage to the home.

M/Sgt. Walter H. Patras left by train from Grand Island early Thursday morning for Treasure Island. He will serve in the U.S. Marines overseas for 13 months. His address is 560739 Corp U. S. Marines dispersing office 3rd Marine Div. F.M.F., San Francisco, Calif. care of F.P.O. His wife and five children will make their home in Clearwater during his absence. Mr. and Mrs. Avalt Sanne en

tertained at a 10-point pitch party at their home Sunday night Prizes were won by Mrs. Sterling Legate, Sylvester Bauer, Mrs. William Knievel and Walter Minnebroker. O Meyer, Lake Head, Calif. left

Thursday for his home after visiting his brother Henry and Eyes Examined-Glasses Fitted family and the Mummert fami-Otto came by plane from California to Omaha, taking a bus to Wisner, and then by car Hours 9-5-Mon. thru Saturday to Clearwater. His son-in-law, Ralph Martins, accompanied him. Mrs. Don Dufphey has been

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