

Prairieland Talk

"Spindler's Book Reviewed"

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Wild Bill Spindler, who at one time hung up his sombrero, his spurs and six shooter in a cabin in the Eagle creek country and later joined the Sioux Indians in the land of Chief Spottedtail and Sitting Bull but now is at home behaving himself under the watchful eye of his good wife, writes me the following letter which will be of interest to Frontier readers. Hit us again Wild Bill and behave yourself up there in Gordon. Dear Prairieland Talker:



Romaine Saunders

Many thanks for mentioning us in your "Prairieland" column, which we always read with great interest and still enjoy very, very much. Haven't written you in a long time, so here goes.

Imagine our pleasant surprise when we learned that the man who recently reviewed our new book, "Yesterday's Trails", for the spring issues of "Frontier Times" and "Corral Dust" was Bill Allred, one of the three "Old Bookroos" who now lives in Washington, D. C. We became acquainted with Bill (who was then in Soil Conservation) back in the 1930's when we were stationed at isolated Medicine Bow Day School in the Indian village of Potato Creek, S. D.

Bill Allred gave this review on "Yesterday's Trails": "Many years ago when this reviewer met Will Spindler and his wife, Lulu, at the old Medicine Bow Day School at Potato Creek, S. D., little did he know he'd have an opportunity in 1961 to review Will's charming book, Yesterday's Trails.

"Will and Lulu, a devoted pair of practicing Christians, taught school in the Indian Service for 20 years at humble Potato Creek, a Sioux village on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation near the South Dakota Badlands. Both had an honest curiosity about the country's history, its red and white men, animals, settlement and ranching. Will's book is full of the folk tales about this region and its people. There is a story about Kid Wade, the horse thief, whose word was as good as gold. Another one is about famous "Doc" Middleton who roamed the Sandhills and neighboring Black Hills and acquired a shady reputation.

"There are many other stories about ranchers, Indians, pioneer families, and the hardships of frontier life that make this book an excellent addition to American folk history."

Our very best wishes to you, Prairieland Talker, and keep your fine column rolling.

Sincerely,
Will and Lulu Spindler
Gordon, Nebr.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

The new boiler for the McGinnis Creamery Co., arrived Monday and is now being put in place in the power house of that establishment. The high water of last week did considerable damage to numerous bridges on the Redbird and its tributary branches. Last Saturday night a light snow fell here, accompanied by thunder and lightning. A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss Kate Kossman at Inman last Thursday afternoon. An entertainment and box social will be given by the pupils and teacher in District 8 five miles northwest of O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. A. Cowperthwaite returned last Saturday evening from California where they had spent the winter.

25 YEARS AGO

Archie Bowen is making some further improvements in his Ben Franklin store. The finishing work on the new post office is progressing rapidly and local employees expect to be able to move into the new building about April 15. Production Credit association selects D. C. Schaffer as head. Twenty-five more boys to go to CCC camps from Holt County. Mary Joe Finley, student at Creighton university, is spending Easter vacation here. Inability to finance feed and seed leaves farm lands in Randolph vicinity vacant. The Agricultural Agent's office, to gether with the Farm Bureau and Agricultural Conservation offices, have been moved to the old courthouse building.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Arnie Mace, sr., Chambers, died April 2 at Norfolk hospital where she had been a patient for two weeks. Search continues after 28 days for unknown assassin of Police Chief Chet Calkins. Funeral rites held Tuesday for Cnaucney V. Wood, 29, Chambers, World War II veteran who died March 29 from brain tumor. City Clerk O. Dale French receives most votes in city election. Linda Sue Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunt, honored on third birthday anniversary March 27. Ed Claussen, 61, Stuart, World War I veteran, dies March 28 at Veterans hospital in Grand Island. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hogenkamp return from Rock Rapids, Ia., and are operating the East End Cafe.

5 YEARS AGO

Tony Asimus sells his farm implement-automobile agency to Oscar Spitznberger and Max Derry, both of South Dakota. Charles R. Johnson, city police officer, plans to move soon to California accompanying his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Johnson. Swimming pool proposal rejected. William J. Froelich will become a Knight of St. Gregory, one of the highest lay honors in the Roman Catholic church. Max Golden, Dr. E. Gleason and Fred Heermann are victors in city council election. Moisture-laden snow falls here April 3. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith, Maxwell, plan open house for golden wedding April 7.

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25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Wilbur Osborn, a recent bride, was honored at a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Alma Farrier March 30. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Neilson left Saturday

morning for a year's vacation before taking up their residence in Texas. E. E. Emminger's car crashes through Anton Toy's store in O'Neill. Word has been received of the marriage of a former Chambers resident, Miss Beulah McCabe, and Fred Derrick, both of Olympia, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Belew are moving this week with Old Jarman on the farm southwest of town. Miss Ireneela Cavanaugh was guest of honor at a nuptial shower April 3 at the Glee Grimes home.

Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gunter

The Riverside Free Methodist Missionary society met at the Edna Lofquist home in Ewing Friday afternoon. They had a "poundage" for Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mott who were married the fore part of March.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hord were dinner guests last Sunday at the George Montgomery home. Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry were afternoon callers and both couples stayed for lunch.

Mrs. Leo Miller and Mrs. Wendell Switzer took Ewing school children to Wayne Friday for a Science Fair.

Howard Miller came home Sunday from the Antelope Memorial hospital. Mrs. Lee Fink and Jill visited at the Bert Fink home Friday.

Ernest Trowbridge, Inman, visited at the Howard Miller home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier attended a 4H leaders banquet in Neligh Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fry, Jackie and Sheila and Mrs. Kitty Fry left Friday for McPherson, Kan., to visit at the Eldred Fry home over the weekend. Mrs. Kitty Fry will remain for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Switzer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke and Clayton and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shraider and family were dinner guests Sunday at the Willie Shraider home to observe the four couple's wedding anniversaries which were in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ahlers were dinner guests Tuesday at the Earl Piersons.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery visited at the Will Conner home Thursday evening.

Joan and Becky Miller, Eddie and Alice Shraider, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stroppe, Mrs. Gerald Wetlaufer, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shraider and family were dinner guests Sunday in the Archie Johnston home in honor of Barbara and Marilyn Johnston's birthday. Mrs. Bert Fink visited Mrs. Amy Jacobson Monday afternoon.

Mrs. John Napier and children visited in the Richard Napier home Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Grant Mott and Mrs. Everett Keesler visited in O'Neill, Thursday afternoon.

Carole Kirshner spent Thursday night with Joan Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry were supper guests Wednesday in the Richard Napier home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier, Richard Napier and Mrs. Lorraine Montgomery visited in Norfolk Friday.

Mrs. Gene Streeter, Lincoln, visited at the William Lofquist home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fink were dinner guests Sunday in the Lee Fink home.

The Charles Rotherham family were dinner guests Sunday in the William Lofquist home.

Mrs. Alfred Napier and Mrs. R. A. Hord visited Mrs. Dewitt Gunter in the O'Neill hospital. Mrs. Z. H. Fry and Mrs. Ralph Munn visited her Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mott, Esthermae Barnhart and Kerry and Valenia visited Friday evening at the Grant Mott home. Some of the neighbors charivariated Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mott.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lofquist and family were supper guests Wednesday at the Walter Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke visited in Neligh Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ahlers visited in the Martin Helmrick home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Schlotman and Iris and Janet Valparaiso were dinner guests Sunday at the S. S. Schlotman home. Mrs. Will Conner was also a guest.

Victor Thoelnd spent Thursday night with Clayton Hoke.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery visited Friday noon in the Ronnie Mott home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pollock took their son, Ralph, to Neligh Tuesday to visit in the home of

Art Busshardt and Kenneth Pollock before going to his home at Seattle, Wash. Arlen Miller, teacher in the Riverside school district, took Steve Miller, Cathy and Terry Lofquist to Neligh Saturday for a spelling contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Switzer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier were guests Saturday in the Lynn Fry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry visited in the Dale Napier home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery visited in Norfolk Tuesday.

Julie and Jane Fry spent Friday night at the Z. H. Fry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Napier and family were dinner guests Sunday in the Gary Tessmer home. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hord were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nelson and son, Jimmy, Plainville, were supper guests in the Dewitt Hoke home Wednesday they had called on Mrs. Dewitt Gunter in the O'Neill hospital in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mott ate dinner last Sunday in the Grant Mott home.

Leisure Hour pinocle club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Weichman March 18. Prizes went to Mrs. Charles Milnar, Mrs. Eli McConnell, Orville Hitchcock, Eli McConnell and Charles Milnar. Mr. and Mrs. Art Humpal were guests. Next meeting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milnar April 1.

EVRN club met in the home of Mrs. E. A. Harshfield. Thursday, March 22. Ten members answered roll call with an idea for a future roll call. Mrs. Frank Determan gave a lesson on "window treatment". Plans were made for the club's annual supper which will be in the near future. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Frank Determan April 19.

Live and Learn Extension club met for a luncheon Thursday at the home of Mrs. Charles Deerman with Mrs. Ray G. O. as co-hostess. Guests were Mrs. John Schauf, Mrs. Joe Ramold and Mrs. Ray Tunender and Dolores. Fifteen women answered roll call. Mrs. Lawrence Kramer and Mrs. Ralph Beck gave the lesson on "window treatment". Mrs. Ralph Beck won a special prize. Mrs. Deerman and Mrs. Francis Weller received "mystery sister" gifts. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Kramer April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tunender and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bauer and family Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Babi called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Janzing and family, O'Neill, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Leonard Dusatko and Mrs. Fred Grothe went to Brunswick

Wednesday. They visited Mrs. Fred Grothe's relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pongratz and family called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Pongratz and family at O'Neill last Saturday evening.

Mrs. James Havranek, Atkinson, is spending a period of time with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Al Havranek.

Morris Pongratz spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pongratz. He returned Sunday to Creighton university at Omaha.

Mrs. Ed Winkler called at the home of her mother, Mrs. Josephine Bruder, Atkinson, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Havranek and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Havranek, O'Neill, were Thursday night callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Havranek.

Mrs. Ray Conway and Mrs. Elwin Babi and Jeanette, O'Neill, were Friday afternoon callers of Mrs. John Babi sr.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Marcellus, Stuart, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marcellus and family Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Peters and family, O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Timmerman and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Schauf and family and Mrs. Ray Tunender, Atkinson, called at the home of Mrs. Joe Ramold sr. and boys Sunday.

Golden Rod Garden club met in the home of Mrs. Georgia McGinnis Thursday. Fourteen members were present. Guests, Mrs. John Conard and Mrs. Kenny Ruggless and three children, were also present. A "chinese auction" was held to raise money for the club. Members brought Easter baskets which they will give to patients in the Stuart rest home. A lesson on gladioli and corsages was given.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marcellus and family were Sunday dinner guests of Anton Jirak at O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramold jr. and family called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tunender and family Sunday evening.

Francis, Dolores, Edgar, Bob and Gene Tunender and Ellen Frost were Sunday dinner guests of Marian, Larry and Ronnie Deerman.

Donald Marcellus called at the home of D. B. Marcellus at Stuart, Thursday.

Dewey Pongratz spent Monday, Wednesday and Friday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pongratz.

The Victory Homemakers club will meet at the home of Mrs.

Al Havranek April 11. Delores Pettinger called on Mrs. Joe Pongratz Wednesday afternoon school. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Donlin and Linda, O'Neill, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schauf and family Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Beckwith and son, Gene, and Dave Ryan visited Mrs. Joe Pongratz Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marcellus and family called at the home of Anton Jirak at O'Neill, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Babi visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Bernard Pongratz accompanied St. Mary's science class to Wayne State Teacher's college where they had a study on science Friday.

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Editorial

'Ploesti' ... On Target

Cal Stewart's book is now on sale. It records for us an operation that some of us would not otherwise have known or understood.

At the time Cal was a part of this event he was very young ... a soldier in World War II ... not unlike hundreds of other young Americans stationed far from home and surrounded by the events of war. Cal, however, possessed one quality not found in the ordinary soldier. That is the newsman's objectivity and curiosity. And Cal, too, possessed the ability to record events that should be preserved for all time.

After his years of service Cal and his wife, Peggy, along with their family spent 10 happy, profitable years in O'Neill where he owned and published the Frontier. Not only did he put out the biggest and best newspaper in North East Nebraska, Cal also single-handedly conducted a first class school of journalism for young printers devils who worked for him.

By precept and command he produced credible craftsmen from some rather unlikely young candidates. A good many graduates of Cal's school are to be found scattered throughout the newspaper business.

Cal's book is not wholly for entertainment. It is a serious study of a low level bombing raid by B-24 bombers on the oil refineries of Roumania. It is a book for history and in it he pays tribute to the heroism of a group of men who made this trip into enemy territory for 1,000 miles with fighter escort. Many of them paid with their lives and it may have been the memory of such sacrifices that in part at least urged the writing of this fine book.

We here at the Frontier are proud to own an autographed copy of "Ploesti".—BJR

The Albin News

Being published next week by Random House is an excellent documentary volume, "Ploesti" written by James Dugan and Carroll Stewart. It deals with the disastrous low-level bombing raid carried out by the Airforce from Benghazi in Africa to Ploesti in Roumania on August 1, 1943, by Liberator bombers. The bombers came in at tree-top level, but the casualties were in the hundreds as the Americans attempted to bomb a third of Hitler's oil supply out of existence ... and succeeded to a large extent.

What will intrigue most Nebraskans about the book is that one of the authors, Cal Stewart for many years following the war was editor and publisher of the O'Neill Frontier at O'Neill ... and sold the paper and retired for a couple of years to, as he puts it, "get the story out of my system and into a book".

Cal and I have been on many newspaper news-gathering and hell-raising missions together in the 16 years I've known him. Matter of fact, two weeks ago Sunday he breezed through Albin at the height of the blizzard and got his car hung up in a drift between here and Loretto. Returning to town, he called me and we drove out in my Falcon to rescue his car, which had a stuck brake-band and wouldn't track right. So Cal commandeered my Falcon and proceeded on his way to O'Neill to visit his family. I didn't see the car again for a week.

Cal's now engaged in the publication of brand new papers called Lincolnland Sunpapers for suburban Lincoln. He's got his bombsight zeroed in on the target—Lincoln advertisers and readers—and I predict this colorful Nebraskan will toggle his bomb load right on target according to his flight plan.

Meanwhile, Ploesti is a Random House publication, selling for \$6.95. I recommend that you read what this Nebraska author has written.—Jack Lowe



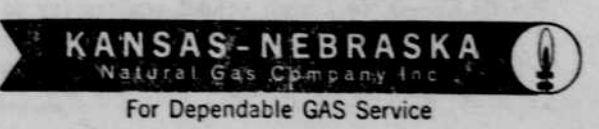
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