

THE FRONTIER

SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

It comes as somewhat of a shock to most of us that our resplendent army officers, far from being the honored heroes we have always thought them to be, are merely a group of henpecked husbands.

The dignity of stately surroundings received another shock when the chief executive announced from the White House that he was not going to "pull a Wheeler."

Our last heavy rain, preceded by violent wind, took a toll young turkeys, while lightning lashed low a Holstein cow at the Tom Doolittle ranch. The benefit in moisture far outweighs the losses.

I understand the O'Neill quartet that went to the northern lakes expecting to get a change of diet out of the crystal waters at the head of the Mississippi were glad to get home and have a good Nebraska beefsteak.

Maybe we have this C I O all wrong. Maybe that's what we need out here. How come? Well, there's a citizen who employed a boy a day and a half working in the hot sun and then handed the boy two thin dimes—and hadn't give him a dinner.

Pete Duffy backed by the great state of Nebraska and the decree of our court, reached out an inexorable arm and laid hold on a young citizen at a nearby ranch and has placed him in storage in the reformatory at Lincoln. The young man fell into the somewhat popular, but precarious habit of receiving his own financial stringency by means of forged checks.

Wonder what the old hombros out around Ogallala think of a thing like that. Tricounty dam run across miles of their range.

Atkinson is in the good graces of our chief down at the state house; appointments with attendant emoluments having fallen into the laps of two worthy citizens, and now we understand the governor is to further honor the metropolis of western Holt by his presence there hay days.

Perhaps Con Keys up just west of the county seat by the picturesque Elkhorn can tell how to take care of the shortage of farm help. Original in everything, Con has a way of his own of getting a hired man and he selects a tramp. Says he has good luck with them, identifying a tramp by the simple fact that they come up the street with a coat under an arm. The coats, Con used to say, served at night as a pillow or covering, according to weather.

Up at the county seat a recent Sunday night I thought to attend the evening services of one of the several churches but learned there were no such services. There was opportunity for eating and drinking, amusements and sports—nothing for the spiritual or intellectual. When life's shadows have begun to lengthen, when the low descending sun of this mortal pilgrimage hangs not far from the horizon, when the hair at your temples has faded to a dull grey and wrinkles have marked the passing of the years and life's outlook is focused on the sombre and inexorable realities, the fleeting things which once gratified and amused the senses have lost their charm and you reach out to lay hold on the things of enduring value. I wonder if there are not enough such at O'Neill to fill a few pews Sunday evening.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness extended to us during the last illness and following the death of our beloved husband, father, son and brother, Mrs. June Luben and son; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luben and family; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox and family.

Notice

On Saturday, July 26, 1941, the fire whistle will blow at 10 A. M., to start the drive to collect the aluminum.

John Kersenbrock, Mayor.

Mary M. Hancock

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church, Inman, Nebraska, for Mrs. Mary M. Hancock of Inman, at 10:00 A. M. July 21st. Services were conducted by the Rev. E. E. Maxcy of Inman, assisted by Rev. S. M. Ohmart of O'Neill. The favorite hymns of the deceased were sung by the Adult Choir of the Inman M. E. church. Interment in the Inman Cemetery. The pallbearers were A. N. Butler, Karl Keyes, Leon Tomkiins, Earl Watson, John Sobotka and W. H. Chickien.

Mary Matilda Hancock, daughter of Lorenzo Dow Frantz and Christina Aherns was born February 12, 1859 at Burlington, Indiana, and died at Inman, Nebraska, July 19, 1941, at the age of 82 years, 5 months 7 days.

At the age of 2 1/2 years her mother died, and her father soon thereafter enlisted in the Civil War. She then made her home with her grandmother and other relatives.

On January 11, 1876, she was united in marriage to Jonathan Perry Hancock, a soldier boy of the Civil War, at Burbon, Indiana. To this union seven children were born, the eldest a son, Ora Delbert, dying in infancy.

In 1879 they left Indiana by the covered wagon route and started for Nebraska to establish a home in the west, stopping at Selma, Iowa, where they resided about two years. They then came to Nebraska and for a few months lived at Arlington and Fremont. They homesteaded seven miles northeast of Inman for three years, after which they moved to Inman where they operated a hotel for a number of years. A few years were spent on a farm west of Inman, after which they moved to Inman, where she has since resided.

Mrs. Hancock was a woman of sterling qualities; she had strong religious convictions, and united with the Methodist Church while yet a young woman, and while she had been unable to attend church services was true to her faith as she saw it. She took a very keen interest in all civic and political affairs.

She was a devoted mother, and her family was always her first interest. She is survived by six children: Robinetta Malone, Inman; Claude P. Hancock, of Craig, Nebraska; Wilbur C. Hancock of O'Neill; John J. Cheyenne, Wyo.; Mrs. June Bowen, Waycross, Ga.; Mrs. Gladys Marsh, Enid Okla. She also leaves seventeen grandchildren, and eighteen great grandchildren; one half sister, Mrs. John Davids of Clara City, Minnesota, and a host of friends.

People from out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hancock and son Marlin Craig; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hancock, Edmund Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hull and Mrs. Vance Kline, all of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hancock and sons Jack and Bill of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marsh, Enid Oklahoma; Miss Florence Malone, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Spann, Mrs. Mary Spann, Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock of Beatrice; Wayne Hancock, Tekamah; Mrs. Maggie Duhack and daughter Blanche, Mrs. Vern Lyons and Miss Katherine Smith of Newman Grove and many other out-of-town friends.

CARD OF THANKS

Words can hardly express our appreciation to our Neighbors and many friends who did so much for us and who in such a great measure brought happiness to our beloved mother during her long illness, and who were so kind to us during her death and funeral and for the lovely floral offerings. Mrs. C. J. Malone and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hancock and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hancock and sons, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Bowen and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Marsh.

Holt County Man Appointed On District AAA Committee

The Nebraska Agricultural Conservation Committee announces the appointment of Harry E. Ressel, Vice-Chairman of the Holt County AAA Committee, as a member of the Review Committee on Wheat Marketing Quotas, comprising Rock, Brown Keya Paha, Boyd, Holt, Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Antelope, Pierce, Madison and Boone Counties.

Names Of Members Of New FSA Council

Names of members of the new county FSA council and of the various committees working with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the local application of the Farm Security Administration program were announced today for Holt County by Gerald S. Graybiel, rehabilitation supervisor.

Names of members, as approved by the Department of Agriculture and addresses, follow: Lyndle R. Stout, O'Neill; Arthur E. Spittler, O'Neill; Joseph C. Stein, O'Neill; Edward W. Murray, O'Neill; and John W. Riege, Page.

The council membership overlaps the membership on other FSA committees. Some members are on the council only, some are on the council and on a committee, and some are on a committee only. Membership of the committees follow:

FSA farm debt adjustment committee: Joseph W. Roche, Atkinson; Edward W. Murray, O'Neill; and John W. Riege, Page.

Rural rehabilitation advisory committee: Leon D. Putnam, O'Neill; Mrs. Ruth G. Rector, O'Neill; and John W. Riege, Page.

In a recent communication to Mr. Graybiel, county supervisor in this county, and to others, Carl A. Ward, regional FSA director, Lincoln, Nebraska, said: "Local citizens know their own problems much better than any outside officials could know them. The county FSA council of local substantial citizens with the interest of home farmers at heart and in sympathy with the self-rehabilitation program, can do much to help farm families develop local resources, build community cooperation and cooperatives where feasible and improve the general welfare and opportunities of farm families."

It is being emphasized in all FSA personnel meetings, Graybiel said, that strong national defense depends on existence of large numbers of reasonably self-sufficient communities, and that neighborhoods cannot be self-sufficient with many of their people subject to substandard living conditions. Rehabilitation is being regarded as a community responsibility because it involves adjustment of local debts, farm and home planning, livestock systems, soil conservation, cropping production, local government costs and taxes and other factors that have community-wide application.

The county council will meet at stated intervals and members will be reimbursed, through FSA, for their time and work. They will cooperate closely, it was stated, with the county land use planning committee, AAA committee and other community groups in problems as they affect low-income farm families. They will work with the FSA personnel in making the rehabilitation program effective locally and will assist in spreading knowledge of these problems and programs of work among the people of the county.

Council members will work with FSA personnel and other groups in encouraging group meetings and group discussions pertaining to all phases of agricultural and community life problems. Mr. Graybiel said community or group meetings would figure largely this coming year in the development of the rehabilitation program.

Edward Smolek

Edward Smolek died at the O'Neill General Hospital last Saturday morning following a heart attack after an illness of but a few hours. He was an employee of Felix Hendricks, northeast of this city when taken ill and was brought to the hospital here, but lived only a few hours. He was 57 years one month and 9 days of age at the time of his death. The body was taken to Verdigre by the Biglin ambulance Monday morning and the funeral was held there from the Z. C. B. J. hall at 2 o'clock that afternoon and burial in the Verdigre cemetery.

Deceased was born in Chicago on June 10, 1884, and came to Knox county with his parents 53 years ago. He had never married and spent his life time working on farms in Knox and Holt counties. It is said that he was a very good worker and a splendid citizen. He leaves five brothers and four sisters to mourn his passing, all of whom except two are residents of Knox county.

Leo Carney left Wednesday morning for Lincoln, where he will enter the Veteran's hospital for medical treatment.

Dean Of Merchants Entertains Faculty Of St. Mary's Academy

Resplendent in full evening dress, the dean of O'Neill merchants, P. J. McManus, headed a group of four automobiles that pulled up at St. Mary's academy at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening to take Mother Virginia and fourteen sisters of the faculty of the academy to Mr. McManus' home on Everett and Fifth streets to see brought to full fruition a desire he had long entertained to show in a practical way his interest in the academy and expression of appreciation of the work the institution in doing in our midst.

Msgr. McNamara, Father Parr and John Sullivan, a brother of Mother Virginia, who early residents of O'Neill knew as Loretta Sullivan, were also among the guests. The group was entertained on the lawn, trim and green with a row of elms along the west border casting their grateful shadow. Band Master George led his company of juvenile musicians from the schools to participate in the evening's entertainment by rendering Irish melodies from the musical throats of 80 band instruments.

Nine tables topped with linen pieces were set on the lawn and the guests were served with ice cream and angel food cake. Nine young ladies Constance Biglin, Constance Golden, Virginia Coyne, Ellen McKenna, Dorothy Ryan, Alma Wallace, Bernadette Brennan and Mrs. F. N. Cronin, all dressed in white, served at the tables.

Mr. McManus had the happy thought to spend the two hours from 6 to 8, in an old fashion visit with his guests rather than a formal program functioning "after dinner" talks and his guests with hearty handshakes expressed sincere gratitude for the simple pleasures of the evening and departed with best wishes for their esteemed host.

Aluminum Will Be Collected Here Saturday

The collection of aluminum in Holt County and the national Defense Program started Monday morning, July 21, under the direction of W. E. Wulf of Ewing as county chairman. Heading the drive in O'Neill is Mayor John Kersenbrock who has asked the Commercial Club to make the collection with the assistance of the O'Neill band members.

At 10:00 A. M. Saturday, July 26, the fire whistle will blow and a member of the Commercial Club with several band members will place in O'Neill for your donation. If you cannot be at home leave donation at the front door. The aluminum will be piled in a truck at the intersection by the Golden Hotel and stored at the pump house in O'Neill. Have your aluminum ready.

This is to be a free will offering, as no profit is to be made by anyone and any proceeds will be turned into the United States Treasury for National Defense. Aluminum should not be donated which will need to be replaced immediately with other metals. Everyone is asked to do his part.

Rural areas have been asked by County Agent Lyndle Stout to be organized under the township boards, which with the assistance of 4-H clubs, Women's Clubs, AAA committee men and other organizations, are making a drive. Aluminum donated or collected in rural areas should be delivered to any town in the county.

This is the first time the Defense Program has made a request which affects every local person. In order that the drive may produce the 20,000,000 pounds needed it will be necessary for every person to do his share.

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O'Neill's New White Way In Operation

The sixteen new lights that have been installed in the four downtown blocks the past two weeks were turned on for the first time last evening and the central part of the city looks like a different place when the lights are turned on. A wonderful improvement.

Commodity Loans Now Available To Those Who Obeyed Orders

Commodity loans are now available to anyone who has not overplanted his depleting allotment. All bins for storing commodity grains should be in good repair and suitable for holding grain for at least two years. Farmers may assign their ACP payments for the purpose of purchasing and repair of storage facilities by calling at the Holt County AAA office and executing the necessary forms. All will mature on demand on April 30, 1942, and will be nonrecourse loans bearing 3% interest from date of loan. All taxes to be paid in full up to date before a loan can be granted. Personal taxes may be deducted from the loan if desired by the producer. Insurance on all sealed grain must be provided by the producer. It must cover the face value of the note plus interest to July 1, 1942. Fees for operating expenses of the loan programs will be borne by the borrowers through the collection of service fees as follows: Each applicant for a loan secured by collateral stored on the farm will pay a service fee of 1c per bushel on the net number of bushels placed under loan. This information applies to all commodity loans. The following information applies to each specified commodity:

Wheat: Loan rates on wheat have been established at 97c for No. 1 wheat; 96c for No. 2; 94c for No. 3; 91c for No. 4; and 88c for No. 5. A storage payment of 7c per bushel can be earned by the producer if the wheat is delivered to the Commodity Credit Corporation on or after April 30, 1942. Should the producer desire to build or repair storage facilities for the 1941 wheat crop, he may draw the 7c storage at the time the loan is made. Should he desire to pay off his loan and redeem his wheat anytime prior to April 30, 1942 the full amount of the storage advance plus interest thereon must be refunded to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Rye: The loan value on rye grading No. 3 or better is 50c per bushel with no storage allowance.

Barley: Eligible barley will have the following loan values: No. 1, 45c; No. 2, 44c; No. 3, 42c; No. 4, 39c; and No. 5, 35c. A discount of 2c bushel shall be made for mixed barley. No storage allowance will be made.

Must Get Permission

We wish to again remind every wheat producer that before either 1940 or 1941 wheat can be sold, he must obtain from the Holt County AAA office a wheat Marketing Card for presentation at the time of selling the wheat. If a wheat Marketing excess is determined, the producer has three ways of overcoming it: (1) he may pay the penalty of 49c per bushel; (2) he may deliver it to the Secretary of Agriculture; or (3) he may have it sealed or stored on his farm. Anyone having any question regarding the wheat marketing quota should feel free to call at the Holt County AAA office and have it explained by the county committeemen.

Neighbors Help Them Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters, living northeast of O'Neill, celebrated their birthdays on July 13th and on that evening the ladies of the neighborhood and friends and relatives from other sections of the county, arrived at their home to help Mable and Henry properly celebrate the anniversary. During the evening different kinds of games were indulged in by the old folks as well as the young, after which ice cream and cake was served.

The following guests were in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young and family; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robinson and Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse and family; Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Clauson and family Grandma Johnson, Christina Walters, Clinton McWilliam, Arthur Rouse, Maude Rouse, Mabelle Osenbaugh, Jean Anderson, George Rock. They all departed for home at a late hour, after having spent a very pleasant evening and after wishing the hosts many more happy anniversaries.

Leon Asher of Omaha, spent Wednesday and Thursday in O'Neill visiting relatives and on business.

Wallace-Conners

Miss Evelyn Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace of this city and Harold Conners, of Washington, D. C., son of Mrs. Ed Conners of Lisco, Nebraska, were united in marriage at St. Patrick's church in this city on last Thursday morning, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Msgr. J. G. McNamara. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length dress of white chiffon and silk lace, over taffeta. She wore a finger tip veil trimmed in matching lace and a tiara of seeded pearls and carried a prayer book bouquet.

Miss Alma Wallace, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and she wore gown of blush pinkulle with a short pink halo and wore a corsage of aster and carnations. Bill Miller of Washington, D. C. served as best man.

During the ceremony, there was organ music by Mrs. Tom Brennan and several vocal selections by Miss Lanone Miles and Miss Veronica Coyne.

Immediately following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the M and M Cafe to the bridal party and relatives and a few close friends.

The bride is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, having been graduated in 1938, and for the past two years has been employed in the office of the Central Finance Company here. Mr. Conners has been in the civil service in Washington, D. C., for the past several months, and previous to that, was the commercial teacher in the O'Neill Public School.

Following the breakfast, the couple left on a wedding trip through the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Out of town guests who were present at the ceremony include, Mrs. Sarah Wallace of Gan Valley, S. D., the grandmother of the bride, Miss Velma Wallace, also of Gan Valley and Mrs. Ed Conners of Lisco, Nebraska, the mother of the groom.

Melvin Luben

Melvin Luben died in a hospital in Stuart last Sunday afternoon at 3:20 after an illness of but four days, of a severe attack of the flu, at the age of 27 years, three months and ten days. The body was brought to this city and the funeral was held from the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Thomas Peacock officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Mr. Luben had been working for Dewey Schaffer on his ranch south of Emmet and was taken sick Wednesday of last week. It was not thought his illness was serious until Sunday, when he was taken to the Stuart hospital, on orders from his physician, but he did not live very long after his arrival there. One of the saddest things in connection with his death is the fact that his wife was in the O'Neill General hospital and gave birth to a son a few hours after his death.

Deceased was born at Clearwater, Nebraska, on April 10, 1914, and grew to manhood in that section, coming to this county in 1936 and had since made his home in this section. On December 26, 1939 he was united in marriage to Miss June Fox, the ceremony being performed at Pleasanton, Nebraska. His wife and the baby born after his death, three brothers and three sisters survive and are left to mourn his passing.

Relatives from away who came here to attend the funeral included Mrs. Myrta Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox, of Miller, Nebraska, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood, of Silome Springs, Arkansas.

Band Concert Saturday Evening, July 26.

1. "Star Spangled Banner"—Key
2. March "The Hunters"—King.
3. Waltz "The Old Timer's Waltz"—Lake
4. Vocal Solo "Down Argentine Way"—Soloist—Sheila Barrett
5. March "The Little Giant"—Moon.
6. Selection "Best Loved Irish Melodies"—Hayes.
7. Vocal Solo "America I Love You"—Soloist Verne Coyne
8. Characteristic—"Kentucky Sunrise"—King.
9. Novelty—"Teddy Bear's Picnic"—Bratton
10. Hymn—"Lead Kindly Light"—Dykes
11. March—"March of Time"—Barnhouse.

ASSESSED COUNTY VALUATION HALF MILLION HIGHER

County Assessor Walter G. Sire has completed his abstract of the assessment of Holt county for the year and the same was forwarded to the state board a couple of weeks ago.

The total valuation of the county for the year 1941 is \$18,441,203, as compared to \$17,945,430 for the year 1940, or an increase for the year 1941 of \$495,578, nearly a half million dollars.

The number of cattle assessed in the county this year was a little under that assessed for the year 1940, but the valuation was higher, so that the total value of the cattle in the county was a little over \$400,000 greater than those of 1940. In 1940 79,906 head of cattle was assessed in the county at an average of \$28.04 each, for a total valuation of \$2,240,700. This year there was assessed 79,573 head of cattle, at an average of \$33.27 per head for a total of \$2,647,940, or an increase of \$407,240, over that of 1940.

The number of horses in the county this year was a little over that assessed for the year 1940, but the valuation dropped from \$27.43 per head to \$24.34 so that the valuation, even with an increase of 100 head in the county dropped \$305.35. Total valuation of the horses in the county last year, 10,688 head, \$293,170, this year 10,788 head, valuation \$262,635.

Holt county assessors found fifty-two more mules in the county this year than were assessed last year, but like the horses their valuation had also dropped from an average of \$27.38 in 1940 to an average of \$24.57 this year, so that the assessed valuation of all of them in the county this year was \$17,985 as compared with \$18,625 for the year 1940.

The total valuation of personal property in the county increased \$465,838 this year, over that of last year. Last year the total valuation of the personal property in the county was \$5,177,155, while this year the total valuation of the personal property in the county amounts to \$5,642,993.

The total valuation of personal estate and improvements increased \$29,940 this year, over the assessment in 1940. This increase was improvements on real estate. The total this year is \$12,798,215, as compared to \$12,768,275 for 1940.

There was quite an increase in the intangible property during the past year, which amounted to \$189,696. In 1940 Class A Intangibles were assessed at \$277,075, while this year the same class is assessed at \$361,270, an increase of \$84,195. Class B Intangibles for 1940 were assessed at \$566,021, while this year the same class was assessed at \$671,522, or an increase of \$105,501 over that of a year ago.

Patrick Vs. Patrick Contest For Leadership

Pat Shea, whose father was one of the pioneers that came to this county from the Copper mines of Michigan in 1880, says that P. J. McManus has nothing on him when it comes to running a binder in the harvest field. Shea insists that he ran a binder for two straight days on the Dede Murphy place northeast of O'Neill, instead of the hour and a half that McManus ran the machine in his "little" rye patch and he is entitled to the blue ribbon, if they are hanging any out. The writer is of opinion that McManus still has the best of the argument. He was a store clerk for so many years that he naturally had forgotten all that he ever learned on the Wisconsin farm of his parents, so he performed a real feat. On the other hand Shea spent most of his active life on a farm and should be able to do the ordinary farm life without half the exertion put into the task by his friend McManus, but both of the "boys" are entitled to credit for their willingness to serve.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many kind friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and many acts of kindness shown us during the death of our husband and brother—Mrs. Minnie Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bay and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Damero.