FOR SALE

WHIPPET 4-door sedan, with 5 good mud-grip tires. Car in good running order. Price \$75.—Harry Smith, Walnut, Nebr.

EIGHT room modern house, steam heat.-See R. H. Shriner, Phone 106.

BLATZ BOTTLED BEER FOR Sale at Bazelman's, South 4th Street. Come in and try it. Also Lunches, Gasoline and Gro-

FOR RENT

SEVEN room house, modern except heat.—C. F. McKenna. 36tf FOR RENT-980-ACRE farm and

WANTED

ATTENTION TURKEY GROW ERS: Sell your turkey hatching eggs to BOOTE'S at Worthington, Minn. Write for prices and particulars.

"YOU WANT EXPERT and efficient handling of your livestock, prompt returns of proceeds?
Then consign to FRANK E.
SCOTT COM. CO., Sioux City, Ia., the firm with a 31 year record for dependability."

South Holt County, Nebraska, in an action pending in said Court wherein

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County, Nebraska, West of the 6th P. M., Holt

County, Nebraska, is plaintiff and to satisfy the sum of \$371.50 with

(First publication Dec. 24, 1942.) SHERIFF'S SALE

to me by the Clerk of the District O'Neill, Nebraska, on the 1st Court of Holt County, Nebraska, in an action pending in said Court o'clock A. M., the following de-

City of O'Neill is plaintiff and Edward H. Whelan, et. al.,

Edward H. Whelan, et. al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Court House in O'Neill, Nebraska, on the 25th day of January, 1943, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., the following described premises in Holt County, Nebraska:

Lots 15 and 16, Block H, O'Neill & Haggerty's Addit-ion to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska,

to satisfy the sum of \$113.23 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$11.75, plus accruing costs;

Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3, Hazelette's Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County,
Nebraska,
to satisfy the sum of \$58.41,

mterest mereon annum from May 1st per annum from May 1940, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$11.75, plus accruing

Nondescript No. 21, City of O'Neill, in Section 29, Town-ship 29, North, Range 11, West of the Sixth P. M., Holt County, Nebraska,

to satisfy the sum of \$52.25 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of 11.75, plus accruing costs;

Lot 6, Block H, McCaff-erty's Second Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska,

to satisfy the sum of \$501.25 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$12.50, plus accruing costs;

Also,

Lot 21, Block J, McCafferty's Second Addition to the
O'Neill, Holt County,

to satisfy the sum of \$34.10 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$11.75, plus accruing costs; Also.

Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block A, Fahy's Second Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska,

to satisfy the sum of \$85.75 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$18.00, plus accruing costs;

For Reliable Insurance PROMPT SETTLEMENT REASONABLE RATES SEE L. G. Gillespie Agency

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W. F. FINLEY, M. D.

Phone, Office 28 O'Neill: Nebraska

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RAY H. SHRINER O'NEILL, NEBR. Insurance of All Kinds, Real Estate and Rentals F. H. A. Loans @41/2% Office Phone 106 Res. 136 #

DOCTORS BROWN & FRENCH Office Phone 77 Complete X-Ray Equipment Glasses Correctly Fitted

Lot 20, Block H, O'Neill & Haggerty's Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County,

plus accruing costs;

Lots 12, 13 and 14, Block H, O'Neill & Haggerty's Ad-dition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska,

to satisfy the sum of \$145.90 with plus accruing costs;

The South 128 feet of Lot 1, Block A, Millard's Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska,

ranch combined, with running to satisfy the sum of \$115.50 with \$11.75, plus accruing costs. Dated this 22nd day of De- costs; cember, 1942.

PETER W. DUFFY, Sheriff of Holt County, Nebraska.

34-4 (First publication Dec. 31, 1942) SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued insured responsibility and to me by the Clerk of the District

Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District scribed premises in Holt County, Nebraska:

West Half, West Half of Northeast Quarter, West Half Northeast Quarter, West Half of Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-three, Township Thirty-three, North, Range Thirteen, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$703.55 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$22.00 plus accruing costs:

\$22.00, plus accruing costs; Also,

All of Section Thirty-two, Township Thirty-three, North, Range Thirteen, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Nebraska,

to satisfy the sum of \$439.15 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, together with costs taxed in the sum of 34-5 \$22.00, plus accruing costs;

Also, Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, West Half of the Southeast Quarter, except 3% acres commencing at Southeast corner of the West half east corner of the West half of the Northeast Quarter, run-ning West 30 rods, North 18 rods, East 30 rods, South 18 rods to the point of begin-ning, all in Section Fifteen, Township Twenty-five, North, Range Thirteen, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Ne-braska.

\$18.85, plus accruing costs;

All of Section Twenty-eight; the North Half of the Northeast Quarter, the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-nine, Township Twenty-six, North, Range Ten, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Nebraska.

o satisfy the sum of \$323.25 with \$18.85, plus accruing costs;

Southwest Quarter of Section Eight, Township Twenty-

Notice is hereby given that by Also, virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, in an action pending in said Court wherein

County of Holt is plaintiff and

Nebraska State Bank Liquidation Association,

are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Court House in O'Neill, Nebraska, on the 1st day of February, 1943, at 10 A. M., the of following described premises in Holt County, Nebraska.

The Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 31, Range 14, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$327.50 with Also, interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$16.55, plus accruing costs;

Also,
The Southwest Quarter of
Section 29. Township 32,
Range 14, West of the 6th P.
M., Holt County, Nebraska,
to satisfy the sum of \$197.25, with Glasses Correctly Fitted interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$12.30, plus accruing costs;

Also, The Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 32, Range 14, West of the 6th P. Also,

Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$34.07 with to satisfy the sum of \$140.10 interest thereon at 7% per annum with interest thereon at 7% per from May 1st, 1940, together with annum from August 1st, 1939, costs taxed in the sum of \$11.75, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$13.30, plus accruing costs;

Also,
The Northwest Quarter of
Section 32, Township 32,
Range 14, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$201.20 with ary, 1943. interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with from August 1st, 1939, together costs taxed in the sum of \$15.00, with costs taxed in the sum of 36-5 \$13.30, plus accruing costs;

Also,
The Southwest Quarter of
Section 23, Township 30,
Range 13, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$378.70 Also 2000-acre hay and cattle interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, to satisfy the sum of \$115.50 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, to gether with costs taxed in the with costs taxed in the sum of \$12.80, plus accruing of \$12.80, plus accruing to satisfy the sum of \$12.80, plus accruing the satisfy the sum of \$12.80, p sum of \$12.80, plus accruing

> Also, The Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 31, Range 13, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$169.95 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$12.30 plus accruing costs: \$12.30, plus accruing costs;

28, Township 33, Range 13, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$371.50 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$16.00, plus accruing costs;

Northeast Quarter, and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 32, Range 15, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County,

interest thereon at 7% per annum day of February, 1943, at 10:00 A. from August 1st, 1939, together with costs taxed in the sum of ises in Holt County, Nebraska: \$14.30, plus accruing costs; Also, The Northeast Quarter of

Section 17, Township 31, Range 15, West of the 6th P. M., Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$245.05 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$15.15, plus accruing costs. Dated this 30th day of De-

cember, 1942. PETER W. DUFFY, Sheriff of Holt County,

(First publication January 7, 1943) Also, Julius D. Cronin, Attorney. NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Estate No. 2894.

In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, January 5, In the matter of the estate of Agnes T. Pettijohn, Deceased.

All persons interested in said Also, estate are hereby notified that the Administrator of said estate has filed in this court his final report and a petition for final settlement and distribution of the residue of said estate; and that said report interest thereon at 7% per annum to satisfy the sum of \$638.25 with interest thereon at 7% per annum and petition will be heard January 27, 1943, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., at the County Court Room in O'Neill, Nebraska, when all per-\$18.85, plus accruing costs; sons interested may appear and be heard concerning said final re-port and the distribution of said

LOUIS W. REIMER. 35-3 County Judge. (COUNTY COURT SEAL)

(First publication Jan. 14, 1943) SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued interest thereon at 7% per annum from August 1st, 1939, together with costs taxed in the sum of in an action pending in said Court wherein City of O'Neill

is plaintiff, and
Florence McCafferty, et al.,
are defendants, I will sell to the
highest bidder for cash at the
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tion Eight, Township Twentyseven, North, Range Eleven,
West of the 6th P. M., Holt
County, Nebraska,
to satisfy the sum of \$60.10 with
interest thereon at 7% per annum
from August 1st, 1939, together
with costs taxed in the sum of
\$18.85, plus accruing costs.
Dated this 26th day of December, 1942.

PETER W. DUFFY,
Sheriff of Holt County,
Nebraska

PETER W. DUFFY,
Sheriff of Holt County,
Nebraska

Florence McCallerty, Et al.
Als
front door of the court house in
O'Neill, Nebraska, on the 15th
day of February, 1943, at 10:00 A.
M., the following described premises in Holt County, Nebraska:
Lot 5, Block H, McCafferty's Second Addition to
the City of O'Neill, Holt
County, Nebraska,
to satisfy the sum of \$380.10 with
interest thereon at 7% per annum
interest thereon at 7% per annum
interest thereon at 7% per annum

interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with (First publication Dec. 31, 1942) costs taxed in the sum of \$16.75, SHERIFF'S SALE

The North 45 Feet of Lot 14, Block H, McCafferty's Second Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Ne-

to satisfy the sum of \$27.90 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$20.50, plus accruing costs,

The South 45 Feet of Lot 14, Block H, McCafferty's Second Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska. o satisfy the sum of \$92.85 with

interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with plus accruing costs, Lot 21, Block 33, Original Town of O'Neill, Holt Coun-

ty, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$359.60 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with 37-5 costs taxed in the sum of \$14.00, plus accruing costs,

Lot 5, Block G. O'Neill and Haggerty's Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, to satisfy the sum of \$141.80 with was born on Tuesday.

interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$14.00, plus accruing costs,

Lot 3, Block J, McCafferty's Second Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska,

to satisfy the sum of \$64.35 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$43.50, plus accruing costs, Dated this 12th day of Janu-

PETER W. DUFFY, Sheriff of Holt County, Nebraska.

(First publication Jan. 14, 1943)
Julius D. Cronin, Attorney.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate No. 2965 In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, January 14,

hereby notified that the time limited for presenting claims against said estate is May 4, 1943, and for the payment of debts is Jan-uary 14, 1943, and that on Febclaims and objections duly filed.

LOUIS W. REIMER,

36-3 County Judge.

(COUNTY COURT SEAL)

(First publication Jan. 21, 1943) SHERIFF'S SALE Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, in an action pending in said Court

wherein City of O'Neill is plaintiff, and Emma A. Cleveland, et al., front door of the Court House in to satisfy the sum of \$144.85 with O'Neill, Nebraska, on the 23rd

> ises in Holt County, Nebraska: A part of Block 5, described as follows: Commencing 90 feet West of the Southeast corner of Block 5, in McCaf-ferty's Annex to O'Neill City according to the recorded plat of the same, and running thence 90 feet West, thence 170 feet North, thence 90 feet East, thence 170 feet South to place of beginning, in Holt

costs taxed in the sum of \$12.95, pany here. plus accruing costs;

O'Neill and Haggerty's Addition to the City of O'Neill,

Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$120.45 with interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$12.95, plus accruing costs; Lot 7, Block G, O'Neill and

Haggerty's Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska,

McCafferty's Second Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, o satisfy the sum of \$130.35 with

interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$14.75, plus accruing costs; Also.

Lots 1 and 2, Block J, Mc-Cafferty's Second Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, satisfy the sum of \$100.70 with

interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$14.25, plus accruing costs;

The Northeast Quarter of Block 6, McCafferty's Annex to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$35.10 with

interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$14.15, plus accruing costs;

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block E, Fahy's Second Addition to the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, to satisfy the sum of \$204.75 with interest these at 70%. interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with

costs taxed in the sum of \$17.50.

plus accruing costs;

All of Block 1 in McCaf-ferty's Annex to O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, except the following land: Commencing at a point 180 feet North of the Southeast corner of Block 1 in McCafferty's Annex to O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat thereof, thence West 170 feet, thence North 135 feet, thence East 170 feet,

thence South 135 feet to the place of beginning, to satisfy the sum of \$159.60 with costs taxed in the sum of \$14.20, interest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with costs taxed in the sum of \$17.35, plus accruing costs.
Dated this 21st day of Janu-

PETER W. DUFFY, Sheriff of Holt County, Nebraska.

Mrs. O. A. Kilpatrick went to Norfolk on Thursday to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voeks, and infant grandson, Ralph Stanley, who

Our Freedom Is Priceless

By JOSEPH E. DAVIES Former Ambassador to Russia and Belgium.

(Written for the Treasury Department in connection with the Retailers' "SAY YES" campaign to complete the nation's 100,000,000 partially filled War Stamp

What I myself saw in my four expenses or otherwise. It all went years in Europe gave me a new realization of the priceless rights which we here enjoy.

seen by those we love.

and our courts guarantee. at our mother's knee.

tured or killed because of the fact made us of the same race as the heart and mind. Nazarene.

No American can be placed by any party or government in a regimented vise which takes from him or her either freedom of economic opportunity or political religious lib-

What would the millions of unfortunate men, women and children in Europe give to be able to live and enjoy such a way of life? Well, in this war, those are the

things in our lives which are in jeopardy. Our boys are dying to preserve them for us.

Then we can do no less than to 'say yes' and fill those war stamp albums. It is our duty and privilege to help the secretary of the treasury, are defendants, I will sell to the Mr. Morgenthau, in his magnificent highest bidder for cash at the effort to do the tremendous job of getting the money to keep our boys supplied with the weapons with which to fight our fight. Surely that is little enough for us

to do on the home front. The O'Neill Woman's Club will

tenant's Lady." Chicago, formerly of O'Neill, an- feeding experimental work at the acita. County, Nebraska, nounce the birth of a daughter on to satisfy the sum of \$264.70 with language 9. He was a former man. The circular covers many years

Lieutenant and Mrs. Arthur E. Dailey of Fort Smith, Ark., ar-Lots 18 and 19, Block G, rived Wednesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dailey, at Emmet, and relatives and friends here.

> home on Sunday from New Orleans, La., for an extended visit Anthem. Message, the Value of kinson, Ewing and Stuart. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vows: H. W. Dempsey. Mr. and Mrs. William Eaton and People Methodist Youth Fellow-Mrs. Edna Selden, of Valentine, ship.

returned to their homes Tuesday, to satisfy the sum of \$49.70 with after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fay Miles for a few days. Mrs. John Claussen of this city, p. m., Prayer meeting. Lake Field, Arizona, where he is Mexico.

the army four months.

poria, Kan., Gazette: "As secre- A Mexican supper will be Drawing. tary of commerce, and later as served at 7 o'clock, with gaily president of the United States, dressed senoritas to serve you and

Mr. Hoover put his entire salary into a special account and spent it exclusively in the public interest. He paid a special staff of necessary experts for whom no appropriation was available. He supplemented the salary of other men out of this special fund to bring them into the public service. But mostly his salary was subscribed to public charity. He did not profit personally a penny by any salary payments to himself, not even for his own living

back to the public. In 1931, when the depression hit the land, President Hoover No secret police can in the night and all members of his cabinet whisk us away, never again to be voluntarily took a 20% salary cut. From that time on, this 20% por-None of us can be deprived by any tion of his salary and their's was party, state or tyrant of those pre- returned to the treasury. But the cious civil liberties which our laws remainder of his salary was spent as indicated above.

None of us can be persecuted for Never has the white house seen practicing the faith which we found a more honest, courageous, intelligent, public - spirited president None of us can be persecuted, tor- than Herbert Hoover. He was a poor salesman of himself, but he that an accident of fate might have had a precious package in his

> Marriage Licenses Delbert Whiting and Irene Durse, both of Ewing, on January 13, 1943.

Hospital Notes Mrs. Cy Bruening and baby

dismissed on Monday. Regina Ruther, of Inman, dismissed on Wednesday.

Jerome Matl, of Verdigre, dismissed on Wednesday. Mrs. Sam Killham, of Ewing, admitted on Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Ernst, a son, born ast Thursday and dismissed on Mrs. Lloyd Bausch, a baby born

Sunday and dismissed on Thurs-

Winter Rations

For Cattle Copies of Extension Circular meet at the home of Mrs. Seth No. 343 on "Wintering Rations for Ted Lindberg. Noble Wednesday, January 27, Cattle" are now available at the county agent's office in O'Neill, Octette. baugh will review Bess Streeter announced Extension Agent Lyn-Aldrich's latest book, "The Lieu- dle R. Stout. The publication was A playlet of Old Mexico given written by Ray R. Thalman, who by children of the Sunday School, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harper, of for years was in charge of cattle with Mrs. Alfred Mathis as Maminterest thereon at 7% per annum from May 1st, 1940, together with ager of the American Gear Comof research in wintering cattle,

The circular covers many years of research in wintering cattle,

Mathew 28:19, 20. terest in this county.

The Methodist Church

Dawson Park, Minister January 24, 1943. Church school at 10 a. m. H. Mrs. Samuel E. Spencer arrived B. Burch, Supt.

7:00 P. M. Senior and Young

Announcements Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 p. m., Choir Practice.

W. C. Claussen, son of Mr. and Wednesday, January 27, 7:30 has recently been promoted from Thursday, January 28, 7:00 to the rank of Pfc. to Corporal, at 9:30 p. m., An Evening in Old

now stationed. He has been in All members and friends of the Methodist church, young and old, raphy are cordially invited ta spend the 3:00 to 3:50-General Geogra-

BASKETBALL GAMES O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Friday, Jan. 22

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

First and Second Team Games Proceeds to be divided equally between two schools

Admission:

10 and 25 Cents, Tax Included

O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

BUTTE

Tuesday, Jan. 26 This is a special scheduled

home game Preliminary Game 7:00 p. m.

Admission: 10 and 25 Cents. Tax Included

First Team Game 8:00 p. m.

a senora as hostess at each table. Following the supper the following program will be present-

Mexican Game, The Spoon. La Fiesta, by the Brass Sex-

The Country of Mexico by Paul Moseman. Reading, "My Ambition" by Spanish Music by High School

We've a story to tell to the

The Fiesta of the Three Kings.

W. Porter. Education in Mexico by Dorlin

Lockman. **Educational Notes**

The next State Teachers Examinations will be given Satur-11:00 A. M., Morning Worship. day, January 23, at O'Neill, At-

Examination Schedule Morning 8:00 to 8:50-Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, Bookkeeping. 9:00 to 9:50-History, Civics. 10:00 to 10:50-English Composition. Grammar.

11:00 to 11:50-Physiology and Hygiene, Music. Afternoon 1:00 to 1:50-Theory and Art, Course of Study.

HOOVER'S SALARY "evening in Mexico" on January phy, Ag. and Geog. of Nebr.
William Allen White in the Em- 28 at the Methodist church Parlors. 4:00 to 4:50 — Penmanship,

2:00 to 2:50-Reading, Orthog-

Elja McCullough, County Superintendent.



when I ran across an article in the paper what a whale of a lot of industrial alcohol the government needs for the war."

"I should say it does, Chet. I understand the beverage distillers around the country are producing about 240,000,000 gallons of industrial alcohol this year for ammunition, tires,

Otherwise, if we still had prohibition, the government would have had to spend millions of dollars and use up a lot of critical materials to build plants...to say nothing of all the time it would take. It might have been just another case of 'too little, too late'."