

THE FRONTIER

Commercial Club Held Rousing Meet Tuesday Night At Golden

The members of the O'Neill Commercial Club held the regular meeting last Tuesday evening in the Golden Hotel at 7 o'clock and it was very largely attended, in fact one of the best meetings held for several months.

After the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, Chairman Cronin introduced L. M. Ress, district engineer of the state highway department, from Ainsworth, who addressed the members and gave some interesting information regarding post-war planning of the state highway department. He said that contemplated work in this section of the state was the completion of Highway No. 20 from Creighton to O'Neill and the opening of Highway No. 281 from O'Neill north to the South Dakota line, and the building of a road from Chambers west to connect with Highway No. 11. He said that plans for this work were already completed and had it not been for the war the work would be under construction at the present time. He said that a new bridge across the Niobrara river was also contemplated, when the improvement on No. 281 was done. During the war he said there would be very little new work started, but that the department would continue to maintain highways now built, to prevent a large amount of repair work at the conclusion of hostilities. Work in this section this year is the rebuilding of about five miles of Highway No. 20 west of Stuart and repair of Highway No. 20 near Ewing. Mr. Ress made a nice talk and it was enjoyed by the audience.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was taken up. Dr. O. W. French, who has been first vice president for the past year, automatically becomes the president for the coming year. R. H. Shriver was elected first vice president; Ted McElhaney, second vice president. Paul Beha and H. L. Lindberg were elected to the board of directors.

Wilson-Darnell Wedding At Bryan, Texas, Mar. 27

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson of Redbird announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, Mary Ann, to Pvt. Jack E. Darnell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Darnell of Lynch on Saturday, March 27, 1943, at Bryan, Texas. The marriage rites were read by the county judge of Brazos county, Texas.

The bride was graduated from the Lynch high school with the class of 1939. The groom graduated from the Lynch high school in 1941 and for the past four months has been in the Marines and stationed at San Diego, Calif. At present he is attending the A. and M. College at College Station, Texas, where he is taking a special course in radio.

Mrs. Darnell arrived in Lynch last Friday, as she will make her home with her parents until the return of Pvt. Lynch. Congratulations are extended to the newly married couple.

Velma Marie Berholtz Of Page Has Joined SPARS

Velma Marie Berholtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Berholtz of Page, was sworn a member of the SPARS, women's reserve of the U. S. Coast Guard, at the Iowa-Nebraska headquarters of SPARS procurement, the Old Federal Building, Des Moines. She travelled to Des Moines at the expense of the Navy Department and successfully passed aptitude and physical examinations. Within a short time she will enter training at one of a number of college campuses throughout the country where the Navy Department has established special schools to prepare the thousands of young women now serving their country at Coast Guard shore stations within continental United States.

She will first undergo six weeks' indoctrinational training, during which time she will be selected for further training at a specialized skill the following three months. From the time she reports at her first training school she has all the rights and privileges, opportunities for advancement, same pay and allowances, as men now serving in the U. S. Coast Guard.

At the occasion of her taking her oath in Des Moines, she said: "I simply want to get 'get into this thing and see it through'."

Gibson Case Appealed
Attorneys for Mrs. Elsie Gibson, whose husband, James H., was given an absolute divorce in Holt county when she wanted separate maintenance, asked the supreme court Monday to overturn that judgment. They particularly objected to the amount of alimony, \$1,200, when as a matter of evidence more than that sum was contributed by her out of her savings for the building of a home.—Lincoln Journal.

ALLIES WILL SOON HAVE NORTH AFRICA

Latest news from the fighting in North Africa is to the effect that the American, British and Free French fighting forces have the African army cornered in a small section of Tunisia and it will be but a question of time now until North Africa is free from the Axis forces. The American air forces are covering themselves with glory on every front, taking a heavy toll of Axis planes.

Farm Labor Exchange Is Set Up In Holt County

Arrangements were completed last week for a farm labor exchange with a voluntary representative in each town of the county. The United States Employment Service, the county agent's office and the Farm Security office are co-operating to act as a clearing house for the whole county.

In anticipation of a labor shortage, particularly during haying and harvest, farmers and ranchers are being asked to register their labor needs with their local representative, in order that plans can be made for meeting the demands. At the present time some farm labor is available, but it has been difficult to place them because those farmers wanting to hire help have not made their needs known. If a farmer is in need of help he should register with the nearest representative in order that his need may be filled.

The voluntary representatives in Holt county are: Stuart: A. C. Berner, Stuart creamery; Atkinson: Claude Humphrey, Humphrey shoe shop; O'Neill: Lyndle R. Stout, county agent's office; Chambers: Louis Harley, Harley Hdw. Co.; Page: H. L. Banta, barber shop; Amelia: Edgar Peterson, cream station; Emmet: Mrs. Guy Cole, Emmet Hay Company.

FINAL REPORT HOLT COUNTY CHAPTER OF AMERICAN RED CROSS

Chambers	\$ 608.00
Atkinson	3,264.55
Emmet	289.97
Stuart	1,017.18
Page	855.31
Inman	400.08
Ewing	669.50
O'Neill	4,433.48
Total	\$11,538.07

The following contributions in O'Neill and by School Districts not yet published:

School District No. 4	\$2.00
Thomas Welch	4.00
John Derickson	1.00
J. E. Wiley	1.50
Mrs. D. E. Alder	5.00
Total	\$4.50

School District No. 14	\$5.00
Elmer Korab	5.00

School District No. 46	\$1.00
Carl Wolf	1.00
Leo Minarik	1.00
Geo. Schiffbauer	1.00
Marie Hupp	1.00
Maynard Stearns	2.00
Cletus Muff	1.00
Emil Paulis	1.00
Fred V. Stearns	5.00
Rudy Funk	1.00
William Sehi	1.00
Hupp Store	5.00
Clarence Schmisser	1.00
C. H. Mueller	1.50
A. J. Thiele	1.00
G. A. Bauer	2.00
Carl Thiele	2.00
Leo Funk	1.00
Albert Schueth	1.00
Total	\$29.50

School District No. 15	\$2.00
C. E. Adamson	2.00
A. W. Hibbs	1.00
Mrs. Harry Page	1.00
M. L. Hynes	3.00
Edwin Burival	7.50
Joe Neklite	.50
C. E. Adamson	1.00
Total	\$14.00

School District No. 103	\$2.00
A. W. Sterns	2.00
D. L. Moler	1.00
Austin Hynes	2.00
Total	\$5.00

School District No. 62	\$15.76
Donation, box social	15.76

School District No. 3	\$2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mellor	2.50
Mrs. Will Hartland	1.00
G. W. Mellor	1.00
Leonard Halstead	1.50
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Wells	2.00
Theodore Enders	1.00
Art Bessert	2.50
Leo Baker	1.00
J. A. Corkley	1.00
Roy Pnkerman	1.00
Mrs. Roy Pinkerman	1.00
Milke Hull	1.00
William A. Wells	2.00
John Wrede	2.50
Els. Witherwax	2.00
Ronald Carson	1.00
Mrs. Velma Hazelhorst	1.00
Total	\$27.50

Charles Yarnall, U. S. N. hospital attendant first class, arrived from Norfolk, Va., last Saturday to spend a week's furlough visiting his wife, daughter and other relatives and friends.

BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

By Romaine Saunders
Atkinson, Nebr., Star Route No. 5.

Better plant a sack of potatoes if you want any another winter.

Our Congressman Miller outdoped Karl Stefan in giving us the dope from Washington as he sees it.

A land lubber of the far inland would like to know what is the function of these WAACS, WAVES and SPARS in our avowed program of crushing the dictators.

A week ago the first crash of thunder was heard in our prairie land and the faucets of the sky sprayed the landscape. It was a starter and a reminder that rain is not a thing of the past. By the start of this week rains had put us under water out here.

When the thirst for the amber-colored brew and desires for the little white paper rolls becomes so strong as to lead to criminal act, it is time for a fellow to confront himself before the mirror, shake a clenched fist at what he sees and say, "Here, old man, cut this out!"

A war worker earning \$68.75 gets a check for \$56.34, the sum of \$12.41 being taken from his pay for war tax, bonds, social security, etc., and then another contribution for union maintenance. War work is not a get-rich-quick proposition but it is invested with a patriotic sentiment.

As to the ultimate results for a sovereign people, is an executive who extravagantly does out money not his own until hopelessly public indebtedness is incurred to be desired rather than an executive who does not feel free to reach into the pockets of the citizens, but encourages thrift and promulgates the doctrine, paddle your own canoe?

Many farm boys protest being deferred from the draft in favor of farm work. The halo of glamorous heroics doesn't rest on a fellow clad in dusty overalls and turning over furrows from daylight until dark but he is quite as necessary on the job as any individual in industry, official or military service—and he does not walk out on a strike.

Increase in land values is given at 15 per cent of values more than a year ago, a rather insignificant raise compared with prices of the products of the land. With the exception of horses, live stock prices have more than doubled and the same is true of much of the products of agriculture. Real estate values do not keep pace with the trend of the times. It is probably well that they do not as the land fundamentally is the basis of wealth and it gives a sense of stability somewhere in our national structure to know that land values are not in the general runaway, not yet.

Messrs Adams, Snelson, White, Holcomb, Kennedy—a cheerful and entertaining Old Timers' Club have their sessions over at Amelia. Rhody Adams, the dean of them all, has arrived at the mellow years after a strenuous life on prairie trails with a freight wagon; Ernie White, serene, substantial, secure in the restful shade of a competency wrought with the bare hands of the pioneer; George Holcomb, scholar, showman, heavyweight and retired rancher; Pat Kennedy, political philosopher, stockman and land owner; Mr. Snelson, humorist, stage driver and old-time cowboy—a group that the years have crowned with garlands of contentment. When the time comes, to borrow from Oliver Wendell Holmes, that you must law down the fiddle and the bow because your fingers are too stiff, and drop the heavy load because your arms have lost their cunning; and after dallying a while with eye-glasses come at last to the undisguised reality of spectacles—when the time comes that the fire of life has burned so low that where its flame reverberated there is only the somber stain of regret, and where its coals glowed only the white ashes that cover the embers of memory—don't let your heart grow cold; carry cheerfulness and love with you into the teens of your second century—tuned in lyric song by the poet.

Call him not old whose vision-ary brain Holds o'er the past its undivided reign. For him in vain the envious seasons roll Who bears eternal summer in his soul. If yet the minstrel's song, the poet's lay Spring with their birds or children with their play, Or maiden's smile or heavenly dream of art Stir the life-drops creeping 'round his heart— Turn to the record where his years are told. Count the gray hairs—they cannot make him old.



They Gave Their Lives, You Lend Your Money

EMMETT STATION AGENT CASE HEARD LAST THURSDAY

The case of Guy Cole and Others vs. the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company was the center of interest in the assembly room of the court house Thursday of last week, it being a hearing before the railway commission of a protest filed by Mr. Cole and several citizens of the Emmett neighborhood against the company removing their agent from Emmett.

Commissioner Larson and Assistant Attorney General Kogker of Lincoln were present for the commission. Attorney J. J. Harrington represented the protestants, while W. W. Dressler of Omaha appeared in behalf of the Northwestern Railway Company. The hearing started at 9:30 in the morning and lasted until 6:30 that evening.

The first witness for the protestants was Guy Cole. He was followed by Walter Puckett, Walter Spangler, John Conard, Chas. Malloy, Dale Robinson, Charles Abart and Dewey Schaffer, all prominent former shippers from the Emmett station.

The witnesses for the railroad company were Charles Watchke, Chicago, chief accountant for the railroad company; N. P. Hoover, superintendent of the Norfolk division of the road.

The railroad company wants to do away with its agent in Emmett—in fact had already done so March 13—and install a caretaker. This is seriously objected to by the protestants for the reason, as they say, a caretaker would be of little value to the people of Emmett and surrounding territory who have used the defendant's lines. They also alleged that the railroad received sufficient business in Emmett to justify the railroad in keeping an agent there. Now they have to come to O'Neill for freight shipped to Emmett. They say that the gross earnings of the past six months justifies the railroad company in keeping an agent there and the business has been constantly growing.

Since the agent was removed from Emmett on March 13, thirteen carloads of freight was shipped by Emmett shippers over the Burlington out of O'Neill. The retention of the agent at Emmett is desired by all the residents of the Emmett section of the county, as was evident from the large crowd of farmers from that section of the county who were present at the hearing. Despite the busy season and the amount of farm work to be done thirty-five farmers and shippers of the Emmett section of the county were present for the hearing, which proves that they were vitally interested in the hearing.

No decision was rendered at the end of the hearing, nor is a decision expected for five or six weeks, as the evidence will be presented to the entire commission and will be discussed before a final decision will be reached.

Karl Siemsen, Atkinson Business Man, Is Dead

Karl F. Siemsen, one of Atkinson's leading business men, died at his home in that city last Wednesday night at the age of 70 years. He is survived by his wife and five children. For the past quarter of a century or more Karl Siemsen was one of the prominent citizens of the western metropolis of this county and had a host of friends in O'Neill who regretted to learn of his passing.

Marriage Licenses

Robert W. McCartney and Irene Moss, both of Stuart, on April 12.

Pat Regan Died At Home Near Page Friday Morn

Pat Regan died at his home southeast of Inman last Friday morning at 1:05 o'clock, of heart trouble, after an illness of but five days, at the age of 83 years, three months and fifteen days. The funeral services were held last Monday morning from the Catholic church in this city, Rev. J. J. O'Flynn of Ewing officiating, and burial in Calvary cemetery. The funeral was very large, many friends attending from the eastern part of the county to pay their last respects to their departed friend and neighbor.

Patrick Regan was born in Swinford, Ireland, on December 24, 1879. He grew to manhood in his native land and when he was eighteen years of age he came to the United States and to Holt county, Nebraska, in 1879, and had been a resident of the county continuously since. On January 26, 1915, he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen M. Carr, of Stafford, the ceremony being performed at Stafford. Four children were born of this union, three sons and one daughter. One of his sons preceded him in death and he leaves surviving his wife and two sons. They are: John J. (Brother Ivo), Tauton, Mass.; Mrs. Helen M. Walker, Wahoo, Neb.; Charles P. Regan, G. M. 3-C, U. S. Navy, who are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father.

He is also survived by four sisters and one brother. They are: Mrs. William Riley and Mrs. William McDermott, Boston, Mass.; Peter Regan, Mrs. John Tunney and Mrs. Joe Daugherty, who live in their native land, Ireland. His son, John J. (Brother Ivo), and sister, Mrs. William Riley, came here from Massachusetts for the funeral services, as did also his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Wahoo.

Patrick Regan came directly from Ireland to Holt county and for a few years made his home with an uncle, Patrick Regan, who lived about eight miles northeast of O'Neill. Pat farmed there for several years and then went to Stafford and worked for John Carr on his ranch for a number of years, and after his marriage went into business for himself, and at the time of his death was the owner of a nice cattle ranch southeast of Inman, which was well stocked. He was a hard worker and prospered. He always enjoyed good health until a few days before his death. He was in this city Wednesday, before his death, and said that he was not feeling well and came to town to consult a physician, and he had decided to go to Omaha on Saturday for medical treatment. But he was undoubtedly in worse physical condition than he or his friends realized, as he passed away Friday morning. Pat was a genial and companionable man and had a host of friends in this city and county and his sudden death was a shock to everyone. The family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in their hour of sorrow.

Corporal Miller Now Is Sergeant Miller

Corporal William Miller, now stationed with the U. S. Fifth Army in North Africa, has been promoted to the grade of Sergeant, in recognition of his meritorious application to military duties. Sergeant Miller is the son of Mrs. Catherine Miller of O'Neill.

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Now Much Easier For Farmer To Obtain Gas Rationing Coupons

It is now much easier for farmers to obtain rationing coupons for gasoline used in off-the-highway purposes. Fuel for tractors, cooking, lighting, and brooders may be obtained by simply calling at the nearest AAA War Board, which is supplied with ample applications. The farmer will leave the completed application at the AAA War Board, and very soon thereafter the ration book will be mailed to him.

A ceiling was put on both the wholesale and retail price of alfalfa meal this week. That ceiling is the average inventory cost of each kind and grade of alfalfa meal, plus \$3.50 a ton.

"Demon Inflation" was struck a powerful blow when the Office of Price Administration extended the meat ceilings this week by establishing maximum prices for which beef, veal, lamb and mutton may be sold. These prices will go into effect April 15, and will provide uniform maximum prices in all stores of the same class in each of the twelve price zones over the nation.

If butchers reduce the point value of meats, they are required to cut proportionately the dollar and cents value, according to a regulation announced this week.

Seed potatoes may be sold in quantities less than 50-pound lots. However, retailers are warned that they must continue to clearly tag and label all seed potatoes as seed potatoes.

A price ceiling that will take on more importance as the summer season advances is that placed on bottled soft drinks. No retailer can charge more for milk, beer or bottled soft drinks than he did in March, 1942.

Rationing
Ration Stamps: Loose stamps not valid. Take war ration book with stamps attached when making purchases.

Sugar: No. 12 coupon, war ration book 1, valid March 16 to May 31 for five pounds.

Coffee: No. 26 coupon, war ration book 1, valid for one pound from March 22 to April 25, inclusive.

Processed Foods: Consult point value charts at grocers and in newspapers for points to be surrendered from war book 2. "D," "E" and "F" blue coupons may be used during April.

Meats and Fats: Consumers must surrender red stamps from war ration book 2 for purchase of meats, cheeses, fats and oils. "A," "B" and "C" stamps good now; "D," April 19. All are good from their validity date to the end of the month.

Rubber Footwear: Men's rubber boots are rationed. Apply to your local rationing board for certificate to purchase.

Gasoline: No. 5 coupons valid until May 21. All holders of "B," "C" and "T" coupons can now receive new ration cards by mail. Send postcard to your rationing board for Form R-543.

Tire Inspections: Second period inspection for "A" book holders

The Weather

This section of Nebraska, as well as practically the entire state, received a good soaking the past week. We had a fine shower last Thursday night that amounted to 55 hundredths of an inch. Then Saturday afternoon it started raining and a nice steady drizzle continued to fall all night and until mid-afternoon Sunday. The total precipitation here, according to Weather Observer Bowen, was 2.43 inches.

The first rain was much heavier in other parts of the county than was recorded in this city. The southeastern part of the county reported that they had about an inch in the first rain and the northeastern part of the county received about the same amount. In the northern and northwestern parts of the county they said the first rain was nearly two inches. The rain fell so nice and quietly that it all soaked into the ground. Farmers, as well as everyone else, are naturally feeling jubilant over the good soaking, as it puts the ground in excellent condition for spring work and gives the pastures and hay crop a good start.

	High	Low
April 8	70	44
April 9	70	50
April 10	61	50
April 11	56	43
April 12	47	35
April 13	62	27
April 14	43	23
April 15	43	25

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Adamic of Page, a son, born April 13.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Frisch, a son, born April 12.

April 1 through September 30. Allow at least 90 days between inspections.

Second period inspections for "B" book holders March 1 thru June 30. Allow at least 60 days between inspections.

Second period inspection for "C" book holders March 1 thru May 31. Allow at least 45 days between inspections.

"T" book holders: Inspection every sixty days or every 5000 miles, whichever comes first.

Fuel Oil: Period 5, each one-unit coupon valid for 11 gallons; each ten-unit coupon valid for 110 gallons until September 30. Note: Rations for fuel oil and kerosene for domestic, institutional and agricultural uses are now granted for six-months periods.

Incubators and Brooders: All operators of incubators and brooders may obtain all needed fuel oil and kerosene for capacity production of the equipment. Increased poultry and egg production is essential to the war effort.

Coal-Burning Heating Stoves: Rationing boards will grant permission for the purchase of coal-burning heating stoves which will be used to replace or supplement oil-burning heating equipment.

Prices
Butter: Priced on percentage mark-up basis. Nebraska maximum for 90 score butter in pound and half-pound cartons, 55 cents; parchment wrapped, 54 1/2 cents.

Eggs and Egg Products: Under price ceilings at retail and wholesale. Hatching eggs exempt.

Fresh Vegetables: Tomatoes, green and wax snap beans, carrots, cabbage, peas, lettuce and spinach priced on percentage mark-up basis.

Pork: Retail prices under specific dollar and cents ceilings by zones, effective April 1.

Beef, Veal, Lamb and Mutton: Retail prices under specific dollar and cents ceilings by zones, effective April 15.

Seed Potatoes: Can be sold by retailer in any quantity.

Used Mechanical Refrigerators: Sales by individuals covered by revised maximum price regulation No. 139.

Used Trucks: After April 26 all used trucks will come under ceiling prices. Two methods are provided for resale: One, for vehicles "as is," and two, vehicles reconditioned and guaranteed.

OLD MISSOURI GOES ON RAMPAGE

The Missouri river has been on the rampage in the Nebraska and Iowa section for the past week and the damage resulting from the flood to farm lands, livestock and farm buildings will run into the millions.

Omaha was one of the heaviest losers from the flood. East Omaha was completely inundated and the four million Omaha municipal airport has been put out of commission and seven feet of water covered the runways last Wednesday evening. The crest of the flood reached and passed Omaha on Wednesday and heavy damage is now looked for in Nebraska towns south of Omaha.

A large force of army engineers and soldiers from Fort Omaha and Fort Crook assisted in evacuating livestock and farm families from homes in the flooded areas, as well as from the flooded sections of east Omaha. The flood is said to have been the worst since 1881. No lives were lost.

Sgt. Robert Bergstrom Is Here On Furlough

Sergeant Robert Bergstrom, U. S. M. C., who is stationed at San Diego, Calif., arrived here Tuesday to spend a thirty day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bergstrom, and other relatives and friends. This is Sergeant Bergstrom's first visit home in four years. He looks fine, the life of a Marine evidently agreeing with him.

While in the service Sergeant Bergstrom seen action in the Southern Pacific, where he contracted malaria fever and was sent to the hospital at Santa Cruz, Calif., on January 30, where he was until he received his furlough and came home. He does not talk about his experiences in action, but as he was in the scene of some severe fighting for some months, he undoubtedly was in the midst of plenty of action.

County Court

William E. Adams of Madison was arrested on April 9 by Patrolman Meistrell and charged with having no Nebraska license plate. He pled guilty as charged and was fined \$1 and costs of \$3.10.