

THE FRONTIER

County Valuation Up About Million And Half

County Assessor Gillespie has been busy the past few weeks compiling the returns from the assessors of the various precincts of the county. The assessment has been completed and the figures compiled. When it is taken into consideration that 4,717 schedules were filed it can be readily seen that there is a great amount of work in the compiling of the schedules for the county.

The value of tangible property in the county for the year 1943 has been assessed at \$7,117,524, as compared to \$5,839,575 for the year 1942, or an increase of \$1,277,949. To the figures for 1943 must be added the railroad taxes, franchise taxes, telephone company taxes, electric light company and some other foreign taxes that last year netted \$902,025. With this amount added to the tax for this year it will bring the total up to \$8,019,549 for the year 1943. This figure is not accurate, as the equalization board has not yet completed their work and the state board will have to submit the figures for part of the assessment that has not been compiled.

In looking over the list of personal property assessed in the county we find that there was assessed in the county for the year 1942, 92,439 head of cattle and they were valued at \$4,008,595. This year there has been assessed in the county 97,839 head, 540 more than last year and they have been valued at \$4,897,999. There are 11,366 head of horses in the county, of all ages this year, and they are valued at \$316,067. In 1942 there were 11,029 head assessed in the county and they were valued at \$306,405. There are 765 mules assessed in the county this year and they are valued at \$21,464. In the year 1942 there was 775 head of mules assessed in the county and they were valued at \$20,455.

This year the assessor found 16,386 dozen chickens and turkeys in the county and they were assessed at \$83,487. Last year, 1942, there were 13,013 dozen assessed in the county and their value was placed at \$36,225. The farmers of Holt county are again getting back into the hog business. This year the assessors found hogs valued at \$349,256 on the farms in this county. In the year, 1942, the value of hogs assessed on Holt county farms was \$226,925. The number of sheep and goats in the county this year is somewhat smaller than that of last year, according to the returns. This year there was found 9,088 head and they were valued at \$45,315. Last year there were 11,274 head and they were assessed at \$59,635.

There are 115 stands of bees in the county and they are assessed at \$411. There was 26,009 bushels of grass, alfalfa and clover seed in the county this spring and it was valued at \$13,110. Last year there was but seven bushels and it was valued at \$30. The assessors this spring found 922 tractors in the county and they were assessed at \$227,479. Last year there were 949 tractors and they were assessed at \$199,850.

Goods and merchandise in the county this spring was considerably lower than it was last year. The assessment this year was \$306,109 and that for last year, \$339,975. There were 4310 motor vehicles assessed in the county this spring and they were valued at \$580,054. Last year 4,346 were assessed and they were valued at \$727,000.

Long Time Residents Leave For West Coast

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hoffman and family left Monday afternoon for the west coast, where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have been residents of this county for about 25 years living for years a few miles south of this city. Prior to leaving Mr. Hoffman was a pleasant caller at this office and paid his subscription to The Frontier two years in advance, stating that when they got located he would forward their address, as they wanted to keep posted on the happenings in this city and county, where they had spent so many happy and prosperous years. They have many friends in O'Neill and Holt county who wish them prosperity in their new home.

Marriage Licenses

Raymond Lawrence Funk, 25, and Frances Elsie Spittler, 19, both of Ewing, on June 23. Harvey H. Thompson of Newport, over 21, and Eva P. Kubart of Atkinson, on June 19th. Paul Schmidt, 34, and Miss Vivian Fiala, 22, both of Spencer, on June 23. Alvin Bausch left Wednesday for Los Angeles, Cal., after visiting his father, Henry Bausch and his wife and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bazelman. He will leave L. A. for Arlington, Cal., where he will report for basic army training. He arrived here a week ago on a fourteen day furlough.

Max Golden Country Club Champion

The annual golf tournament of the O'Neill Country Club was held in this city last Sunday. The tournament this year was a one-day affair and considering the difficulty of getting around on account of gasoline rationing and other war-time rationing, the attendance was gratifying to the club members, although many of those who have been attending the tournament for several years were absent.

The contest for the championship this year, as it has for the past four years, was a contest between Max Golden of O'Neill and Dr. Paul Tipton of Omaha, with the honors falling to Max. Last year Max and Dr. Tipton contested for the honor and Tipton won, and this year Max evened it up. Dr. Tipton did not reach the finals, however, without a good scrap. One of the younger O'Neill players, Bob Parkins, played an excellent game of golf in his game with the Doctor and it looked for a time as if he was going to take him, but experience helped the older player and he finally emerged the victor. The nine holes by these two were about the best in the contest. In order to win Dr. Tipton shot a 34, one under par, while Parkins shot a 36, one over par. Those seeking future championships will have to watch Bob, for if he keeps improving, he will be hard to beat on any course.

Following were the winners in the three flights: Championship: Max Golden. Runner up, Dr. Tipton. Consolation winner, A. Sautz, of Meadow Grove. Second Flight: Winner, Ed Casey. Runner up, Pat O'Donnell. Consolation winner, G. E. Warich of Meadow Grove. Third Flight: Winner, Dr. Geo. Stevens of Sioux Falls, S. D. Runner up, E. V. Ruby, Ewing. Consolation, Dr. Pucelik, of Spencer.

Fifty-three participated in the contest, which was about half the number usually participating in their annual tournaments. Following is the list of those who attended: Ed Casey, Bob Parkins, Frank Parkins, A. P. Jaszakowak, R. E. Armbruster, Max Golden, Ed Gallagher, William Grady, Ed Campbell, John Alderman, Dr. Fisher, Ben Grady, Ted McEllaney, George Marshall, O'Neill; Dr. Paul Tipton, Omaha; Lyle Dierck, Ewing; Lamona Horn, Grand Island; Joe Baldwin, Dr. Gatten, H. E. Keller, Ainsworth; Gaius Caldwell, Albion; George Lightner, St. Edward; W. C. DeBold, Omaha; Dr. Kris, Jake Bernier, Lynch; Carl Mille, Dr. Pucelik, Spencer; E. A. Wisco, Bristol; A. Sautz, J. R. Hague, F. E. Eivens, Meadow Grove; H. F. Mullen, Scribner; Dr. George Stevens, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Phil Aitkin, Lincoln; Dr. J. W. Binnie, Gus Rundquist, Clearwater; Ira George R. E. Moore, Pat Hartz, Pat O'Donnell, H. E. Coyne, Francis Cronin, W. J. Froelich, H. J. Birmingham, W. J. Biglin, Dr. L. A. Burgess, F. J. Biglin, Ira Moss, Dr. Brown, J. D. Cronin, O'Neill; E. Ruby, Ewing.

Eight tables of bridge were played at the Country Club Sunday. Out of town winners were, Mrs. Phil Aiken, Lincoln, high; Mrs. Larry Keifer, Omaha, low. Town winners, Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, high, Mrs. Ed Campbell, low and Mrs. Allen Jaskowiak, door prize.

Holt County Boy Receives Honors For Army Service

Pfc. Leonard C. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton of this city, who is in the United States Marine Corps, came Monday on a rest furlough to visit his parents and other relatives and friends. Leonard, who has been in the army for the past 18 months, has seen service in Guadalcanal, American and British Samoa, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Australia, New Zealand, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and Savavwi. He was among the first Marines to land on Guadalcanal, and while there suffered from bomb concussion. He had been in a hospital in Australia for the past five months. He has received six decorations, the Purple Heart award, the President's Citation, Southwest Pacific Bar, the Guadalcanal Citation, the Defense Bar, and a citation for "Heroism above and beyond the call of duty."

Mr. Hamilton could tell a good many stories about his experiences in the South Pacific as well as other places in the war zone, but he is not allowed to say much. From the number of awards he has received he must have had plenty of action. He is the first Holt county boy that has received this many decorations, as far as we know, but there will be others, for the boys from old Holt know how to fight.

Mrs. Roy Osborne and Mrs. Robert Brittell left last Tuesday for Los Angeles, where they will visit their daughters for a few weeks. Mrs. Osborne will visit her daughter, Mrs. Mary Mellor, while Mrs. Brittell will visit her daughter, Miss Muriel.

Charles R. Pettijohn

Charles R. Pettijohn, born in Silver Lake, Minn., on January 4, 1868, was the eldest son of Robert and Elizabeth Pettijohn. When he was about eight years old the family moved by covered wagon to Long Pine, Neb., where they homesteaded. Mr. Pettijohn married Bertha Sawyers about 1896 in Long Pine and they moved to O'Neill.

To this union two sons were born: Richard, who passed away in infancy, and Roy. In 1901 Mrs. Pettijohn died. Soon after her death, Mr. Pettijohn started a gravel and sand business in which he remained until 1918. On June 26, 1912, he married his second wife, Miss Agnes Bentley. In 1918 he bought a ranch north of Stuart, Neb., and from that time until 1936 he spent his time both on the ranch and here in O'Neill. In 1936 he returned to O'Neill and remained here until the death of his wife on December 10, 1941.

For the past one and a half years he made his home with his son, Roy, twelve miles north of O'Neill. On April 16 of this year he was brought to the O'Neill General Hospital, where he remained until his death June 18th at 12:30 p. m. Mr. Pettijohn was at one time active in both the Odd Fellows and the Masons. He is a past grand of Elkhorn Valley Lodge No. 57 of the Odd Fellows, and at one time served as junior warden in Garfield Lodge 895 of the A. F. & A. M., but he allowed himself to be suspended from both lodges after leaving O'Neill in 1918.

In the early days of the Presbyterian church he was active in the Sunday school, teaching a class of young people as well as showing them a good time. He liked the young people and this affection was returned. Mr. Pettijohn leaves a host of friends and acquaintances. He is survived by two brothers: Ed, of Stuart, Neb., and Carl, of Chicago, Ill.; one son, Roy, of O'Neill, Neb.; two grandchildren, Lois Jean, 15, and Dale, 11, both of whom are children of Roy, and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held in the Presbyterian church on Monday, June 21st at two o'clock p. m., the Rev. Kenneth J. Scott conducting the service. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Lee E. Downey Promoted By Burlington Railroad

Lee E. Downey formerly Burlington agent in this city, but for the past six years freight and passenger agent at Hastings, Neb., for the same railroad, has been promoted a transferred to Denver, Colo., as freight agent in the Mile High city. Denver is one of the largest freight terminals on the Burlington system and his transfer to this important post is evidence of his ability in looking after the freight business of his company.

Lee was born in this county and grew to manhood here. He is a brother of Sumner Downey of the O'Neill Photo Company. Lee has been in the railroad business for thirty-three years, with the Burlington railroad. For years he was agent at several towns on the Sioux City and O'Neill line, his last service in this section of the state served as agent in this city, a position he filled for several years with satisfaction to his company and the shippers of this section of the state. His many friends in this city and county tender sincere congratulations and best wishes for his continued success and promotion in his chosen line of work. Mr. Downey left Monday for Denver to take over his new duties. The following is an editorial taken from the Hastings Daily Tribune, regarding his removal to Denver:

"Lee Downey, who for the last six years served at Hastings as freight and passenger agent for the Burlington railroad, has been promoted to the post of freight agent at Denver, Colo. Downey made many friends in this community during his six years of service in a responsible position. He did his work well, and scores of people who had dealings with him believe that he has earned his promotion and expect him to succeed in his new post as he did here. Those who had business dealings with Mr. Downey will long remember his efficient performance on a difficult job. His business associates, and those who knew him as a friend, regret to see him leave. His promotion is a loss to Hastings. We extend him our very best wishes in his new work at Denver."

County Court

Floyd Jareska was arrested on June 21 by Patrolman Meistrick and charged with reckless driving. He was fined \$10 and costs of \$3.10. Frank Kazda was arrested on June 11th and charged with drunken driving and having no driver's license. He pleaded guilty on both counts and was fined \$1 and costs of \$3.10, on the second count, and \$25 and costs of \$3.10 on the charge of drunken driving. His operator's license was suspended for six months.

BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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

American troops were not to be sent abroad unless we were attacked. The attacks came far out in the Pacific. Our troops were sent to Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knudsen are enjoying a visit from friends from Saunders county, their former home, among them Mrs. Knudsen's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker went to Ord last Friday on business pertaining to the sale of four young heifers to a young purebred livestock breeder at Elyria who has made previous purchases from the Baker herd.

When our citizens on the land were managing the production there was always more or less surplus of essential food commodities. Since the AAA took over, Washington itself throws out daily warnings of food shortage. The second installment on federal income taxes tossed in by Nebraskans during the first half of June totaled \$15,333,820.57. As Bob Morrison asks, when he saw by the statement of one of the local banks that there was over half a million dollars on deposit, just who has all that money?

Berle Waldo purchased a number of cattle and sheep at the Rafe Shaw sale last week and moved them across Sunday. Rafe selling out takes from Swan precinct our assessor and one who has been a fixture for many years on the election board. Mrs. Shaw also has been the republican committee woman out here and their retirement from ranching will close an interesting chapter in life's experiences for them. Whether they move elsewhere at once or remain for a time on the place, we all wish them smooth sailing ahead.

The four freedoms, loftily inspired. Local, national, world planning. Men of ability and ideals for material achievement, and men of dreams thrown in the face of the centuries. The sweep of human history discloses the tragedies of life. None of our superior few have a plan to heal the borken-hearted, dry the weeping eye or still the cry of pain. But I read of an older plan, the plan of ages, formed in the councils at the throne of eternity, a plan that is open to the human race and transcends anything the best of earth can devise. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away... And I heard a great voice out of the heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men and he will dwell with them... And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

Our local papers have recorded the death recently of several of the honored pioneers. Of these I knew John Nolan and John Gaughenbaugh more intimately than the others. At an earlier day Mr. Nolan and I had frequent discussions though rarely agreed on anything, though respecting the views of each other. I had many pleasant visits with Mr. Gaughenbaugh in late years and we saw alike in many things. When our friends are gone I am reminded of a bit of verse written by an old-time Alaskan Sourdough:

TELL ME NOW
If with pleasure you are viewing
Anything that I am doing,
If you like me or you love me,
Tell me now.
Don't withhold your approbation
'Till the preacher makes oration
And you see the llies shining
On my brow.
For no matter how you shout it,
I won't know a thing about it,
I won't know how many tears
you shed.
If you know a thing that's due me,
Now's the time to say it to me,
For I can't read my tombstone
When I'm dead.

A joint congressional committee reports 3,008,519 civilians on the federal payroll and recommends the immediate dismissal of 300,000 of these. If this report is acted upon, many families will be affected the country over. An elder sister, Mrs. Grace Shanner, though 75 years along life's journey, is one of the staff of the War Production Board and has been a functionary at the nation's capital for many years. She has a son, Capt. Chas. T. Shanner, in military service overseas. The Frontier editor, Henry Grady, Lloyd Gillespie and maybe a few others at O'Neill may remember Mrs. Shanner when she was on the teaching force at the schools there. With the civilian, official, military, and others receiving checks on the U. S. Treasury, there is a sizeable payroll. An additional haul from the treasury

Bates-Foreman

Miss Shirley LaNone Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude G. Bates of Emmet, became the bride of James E. Foreman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foreman of Emmet, at the Congregational parsonage at one o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 13th, in La Jolla, Calif. The Rev. Wm. Forshaw read the marriage lines at the single ring ceremony. The bride wore a street length frock of ice blue Crepe Romaine with beige accessories. An orchid corsage in harmonizing color and lapel watch, a gift of the bridegroom, completed her corsage. The bridegroom was in uniform. The bride and bridegroom are graduates of the O'Neill High School with the classes of 1940 and 1941. Mr. Foreman is stationed at Camp Callan, Calif. Mrs. Foreman will continue to reside at LaJolla until Mr. Foreman completes his basic training. The many Holt county friends of this happy couple tender hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Streeter-McKenzie

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter announce the marriage of their daughter, Elaine, to Clyde McKenzie, Jr., Yoe. 3-c. The marriage was solemnized at Barin Field, Pensacola, Fla., on June 10, the ceremony being performed by Chaplain Lt. Father F. T. Herlick at the base chapel. The couple were attended by Dominic Miane, Waltham, Mass., and Roberta Mashak, Rockland, Wis., friends of the groom.

Cpl. Francis B. Valla Dies In North Africa

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Valla of this city received a telegram from the War Department on Friday, June 18th, reading as follows: "The Secretary of War asks that I assure you of his deep sympathy in the loss of your son, Corporal Francis B. Valla. Report just received states that he died on June 1st in North African area as a result of an accident. Letter follows. Ullo, the Adjutant General." At the time of going to press his parents have had no further word of the accident.

Francis B. Valla was born in O'Neill, on February 5, 1920, and grew to manhood here. He attended St. Mary's Academy and was graduated from there with the class of 1938. During his years in school he took an active part in sports and was rated as one of the stars of the Academy basketball teams of 1936-38. Following his graduation he entered the employ of the American Gear Company in this city, where he remained until he left for Lincoln in September, 1941, when he resigned and went to Lincoln and entered the State University, College of Mechanical Engineering. In February 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and on June 3, 1942, he was graduated from Scott Field, Illinois. In October, 1942, he received his wings at an Army Air Field in Arkansas. He was a radio operator in the Air Corps and had been on foreign soil for about six months. Among the duties those in his plane performed was the transportation of the wounded from the front lines. He was in the North African theatre of operations.

Francis was a member of the local branch of the Knights of Columbus and a member of St. Patrick's church. Memorial services will be held Monday morning, June 28, at 8 o'clock, at St. Patrick's church, where Requiem High Mass will be celebrated for him. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Valla of this city; one sister, Dorothy, of Ogden, Utah, and one brother, Corporal Leo Valla, who is stationed at Camp Carson, Colo.

The family have the sincere condolence of the people of this city and county in their loss of a kind and loving son and brother, who gave his life in defense of his country. For the second time in recent weeks the supreme court in Washington has reversed itself setting aside a former ruling and now holding that refusal to salute the flag is not grounds for school authorities to deny the public school privileges to anyone. Whatever we may think of government by law or government by men, in the end it becomes government by men. The flag, an emblem, a symbol of the best men have yet known in civil government. Not that we have always hit the mark, but the flag floats its gleaming stars not as a symbol to condemn our failures but as the emblem of truth and justice to beckon us to esteem these virtues and attain the dignity of free men. The flag has been the inspiration of many classic poems, flowery literature and inspiring eloquence. Francis Scott Key, the author of "Star Spangled Banner," occupied a front place in the halls of congress on a historic day more than 100 years ago ostensibly to defend Sam Houston, who was on trial before the house for having given one of the representatives from Indiana a hearing with a hickory cane for having charged Houston with attempted fraud of the government. Key's remarks were perfunctory, when Houston, massive of frame, grizzled and scared as the sun scorched plains of his beloved Texas, took the floor. In that day of eloquence and oratory Houston was one of the masters. "I stand before this House," he began, "as a man of broken fortune and blasted reputation. I can never forget that reputation, however limited, is the high boon of heaven. Though the plowshare of ruin has been driven over me and laid waste my brightest hopes, I have only to say—

I seek no sympathies, nor need; The thorns which I have reaped are of the tree
I planted; they have torn me and I bleed."
In closing one of the choice bits of American oratory, Houston raised his eyes to the flag and said: "Sir, so long as that flag shall bear aloft its glittering stars so long I trust shall the rights of American citizens be preserved and unimpaired—till discord shall wreck the spheres—the grand march of time shall cease—and not one fragment of all creation be left to chafe the bosom of eternity's wave." The flag, the oratory and his masterful pose made Houston the hero, while Francis Scott Key sat there rather nonplused.

The Weather

| Date | High | Low |
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| June 18 | 83 | 58 |
| June 19 | 91 | 70 |
| June 20 | 93 | 70 |
| June 21 | 96 | 70 |
| June 22 | 86 | 68 |
| June 23 | 91 | 66 |
| June 24 | 86 | 68 |

No precipitation.

Maximum Prices For Corn Definitely Fixed

The Sioux City Office of Price Administration reports that apparently considerable misinformation has been released through unofficial sources and some misunderstanding prevails in this territory with reference to farm prices of corn under the OPA regulations. Maximum prices for corn are definitely fixed by the regulation in relation to the "on-track" prices of the interior points, that is, the place having shipping facilities for carload lots, nearest the place where the corn is produced.

Maximum prices for corn sold by a farmer is f. o. b. the farm, no matter where the corn is delivered, whether to another farmer, to an interior point in the same area, to a terminal price-basing point like Sioux City, or to any other territory. The maximum price which a farmer can legally receive on sales to other farmers and feeders is the "on-track" price, and on sales to any other persons the price is 2 cents lower. An effort on the part of either the buyer or seller of corn to avoid the maximum prices fixed by the regulations, directly or indirectly, constitutes a violation which is subject to civil liabilities and criminal penalties under the regulation.

The real purpose and design of all price regulations is not only to control prices but to effect an equitable distribution of commodities on a share and share alike basis—and ultimately to assist in our war effort by releasing our surplus commodities to our Allies under lend-lease agreements and finally to effectuate the earliest possible successful end to the war.

Geraldine Cronin Received Her Master's Degree

Geraldine Mageline Cronin of O'Neill was one of 438 candidates who were awarded undergraduate, professional, and advanced degrees at the 213th convocation of the University of Chicago in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel on June 18. President Robert M. Hutchins conferred the degrees and delivered the convocation address. Miss Cronin was one of 73 awarded the master's degree. The convocation was one of four in the University's academic year, and although the number of June graduates was 40 per cent smaller than the corresponding number last year, the total for four convocations of the year showed a five per cent increase, attributable to the early graduations of men entering the armed forces.

Do Not Give Names Of Military Units

Headquarters of the Seventh Service Command today requested that all clubs, groups and organizations who are preparing and publishing lists of their members in the armed forces refrain from giving the names of the military units to which these members belong, as well as the geographical location of the members. The publication of such information was indicated by the Seventh Service Command headquarters as presenting a threat both to the security of classified information, which the enemy may be able to use, and to the safety of the men themselves.

Only the listing of the name of the individual and the designation of the service—such as Army, Navy, WAAC, etc.—is permissible; for example: Corporal John Jones, Army. It is requested that objectionable lists already printed be immediately and completely destroyed.

Livestock Prices Rally At Local Sales Ring

Livestock prices staged a rally at the local auction last Monday, with a firmer undertone stabilizing the market generally. Receipts were not quite so heavy as a week ago, though supplies in both the cattle and hog divisions were moderate in numbers. Demand was good, action was brisk, prices stronger on practically all kinds. Steer calves weighing around 300 lbs. topped at \$13.25. Bulk moved at \$14.25 to \$15.75. Heifers made \$13.25 to \$14.25. Yearling steers paid upwards to \$15.00, with the bulk of the heifers in this class ranging from \$13.00 to \$14.00. Yearling supplies were limited. Beef cows moved within a \$10.50 to \$11.25 price range. Plain-kinds paid \$9.00 to \$10.00, with common grades making \$7.00 to \$8.00. Bulls scaling 1350 lbs. paid around \$12.00; others claimed \$11.25 to \$11.75. Hog receipts numbered around 550 head. Choice, handy-weight butchers topped at \$13.35. Bulk of supplies moved at \$13.20 to \$13.30. Sows topped at \$13.05, with the long end paying \$12.80 to \$13.00. Feeder pigs cashed mostly around \$14.00. Several long strings of little pigs sold by the head at fancy prices. Next regular auction will be held on Monday, June 28th.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. John Steskal, a son, June 17.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Brien, a son, June 19.
Gene McKenna and Warren Burgess, who are attending school in Wayne, spent the week-end here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenna and Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess.