



Elephants and their trainer, Miss Gertrude Thomas  
With Christy Bros. Circus, at O'Neill, Monday, May 19

**MRS. SIMMONS TELLS OF NATIONAL GAME OPENING**

Monday was a great day for Washington—the opening of the baseball season, and of the annual convention or "Congress" of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The first drew some twenty-three thousand fans from Washington and vicinity. The second, four thousand delegates and alternates, with an estimated number of visitors from all of the states and some foreign countries.

Opening day at the ball park had its usual special features. Many fine new American flags added color. The Army Band, in their nifty gray and white dress uniforms gave a concert in front of the President's box. The two comedian coaches of the team put on their side-splitting stunts. Shortly before time for the game, Vice-President Curtis arrived with friends, genially waving his hand to the cheering. Then came the President, with the usual accompaniment of aides and secret service men; also Secretary Mellon. Mrs. Hoover would doubtless have been there except for illness. The band and team marched to the flag-pole for an impressive flag-raising ceremony, then back in

front of the President's box. Dozens of photographers climbed up to get a picture of the President as he threw out the first ball. Probably the throw was not exactly professional, but all Washington fans hope that it formed an auspicious beginning for the "Senators." Then followed the game, interrupted as each favorite player appeared at bat. "Sammy," "Muddy," "The Goose," "Judge," "Buddy." Each received an ovation which compared favorably with that given the President.

That evening, the President had another important duty to perform, quite different, but equally important, to another large group of citizens. It was the President's annual address to the Daughters of the American Revolution. The scene was the auditorium just completed by the D. A. R.'s, Constitution Hall. A very beautiful place. It was gay with the rainbow-colored evening dresses of nearly four thousand women, dotted with the black evening clothes of an occasional man, brave and popular in his great minority. The beautiful paintings at the back of the stage of historic scenes of Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Charleston, South Carolina, formed an effective back-

ground to the wealth of flowers. The Marine Band in their bright red uniforms, played; surpassed by few bands if any, in the world. Their presence always designates a great occasion.

As the President approached the platform, the bugle salute was given four times as always for a President. The band played "Hail to the Chief," a most interesting ceremony which always makes the thrills run up and down my back at the new impression of importance of the great office. Then followed the advancement of the colors; two hundred young women in white evening gowns formed an aisle through which marched more pages in white, bearing first the American and D. A. R. flags, then the forty-eight colorful state flags. A pretty march to and around the platform carried the flags to the standards arranged for them, and formed a background for the beautifully gowned and flower-laden national D. A. R. officers who were thus ceremoniously escorted to the platform.

The radio carried everywhere the President's speech, always so logical and faith-inspiring. But it couldn't carry the little things which mark him so human and likeable. The pause after the music, when it wasn't quite time for the broadcast and the President pulled out his watch to discuss the time with the President General. His generous applause of musical numbers and talks. His stay throughout the lengthy program following his own speech. The light, full on his character-strong face, as he read in low voice from his notes. One of his secret service men has invented for him a device to hold his notes, which brings them on a level with his eyes. He does not have to hold them, can read them comfortably, and needs only to pull off the completed sheet. It is as fine a thing for the listeners as for the speaker, for it gives such an unexcelled view of his face throughout.

So, in two widely different occasions in the same day, the President gave pleasure and profit to many thousand people. More honor to the man who uses an already taxed strength to bring more closely to his people an understanding and appreciation of their government.

GLADYCE W. SIMMONS.

of the Association. County Superintendent Luella A. Parker gave a talk on "The Part the One Room Rural School Plays in the Development of Nebraska."

**SOUTH OF O'NEILL**

Jim Peter was in O'Neill last Friday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Shaw visited at Evert Weir's, Sunday.

Frank Hall is again helping Cyril Peter with his field work.

Mrs. Harry Kasenholtz visited Mrs. Agnes Brachman, last week.

Grover Shaw was at Jim Peter's on business, Tuesday morning.

Miss Agnes M. Peter called on Miss Mary Peter, Monday afternoon.

John and Harry Peter repaired a well for Jutte Bros., Tuesday afternoon.

Milford Hall went over to B. B. Bay's, Saturday to stay a couple of days.

Harry Peter and his sister visited at the Wm. Hall home, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruby Carroll spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John



Peter Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel and family visited at the home of John Peter Jr., Friday night.

The roads are much better than they were a while back, but still are pretty soft and muddy in places.

Fishing is good in most of the creeks now but the water is rather high at present and they are hard to get.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peter Jr., Helen and Frank, were at Cyril Peter's Sunday. They stopped at Jim Peter's on the way over.

Monday afternoon a very bad looking storm came up, with a strong wind. It rained a little, a light hail fell, but not enough to cause any damage.

Most of the farmers in this vicinity are planting their corn. Nearly all of them would have had it planted but the rainy weather rather de-

layed them some.

Rudolph Brachman, Joe and Frank Peter took in the talkies at O'Neill Saturday night; all enjoyed the show very much; they got caught in the rain, coming home.

Evelyn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel, was taken suddenly ill with an attack of appendicitis, Saturday evening and was taken to a hospital that same night.

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**EDUCATIONAL NOTES**

Grades have been sent out from the eighth grade examinations. Of 295 eighth graders taking all of the examinations, 152 have passed with creditable grades the first time. The second examination will be held on Friday only, May 9th.

The reports of the last state teacher's examinations have been mailed out. The following students have now earned their teacher's certificates and are ready to begin teaching:

Atkinson public school—Margaret Marshfield, Halla Houts.  
O'Neill public school—Stella Van Avery.  
Ewing public school—Helen Jacobsen, Vlasta Krachie, Winifred Taylor.  
Stuart public school—Florence Fuelberth, Mary Liable.  
St. Mary's Academy—Mildred Agnes, Madeline Ullom, Nancy Dickson, Mabel Hendrick, Margaret Murphy, Thelma Riley, Louise Schulte, Nellie Whiting.

Gwendolyn Coppoc of Chambers high school has received 100 in Mental Arithmetic and Horace Omeiy of Orchard received 100% in both mental arithmetic and arithmetic.

The following reports of teachers hired have been sent to this office:

District 142—Nancy Dickson; District 88—Viola Hayne, High School, Mrs. Francis Cross, Grades; District 135—Doris Starr.

The Page P. T. A. met at the school house last Wednesday. A fine program was presented by the members; Judge Malone was the speaker of the evening and gave a short but interesting address, mostly reminiscent in nature. The Judge attended school at Page when the school building was of sod; only three patrons present at the meeting were in school at the same time. After the program a delicious lunch was served.

District No. 232 held a program and plate supper on last Friday. A large attendance was present and the proceeds amounted to \$19.50; Miss Gladycie Houchin is the teacher.

The Pioneer Parent-Teacher Association of School District No. 91 met at the school house on Tuesday evening. A very entertaining program was presented by the school children and adult members after which a business meeting was conducted during which the County Superintendent took charge of the installation of officers. "Nebraska" was the topic for the evening. Many interesting facts concerning the development of Nebraska were brought out by members



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