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MRS. GLADYCE SIMMONS WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

Of all the beautiful places in and about Washington, none is lovelier than the Lee Mansion. Situated on a hill across the Potomac in Virginia, its great white columns can be seen for miles. Since it is just the birthday of that great General and dearly beloved hero of all southern people, it is an especially appropriate time to visit it.

A more perfect site for a home cannot be imagined. Surrounded by trees, it looks across forest and fertile farm land to the peaceful Potomac, and beyond that to the beauties of Washington. Even when there was no Capital City there, the view must have been unsurpassed.

But besides its beauty, it has great historical interest. It was originally a grant or eleven hundred acres by the Virginia governor of 1669 to a man who sold it for six hogheads of tobacco; in 1778, John Parke Custis, Washington's stepson, bought it and named it Arlington. It descended to his son, George Washington Parke Custis, whom Washington adopted with his sister, Nellie. When Martha died in 1802, young Custis moved here and built the beautiful mansion which we are visiting. He brought his bride to Arlington and their daughter was married in 1831 to young Robert E. Lee. From this time on, it was the Lee home. The close association with Washington made the place a great center of interest and it was visited by all the great and near great of more than a century.

The house is a stuccoed brick, with a portico fronted by eight great white columns. It is considered by some to be the most beautiful mansion in the South. Within, it has just been redecorated and partially furnished in furniture of the time preceding the Civil War. Great rooms with high ceilings, old "cross" doors, huge locks and keys, brass door knobs. Fireplaces in every room, showing clearly that they have been much used. Immense crystal chandeliers in the drawing room and state dining-rooms. Tiny, square-paned windows with semi-circular tops, and beautiful fan-shaped windows over the doors. A room where Lafayette slept when he visited there in 1824. A play room with adorable doll's cupboard. Built-in corner cupboards to make any antique enthusiast green with envy. And from every window the lovely view of trees, river, Washington City!

At the back of the mansion is the old well. To either side is a small building, also stuccoed brick and now vine-covered, which was the quarters of the house slaves. The rooms, with their hand-hewn beams, big fireplaces, hand made "hinges", and locks, are labeled with the names of their former occupants: "Coachman

Nurse Aunt Judy," "Gardner Uncle Ephraim Derecks," "Cook Uncle George Clark," and others. One room was a store-room, one with a place for fire in the center, a smoke-room. Another with a larger fire-place and cranes galore, was the summer kitchen. The kitchen proper and laundry are in the basement of the mansion. It is fairly equipped with tables, shelves, pots and pans of all descriptions hanging on the cranes, old pewter dishes, candle molds and cornhusk mats. Next to the kitchen is the wine cellar with quite a capacity for bottles. The furnishing throughout the house is being done beautifully and accurately as to time but slowly. I suppose it will take long to complete the collecting of so much.

Behind the mansion is a great oak wood. The story is that Lee spent the night while there, pacing back and forth and praying, trying to decide whether to become the commander-in-chief of the Federal army as Lincoln had asked him to do. He regarded slavery as an evil, and had freed all of his own slaves. In his words, "I can anticipate no greater calamity for the country than the dissolution of the Union." But he could not go against his Virginia—and became the idol of the South.

Later, the estate was taken over by the Federal Government and became successively Federal camp, hospital, part of a chain of fortifications, and, finally, Federal cemetery. Here are now buried thousands of soldiers, sailors, marines, both officers and enlisted men, as well as Bryan and Taft.

"His high character, his moral courage, his noble stature, and his mastery of the art of war made Robert E. Lee a notable figure in the pages of history." May we all learn more of him and revere him for a great and noble man.

GLADYCE W. SIMMONS.

COUNTY AGENT NOTES

James W. Rooney, Holt County Agent

4-H Clubs

A 4-H Club is an organization of boys and girls between 10 and 20 years of age with a definite program to follow in connection with the production of farm and home products, and the personal development of themselves.

Club members not only get the practical education and training in farm and home practices, but they develop themselves as public speakers, judges, exhibitors, good sportsmen and good citizens. They become more interested in farming, home-making and community life.

Clubs which may be organized this spring are: Clothing, Canning, Cooking, Keep Well, Girls Room Improvement, Poultry, Dairy, Baby Beef, Swine, Sheep, Farm Accounts, Farm Mechanics, Potato, Corn and Garden.

Any boy or girl who is interested in joining a 4-H Club, write, or any adults interested in organizing clubs are asked to write to or call on the County Agent.

Exchange List

The Farm Bureau office plans to keep an exchange list. Anyone having articles for sale may list them at the office. Persons wishing to buy articles or livestock can visit or call the office.

Office Hours—Office Day

The County Agent's office is in the Carlon building, one block north of the First National Bank. Office hours are from 8 a. m. to 12 and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Mr. Rooney's office day will be Saturday.

Employment Bureau

Farmers needing help are asked to call at the office. Several men looking for work have registered their names here.

FARM ACCIDENT STATISTICS FOR STATE OF NEBRASKA

Compiled by the Nebraska Press Association and the Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Vocational Education.

A study of farm accidents reported in Nebraska newspapers for the 19 month period prior to January 1, 1931, shows that during this time on Nebraska farms there have occurred a total of 1361 casualties by which 1074 people were badly injured; 180 disabled and 107 killed.

Of these casualties 836 have occurred to farm operators or owners of farms; 406 members of farmers families have been stricken and 113 farm laborers have been injured, disabled or killed.

Of the 180 persons disabled, 14 were farm laborers, 52 were members of farmers families and 114 were farm owners or operators.

103 people living or working on farms suffered amputations. Farm machinery was responsible for 92 of these. Circular saws, corn shellers, corn huskers and shredders, threshing machines, mowers, feed grinders, in the order given, were responsible for the bulk of amputations caused by farm machinery.

20 people lost a hand or an arm, 10 lost a foot or a leg, 4 lost toes; 55 lost fingers; 12 lost thumbs and one lost an ear.

The general causes of all farm casualties reported in 19 months were: farm animals 481; farm machinery 405; falls and flying objects 26 and miscellaneous causes 268.

The following table shows the 11 counties having reported the largest number of farm accident casualties during the 19 month period:

County	Reported No. of Accidents
Cedar County	63
Butler County	55
Dodge County	42
Gage County	41
Colfax County	38
Saunder County	36
Lancaster County	35
Douglas County	34
Wayne County	34
Cheyenne County	33
Cass County	32

As soon as farm population figures of the 1930 census for Nebraska are available, a statement showing the

farm accident ratio per county will be published.

Similar charts showing the motor vehicle accident ratio by number of resident autos per county are in the process of compilation.

ACCIDENT STATISTICS FOR NEBRASKA

Compiled by the Nebraska Press Association and the Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Vocational Training.

Report for Two Week Period Ending February 10, 1931

No. of Accidents	Deaths	Inj. Tot.
Motor vehicle	138	6 141 147
Other public	44	0 44 44
Agriculture	51	0 51 51
Industry	25	2 28 30
Home	40	6 37 43

Total 298 14 301 315

Persons were responsible for 12 injuries of which basketball caused 4; skating 1 and horseback riding 7.

Gunshot accidents caused 6 injuries and 1 disability.

Falls caused 54 injuries, 3 disabilities and 3 deaths.

In industry, 6 persons were injured by explosions; 4 by power machinery and 8 by other miscellaneous accidents.

In agriculture, there were 13 injuries and 3 disabilities from wood-cutting accidents. Other farm machinery disabled 3 and injured 1. Farm animals caused injuries to 13 persons.

In the home, burns, scalds and explosions caused 13 injuries, 1 disability and 3 deaths.

Motor Vehicle Report for 2-Week Period Ending February 10, 1931

Cause of Accident	No. of Accidents	Dths	Inj.
Skid s	16	0	22
Tire blows out	2	0	1
Mechanical defects	4	1	2
Losses control	5	1	10
Speed	7	1	4
Pass'g car struck car passed	2	0	1
Pass'g car struck oncoming car	2	0	6
Ditched by pass'g car	5	0	15
Collision	21	2	18
Struck obstruction	8	0	7
Struck pedestrian	21	1	20
Driver intoxicated	1	0	1
Driver asleep	1	0	1
Passing signals and highway markers	4	0	3
No lights	3	0	2
Blinding lights	4	0	1
Railroad crossing	3	0	5
Reckless driving	14	1	7
Miscellaneous	15	0	15

Total 138 6 141

In auto accidents, 5 had wrecks occurred from cars striking gravel at the roadside, 5 wrecks were caused by deep ruts and soft spots on the highway, 3 cars struck narrow bridges or culverts.

Of 21 pedestrians struck by autos, 8 were children.

Total Casualties Since Jan. 1, 1931

Inj. Dis.	Dths	Total Casual.
Motor vehicle	309	1 19 329
Motor vehicle	445	6 25 476
Other public	126	7 5 138
Agriculture	125	20 1 146
Industry	58	3 3 64
Home	106	3 16 125

Total 860 39 949

THE NEBRASKA GOOD ROADS ASS'N. EXPLAINED

As Field Representative of the Nebraska Good Roads Association, in behalf of the other progressive cities of Nebraska which have been contributing to the progress of the better highway system of the state, I wish to express appreciation for the united support that the splendid city of O'Neill is giving to the Nebraska Good Roads Association.

George W. White, Field Representative.

What is the Nebraska Good Roads Association?

It is an organization of the Nebraska cities and towns interested in promoting the development and progress of better roads in this state.

Who controls the Nebraska Good Roads Association?

It is controlled by the towns which support it through a board of directors elected by the members.

Is it a representative organization?

It is. There are three directors in each of the six Congressional Districts of the state. Each has an equal vote.

How is it financed?

By the towns that support it through contributions through their Chambers of Commerce, Commercial Clubs and individual citizens. Fair apportionments are made annually by the Association.

For what is the money used?

To promote the program of road improvement decided upon by the directors, delegates and members at the annual conventions of the Association.

How is the program promoted?

By a program of state-wide education through the press, through meetings and conventions, through the mails and by personal work in the Legislatures.

Do any individuals receive dividends and profits from the Association?

No. All the funds are safeguarded and used by the directors for publicity and the promotion of its program through education as indicated above. The directors select and employ individuals to accomplish the details.

Are he funds properly safeguarded?

With hardly exception the board is composed of outstanding business men of ability and integrity. They have instituted the latest approved system of handling the funds. Triplicate system of receipts and bonded auditing of accounts regularly is employed. Contributors have not had reason to fear the honest and efficient application of the funds.

Is such an organization needed?

It is. It is needed to make a study of this most important factor in modern progress since individuals have not the time, means or equipment to do it. The communities which benefit most by the road improvement should collectively bear the expense. This can be accomplished effectively in no other way except through an organization.

What has been the general policy of the Nebraska Good Roads Association?

Since its organization about twelve years ago it has promoted a sane and sensible program of highway development, making use of our share of Federal Aid without adding to our property tax.

INMAN ITEMS

Mrs. I. L. Watson went to Norfolk on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Mildred Keyes, who teaches near Stuart was home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stevens and family spent Sunday with relatives at Page.

Elmer Killinger and sister, Miss Lois, drove to Norfolk, Saturday on business.

Laurence Turner, of Rising City, Nebraska spent the week-end here with friends.

E. L. Watson, who has spent the past ten days in Lincoln and Omaha, returned home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Ticknor and daughters, of Anoka, were here Sunday visiting his mother and other relatives.

Kenneth Leidy is carrying his arm in a sling as a result of a fracture received Friday night when he was cranking a Ford.

Quite a large group of young people went to Page, Monday night to attend the birthday party in honor of Robert Tuck of that place; they all reported a fine time.

Miss Bea Gallagher left Saturday for Petersburg, Nebraska where she made a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Neal Chase and family; from there she went to California for a visit with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Murten, of Mullen, Nebraska, came the first of the week for a visit with her father, Arthur Smith, who is ill. Rev. Murten returned to his home; Mrs. remained for a longer visit.

Miss Anna Sobotka, who has been in poor health for some time, went to Norfolk, Saturday to enter the hospital for treatment; she was accompanied by her brothers, John and Frank, who returned Monday.

The series of revival meetings that are in progress at the Methodist church, is being well attended; the evangelist, Mrs. Peterson, brings an inspirational message each evening; she also sings a solo each evening that is much appreciated by all who hear her.

The ladies of the community met at the home of Mrs. Mary M. Hancock, Tuesday for an all-day meeting; the purpose of the meeting was to sew for the drouth sufferers in Arkansas; much material was donated by the ladies; twenty-four ladies were present and a dinner was served at noon; about 350 garments were made for infants and children; the dinner was supervised by the Coffee Club.

OFFER PRIZE FOR OLDEST PIECE OF HOME FURNITURE

Have you a mohair-covered chair or sofa in your home? If so you may be two hundred and fifty dollars the richer for it!

The Frontier is in receipt of a message from the Household Science Institute, Chicago, asking for help in locating the oldest piece of mohair-upholstered furniture in the United States. The Institute feels there is a possibility of its being found in this section. The style of the sought for furniture or its use or non-use at the present time are not important, providing it is in good condition. The owner of the piece selected will be awarded two hundred and fifty dollars and the piece itself will be exhibited with other old-time furniture during the World's Fair at Chicago in 1933.

The people of O'Neill who feel that they have something of interest should communicate with Mrs. Grace Viall Gray, Household Science Institute, 7 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois, giving the history of the piece they have in mind and all facts concerning age, color, condition and other pertinent information. Mrs. Gray will then decide whether the article is the one wanted and make arrangements for shipping it to Chicago.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bridges of Neligh were in O'Neill a short time last Sunday.

H. L. Page is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Caplan, southeast of Atkinson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Strube, son Richard and daughter, Miss Violet, spent Sunday with relatives in Plainview.

A marriage license was issued on Wednesday to Emmet Slaughter and Agnes Hughes, both of Dorsey, Nebraska.

A marriage license was issued last Monday to Roy L. Johns and Frances E. Hein, both of Atkinson, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reberg and children of Colome, South Dakota, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Strube and family last Saturday.

The St. Mary's Cardinals defeated the Royal, Nebraska basketball team on the Academy floor in this city last Tuesday evening with a score of 30 to 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Todsén and family moved to the residence of Mrs. C. Smith at the corner of Second and Fremont streets on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Welton drove over from Mullen, Nebraska, last Saturday for a short visit with relatives in O'Neill and at Atkinson.

They returned home Sunday.

Miss G. Elizabeth Reynolds, field representative of the American National Red Cross, is in O'Neill this week assisting Miss Barbara Hazel in her health work in the city schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biglin and W. J. Biglin were in Omaha Monday and Tuesday attending a Joint Conference for Business Improvement held under the supervision of the undertakers of the state.

Mrs. Nellie Simmons was called to Yankton, South Dakota last Saturday by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wagon, who is in the hospital at that place. Late reports are that she is improving.

Lawrence Tuor arrived in O'Neill last Sunday and on Monday assumed his duties as assistant manager of the J. C. Penney Company store in this city. Mr. Tuor has been associated with the Penney Company for several years.

A letter received from Mrs. Willis Barker, of Lincoln states that she is home after spending ten days in the hospital recovering from an operation for the removal of her appendix. She says she is feeling fine and her doctor assures her she will be perfectly well in a short time.

A report from the office of the state treasurer shows that a total of \$29,267.975 has been collected since the enactment of the gasoline tax law. The money has been expended for the construction and maintenance of highways except a small portion which was retained to pay the cost of administering the law.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meredith recently received word from their daughter, Mrs. W. P. Hildebrand and Mr. Hildebrand, of Chicago, to the effect that they are moving to Boston, Massachusetts, as Mr. Hildebrand has been transferred to the Boston office of the Insurance Company that he represents.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter, accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Templeton, drove to Hastings, Nebraska, last Sunday; they returned home Monday bringing Miss Marjorie Carter with them. Miss Marjorie has been working in Hastings for the past eight months; she has resigned her position in the office of Dr. McPreson, throat specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry returned home on Tuesday of last week from a month's trip through Missouri and Oklahoma and as far south as Shreveport, Louisiana. George says that the conditions are bad in that locality; the wells are drying up and business is at a standstill; George says that he saw the bread lines working in some of the larger cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griffin are having the room recently occupied by the Colman cigar and confectionery store, remodeled; the balcony has been removed; doorways have been made leading to the hotel lobby and to the dining room; new fixtures have been purchased and arrangements have been made to make the room a modern soft drink, confectionery and news stand.

Leon Sargent and son Wayne arrived in O'Neill, Wednesday noon from Rapid City, South Dakota, where Leon has been visiting and looking over the country with a view of locating; Leon says that the farmers in that section of the state raised good crops last year but are unable to sell their production at prices that are at all attractive. Wayne expects to visit O'Neill relatives and friends for a while before returning to South Dakota.

The Verdigre Eagle came to our desk as a new publication in Verdigre, Nebraska. G. H. Liddell is the editor and publisher; he recently purchased the subscription list and good will of the Winnetoon Eagle and the Bristow Enterprise plant and moved them to Verdigre where he is issuing the Eagle. Mr. Liddell had been publishing the Verdigre Citizen until the first of February when the title of the plant passed to the former owner, Victor J. Brozovsky, who will again publish the Citizen.

Gladyce Schmorh visited Olive Beckwith Saturday afternoon.

William Ernst helped William Schmorh haul hay Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Dan Troshynski called on her mother, Mrs. George Pongratz, Thursday afternoon and helped her with some quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hickman; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beckwith and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jennings called at the Guy Beckwith home Sunday.

Mrs. Luella Parker and Miss Hazel were guests to supper at the home of Mrs. Parker's daughter, Mrs. Homer Ernst and husband, Thursday night.

Ralph Beckwith and Will Tenborg returned home Monday night from trucking stock to Omaha; they were accompanied by John Tenborg and Mack Wagnon.

About noon Wednesday a bright orange colored airplane swooped to the ground in a field just north of Jim Carney's; it only stayed a few minutes however and took flight before any particulars were learned.

Mrs. Fred Beckwith had quite a birthday surprise, Saturday night when a crowd of her sons and their wives came in; the evening was spent visiting and singing; fruit salad, sandwiches and coffee were served and everyone had a jolly time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz took quite a long motor ride Wednesday, leaving home in the morning and not returning until night. In the course of their journey they stopped for a visit at the Charley Grieg home near Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Keeney and Mrs. Keeney's mother arrived at the G. A. Seeger home Saturday night; Mrs. Seeger spent two weeks visiting her children in Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Keeney were driving a new Chevrolet coupe which they purchased last week. Mrs. Ralph Beckwith and daughter Myrlen returned with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pongratz

ARMOUR CREAMERIES

THURSDAY MARKET

Hens, 5 lbs. and over	15c
Hens, 4 to 5 lbs.	13c
Hens, under 4 lbs.	11c
Hens, Leghorns	10c
Springs, 5 lbs. and over	13c
Springs, 4 to 5 lbs.	11c
Springs, under 4 lbs.	8c
Springs, Leghorns	8c
Cox	8c
No. 1 Eggs	13c
No. 2 Eggs	10c
No. 3 Eggs	8c

were very much surprised Monday night when a large crowd gathered at their home, making all the noise possible by firing several shots and hammering on old tubs, etc; the event was the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Pongratz. The evening was pleasantly spent playing cards; about 1 o'clock, sandwiches, cake, pickles and coffee were served; a very nice time was reported.

The Pleasant Dale school board, Joe Winkler, director; Gerald Dusatko, moderator, and John Ke, treasurer, and their wives, attended the fourth annual meeting of the Rural School Boards of Holt county, at the O'Neill High School auditorium, Saturday; they had the privilege of meeting State Superintendent, Chas. W. Taylor and George W. Rosenlof, Director of Secondary Education; many interesting topics were discussed.

The Pleasant Dale P. T. A. met at the school house Thursday evening with a large crowd present, all members two answered the call; a number of visitors enjoyed the evening with them. They were Mrs. Luella Parker and Miss Hazel, the Red Cross nurse; Mrs. Casper Winkler; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Beckwith. A nice program pertaining to St. Valentine and Lincoln's birthday was given by the school children; Verne Beckwith played three selections on his Wrinkle machine. Everyone joined in the community singing. The nurse, Miss Hazel, who had visited the school in the afternoon, gave an interesting talk and complimented the parents on the general good health of their children; she gave a brief outline of the things she checked up on the children; first in order was weight; if a child is underweight he might be developing some disease or at least is made much more susceptible to them; if overweight, they might be developing some glandular disorder. Second point, if a child's eyesight is poor he cannot learn well and is often punished for what he has no control over. Third, if his teeth are not sound his progress will be hindered due to improperly digested food, causing sickness. Fourth, if a child's sense of smell is impaired, he is greatly handicapped, as he may not detect fire or impure food, also will probably suffer from a lack of sufficient fresh air. Fifth, bad tonsils are harbors of disease germs. Sixth, if pupils slump down in their seats it may be caused by poor eye sight which causes them to lean over to see the work better or they may be tired due