

**COUNTY AGENT NOTES**  
James W. Rooney, Holt County Agent

**Spring Grain Aphid Outbreak**

R. Moon, living southwest of Stuart, called the office and reported that the spring aphid or green-bug, is damaging small grain in his community. Oats and barley are the crops which are most likely to be infested. The green-bug feeds on the lower sides of the leaves and also is found in the sheath of the leaf. The green-bug secures its food by sucking the sap or juices of the plants upon which it feeds. Its effect on grain plants are quickly noticeable as they appear in the form of yellow areas on the blades, which turns reddish brown and dies. The green-bug cannot be destroyed by stomach poisons such as arsenical insecticides because it feeds on nothing but juices of plants. It is impractical to fight the pest with contact insecticides such as nicotine sulphate or kerosene emulsion, not only because of the expense involved, but also because this pest often feeds in positions where it can not be reached with such sprays. The method of control recommended is the destruction of volunteer grain during the summer and early fall. The green-bug is dependent on volunteer grain for its existence from the time the crop of the current year is cut until the young grain is above the ground in the fall.

**Ground Corn Cobs Useful for Litter**  
Ground corn cobs will make good litter for brooder houses, J. R. Redditt, of the agricultural college poultry department writes to one inquirer. The dry cobs should be run through an ordinary feed grinder and finely crushed. The ground cobs should be used about the same as shavings and finely cut straw. If the cobs are dry when they are put in the brooder house, they will probably absorb as much moisture as any other litter which can be used.

**Transplant 20,000 Alfalfa Plants**  
Dr. Geo. L. Peltier and H. M. Tysdal transplanted 20,000 plants of 171 kinds of alfalfa from the greenhouse to a field at the Agricultural College recently. They are trying to find or develop new kinds of alfalfa which will be resistant to wilt, a serious alfalfa disease which destroys stands of alfalfa in Nebraska and many other states. All of the plants have been inoculated with organisms causing wilt. Some of the alfalfa will probably show effects of the wilt by June or July; others are likely to be resistant, which will lend encouragement to those in charge of the work. The field tests are conducted in connection with greenhouse tests under way twelve months of the year. Alfalfa from Turkestan, Persia, Spain, Portugal, Algeria, Morocco, Chile, Manchuria, China, India and Russia, as well as from several states in this country are included in the 171 kinds in the field tests.

**Cutworm Control Measures**  
Cutworm control is the title of a new Extension circular prepared this spring by O. S. Bare, Extension Entomologist. This bulletin describes the life history of the cutworm and methods of control. Cutworms can be poisoned by the use of poison bran mash, 100 lbs. of bran, 5 lbs. of white arsenic or 4 lbs. of paris green, 2

quarts of blackstrap molasses and enough water to make a moist, crumbly mash. The dry poison should be mixed thoroughly with the bran. Mix the molasses in two or three gallons of water and pour slowly into the poisoned bran, stirring constantly. Add enough water to make a moist, crumbly mash which will break into flakes when scattered. The mash should not be made so damp that it will fall in lumps as that will endanger poultry, birds and livestock. In gardens or small fields the poison mash may be spread by hand from a pail carried on the arm. In cornfields it should be scattered thinly along the rows of young corn. One hundred pounds of bran will make sufficient mash to treat fifteen acres if broadcasted or twenty to twenty-five acres if scattered along the corn row. As cutworms feed mainly at night, best results are usually secured by scattering the poison mash after four o'clock in the afternoon. On cool, damp days the bran might be applied throughout the day. Several methods of distributing the mash quickly and evenly have been devised. A home made spreader which spreads poison along five corn rows has been devised by some northern Nebraska farmers. Directions for making these feeders are contained in circular 1508 which may be secured from this office.

**REBEKAH LODGE HELD INITIATION AND ELECTION**

The Rebekah lodge of this city initiated five candidates, Miss Beryl Winchell, Alva Winchell, Harold Lindberg, Russel Bowen and Clark Hough, at their regular meeting Friday evening of last week; election of officers followed; Mrs. Fannie Stevens was chosen Noble Grand and Miss Ruth Harnish, Vice Grand.

The Assembly President, Daisy Thoms, of Lincoln, was present and made a very pleasant talk to the members. A luncheon was served after the close of the meeting.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Dr. L. A. Burgess is attending the annual meeting of the Dental Association in Omaha this week.

The O'Neill ball team won their first game by defeating Inman 6 to 0 last Sunday on the local diamond.

The Masonic Lodge have elected S. A. Liddell W. M., and F. J. Sexsmith, secretary for the coming year.

Miss Marjorie Dickson entertained the Martez Club last Monday evening. Mrs. E. T. Campbell won the high score prize.

Mrs. Flora B. Lewis expects to leave for Lincoln the latter part of this week, where she will visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Dimmet and family.

Cyril Peters is arranging to erect a new nine-room residence on his farm about twelve miles south of O'Neill. C. P. Uhl is moving the old house to another location.

Bob Starr, of Superior, Nebraska, was a guest of John L. Quig and Mrs. Quig last Thursday. Mr. Starr and Mr. Quig were old pals over thirty years ago. They were together at the land opening at El Reno, Okla-

homa, thirty-some years ago.

Harry Jaggers and Mrs. Jaggers returned to O'Neill last week and repurchased the Sandwich Shop of E. J. Pickrel. Mr. Jaggers says that he traveled over 3,000 miles and did not find a place that he cared to invest money in as well as O'Neill, so he came back. Mr. Pickrel returned to Kenebec, S. D.

The case of the Omaha National Bank vs. the defunct First National Bank of Naper, Nebraska, was tried here Wednesday, before Judge Robert R. Dickson. The cases involves two notes given by Hoyt and Son, J. A. Donohoe was the local attorney for the Omaha National Bank; W. T. Wills, of Butte, Nebraska, represented Hoyt and Son; J. H. Davies was the attorney for the Naper bank and J. J. Harrington appeared for John M. Flannigan. Judge Dickson has the case under advisement.

**EMMET ITEMS**

The young people's party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kee Tuesday evening was a real success. A large crowd of young folks from Emmet and surrounding neighborhood gathered for an enjoyable evening; the evening was spent playing games; delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. John Conard and Miss Emma Anspach were married at Neligh, on Friday, May 16th. They drove to Omaha and purchased some new furniture before returning to Emmet. They will live in Grandma Cole's house. Mrs. Cole planned to go to O'Neill to live with her daughter, Mrs. Esther Cole Harris.

Henry Vequist trucked a load of stock to Sioux City the first of the week, returning home Monday night.

The Pleasant Dale school closed Friday; a picnic was held at the school house, where a large crowd gathered, bringing with them all kinds of good things to eat, including several freezers of ice cream and many kinds of cake. After dinner the men played baseball; meanwhile Miss Seger conducted races and games for the children; the winners were given prizes of gum and candy. One game which was particularly enjoyed was jumping for all-day suckers which were tied to a small rope and held up high; a child was blindfolded and had to jump until he caught one. Late in the afternoon the happy crowd departed for home.

A large crowd of both young and old people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Werner, Friday evening, May 15th to help them celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary; the older folks played cards and visited indoors while the young people played games out on the lawn. Refreshments were served and everybody had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee and children, Nayadene and Clinton, of Norfolk, visited with relatives near Atkinson the latter part of the week. They visited at the home of Mrs. Lee's aunts, the Misses Werner, Friday and Saturday; Saturday night they were supper guests at the home of Mrs. Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Albright. They spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Lee's parents near Dustin, returning to Norfolk Sunday evening.

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The county agent, James Rooney, has put in a test plot in one of Fred Beckwith's fields near the river; he has planted twenty different varieties of corn to see which will grow the best in this locality.

Edward Beckwith and son Philip, of Neligh, came Thursday afternoon and visited until Friday with relatives. Thursday evening a crowd of relatives gathered at the Leon Beckwith home and gave Dean a farewell party. Dean drove to Elgin, Saturday and stayed over night with friends. Sunday he pitched a game of baseball at Oakland and won, 10-2; from Oakland he went to Sioux Falls S. D., where he expects to play this summer.

Mrs. Frances Searles and two children drove to the Andrew Johnson home Wednesday where they visited until Thursday. Mrs. Searles' sister Mrs. Tony Lech and baby were also visiting at the Johnson home and plan to stay for some time. Mrs. Ted Fredrich and family came Thursday and visited until Friday afternoon. Mrs. Searles, Mrs. Lech and Mrs. Fredrich are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson.

John Findley and Mrs. Margaret Putnam, of Shenandoah, Iowa, came Friday afternoon for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jennings and other relatives. Mr. Findley plans to stay and help with the chores for a while. Mrs. Putnam is Mrs. Jennings' sister. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Keeney drove up from Norfolk, Saturday night and visited until Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Keeney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seger, and other relatives.

Henry Vequist, son Floyd and Mrs. Mat Cleary and son Clement drove to Atkinson and attended the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday night. Clement and Floyd are both seniors at the Atkinson high school.

Fred Beckwith shipped a carload of cattle to Omaha, Wednesday morning; Mr. Beckwith accompanied the shipment.

District 159 school closed last Wednesday with a program; a very nice lunch was served by the ladies; a good time was enjoyed by all.

**MEEK AND VICINITY**

Mr. and Mrs. George Weldon and Miss Laura Mitchell spent Saturday at the Griffith home.

Mrs. Griffith and Cecil and Raymond Johnson spent Thursday evening at the Oscar Lindburg home.

Orville Lowery trucked corn to Tom Crowe's, at Dorsey, for A. L. Rouse, several days the past week.

Mrs. Emma Blair came from Glenwood, Iowa, Friday for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Spindler.

Some from this vicinity attended the Senior class play at Spencer on Friday evening and pronounce it very good.

Several from this vicinity attended the S. S. convention at Chambers on Monday and report a very interesting program and a large attendance.

Ice was seen in many places around these parts on Wednesday morning and no doubt gardens and what fruit was left, have been badly hurt this time.

The Leonia school closed on Wednesday, May 20th, with a picnic and although the weather was rather cold, a good time was had. Mrs. Ted Seisler was the teacher.

Miss Dorothy Harrison spent the week-end at home; she came down from Atkinson to play with the Atkinson band at the Eighth Grade commencement exercises at the K. C. hall on Friday.

Miss Kissinger closed a very successful term of school in district 208 on Friday but owing to the 8th grade commencement exercises in O'Neill on that day, they postponed their picnic until Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Simonson was laid to rest in the O'Neill cemetery, Monday afternoon. A large crowd of old friends and neighbors attended and all extend their sympathy to the bereaved family, who have lost a wonderful mother.

Several of the boys met at Sam Robertson's Saturday afternoon to try and organize a ball team; there are several who are interested that could not be present Saturday and the boys expect to try again next Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dewitt and son

were calling in this vicinity a few days ago; they were residents in this part of the country for years but are now living in San Francisco, California. Their time here was very short as they only had a three week vacation and as they motored thru, several days were spent on the road.

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