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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The first six weeks of the second semester will end Friday.

Students in the Orientation class are interested at this time in the frontier history of O'Neill. Each class is writing a historical story on the information they have collected about the early frontier and development of this community.

Students who have not been tardy during the first semester are as follows:

Freshmen—La Vern Borg, Lydia Halva, Wayne Bowers, George Dahlsten, Merrill Hicks, Bonnie Kurtz, Donald Lowery, Eileen Robertson, Gertrude Worford, Edward Young.

Sophomores—Bob Allendorfer, Delores Bachman, Ralph Brown, Alexander Chimel, Howard Graves, Davene Loy, Frank Pettijohn, Betty Puckett, Alice Whaley.

Juniors—Robert Clift, Woodrow Melena, Lucille Penland, Roxanna Mae Puckett, Wanda Spangler, Mary Welsh.

Seniors—Robert Bergstrom, Cleo Crabb, Eleonora Bredehoff, Eugene Donohoe, Leroy Grandorff, Lois Lindberg, Melvin Lorenz, Elmeta Mesner, Vernon Spangler, Max Wolfe, Maxine Barnes.

Post Graduate—Margaret Pruss. The library class has now completed its study of classification numbers and author numbers for books. The next unit of study is on the card catalogue.

The Rural Sociology class has been discussing the rural adjustment problems of migration from the farm, and health.

Six week's examinations are being given in all English classes.

Interesting book reviews are being given by students of American Literature. This is a part of the required work of each student.

Elizabeth Graves and Hugh McKenna have been chosen as the best clerks in the Public Speaking class. After examining overalls, lubricating oil, an eversharp pencil, vaccine and shells, each member chose one article and gave information which would help to sell it to the customer.

"Sylvia" by Oley Speaks, and "The Big Brown Bear" by Mana Zucca, are the contest numbers on which the Girls Glee club are working.

The Pep Squad play, "Where's Grandma?" scheduled to show this Thursday in the O'Neill high school auditorium, has been postponed until Monday, Feb. 28. This promises to be a good play. The members of the cast are: Grandma, Nadine Kilpartick; Grethen Blake, Maxine Barnes; Bob Blake, Virgil Johnson; Jack Worley, Joe Curran; Lucy King, Martha Switzer; Arline Trusdale, Margie Wyant; Carol Worley, Maybelle Osenbaugh; Midnight, Leonard Young; Dahlia, Gloria Warner. This play is being staged to defray the expenses of the girl's Pep club to attend out of town basketball games.

The typing students are addressing envelopes and folding business letters for mailing.

In bookkeeping the class is working on beginning and closing merchandise inventories, handling merchandise discount on purchases and sales. The profit and loss statement is getting a little complicated.

Eleonora Bredehoff, a senior commercial, is doing secretarial work at Downey's studio after school.

An electric recording of "Stradella Overture" was received by Mr. Durham and the Band members are checking up their passages and mistakes by hearing it played by a real band.

The shop classes are studying the effect shut metal plays on transportation and building—the uses of the harder and softer shut metals—the short history of tin possibilities and uses of tin, both in its pure state and amalgams.

The orchestra at St. Mary's academy, conducted by Mr. Durham of the high school, just received a set of new orchestra books and are enjoying a large collection of new pieces.

The Band Benefit show held at the Royal Theater was very well

attended considering the night. The show was a very clever comedy and was appreciated by all who attended. The Band wishes to thank the people who attended.

Robert Yantzi just completed a project of a series of booth cost racks which he installed in the Johnson drug store.

Junior Harris is reconditioning some dining room chairs which came in to the shop over the weekend for repairs.

The Art class students are copying free hand crayon work using the charcoal pencil for only black and white effects.

The band has started their evening rehearsals. The regular nights will be Tuesday and Thursday. This will only be changed when conflicts occur at the building. Students report for rehearsal at seven and will leave the building at eight.

Junior Toy has quite a caravan of camels. One of the small ones does quite a bit of wandering around at times, but with diligent training he might be made to keep to the straight and narrow path. Ask Junior.

The Band is giving another benefit show at the Royal theater on March 8, "Breakfast for Two." You will be visited by band members selling tickets.

Grade School Notes

Washington's birthday was observed in the various rooms this week. A visit to each room showed a variety of interesting pictures and clippings on display. Many of these were brought in by the students. Decorations carried out the patriotic feeling which this month suggests. The activities of the classroom were correlated with Washington's birthday also. The First grade students are learning the flag salute to show their love for their country.

In the Third grade a Washington stamp picture was put on the best spelling paper. These spelling papers were very special ones as they were the first to be written with ink.

Silhouette plaques of Washington and Lincoln were made in the Fifth grade.

For opening exercises in the Seventh grade each student contributed something of interest on Washington. Mr. Carroll, who was visiting in the room at that time told many interesting things about Mt. Vernon. He had been there so was able to give some first hand information.

The First grade pupils are glad to have Patricia Bruensback in school again.

The pupils of the Third grade are studying plants from which clothes are made. Stories of cotton, linen, silk and rubber are proving of interest as well as pictures and stories of people who produce these things. A silk cocoon, obtained from the Real Silk mills, is of great interest to the class.

The Fourth grade has been discussing the harmful effects of tea and coffee. The large milk bottle on the board contains the names of those who drink milk each day.

Penmanship is being practiced daily. Our goal—To earn a Palmer Method pin.

Vincent Cunningham and Marvin Rieken of the Fifth grade made models of flat boats of the type used in early river traffic before Fulton invented the steamboat.

The study of the Hawaiian Islands shows them to be a great producer of pineapples. According to Beverly Matthews this is the best thing to remember about them.

The Sixth graders have set their goal in English to master the parts of speech. They have completed the study of Europe, and Africa will be the next unit to be studied.

Basket weaving is an interesting part of the Art period in the Sixth grade.

The Seventh grade has shifted the emphasis from China to Japan this week. After completing the study of both countries they will try to arrive at some conclusions concerning the struggle between these two countries.

Insurance is the topic for study in Arithmetic this week. If their knowledge of insurance is an indication, the Seventh grade certainly has some promising material for the future of the insurance business.

Wednesday evening of last week the Eighth Grade club held a party in the gymnasium. All members were present. The time passed very quickly and pleasantly in carrying out a well planned program of entertainment. Credit goes to the refreshment committee for preparing more food than it was possible to consume.

The cold weather last week sent our perfect attendance down to eight.

Reading class will finish the study of Evangeline this week.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

The volatile and energetic Terry Carpenter provided the political sensation of the month in democratic circles. Terry means to go for governor. Along with Mayor Butler of Omaha, Terry recently engaged in gestures of abnegation, intimating that Governor Cochran would not be opposed for a third term. Mayor Butler stands pat; Carpenter is off the reservation. He will carry the old age pension banner.

Friends of Governor Cochran expect that his filing for the democratic gubernatorial nomination will be made at an early date. So far all the close Cochran advisers disclaim any first hand information and they will not be quoted. They do not conceal signs of their hopes and expectations. The advent of Samuel Freeman of Jefferson county into the situation has not attracted much attention.

Charley Bryan is one of the busiest men in the state. Into his Lincoln office men prominent in both parties come and go. Mr. Bryan, so far, has said little. His lieutenants are doing much. Such redoubtable politicians as Ed Luikart and Cecil Matthews are in the game. Straw polls are drifting in. While the Bryan advisers will make no statement for publication there are signs of elation. Veteran democrats suspect that Mr. Bryan has a rabbit or worse yet—several rabbits—in the political headgear. Homestead exemption is Mr. Bryan's major issue.

The verdict of guilty in the embezzlement case brought against Lieutenant Governor Jurgensen will undoubtedly bring several candidates into the race for that position. Ed McKim of Omaha, got into the game several months ago and filed for the democratic nomination.

Before the trial, Mr. Jurgensen expressed intention of filing in order to test public opinion. His attorneys expected acquittal. Since the trial the lieutenant governor has not made any statement as to his intentions and there are several ambitious democrats feeling out public sentiment.

Approval of \$550,803.32 in state and federal funds for allotments to counties for February assistance payments has been announced by the state board of control. Of this amount \$10,779.81 was marked for assistance to the blind; \$107,812.29 for aid to dependent children; and \$442,216.21 for old age assistance.

Frank B. O'Connell, secretary of the Nebraska game commission, will preside at a general sportsmen's meeting to be held in the city auditorium at Columbus March 6. The chambers of commerce of Columbus and Grand Island are co-operating in promoting the conference in the hope of obtaining concerted action by state sportsmen in asking for an open season in 1938 satisfactory to the majority of state hunters of waterfowl.

Since the refusal of the heirs of the Freeman estate to accept the offer of the government of \$11,000 for the Gage county land comprising the Daniel Freeman homestead, the first homestead in the United States, it seems likely that the department of justice will institute condemnation proceedings in order to acquire the land for a national park. A request for such action has been made of the department of justice by Secretary Ickes of the department of the interior.

Leo Swanson, capitol custodian, has granted permission for the cutting of a new door thru the west wall of the south corridor on the ground floor of the state capitol, thru marble wainscoting, providing that the expense is paid out of state highway funds. The door will give the state automobile drivers' registration bureau direct access into the room used by the highway department for its statistical and bookkeeping machines.

A total of 47,880 sacks of potatoes has been bought in Nebraska since Jan. 1, by the federal surplus commodities corporation, mostly from the region about Scottsbluff and in Custer county. The potatoes are shipped to key points and are distributed as surplus commodities to the county relief agencies of the state.

Gasoline tax collections are declining in Nebraska, according to State Treasurer Walter H. Jensen. He says that he believes that motorists are buying all the gasoline they can in other states, because surrounding states have lower rates. The total received from gasoline tax collections in January

was \$789,665, as compared with \$870,961 a year ago.

Nebraskans are to vote this fall on an amendment to the state constitution which, if carried, will do away with double liability on stock-ownership in state banks.

Forrest B. Spaulding of Des Moines, Ia., who has been conducting a survey of the Lincoln City Library under the direction of the American Library association, has reported to the Lincoln city council that the library has reached a size that demands a well functioning organization, rather than a one-man type of management.

A capable administrator, trained in an accredited library school and experienced in modern methods, must carry on from this point, he declares. He recommends that Miss Lulu Horne, whose work as librarian for the last 28 years he commends, be granted a leave of absence at full pay from now until Sept. 1, and that Magnus K. Kristofferson, who has been assistant librarian since 1937, be appointed librarian. Recommendation is made that Miss Horne, on her return on Sept. 1, be employed as librarian emeritus at a reduced salary, and that this arrangement should continue until she "can voluntarily retire with financial security for her future." Dr. Spaulding emphasizes the fact that the Lincoln city li-

brary owes Miss Horne more than it can ever pay, and urges that the community do her honor with fitting ceremonies when the time comes for her retirement. Mr. Kristofferson, who was for three years head of one of 27 central libraries in Denmark, since 1929 was head of one of the larger branch libraries at Detroit, Mich., and came to Lincoln from Detroit.

Dr. P. H. Bartholomew, state health director, has announced the resignation of Dr. J. Warren Bell, who came to Lincoln from New York about a year and a half ago to take charge as head of the Nebraska maternal and health program, a branch of the state health department supported by the federal matching plan. Dr. Bartholomew says that he himself will direct the maternal and child health program, assisted, part time, by Dr. E. W. Hancock, diagnostician for the crippled children.

Captain R. F. Weller, director of the state highway patrol, states in reply to a question of the authority of H. D. Robinson, state highway patrolman, to arrest the Les-hara bank robber, that the patrolman was entirely within the scope of his duty and says in addition, "We believe it is illegal for a person to use highways to escape from a major crime; but particularly, in

this instance, the robber was driving recklessly, had wrecked his car and was fleeing from the scene of the accident. Besides, the patrolman had every reason to believe that the robber was driving a stolen car."

The Federal Deposit Insurance corporation has taken charge of the Farmers' Security bank of May-wood which closed last week. State Banking Director Ben N. Saunders says that he has not been informed as to whether the liquidation of the assets of the bank will be handled by the Federal corporation or by the state banking department.

That dust storms are a part of a normal cycle that is now drawing to a close is the encouraging belief of Dr. A. F. Lugin, geologist at the University of Nebraska. He affirms that Nebraska is not entering another dust era. He states that a slow increase in soil moisture since 1935 is responsible, and he points out that recent dust storms were aggravated by harmful farming practices, most of which are now rectified.

The cost of operating the state board of cosmetology was less during the year 1937 than during 1935 by \$5,113, according to a report made to Governor Cochran by State Accountant W. H. Pan-

sing. The saving was made by combining type operation of the board of cosmetology under the direction of Mrs. Clark Perkins, chief of the bureau of examining boards.

Governor Cochran and State Engineer Tilley have been urged to take steps toward completion of the Oregon Trail highway west from Gering to the Wyoming line by a resolution signed by about one hundred men representing towns and farms on the south side of the North Platte river from Bridgeport west in Nebraska and to Yoder in Wyoming. A link of about 67 miles is needed, from Gering, Nebr., to Wheatland, Wyo.

State Entomologist O. S. Bare, at a conference at Wayne last (Continued on page 5, column 4.)

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