

**Over the County**

**EMMET ITEMS**

Chas. Luben and son, Donald made a business trip to Clearwater, Nebraska, Monday.

The Holt County Ministerial meeting was held at the Methodist Church, Monday. Dinner was served by the Ladies Aid. A large crowd attended the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson were dinner guests at the Geo. Pongratz home Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Little and daughter, Beverly, of Wausa, Nebraska, left for home Wednesday after visiting a short time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McConnell.

The Epworth League held a Valentine's party at the Robt. Fox home Friday night. Games were played. A delicious lunch of ice cream and cake was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Maines and daughters visited relatives at Stuart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Oleson and daughter, Norine, of Wayne, visited at the John Conrad home over the week-end.

Merlin Luben, of Clearwater, came Saturday morning to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Luben over the week-end.

The Emmet Bridge club held a party at the John Bonenberger home Thursday evening. High score was won by Mrs. Guy Cole, low by Mrs. P. W. McGinnis, traveling by Mrs. Jess Wills and cut by Mrs. W. P. Dailey. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. John Lowery, Mrs. Chas. Luben, Mrs. Cal Tenborg and Mrs. George Lewis were guests at the home of Mrs. Henry Kloppenborg Tuesday to help quilt.

The South Side Improvement club held an afternoon meeting at the home of Mrs. Robt. Fox on Thurs., Feb. 9. As there was no lesson a short business session was held. Mrs. P. W. McGinnis was elected news reporter to take the place of Mrs. C. W. Luben. The next meeting will be held May 8, at the home of Mrs. Clyde Hershisser. The afternoon was spent in games and visiting. After which a delicious lunch of ice cream and cake was served by the hostesses Mrs. Walter Puckett and Mrs. Bert Gaffney. An enjoyable time was reported by all.

Rev. Packan, of Long Pine, Nebraska, was a guest of Rev. Green Sunday evening. Rev. Packan showed colorful slide pictures of the Passion Play during the church services Sunday night.

Clyde Allan went to Omaha Sunday to attend a Phillips 66 meeting held there. He returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foreman and children visited friends in Inman Sunday.

**EMMET METHODIST CHURCH**

Warren L. Green, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.  
Pastor's theme, "A Gospel of Importance."

Due to the Epworth League Institute which is being held in O'Neill on Sunday afternoon, and evening, there will be no evening services this Sunday.

Choir practice at the Claude Bates home on Friday evening at 7:30 p. m.

We welcome you to worship with us.

**INMAN NEWS**

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the "Money management" meeting sponsored by the State Agricultural Department at the assembly room of the court house at O'Neill Saturday afternoon.

Miss Fern Morrison, of Newport, spent the week-end here with friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coventry on Tuesday, February 14, a baby boy. Mother and son are getting along nicely.

Rev. E. B. Maxey and John Anspach were Emmet visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Britzell, of Chambers, visited here among relatives Sunday.

John J. Hancock arrived here from Casper, Wyo., Saturday night for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Hancock. From here he went to Cheyenne, Wyo., where he has accepted an appointment as secretary of the state public service commission. Mr. Hancock enters his new duties February 16. This is a four year appointment.

Miss Gladys Hancock entertained 37 relatives and friends at her home Sunday afternoon in honor of her mother, Mrs. Mary M. Hancock. The occasion being her 80th birthday. Five of her six children,

three sons and two daughters were here to celebrate the occasion with her. One daughter, Mrs. O. A. Bowen, of Waycross, Georgia, was unable to come. After an afternoon of visiting, a buffet supper was served. Cut flowers and a huge birthday cake decorated the table. Mrs. Hancock has been a long resident of Inman, having come here with her husband and two older children in April, 1884. Mrs. Hancock is very active for one of her years and enjoys fair health. However, because of failing eye sight she does not read or sew. Mrs. Hancock's hobby is fishing and she believes she is the oldest woman in the state to buy a fishing license. She fished many times last summer catching catfish, bass and other game fish and is looking forward to enjoying the sport this summer. She is also very interested in current affairs, political, etc. Those present to celebrate her birthday with her were Atty. John J. Hancock, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hancock and sons, Robert, Wayne and Marlin, of Tekamah, Nebraska; Judge and Mrs. C. J. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edmund Hancock and daughters, Barbara and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock and sons, Warren and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hull and sons, Donald and Galen and daughters, Lois and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Kline and son, "Skipper" and daughter, Virginia, all of O'Neill; Miss Florence Malone, of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Spaw and son, Roger, of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cone, of Page and H. Elwin Smith, of Inman.

**MEEK AND VICINITY**

Mr. and Mrs. George Bay were guests at the Albert Kaczor home on Tuesday.

Several pieces of land was sold last week. The place known as the Crawford place, over near the Niobrara river was bought by Oscar Weatherwax and the old Crandall place was sold to Nelson Bros., from Boyd county. Both places belonged to the John Crandall estate. It is reported that the Chas. Richter place, over in the Scottville community, was sold to George Fox recently.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hubby were dinner guests at the Eric Borg home on Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubby, Mrs. Howard Rouge and sons spent the afternoon there.

The Ralph Young family were guests at the Walter Young home on Sunday, the occasion being in honor of Clark Young's 80th birthday. Mr. Young is in fairly good health for one of his age. We wish him many more happy birthdays.

Charles Stevens drove a truck up from Archer to help William Hubby move down there.

Mrs. Frank Griffith has been in O'Neill for several days under the Doctors care.

Harry Fox returned home the first of the week from a visit in Iowa.

Only one coyote was killed in the hunt last Sunday. Another hunt is planned for next Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Borg entertained her Sunday School class at her home last Saturday evening.

**PLEASANT DALE**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz have moved to a farm near Inman.

Miss Florence Winkler is helping her aunt, Mrs. John Shald with her work for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beckwith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson and family, of O'Neill, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Johnson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Winkler and son, Charles and daughter, Leona, Mrs. Cal Tenborg and Mary Ellen Shaaf drove to Stuart Wednesday to attend the miscellaneous shower given in honor of Miss Tillie Weber at the John Shald home. Miss Weber received many beautiful and useful gifts. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. Miss Weber is a sister of Mrs. Joe Winkler.

**EYES**



**MR. MERCHANT**  
The EYES OF THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE ON YOUR AD— IF IT HAD BEEN SUGARED IN THIS ISSUE

Raymond Vequist returned to Los Angeles, Cal., where he has employment. Raymond has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vequist the past four weeks. The Troy Howard family have been quite ill with the flu.

**In Remembrance**

To commemorate the birth of the Father of our Country, George Washington, we would best remember him by what he did for this nation, and to review what this nation means to us. George Washington fought for the independence and the freedom of this country. He saw our need for liberty and the demand of the people to stand upon their own two feet, to govern themselves and abide by the laws made by themselves, to declare their own taxation, to elect to office those men they chose. We who live in America today have only our historians to tell us of the struggle and victory of this country against the forces working against it. We are enjoying the fruits of it. There are many events in present affairs when we feel that today our problem is more serious than ever before, that the struggle has never been more severe. How can any man, brought up in a system of public schools where instruction and school books are free, a nation where his religion is not restricted, where freedom of the press, of thought and of speech is not being stifled by force and fanatics, how can any man be anything but appreciative of the blessings visited upon Americans?

We trace back to the time of Washington for our original declaration of an independent nation. We honor his birthday with a reminder of our good fortune to be citizens under this flag. We would like to feel that every one thought the same as we do upon this subject. But what about a man saying, "What this country needs is a Hitler?" Such a remark caused another man to reply, "I was born and raised in another country. I can still remember. Americans do not realize. They should appreciate and be very grateful for this country."

To the men of 1776 we pledge ourselves to uphold those things for which they fought, and to make proud the heart of the Father of this Country, by being no ism but Americanism.

**METHODIST CHURCH NOTES**

V. C. Wright, Pastor  
Sunday school 10:00 a. m., H. B. Burch, superintendent.

Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Special music by the choir and sermon by the Superintendent of the Norfolk District, the Rev. William A. Albright.

In the afternoon will be the North-West Sub-District Institute with delegates from Emmet, In-

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Program:  
2:00 Registration.  
2:30 Opening devotionals, Speaker, Rev. W. A. Albright.  
3:00 Quest Group Meetings.  
1 "The Bible for such Times as These," Leader Rev. W. A. Albright.  
2 "Methodism Before and After Unification," Leader Rev. C. T. Hawes.  
4:00 Recreational Period, Leader Orville Green.  
4:45 Quest Group Meetings.  
5:45 Assembly Period and Business session.  
6:30 Covered dish dinner.  
7:30 Epworth League meeting, Leader Supt. F. E. Alder.  
8:30 Closing Devotional Service, Leader Rev. C. T. Hawes.  
The Rev. Leo Carpenter, Page, Dean, the Rev. V. C. Wright, O'Neill, Manager.

**Taxes Increase Rapidly Under the New Deal**

The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and subsidiaries at the end of 1938 owned and operated 821,000 telephones in the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. There was a net gain of 20,459 telephones, or about 2.5 per cent, during the year. Calls averaged 5,000,000 daily. Of this daily average, about 100,000 were long distance calls.

These figures are from the annual report of the board of directors of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company announced by President A. A. Lowman at the annual meeting of the company February 9. The figures include those of the Tri-State Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Dakota Central Telephone Company, subsidiaries of the Northwestern Bell Company.

The report declares that the dependability of telephone service steadily improved, but earnings for 1938, as for 1937, were unsatisfactory. There have been such increases in taxes and wage levels the last few years that even if the volume of their business today were equal to that preceding the depression, these companies still would not be on a satisfactory earning basis. Taxes assignable to

operations of the Northwestern Bell Company and its subsidiaries for the year 1938 amounted to \$5,228,965. This was an increase of more than 30 per cent as compared with 1936 and an increase of 57 per cent as compared with 1935.

**Billboard Beautiful**

This paper has taken a stand, for a long time, against unsightly signs, the ugly billboards that dot the highways and obstruct the view of scenic spots. Nature scarcely needs the addition of advertised coffee, cars and cafeterias, to enhance its beauty. How many times have O'Neill residents been riding along a highway remarking about the loveliness of some roadside picture, when up pops a billboard to hide and mar it, but which informs you fully of the merits of a varnish or liver pills. The public has put up with increased billboards and until recently have suffered with little direct action. However, billboard advertisers realized the feeling and signs were removed from residential sections in many cases, and billboards were planned to be more attractive. But can a billboard ever be beautiful? Many states say no, and follow this up with laws regulating the erection of outdoor advertising. We have written before of many a summer Sunday ride spoiled by too many signs. Vermont and Virginia, and now New York, have their laws controlling the problem. A prominent Florida city had a recent con-

troversy regarding the placing of a prominent sign which was an eye-sore to the citizens who prided themselves on the beauty of their city. So the movement grows and will probably spread to other states. The nation is becoming more conscious of its roadside beauty and are anxious to make national highways attractive. It was Ogden Nash who cleverly put it in his "Song of the Open Road."  
"I think that I shall never see  
A billboard lovely as a tree  
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,  
I'll never see a tree at all."

All churches are invited to join in the World's Day of Prayer at the Presbyterian Church at 8 p. m., on Good Friday, February 24.

**CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY**

Change in train schedules effective Sunday, February 19. For full particulars see Agent. 40-1

And what will be the outcome of the discussions in O'Neill concerning farm relief? When all is said and done, it still takes money to lift the mortgage on the old farmstead.

In being caught between the displeasure of the Hebrews and the Arabs in the Palestine controversy, John Bull can now sympathize with the politician who promised too many things to too many people before the election.

**COUNCIL OAK STORES**  
YOUR FRIEND AT MEALTIME

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, FEBR. 17 and 18

**Men Enjoy Shopping At Council Oak**

Before the advent of Council Oak men considered food shopping as a housewife's job exclusively. Today men enjoy exploring a well stocked Council Oak Store in quest of some favorite food that hasn't appeared on the home menu recently. For this sale we have some seasonable specials of particular interest to men folks.

**Fresh Pork Roast** Pound 14c & 13c  
A popular mid-winter combination is a nice pork roast, baked apples and Superb Pumpkin pie.

**RING LIVER SAUSAGE** Pound 12½c  
**FRESH PIGS FEET** 4 Pounds 15c  
**BONELESS PORK STEAK** Pound 18c

**Beef Roasts** Pound 18c and 16c  
Satisfaction is assured when the Sunday Roast is bought at Council Oak. In the choice assortment on display is a roast that meets your exact requirements.

Red Pitted  
**Michigan Cherries 2 No. 2 Cans 25c**  
Established custom decrees a delicious cherry pie for Washington's Birthday next Wed., February 22.

Farmer Jones  
**Pure Sorghum** 5-lb. Pail 39c 10-lb. Pail 69c  
Ginger Bread, Ginger Cookies, Boston Brown Bread, Pumpkin Pie and Baked Beans have an unforgettable flavor when made with Farmer Jones Sorghum.

**White Loaf "The Thirsty Flour"** ¼ Barrel Bag \$1.19  
A guaranteed "all purpose" flour. Actually a low cost flour when you consider that it produces more light, white loaves per bag.

**PANTRY PRIDE FLOUR** 48-Lb. Bag 89c  
Superb Whole Kernel  
**Golden Bantam Corn** No. 2 Can 10c  
You take little interest in just ordinary corn when the finest Golden Bantam packed in the full No. 2 can may be purchased at our week-end price.

**Swedish Mints** Pound Bag 15c  
A large pure sugar drop. Mint flavored. A popular after dinner confection. Nice to serve at bridge parties.

Natural Pack  
**Pulled Figs** 2-6 oz. Pkgs. 17c Big 12-oz. Pkg. 15c  
At last, a fancy, natural pack pulled fig that actually tastes as good as it looks. A healthful Lenten delicacy.

"Always Fresh"  
**Council Oak Bread** White or Wheat 16-oz. Loaf 06c 1½ Lb. or 24-oz. Loaf White Bread 09c

Sale Special  
**Salada Tea** ½ Lb. Black 32c ½ Lb. Green 30c  
Salada has world wide recognition as a tea of quality. A refreshing cold weather drink.

**Red Bag Coffee** Pound 15c 3 Pound Bag 43c  
Coffee with a rich, smooth flavor at a popular price. Sold only in the whole berry and ground fresh when sold.

**Red Heart Dog Food 3 Cans 25c**  
This nationally known dog food can be had in beef, cheese and fish diet for a varied menu for dogs and cats.

**Waxtex** 2-40 Foot Rolls 13c 2-125 Foot Rolls 33c  
Heavy waxed paper with cutter for the protection of perishable foods and for lining baking dishes.

Haskin's Bros. Co.  
**White Lily Soap 7 Bars For 22c**  
A quality bar of white laundry soap that was first made in 1887. Try 7 bars at our special price for this sale.

**Texas Grapefruit** Large size, Doz 33c  
**Oranges** California Navels, Doz. 17c  
**Bleached Celery** Jumbo Stalk 10c

**Saturday & Sunday SPECIALS**

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| <b>LARD</b><br>In carton, 2 lbs. 19c | <b>MILK</b><br>Armour's, per can 06c  |
| <b>COFFEE</b><br>Folger's, 1 lb. 27c | <b>COFFEE</b><br>Butternut, 1 lb. 28c |
| <b>MILK</b><br>Per qt. 06c           | <b>CREAM</b><br>½ Pint 08c            |
| <b>SUGAR</b><br>10 lb cloth bag 50c  | <b>CRACKERS</b><br>2 lb. box 13c      |

**COFFEE** Paxton Gas Roasted 1 lb. Jar 25c

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