

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

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The national debt hasn't quite caught up with the cigarette, 243 billion of which curled a cloud of incense over Yankee-land in 1944.

Amelia is on the map. Kansas citizens, Lincoln citizens and others from far and near have learned that they can buy soap in the metropolis of Wyoming township.

Pioneering recorded its tragedies. Two brothers, the Biglows, were digging a well on their claim out from Atkinson in 1881 when they were caught in a cave-in. After three and a half days of digging by settlers and help from a railroad grading crew the bodies of the men were recovered.

Clusters of snowballs on prairie ferns (and don't spell it farms) are now at their best. Delicate bluebells are falling from the parent stalk. Bees, bugs, nature's little folk, have caught the fragrance of prairie roses and marred the beauty. Dandelions, that provoke much needless worry when spring comes around, have disappeared from the picture. A ball of silk sways on top of an early July native plant. Yellow, blue, pink floral bloom add color to the green freshness as summer's dead heat settles on the prairie land.

The roll of the snare drums, the sweeping blasts of the horns—everybody cocks an ear and takes notice. A church, a school, a band are the first organizations of a pioneer community. The first band master in Atkinson was Robert Newton White, a band leader in the Union Army in the 60's, living out on Ash creek. Jim Davis played the tuba, John Nightingale tenor, Nicholas O'Connell E flat cornet, M. Schaffer flute, William Wheeler and Al Miller horns with Bob Lumsden beating the drum. Thus pioneer society in Atkinson got a musical start from one of the first bands in the county.

The centuries had rolled on, time merged into the year 893 B. C. Then as now the ear caught the sinister tread of marching armies. A group of the enemy with spears and shields were taken prisoners. The King into whose hands they had fallen, at the suggestion of his chief cabinet officer, set a big feed before the captives, then let them go unharmed. And we read that the bands of the enemy "came no more into the land of Israel." Wonder how that would work in 1945 A. D. A picture of our stretcher bearers ministering to a wounded Jap tells its own story. In the consciousness of a Yankee the milk of human kindness courses warm in sympathy over the suffering of even an enemy.

Another county clerk, the fourth since the last county election to that office. Miss Hoffman is a charming and capable young lady from one of the finest families in Holt county. Congratulations are extended our county clerk and the Board of Supervisors in making a choice. The retirement of Mr. Zink, occasioned mutual regrets. During his short period of service he made friends with everybody and dropped official duties only because of professional advice which he may find was not too reliable. An optometrist advised me to quit and I kept on some years, experiencing no optical deterioration during the period. Scientific knowledge is based on the rule of experience and it is said the exceptions prove the rule.

A reminder of the Indian ghost dances of fifty odd years ago comes out of Old Mexico. At that time Chief Sitting Bull of the Sioux was enthralled by the polestar of hope in the coming of the Red Man's Messiah and was instrumental in getting his tribe up on the Pine Ridge into

the disastrous battle of Wounded Knee. A descendant of the Incas down in old Mexico, with something of the colorful fanfare of his ancestors, proclaims the consummation of the Messianic promise in 1946, this time not merely for the red man but the first appearance to be in Mexico. St. Matthew recorded something on the subject. "Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert, go not forth; behold, He is in the secret chamber, believe it not. . . . For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west, so also shall the coming of the Son of man be."

Food shortage is more or less imaginary but such as it is a Washingtonian marks it down as a "very minor tragedy," belaboring the press through the Evening Star. "A congressional committee," he writes, "reports that there will be a little less sugar. Fine! That'll be good news in the home offices of life insurance companies, where the underwriters have been in a dither over the steady increase of diabetes. There is an overall shortage of twelve per cent in meat. So what? Just north of town there is a flourishing religious community of several thousand individuals who never in their lives have let a morsel of meat pass their lips. Incidentally, they conduct a thriving sanitarium to which yearly severals of us meat eaters retreat and embrace their religion long enough to get our digestive systems back into kilter. So I protest, gentlemen, you are allowing snivelers to tempt you into accentuating the negative when it comes to food."

Will Meals, down in Cuba, tells this story of an early day wedding following the career of the one, who performed the ceremony rather than the principals in the affair.

And now Aunt Lucie was being married. The ceremony was performed by enormously tall Judge Kinkaid. Uncle Charles (Charles Matheson, the groom from California) handed him a \$10 fee, which, in fine liberality, he said could be given us children. Moses P. Kinkaid was later for many years in Washington as congressman and leader of the farm block, and lately in Botkin's "Treasury of American Folklore" I found verses, to the tune of Maryland, My Maryland, praising and thanking him for the laws he had enacted in settlers' behalf. Even in these old days he must have been an awesome figure. One Friday afternoon our fourth grade class had an informal hour, in which Miss Welsh asked, or permitted to be asked, riddles and conundrums. We were permitted to tell anything which had stuck in our minds. She asked, "What two kings reign over this country?" The reply was to be, "Soaking (in the Old Soak sense) and smoking." But Tommy Tierney was eager with his own answer, "Kinkaid 'n God," in pious brogue.

If any would like to know about the bride, "Aunt Lucie," she is living the life of a widow of affluence in Los Angeles.

From a comprehensive news letter containing much information pertaining to public library service throughout the state, compiled by Miss Clara B. Johnson, executive secretary of the State Library Commission, I take three paragraphs of interest to this community:

Spencer: Proceeds from a High School benefit basketball game were used to purchase some new books for the public library. O'Neill: The Grattan Township Library has employed Miss Elizabeth Latta, of Omaha, to catalog the book collection. Miss Mary McLaughlin, librarian, will assist in the work.

Atkinson: A local club has set in action a plan to secure funds for a War Memorial library building for the township library in Atkinson. A board of trustees has been appointed to handle all contributions. Substantial initial donations have already been received with \$5,000.00 as a first goal.

Holt County A Place of Plenty

After something like a forty-mile ride through the grass lands to the south—which are a dream of lush green, fat cattle, good homes and nice people—the writer was extended the further courtesy of a pre-sunset ride to the north where are other good homes and nice people, touching the gulches of the Eagle. L. G. Gillespie was going that way last evening on business and I hopped in. I have been out that way when prairie and field were burnt brown as a berry in July and was amazed to see the endless miles of waving grain up along the "Asimus Bros. Road," grain now ripening for the harvest. Crop growers all the way across the table flats to the banks in the smiles of kind Providence as to material things and nature's lavish adornment. It was this lavish adornment that lured the first settlers' to its friendly bosom.

Draft Board Office Establishes New Hours

The Holt County Local Board Office in the Courthouse at O'Neill, Nebraska, effective July 1st, 1945, will be open from 8:30 a. m., to 12:00 noon; 1:00 p. m., to 5:30 p. m., on Monday through Friday each week; on Saturday from 8:30 a. m., to 12:30 p. m., only.

D. C. SCHAFFER, Chairman,
Holt County Local Board.

Holt County Boys Inducted During July

Registrants to be inducted during the month of July:

- O'Neill
- Jean L. Rummel
- George S. Layh, Jr.
- Atkinson
- Gordon A. Smith

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00. Rev. Irving T. Raab will officiate. Sermon subject, God Our Father. At the close of the service there will be a business meeting of the congregation. All members are requested to attend.

Passenger Tire Quotas Increased For District

The July passenger tire quota for the 29 counties in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota which are under the Sioux City O. P. A. District, has been increased by 1,694, according to M. E. Rawlings Sioux City O. P. A. Director.

The June quota for this District, in which there are 118,320 registered passenger cars, was 7,873 while that for July has been set at 9,567.

However, Mr. Rawlings said, this increase does not mean that all new applicants will receive tires as most of the War Price and Rationing Boards have a backlog of applications which must be filled first. He urged all motorists to take proper care of their tires and recap before tires are beyond repair.

Truck tire quotas, size 7.50 or smaller, and size 8.25 and larger, were slightly increased, while the quota for size 7.50 or smaller tractor tires was reduced.

The legislature, in session the past winter, appropriated \$39,000.00 to maintain the Nebraska Public Library Commission work during the biennium. Down in North Carolina they went at it a little stronger, appropriating \$350,000.00 for state library work. Our state library has access to a million volumes that are for the use of any citizen of the state who sends to the Library Commission for a book.

Holt County Couple Married In Texas

CARPENTER-STEVENS
The marriage of Marian Lois Carpenter, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter of Chambers, to Pfc. Dean V. Stevens, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stevens, of Atkinson, took place on June 29th. The double ring ceremony was performed at 5 o'clock at the Memorial Baptist Church at Temple, Texas, by Rev. Shaw, in the presence of Mrs. Shaw.

The bride wore an aqua summer suit with white accessories and carried a corsage of white gardenias. The matron of honor, Mrs. Howard J. Garling of Columbus, Ohio, wore a teal blue suit with white accessories and carried a corsage of red roses. Pfc. Grant I. Decker, of Washington, Indiana, served as best man. Both the groom and best man wore their army uniforms.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party and two friends, Mrs. Johnny Hall, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Emery Adams, of Kirksville, Mo., had a six o'clock dinner at Barton's Cafe in Temple.

Mrs. Stevens is a graduate of the Chambers High school with the class of 1942. She attended Wayne State Teachers' College one year and taught two terms of school in the Chambers community. She left for Temple, Texas, in May to be near her fiancée, who was in the hospital there.

Pfc. Dean Stevens entered the Atkinson Schools, entering the armed service in 1941. He was stationed in the states with the Third Armored Division until September of 1943, when he left for overseas. He was wounded in action in September, 1944, but recovered and went back only to receive another and more severe wound. He returned to the United States in March, 1945, and has been in the McClosky General Hospital at Temple, Texas, since then.

The young couple will make their home in Temple until Pfc. Stevens is able to return to civil life. Their many friends extend their best wishes for their happiness.

Is There Oil Along The Niobrara River?

On last Thursday we were informed that on Monday drilling of an oil well, on the Malloy place about one mile east of the Niobrara river bridge, south of Spencer, would be started. Our informant is one of the men interested in the drilling of the well.

According to this gentleman the work will be in charge of Joe Polensky, of Vermillion, S. D., who has had considerable experience in this line of work. He has employed W. E. Erwin, of Canton, Kansas, a driller of many years experience to do the drilling, which will be under the supervision of Mr. Polensky. Material for the work is said to be on the way and would arrive at the drilling point Saturday last, according to our informant, and they expect to rush the work through.

Our informant, who claims to be something of a geologist, is confident that oil will be found there. In fact he is so confident that he and associates have leased considerable land in that section and if they find oil they will all be in clover. Well, here's wishing them success.

CHRIST LUTHERAN

Missouri Synod
Sunday, July 15.
Morning Worship 10:00 a. m.
Text of Sermon, Romans, 6, 19-23. "Not Slaves of Sin, but Slaves to Righteousness."
Sunday School, 11:00 a. m.
R. W. Koepf, pastor.
Phone 166 Box 124

Mrs. H. J. Hammond left last Friday for Omaha, where she spent the week-end. From there she will go to Hot Springs, Ark., to spend several weeks visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles Chace.

Preinduction Exams. For Following In July

Registrants to leave for preinduction during the month of July:

- O'Neill
- John A. Etherton
- Thomas L. Liddy
- Robert E. Larson
- Joseph F. Musil
- Doyal C. Keller
- Leo F. Matthews
- James B. Harding
- Stuart
- Fredrick J. Friedel
- Jess R. Colson
- Amelia
- John P. Hansen
- Fred C. Stoecker
- Ewing
- James J. Thrasher
- Atkinson
- Edward F. Schmuckler
- LeRoy J. Brandt
- Dustin
- Raymond A. Wilcox
- Inman
- Quintin L. Pojar
- Page
- Dale A. Nissen

Native Of Inman Wins Honors In Pacific Area

The President of the United States presented the Gold Star in lieu of the Second Air Medal to Homer Russell Johnson, aviation radioman first class, USNR, of 4702 Calvert Street, Lancaster, Nebraska. He is the son of Dr. Homer H. Johnson of that address. Johnson was born in Inman, Nebr., and was listed as missing on November 5, 1944.

The citation accompanying the medal reads as follows: "For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as an Aircrewman in a Torpedo Plane Group attached to the U. S. S. Hornet in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Second Battle of the Phillipian Sea on October 25, 1944. Courageously carrying out his vital duties despite intense anti-aircraft fire, Johnson expertly handled his plane's radio and ordnance facilities through-out a vigorous attack on enemy ships and by his unflinching ability and courage, obtained valuable photographs revealing the composition and disposition of the Japanese fleet. Johnson's technical skill and steadfast devotion to duty under perilous conditions were essential factors in the successful accomplishment of a highly important mission and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Boyd County Farm Numbers Decreasing

The number of farms in the county of Boyd, State of Nebraska, as shown by the preliminary count of the returns of the 1945 Census of Agriculture was 827, as compared with 913 in 1940, and 1,114 in 1935. This was announced today by Richard Sidwell, supervisor for the 1945 farm census in the Fourth Nebraska Census District with headquarters at Kearney, Nebr.

The total land in farms in Boyd county, according to the preliminary 1945 census count, was 334,611 acres, as compared with 322,802 acres in 1940, and 326,085 acres in 1935. Average size of farms shown in the preliminary 1945 census count for Boyd county was 405 acres as compared with 354 acres in 1940, and 293 acres in 1935.

In announcing the 1945 census totals of farms and land in farms in Boyd county, Supervisor Sidwell pointed out that the figures are preliminary and subject to correction. Final tabulations of Boyd county farm census returns will be made by the Bureau of the census and announced from Washington when completed, Mr. Sidwell said.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moses have had as their guests the past two weeks, their daughter, Mrs. A. S. Evans and children, Bonnie Beth and Richard, of Omaha. Mr. Evans has also been their guest for several days. Mrs. Moses and Mrs. Evans visited in Wayne county this week and from there Mrs. Evans and children went on to their home.

DEATH TAKES M. P. SULLIVAN AND JAMES H. HANLEY

Michael P. Sullivan died at the O'Neill hospital last Saturday morning about 7:15, of a heart ailment, after being sick but a few hours, at the age of 69 years, nine months and one day. The funeral was held Monday morning from St. Patrick's Church, Monsignor McNamara officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Mike had always enjoyed good health until the past few months, when he complained of not feeling well, but his condition was not considered serious. He was taken ill Friday afternoon and was brought to the O'Neill hospital, where he passed away the next morning.

Michael P. Sullivan was born at Houghton, Michigan, on October 6, 1875. In 1879, when a little boy his parents came to this county and settled on a homestead northeast of O'Neill. Here he grew to manhood and received his education in the country school in that section.

On June 3, 1912, he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Murphy the ceremony being performed in this city. To this union four children were born, all daughters, who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are: Leonore Gilg, Atkinson; Lois Donohoe, Patricia Donohoe, O'Neill; Eileen Sullivan at home. He is also survived by three brothers and two sisters. Sisters are, Mrs. Harry Jolly and Mrs. Laurence Barrett, O'Neill; brothers, John P. and Paulie, O'Neill; Peter Sullivan, Lincoln, Nebraska, and several nieces and nephews.

He was a good citizen and took an interest in the civic affairs of the county. He served a term on the county board of supervisors of this county, from this district, and made a good and efficient official, having always in mind the interest of the people of the county as a whole. He had many friends in the city and county who were shocked when they heard of his sudden death. He was one of our most successful farmers and stockmen. A hard worker he devoted his entire time to looking after his family and his business and his efforts was crowned with success for he was recognized as one of our leading farmers and stockmen. The bereaved family and relatives have the sympathy of the community in their hour of sorrow.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness extended, following the sudden death of our beloved husband and father, and for the many beautiful floral offerings.—Mrs. M. P. Sullivan and Eileen, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gilg, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Donohoe, Cpl. and Mrs. Walter Donohoe.

T. O. B. Club

The T. O. B. Club was entertained at the farm home of Mrs. Morris Harmon on Friday afternoon, June 29, with all members present. The guests were Mrs. Neil Dawes, of O'Neill, and Mrs. H. C. Bennett, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Election of officers was taken up and the following were elected: Mrs. Pearl Coil, president; Mrs. Millie Gaskill, secretary; Mrs. Clara Johnson, news reporter.

Strawberry shortcake with whipped cream and coffee was served for lunch. The Club voted to hold a picnic at the City Park on August 10.

Tom Harty spent the week-end with his friend, Walkie Sievers, at Ewing.

Miss Ruby Reed and Jack Sweigarde, of Winside, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moses from Wednesday until Sunday.

James H. Hanley, 64, former Omaha attorney and a member of the old Federal Radio Commission, died of a brain hemorrhage Monday morning at his home in Washington, D. C.

He was stricken in his sleep about 3 a. m., and died within a few minutes. His family said he had been in good health before retiring Sunday night.

Mr. Hanley had been a special attorney for the Justice Department's anti-trust division in Washington for the past year.

He and the late Arthur Mullen, with whom he was associated for many years in the practice of law, were two of the first Roosevelt-for-President organizers in the Midwest.

Mr. Roosevelt rewarded Mr. Hanley with the FRC appointment in 1933. When the FRC became the Federal Communications Commission in 1935, Mr. Hanley went into radio law, practicing in Washington until 1941. He was then named to the Justice Department's board to adjudicate cases of conscientious objectors, among them Movie Star Lew Ayers. The board no longer exists.

Born at O'Neill, Nebr., Mr. Hanley was graduated from Creighton University Law School in 1910. He served as secretary to Congressman Lobeck of Omaha from 1910 to 1918, then practiced law in Omaha until 1920, when he became state prohibition director. He resigned in 1922 and practiced law in Omaha until 1933.

He is survived by his wife, the former May O'Brien; sons, James, Jr. and Thomas, at the Jesuit Seminary, St. Mary's Kansas; John J., Great Lakes, (Ill.) Naval Training Station; sisters, Misses Mary and Martha; and brother, John, Omaha.—Word-Herald.

James Hanley was born on the Hanley farm about three miles northwest of this city, where he grew to manhood. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hanley were among the pioneer residents of the county coming here in 1879, but the old home place still belongs to the family.

Before going to Omaha to enter Creighton University to study law Jim and his brothers worked on the old home farm. After going to the big city he held many positions in Omaha and worked his way through the University an d Omaha had been his home since 1910, but he always claimed O'Neill as his real home town, and, when he met any one from here was always anxious to find out how everyone was in the old home burg.

Jim was a likeable and companionable man and had a host of friends in this city and county, where he often visited, as well as in the city of his adoption, Omaha. He had a pleasing disposition, a hearty handshake and cheerful greeting for his friends, and that was every one, for Jim was too good natured and cool headed to have enemies. O'Neill friends tender condolence to the bereaved family and brother and sisters of the departed.

Haying In Full Swing Help Badly Needed

Haying is now in full swing throughout Holt county where haying crews have been established. However, County Agent Dawes reports that more than fifty requests for haying help have not yet been filled. Those who are looking for haying jobs are requested to get in touch with him at O'Neill, or contact his local farm labor employment representative in your town. They are: Atkinson, Claude Humphrey; Chambers, Harley Hardware; Ewing, Frank Urdel; Inman, Mr. Harkins; Page Harold L. Banta; Stuart, A. C. Berner.

Miss Mary Miles, of Omaha, spent the week-end here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Miles and other relatives and friends.