

# THE FRONTIER

## SMALL DOSES

### PAST AND PRESENT

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See the paper shortage is over. We have a double-page spread postage stamp with FDR occupying much of it.

If you have the hardihood to read a bit of magazine fiction you will be thrown into the society of a pretty shoddy outfit.

The Roy White household has been transplanted from south west Holt's ranch lands to Martin, S. D., where Mr. White takes on a Gamble store.

The hum of mowers has ceased out this way. The prairie is green and fresh, roadsides aglow with early autumn's yellow floral bloom. A shower late last week laid a cooling hand on a sweltering land and gave the grazing grounds some needed moisture. The south, brown hills gashed by deep gulches, present a sorry Greeley and Howard counties to sight to the traveler.

Again the war exhausted world looks out across the wreck of nations and hangs its hope for future years upon another set of "guarantees." Now that man has reached out and touched the fringe of infinite force he is going to have to behave or blow himself into kingdom come. Soldiers snort at the gush about their sacrifices. They went into the army not as a freewill offering upon the altar of patriotism but because they had to, the boys in uniforms have told me.

The Holt County Fair closed last Thursday at Chambers with a large attendance. Exhibits in the agricultural and domestic hall drew much favorable comment, a grand display of garden products and field grains. And the ladies of the community added a fine touch of color with huge bouquets of flowers while the art work and kitchen offerings were especially good. Poultry and livestock filled the barns. The afternoon program, devoted largely to rodeo, demonstrates that with all our modern means of transportation, horses are still in favor. Riders, lacking much of the science of horsemanship and easy grace of the Buffalo Bill and later periods, did their stuff while the crowds cheered.

Go dip your toes in the foaming surf of the rolling Pacific, stand on the sands where the troubled waters of the Atlantic lap at your feet, look across the Rio Grande at the gray hills of Old Mexico, rest in the shade of ancient tamarack and oaks over the border in Canada, admire the picturesque scenes of the Alleghenies and the Catskills, feel the thrill of the rugged grandeur of the Rockies, mingle with the confusing throngs of great cities and chat with friendly fellows in quiet villages, see the human tide pour from towering piles of brick and concrete like bees from their hive. Then you will come home with the conviction that Nebraskans have a goodly slice of Uncle Sam's great domain.

President Truman's public favor seems to have perceptibly shrunk since the speech placing the responsibility for Pearl Harbor upon the citizens. The citizens have heard a voice which has spoken up for them and placed the responsibility at the door of the White House. Service men and civilians whose views of the Pearl Harbor attack I have heard expressed are unanimous in fixing the blame for the crushing defeat on official Washington. If official Washington didn't know what was coming it was official Washington's business to have known. But maybe if Mr. Truman slyly infers that the country is responsible on the score of having voted official Washington into power we will have to agree with him.

In our nation's great capitol city a lady editor held out the in-

## ST. MARY'S 1945 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Twenty men are out for football at St. Mary's Academy and the prospects for a good team this year are fine, as six letter men are returning for the 1945 season. Letter men returning are: John Baker, Don Willson, Bill Froelich, Tom Hartly, Bob Wallace, Harold Pribil.

In addition to the letter men Father Lisco, the coach, says that he has some very promising material in the following bunch of huskies: James Donohoe, Erwin Merry, Jerry Tomjack, Dick Hall, Francis Rohde, Larry Higgins Jim Marne, Raymond Krysl, Ed Condon, Edward Hynes.

Schedule for St. Mary's Academy:

Sept. 21, Lynch, here  
Sept. 28, Dpen  
Oct. 5, Chambers, there  
Oct. 12, Butte, here  
Oct. 19, Burke, S. D., here.  
Oct. 24, Open  
October 29, North Platte, there  
Nov. 2, Chambers, here  
Nov. 11, Grand Island, there.

Father Lisco's assistant coaches are Jim Merriman and Eddie Campbell. Joe Biglin is finishing his sixth year as manager of all athletics at St. Mary's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhaney and Mrs. Harold Lindberg left Sunday for Denver, Col., on a business trip.

document that I remain there and engage in editorial activities. Not intending to be rude I reminded her that I would sacrifice my franchise as a citizen by remaining within the bounds of the "District" and I preferred to retain the right to "vote the rascals out" above a job. . . . Washingtonians are funny. When the weather tube stood at 110 in the shade I as refused admittance to a swank hotel dining room unless I put on a coat, while ladies went in to the tables in very scant attire. To be sure, a mere man is not much to look at in pants and shirt. A meal—if you get four or five of the restaurant meals a day you can survive—requires the outlay of \$1.25 or \$1.50 and you also lay down a 50c tip. . . . Bus travel has its lights and shadows. There is the talkative individual who keeps all awake with ceaseless chatter. As I got off of a greyhound in the morning at Philadelphia the bus driver said to me he had made a mistake "letting that fellow on." "That fellow" was the get behind the driver who had let go with a loose tongue since midnight. At Pittsburgh a little old gent with a foreign tongue became my seat mate as far as Chicago. At each re-loading after a bus stop for lunch and rest he was the first back in the bus and stood guard at our seat waving encouragement to me working my way in the crowd. And there was the springly little grandma in slacks on her way to San Francisco who "talked back" at the bus officials and was the "life of the party." I felt constrained to apologize to a gracious lady from West Virginia who became my seat mate at Baltimore for having had a minor part as a member of the Nebraska Library Commission in taking their executive secretary away from them. With true southern courtesy she said that the same thing had been going on all over the country and was quite all right. She was identified with public library work. . . . A Pennsylvania lady next became my seat mate and talked freely of her and her husband's plans to go to Arkansas where her husband's hunting and dog proclivities could have full play. He is a school man. I invited her to try the Nebraska prairies. . . . The wife of an Ohio school superintendent next sat beside me. He, she said, had turned farmer and produces ten tons of tomatoes to the acre. When I awoke at daylight east of Des Moines there was a lady from Omaha asleep beside me and partly on me. We had slept together without embarrassment. . . . A common bond of American life runs across the country—washings hung out on the line, and everybody wants to get on the bus first.

## Chambers Boy In Famed 9th Fighter Squadron

Fifth Air Force Headquarters, Tokyo: Sgt. Victor O. Dankert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dankert, of Chambers, Nebr., is a member of the famed 9th Fighter Squadron, the first fighter outfit to land in Tokyo during General of the Army MacArthur's combined land, sea, and air occupation of the Japanese capital.

The honor of being the first fighter outfit to land on the Japanese homeland was earned by the 9th for its destruction of 276 enemy planes in combat while fighting the Japanese back from Darwin, Australia, to their home Islands. Leaving the U. S. as a part of the first expeditionary Air Force in the Pacific, the 9th has fought in that theater from February, 1942, to the last day of the war, producing such aces as Major Richard I. Bong, Major Thomas B. McGuire, and Col. Gerald R. Johnson.

Sergeant Dankert is a mechanic on the squadron's P-38 "Lightnings" and has been with the organization since April, 1945. He has helped to keep the planes in the air over Luzon, Okinawa, and now Japan.

When asked how he felt about being a member of the first fighter unit to land on Japan he answered, "I'd say that I didn't expect to be in Japan that soon, and I consider it a great honor to be a member of the first fighter unit to land on Japan."

## Inman Boy On Battleship That Took Prominent Part In Battles Of The Pacific

Aboard the USS Nevada in the Pacific—Robert J. Harte, water-tender, third class, USNR, Inman, Nebr., celebrated the surrender of Japan aboard this famous American battleship as she rested at anchor in Leyte Gulf after a thirty-two day mission into the East China Sea.

The announcement by the commanding officer, Captain Homer Louis Grosskopf, USN, of Minneapolis, Minn., that the Japanese had quit touched off a demonstration unlike any this veteran ship had ever seen. Sailors tossed their hats in the air and began jiggerbugging to the strains of the ship's band. It was "Holiday Routine" for all hands.

The "Oil Imperishable" of the Fleet began this war at Pearl Harbor, went through the Aleutians campaign, fought at Normandy and Southern France, and then joined in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa battles.

## Siders-Juracek

On Saturday, September 8th, at 2:30 o'clock, Miss Lois Siders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siders, of O'Neill, and Clarence C. Juracek son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Juracek, of Star, were united in marriage at a double ring ceremony by the Rev. Kenneth Scott at the Presbyterian Manse in O'Neill. They were attended by Miss Lavon Spangler and Allen Knight, both friends of the bride and groom.

The bride was attired in a formal white gown, having a rayon jersey fitted bodice with a sweetheart neckline and short sleeves. The full skirt was of rayon net. She wore a white wreath or orange blossoms and carried a white chiffon handkerchief with net edging, a gift of the groom's mother.

Her only jewelry was a sweet-heart locket and bracelet, gifts of the groom. The bridesmaid wore a light blue taffeta floor length gown with pink accessories.

The groom wore a blue gabardine suit with boutonnières of white roses. The best man wore a dark blue suit with boutonnières of white roses.

A wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Juracek gave a free wedding dance at the Summerland dance hall Thursday, September 13.

The young couple will make their home for the present with the groom's parents, near Star.

Mrs. Sandberg, of Spencer, was a caller in O'Neill Monday.

## Popular O'Neill Couple Celebrate Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary at their home in this city Sunday, September 9, 1945, with a family dinner at noon, which was attended by about thirty relatives and friends of the couple.

The dining room was decorated in pink and silver, thus carrying out the theme of the day. A large five-tiered wedding cake centered the table, flanked on either side by silver candlesticks with pink tapers. During the dinner Mrs. Streeter received a call from her only brother, George Murray, of Leeds, S. D., extending his felicitations. A dinner selection, "We've Gone a Long Way Together," was played and sung by their daughter, Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, Jr. A violin solo was given by Mr. Streeter's mother, Mrs. P. Streeter, of Brunswick, who is 87 years of age. Open house was held from two until five, during which many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Streeter called to extend their congratulations and best wishes.

Many lovely gifts were presented Mr. and Mrs. Streeter, one of them being twenty-five silver dollars given them by relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Streeter have two sons who were unable to attend the celebration, Apprentice Seaman Gene Streeter, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., and Seaman First Class Vincent Streeter, U. S. N., at Seal Beach, California.

Among out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Matthews and daughter, Madge, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Estelle Farrell and daughter, San Francisco, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brittain, Norfolk; Mrs. J. E. Perkins, Ainsworth; Mrs. Jack Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrell, Mrs. P. Streeter, Mr. and Mrs. Will Baker, Donna McKnight, Bine Streeter, and Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Smith, of Brunswick.

A four generation picture was taken, Mrs. P. Streeter, great-grandmother, Clyde Streeter grandfather, Mrs. Clyde McKenzie mother and Miss Patricia McKenzie daughter.

## Hansen-Grosskop

Wednesday evening, August 29, 1945, at 8:00 o'clock, Miss Doris M. Hansen age 22, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hansen, of Venus, Nebraska, became the bride of T. Sgt. Ernest Grosskop, age 24, at the Lutheran Church, Billings, Mont.

The bride wore a blue tailored suit with black accessories. They were attended by Walter Belden, uncle of the groom, and Mrs. Louis Ostermiller, sister of the groom.

The wedding dinner was served for the wedding party and relatives at the home of the groom's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Belden.

The bride, who formerly lived in the Star community, was graduated from the Creighton High School with the class of 1940. For the past three years she has been employed by the Martin Bomber plant of Omaha, Nebr. The groom graduated from the Billings High School. He has forty-four months overseas service in the Pacific as a member of the ground forces of the Army Air Corps. He was at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked on December 7, 1941, and saw action in the early days of the war at Gaudacanal. He has just returned from service on Okinawa and is at present waiting his discharge, after which the couple plan to make their home in Billings, Mont.

Mrs. W. J. Beha, of New York City and two daughters, who have made their home here the past five months with Mr. Beha's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beha, received word Monday from their husband and father, that he had been promoted to Warrant Officer. Mr. Beha is in the U. S. Marine Service. Mrs. Beha and daughters will leave here Friday for Minneapolis, Minn., where they will be joined by Warrant Officer Beha, who will take them to their home in New York City.

## Funeral Of Mrs. Hattie Perkins Held Tuesday

The funeral of Hattie D. Annis Perkins, who passed away last Saturday morning at the home of her son in this city, was held from the Presbyterian Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Kenneth Scott officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery at the side of her husband, who passed away on June 30, 1944.

Hattie D. Annis was born in Minnesota on May 9, 1857, and passed away at the home of her son in this city on September 9, at 6:00 a. m., after an illness of three months, at the age of 88 years, and four months. All her brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

She moved to New York state while still a girl and was united in marriage to Henry M. Perkins on February 22, 1882. They had lived together 62 years when he preceded her in death on June 30, 1944. Only one child was given to bless this long married life, Howard, of O'Neill.

They moved from New York to a farm near Tilden, Nebr., and five years later to Holt county, in 1893. She had made her home with her son and wife in this city since the death of her husband and resided there at the time of her death.

She had been a member of the Presbyterian Church since childhood.

She is survived by her son, Howard, of O'Neill, three grandchildren, Earl Perkins, of Lincoln; Mrs. Calmer Nielsen, of Rozet, Wyoming; DeWight Perkins, of Denver, Col. Also seven great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In the passing of Mrs. Perkins we lose another of those who through hard work and privation helped to change this land from a prairie to what it is today. The fine thing about her life is that the hard work and privation was used to develop a very kind and loving personality.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for their many kindnesses and words of comfort during this time of bereavement for our loved one.—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Perkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Calmer Nielsen and family, Mr. and Mrs. DeWight Perkins and family.

## Three Holt County Girls In Lincoln Business College

Miss Dorothy Zellers, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Zellers, of Page, has enrolled in the Lincoln School of Commerce. She is very busy at her stenographic course at the beginning of the fall term on September 3. Her Lincoln address is 2515 Vine Street.

Miss Florence Kirkland, who graduated from the Atkinson High school in May, 1945, has registered in the Lincoln School of Commerce. She started her training at the beginning of the fall term on September 3. She is taking the stenographic course.

Miss Kirkland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kirkland, of Atkinson. Her Lincoln address is 1546 South 22nd St.

Miss Alice Robinson, who graduated from the Page High School in May, 1944, has enrolled in the Lincoln School of Commerce. She is taking the stenographic course. Miss Robinson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Robinson of Page. Her Lincoln address is 440 South 17th.

## Capt. Fred A. Sukup

### Venus, Soon Be Home

Monday morning Mrs. Fred A. Sukup received a cablegram from her husband Capt. Fred A. Sukup, from Manila, Luzon, P. I., stating that he was waiting shipment home. Capt. Sukup, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sukup, of Walnut, has been in the Pacific Theater for two and a half years. His wife and sons, Freddie and Dwight, reside at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hansen, Venus, Nebr.

## Funeral Services For Ben T. Winchell Held Monday

The funeral of Ben T. Winchell, for many years an official of this county and one of the old time settlers, was held from the Presbyterian church in this city last Monday afternoon. Rev. Scott officiated at the funeral services and the body was laid to rest in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Ben T. Winchell was born near Cascade, Iowa, on October 7, 1868, and died in the Immanuel hospital in Omaha, on September 6, 1945, at the age of 76 years, ten months and twenty-nine days.

He came to Nebraska in 1888 and settled four miles east of Chambers. He was united in marriage to Cora A. Sackett on August 8, 1891. To this union twelve children were born, ten of whom survive and with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are: Mrs. E. H. Medcalf, Chambers; Mrs. John Harvey, Orchard; Mrs. Horace Rouse, Mrs. John Davis, and Catherine, O'Neill; John W., Seattle, Wash.; Vern H., Denver, Col.; Cpl. Alva Omaha, but now in the service of his country in Germany; Sgt. Orville, Herington, Kansas; and Gilbert, O'Neill. He is also survived by twenty-two grandchildren and three great grand sons.

While at his home near Chambers he became a member of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in which church he served as a Ruling Elder. In 1909 he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Chambers.

In 1916 he was elected to the office of County Assessor and a year later he moved his family to O'Neill, where he resided up to the time of his death. He was a faithful servant of Holt county being elected County Treasurer in 1935 and holding that office until January, 1943. Since his retirement as treasurer he has served in the office as deputy county treasurer and was on duty at the office every day. He was taken sick on August 16 and was forced to go home, though it was thought the illness was not serious, he failed to rally under treatment and was taken to Omaha, where he passed away in a hospital.

Ben Winchell was a kind and loving husband and father, a loyal friend and good neighbor. He was even tempered, always cool and affable and he had a host of friends throughout the county, who will miss him from his old place in the court house.

The Rural Electrification Act requires that REA loans be made on a self-liquidating basis, and the cooperative received its \$325,000 loan allotment only after REA had completed a thorough study of the application. This study indicated that the cooperative will be able to build its new lines and have adequate revenues from consumers' power bills to meet operating expenses and repay all money borrowed from REA for rural power facilities, according to Mr. Rokahr. Rates charged consumers by the cooperative are based on the actual cost of service.

The telegram received last Thursday by Mr. Rokahr from Arthur W. Gerth, St. Louis, REA administrator, was the first allotment of funds received by the local district and likely will be supplemented in the future by other grants designed to finance service to all of the estimated 1,800 farm homes within the North-Central district that want power. In the near future Mr. Rokahr expects definite information as to just when construction of lines will be begun.—Creighton News.

## Venus Boy Coming Home After 41 Months Overseas

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hansen, Venus, formerly of the Star community, have received the good news that their son, Sgt. William E. Hansen, is on his way home from the Philippines. It has been four years since they have seen their son as shortly after he entered the service he was sent to guard duty on the west coast and then overseas, having seen forty-one months of overseas service as an infantry man in the 41st "Sunrise" Division.

## BRIEFLY STATED

The new Methodist minister for O'Neill is Rev. Lloyd Mullen, of Pender, Nebr. A. E. Bowen drove to Pender after Rev. Mullen and they arrived back this afternoon. He will have charge of the services Sunday at the Methodist church. Rev. Dawson Park has been transferred to Neligh.

Dr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Connell left this morning for Washington, D. C., where they will attend a family reunion at the home of his mother, who is still hale and hearty at 93 and her birthday is Sunday, when the family reunion will be held. The children are all to be present for the event and it will be the first time for thirty-six years that they have been together. Dr. and Mrs. O'Connell expect to be gone two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Horriksy came down from their home at Cody, Wyoming, this morning and will remain for a couple of weeks visiting at the home of Mr. Horiskey's sisters and brother. The years have treated Jack kindly, as he appears no older looking than he did on his last visit to the old home town, about eight years ago.

Try The Frontier want ads. They pay.

Ray Cunningham, of Madison, S. D., visited last week at the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma Cunningham.

ELJA McCULLOUGH, County Superintendent.