

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

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A congressional investigation of Pearl Harbor—by a political topheavy committee. But the minority can also make a report.

Federal Aid for schools, or another dent in the taxpayers' dwindling resources, confronts congress under high pressure from the N. E. A.

"In the endless struggle of organized labor for increase of pay and shorter hours it would be interesting to learn of increased efficiency, more and better work.

A magazine presents as a "new fact" a device for setting fence posts without digging holes. The old A. T. ranch in Wheeler county drove in their fence posts as far back as 40 years ago.

"Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

If as a point of honor Gov. Dewey kept under his hat information that in all probability would have put him in the White House, he is too big a man to be permanently denied that honor.

Time pieces are to be set back to daylight wasting time September 30. Now maybe statisticians will come along with the figures telling how much daylight has been seved since war time took over.

Potatoes are reported to be a whale of a crop everywhere, while apples are less than half last season's yield. My trees produced a few but were stripped clean during my absence. Apples like the melon patch, are regarded legitimate plunder by all too many hopeless sinners and irresponsible youngsters.

His name is Cobb. His hunting license has been revoked for killing ducks out of season, trapping muskrats out of season; trapping beaver without a permit; taking beaver out of season; possession of a hoop net; trapping without a permit and transporting and possession of a deer killed illegally. A gent that has attained such accomplishments will not worry over the loss of our game commission's favor.

Housewives out my way gathered all the jars and crocks they could find a day last week in which to make kraut of battered cabbage heads and salvage other garden produce that had undergone a severe beating of hail the night previous. The storm descended upon a sleeping community about 11:30 and at day-break next morning ice was scraped up by the bucket full at some homes. A heavy rain also accompanied or followed the hail.

The New York Times, Providence, R. I. Journal and Chicago Tribune are regarded by many as the outstanding American newspapers. The Times runs no funny strips, confines want ads to two lines of agate in narrow columns, keeps big type out of display ads but uses it lavishly in headlines. Its column long editorials lack the punch and literary elegance of the Herald-Tribune. The Providence Journal is one of the best edited papers in the country. Washington papers cannot see beyond the Potomac while maybe the Chicago Trib. has too wide a world vision. What do the classic halls of Harvard, Yale and Princeton play in the literary and journalistic attainments of the eastern papers and the Northwestern when you get out to the metropolis on lake Michigan? Probably none. Bill Nye, Bill Barlow, O. C. Bates, John Wertz, Clyde King commanded the attention of news readers in their day with a literary lingo not now duplicated and their only university contact

were the newspapers composing rooms. Nye and Barlow in Wyoming, Bates, Wertz and King in Nebraska—they were Holt county men—probably have no equals today in newspaper circles.

Coyotes have killed the fifth or sixth sheep at the Bly ranch and some ranchers report the loss of twenty or more in their flocks. They are choice about it, selecting a twelve dollar lamb and passing up the six dollar ewes, ripping the victim open for the liver and kidney and leaving the torn carcass on the prairie.

Chambers business men take the afternoon off as a mark of their pride in the high school boys who have a contest in athletics on with a visiting group of school boys. If you go to town and find things closed you'll find the town out to the fair grounds, at this season a football contest. Stuart gave them a tryout a recent Friday and went home with 19 scalps.

Middleton, or Riley, the big-hearted outlaw, semi-hero, Texas cowboy and all around roughneck, of whom there has been border stories told for a generation, aged and debauched, the wages of sin marking him for their own, his bent form with a whiskey flask protruding where once he carried an ivory-handled six a familiar figure in northwest Nebraska towns, went on his last "spree", as many have done before, was locked up as a common drunk and died that night on a filthy jail cot. And for what shall a man barter away his soul?

A hundred years in the white man's schools, contact with the best and the worst pale faces have to give him, trained and glamorized, romantic and picturesque, able pleas by statesmen and eloquent subterfuge by authors to set him free, the Indian is Indian still. They got into a rapidly filling bus at a Nebraska terminal, a raw-boned redskin, his frustrated mate whose dark eyes expressed a haunting fear. The swarthy buck dopped into a vacant seat while this daughter of Pocahontas stood for a moment beside her ungallant lord and then from instinct acquired by centuries of the habits of Indians rustled herself a seat.

Dan Cupid is probably responsible for a number of war casualties, as parents may look at it. Some of the war ventures into wedded bliss doubtless will crash on the rocks of broken homes, haughty insolence mar love's tended dream, drab reality wreck the plighted faith of the honeymoon's intreguing romance, but most of the young folks will make for themselves happy home life with a little encouragement from dad and mom. And dads and moms for the most part are sensible and will accept an in-law whom they may have positively disliked but now that they are one of the family will "break their necks" to help the young folks to become established as another worth while American family. And if baby's smiles and dimples do not make the surrender complete there is something the matter with Dad and Mom.

The dark shadow of the infidel Voltaire burst into the lurid glow of the French revolution. Then "the world for the first time heard an assembly of men, born and educated in civilization, and assuming the right to govern one of the finest of the European nations, uplift their united voice to deny the most solemn truth which man's soul receives and renounce unanimously the belief and worship of deity." A century and a quarter later Russia proclaimed a feast of blasphemy and 25 years later a sinister figure distilled the same poisoned philosophy on the ancient soil of Germany. France recast her national anchor to the only hope of the race and Russia has seen the futility of butting an atheistical head against a stone wall. And what was the part of the churches in all this? Had they given heed to the seven-fold warning: "He

Tom Donhoe Home Burns

The farm home of T. J. Donhoe a few miles north of this city was burned to the ground last Sunday, catching fire while the folks were away. They had been in O'Neill at church for Sunday morning mass, arriving home to find the home in flames. A few things were saved from the burning building.

Origin of the fire was supposed to have been on a south sun porch caused by spontaneous combustion in some stored cloth articles. Insurance will cover most of the loss so far as such losses can be compensated for. It had been the Donhoe home for an unbroken stretch of forty-three years.

Fine Painting By a Former O'Neill Boy

In the lobby of the Golden hotel there hangs a painting, the work of a former O'Neill boy, Phillip Kirwan, a brother of M. F. Kirwan of this city. Mike received the picture last week from his brother at Denver. Phillip did the painting in 1942, a life-like representation on canvass of a bewhiskered old miner seated at a table in a log cabin entertaining himself at a game of solitaire. It might be labeled Individual Content, and you fancy seeing the original in life as you look at it.

Phillip has been a fixture in Colorado for many years and has gone a long way in finance and art since as a young fellow in O'Neill he turned the press at The Frontier on "press day" for \$1.50. That was before a gasoline engine, the first to be brought to O'Neill, was installed as a power unit for operation of the presses. His natural bent for art has had opportunity for free play since oil development on his Colorado holdings furnishes him a large income. He is expected to arrive in O'Neill during the week for a visit with M. F. and others.

that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

The half moon hung at half mast. Through tree tops and drifting clouds its light penetrated at frequent intervals to the hushed and darkened earth. Night again on prairieland. And now to employ the lengthened hours of early nightfall in the companionship of the old masters, poet and prophet, sage and saint, until the drowsy nods invite slumber. But ere Morpheus has lulled with filmy apparition there is heard the roll of distant thunder. Clouds had drawn a dark curtain over the moon and lightning illuminated the now darkened world. And then slanting drops of rain drum a cheering rythem on roof and window pane. Early autumn showers are a grateful visitation out on the grass lands.

An Illinois mother who went to court to air her atheistic notions was given a bible name by her parents. . . . There are 50,000 Indian children students in public and private schools. . . . Japs ask us to forget Pearl Harbor; we probably will. . . . The republican state committee has formulated the plan of procedure for the pre-primary convention to be held in Omaha March 19 and 20. . . . Unemployment rolls had grown to two and a quarter million by early September. . . . Habitually agin' everything, the state federation of labor, mostly Omaha, resolved to condemn Governor Griswold for vetoing an Omaha police pension measure. . . . A high wind Sunday swept across the prairie, maybe inspired by the Florida hurricane, taking the tops off hay stacks. . . . A notable gent down in picturesque little Connecticut says "America struggles for a breath of freedom." Come to Nebraska, brother, come to Nebraska.

Richard Cronin came up from Norfolk Friday afternoon and spent the week-end with the home folks, returning to his school duties Sunday afternoon. Dick says he likes his school work fine, but he could stand a little more food at a meal than the Norfolk restaurants put out, so he came home to get a few square ones.

Earl S. Hirsch, of Cleveland, Ohio, left last Friday for Denver, Col. for a visit with his sister before going on to his home at Cleveland. Earl was here several days looking after his farm northeast of town and visiting with old time friends.

Mrs. W. J. Bro. of Syracuse, Nebr., left for her home last Sunday, after spending a week here visiting at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Moore and family.

Reported from the Fourth grade: Teacher—Bobbie, how many children in your family, Bobbie—Why, I'm not even married.

Miss Arlene Shade spent the week-end in Stuart visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shade.

The 8, 9 and 10:30 Masses in St. Patrick's Church, Sunday morning, September 30, will conform to the new time.

Calf Show Oct. 8

The County Stocker Feeder Calf Show will be held at O'Neill, Monday, October 8, according to County Agent Dawes and James Rooney, managers.

There will be a calf show and judging, starting at 9:00 a. m., followed by the sale of 4-H club stocker feeder calves. It is expected to be one of the largest sales ever held in the county. 4-H club boys and girls have been getting their calves in readiness for this event and will have them find a place for one and then see what has been done in 4-H livestock production. Club leaders will make their entries through the County Agent's office. Ranchers and farmers having calves which they wish to consign to the calf sale are urged to enter them with James Rooney, or the O'Neill Livestock Commission Company. Calves will be sold as individual 4-H club calves or feeders in carload lots. For more information contact the County Extension Office.

Funeral of Harry Keefe Held Friday

The funeral of Harry J. Keefe, who died in Denver, Col., Wednesday morning of last week, was held from the Catholic Church in this city last Friday morning, interment in Calvary cemetery.

Harry J. Keefe was born in Red Banks, N. J., in 1884, and was 61 years of age at the time of his death. He lived in his native state until 1915 when he came west and located in Denver, Col.

In that state in 1918 he was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Dwyer, who survives. After his marriage he was employed for several years by the Santa Fe railroad company, and came to Holt county in 1933, coming from Texico, New Mexico, where he had been employed by the railroad company. He purchased a farm northeast of town, where he farmed for about eight years, when he disposed of the farm and moved to town. Until his health failed he was employed in the Coyne hardware and by his affable disposition and pleasant ways made many warm friends, who regretted his passing. His many friends extend condolence to Mrs. Keefe in her hour of sorrow.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends for their assistance and sympathy during the illness and following the death of my beloved husband, Henry James Keefe.

MRS. NELLIE KEEFE.

J. Parnell Golden came up from Omaha this morning to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends in his old home town.

Reach Golden Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Snell celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Wednesday, September 19, 1945, by entertaining twenty-four relatives at dinner.

Those present were their three daughters and families; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cullen and family; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stuart and Neva and Mrs. Dale Asher and son, Jimmie. Other relatives were, Mrs. Nona Bedford. Page; Mr. and Mrs. Dorlin Lockman and son, O'Neill; Mrs. Tony Lockman, Mrs. Lute Hansen, daughter and son, Stuart; Adolph Julius, Gertie Synhorst and daughter, Arlene Johnson. Rapid City, S. D.; Mr and Mrs. John Kelly, Petersen, Iowa; Mrs. Maxine Meredith, Truesdale, Iowa; Mr and Mrs. Lewis Julius and John Julius, Cherokee, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Don Blair, Sutherland, Iowa; Mrs. Lillian Hahn, of Stuart.

Open house was held in the afternoon when 108 friends called to extend congratulations.

They received many nice gifts, cards and letters. Among the gifts was a blanket from her Sunday School class; a pair of pillow cases from her W. C. T. U. organization; a luncheon cloth from her Just-a-Mere Club and other gifts from relatives; also a purse of \$34.75 from friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Snell were among the pioneers of Holt county, coming here with their parents in the early eighties. They were married at O'Neill September 19, 1895, by G. A. McCutcheon. They went to keeping house on the farm now occupied by Walter Cole. They lived there for one year. From there they moved on their homestead, five miles northwest of Page, where they lived for thirty years. In 1926 they moved to Page where Mr. Snell worked in the Farmers Union store for thirteen years, and where they have since resided.

They have three daughters, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr and Mrs. Snell are in fairly good health. Mrs. Snell is a member of the Methodist Church, Womans Society of Christian Service and W. C. T. U., which she attends quite regularly.

Mrs. Lillian Hahn, of Stuart, gave a reading in the afternoon and five of Mrs. Snell's nieces sang, Silver Threads Among the Gold and Whispering Hope, which was enjoyed by all.

Ice cream, cake and coffee were served in the afternoon.

Death of Aged Citizen

Mrs. Emma Cunningham, age 80, a resident of this community the past year and a half, died in this city Monday. The funeral was held Wednesday at St. Patrick's Church and burial at Ewing.

Deceased was born at Ashton, Iowa, August 16, 1865. She was married to Patrick Cunningham, who died twenty years ago. She was the mother of four sons, who survive her. These are: John, of Glasgow, Mo.; Tom and Patrick, of Morrill, Nebr.; Edward, of Riverton, Wyo; Joe, of O'Neill, and Raymond, of Madison, S. D. There are also two brothers, sixteen grandchildren and one great-grand child. The deceased came to Holt county in 1943 from Burke, S. D.

A change in recording of documents at the court house is receiving some consideration and if adopted will mean installing a little picture machine to produce photocopies, to take the place of the present system of copying documents with type writers. It would also involve a new set of record books, which is not wholly agreeable to some of the county officials.

A sprinkle Wednesday followed by a cold rain Thursday ended a prolonged late summer dry spell, as well as bringing a chill over our balmy weather.

Peaches Grown Near Emmet

J. J. Dusatko, living three miles south of Emmet, brought to The Frontier office Monday a branch from one of his peach trees. Have you been canning California peaches. You have seen nothing yet. The little tree branch Mr. Dusatko favored us with bears three luscious and pink-tinted peaches, each much larger than what are shown at the stores and now coming in from distant parts in quantities. And he had a still larger single peach, something the size of a large orange, that had been picked from a tree.

Mr. Dusatko says there are possibilities in fruit culture yet untouched in our community.

From two young trees that

grew from seeds he had planted this season they gathered a bushel and one peck as the first fruits from the planting of these two peach seeds and he is encouraged to feel that peach culture can be made a success here. And the samples he left with the editor are tangible evidence that Mr. Dusatko has already achieved success to the extent of warranting the planting of more seeds.

He is not able to identify the variety as he does not recall what the peaches were or from where they came from which he took the seeds for planting. Varieties seem immaterial as it is local conditions that determine the quality of fruit. His interest in fruit culture takes in a variety of fruits.

Convicted of Federal Crime

A federal court jury at Norfolk has found Charles J. Ford, 38, Stuart, and Ralph B. Mellor, 41, O'Neill, guilty of violating the Mann Act.

The Government charged the men with transporting two girls, 15 and 14 years old, from Nebraska to Signal Mountain Lodge, Moran, Wyoming, for immoral purposes.

It was stated in testimony that when the men arrived at the Nebraska line on their way to Signal Lodge they ordered the girls: "Get out and walk. It is illegal to take you across the state line." The girls walked, according to testimony.

The jury brought in a guilty verdict Tuesday night, after eight hours of deliberation.

Hugh J. Boyle and Eugene O'Sullivan, both of Omaha, appeared as attorneys for the defendants. They filed motion for a new trial. They were given 30 days by Judge John W. Delehant to file briefs. The Government then will have an equal time to file an answer and the defense will have additional time to file rebuttal.

HAMILTON-DONOHOE

Miss Mabel Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton of this city, was united in marriage to Gene Donohoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Donohoe also of this city, on September 24 at 9 o'clock a. m., at St. Patrick's Church, Rt. Rev. Monsgr. J. W. McNamara performing the single ring ceremony.

Mrs. Donohoe was attractively attired in a light blue suit with brown accessories. Her only attendant, Miss Catherine Donohoe, cousin of the groom, wore a blue pin stripe suit with blue accessories. Both wore corsages of talsiman roses.

The groom wore a brown pin stripe suit with a carnation boutonniere. His brother and attendant, Walter Donohoe, wore a grey business suit.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the relatives and immediate friends of the young couple at the Right Spot cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Donohoe entertained at a wedding dance at Danceland that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Donohoe leave today for Fremont, Nebr., where they will make their future home.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the young couple in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

Mrs. Leonard Hamilton entertained sixteen guests at a pre-nuptial miscellaneous shower at her home last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Mable Hamilton who was married on Monday. A delicious luncheon was served and the evening was spent informally.

Mrs. Clarence Donohoe entertained at a pre-nuptial shower at her home Friday evening, in honor of Miss Mable Hamilton whose marriage to Gene Donohoe was an event of September 24th. The guest was the recipient of many lovely gifts. Following lunch the evening was spent informally.

A bed of petunias under the window of a loan office on upper Fourth street droop a bit as early autumn is ushered in, but still give a touch of color to a spot along the grey concrete. Whether the inspiration back of planting flowers was for beauty as such or an ulterior motive to put the prospective borrower in an optimistic mood by sniffing a bit of fragrance and getting the lift imparted by bright colors the selection has been choice.

A Week Appointed for Physically Handicapped

Can you use a Handicapped Veteran? Congress has declared the first week in October as National Employment the Handicapped Week.

Many boys are coming home from the service of our country physically handicapped from performing the job that they had been doing before entering into service. These boys are all anxious to make their own way and find a job that they can do. It may be necessary for them to learn a new trade. This will be taken care of by Uncle Sam. These boys can go to school and learn a new trade at the expense of the government.

What do you have that handicapped veterans could do. Many business men could find something that one of these Veterans could do. Study your business organization and see if you can't find a place for one and then see the manager of the U. S. Employment Service in the Annex of the court house in O'Neill, who will be able to contact these Veterans.

Some of the job openings in this section are butter maker, power house engineer and manager, heating and pumping men, several good mechanics, meat man, grocery clerks and common labor. Call at the court house annex if interested.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The Annual Rural Teachers' Institute will be at O'Neill, Friday, October 5. Registration at the O'Neill Public School (west entrance) begins at 8:15, A. m.

Miss Zelma Wonderly, county superintendent of Red Willow county and Dr. Herbert C. Cushing, president of the Kearney State Teachers' College are the principal speakers.

All rural teachers are required to be present and are to be excused from that day of regular school duties to attend the Institute.

On Saturday, October 6, the "Teachers in-Service College Course" will begin at 9:00 o'clock. This course is under the supervision of Dr. Ray Bryan of Wayne Teachers College. It will afford the opportunity for Holt county teachers to earn two college hours by attending four Saturdays at school in O'Neill. It will cost \$7.00 for the two hours. By special arrangement a student by further work may earn the additional third hour. The Saturdays are not consecutive ones. A School Board Meeting will be held at O'Neill on Saturday afternoon, October 20.

Next regular Teachers Examinations, Saturday, November 17. ELA McCULLOUGH, County Superintendent.