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SMALL DOSES

PAST AND PRESENT

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An overwhelming majority down at Lincoln cling to the good Nebraska tradition of individual thrift. They have rejected the idea that industrial prosperity can be successfully based on indebtedness as represented by mortgaged homes to float an issue of bonds. Maybe the uplifters, promoters and official functionaries will yet discern that good Cankee citizens have the stuff in them to make their own jobs when unmolested, not hamstrung by "regulations."

The teachers' institute held last week under modern educational requirements probably casts a shadow of a smile—if not derision—on the methods of an early day county superintendent. Bartley Blaine, preacher and educational guide, gave the late John Harmon a horse and buggy examination out on the open prairie down in the southwest grass lands where, aspiring to become a pedagogue or more likely needing the twenty a month, he was holding down a claim. Supt. Blaine O. K.'d the answers, issued the certificate to teach and John got the sod house school.

Give us a wag of your tail, old dog, give us a wag of your tail. There are dogs and dogs. And dogs like men vary a lot. Men are cheerful, cordial, pleasant or gloomy, grouchy, sour according to their mental slant. Who can resist the happy appeal of a friendly pup or who can resist the impulse to cast a stone at a barking fool that is harbored at some homes? The loyalty of dogs as "Mans' best friend" has become classic. The owner of a dog is no less loyal to his pup, no matter how worthless the howling mutt may be. But maybe the individual with the sour apple disposition and the barking, snarling dog have their place in the economy of life. So "let the dogs delight to bark and bite, for God has made them so."

There is something pathetic in the lives of city dwellers forever walled away from the great outdoors. Walled away from the transcending charm of earth and sky, held in thraldom to the concrete and crowded streets, the shreik of whistles, the clang of gongs, the grinding noises of machine existence. What to them is the flash of dawn, the glare of noonday, the golden glory of sunset painting a picture of matchless loveliness that blends into the night sky studded with creation's gems. What to them is the song of the lark, the anthems of nature's varied vocies, the long sweep of distance, the waving tree tops and the sparkle of lakes and streams? The outdoors calls to every normal being and the closer the walk with nature the less the appeal of the artificial, the shoddy things of life, the unworthy, the harmful.

Pioneer priests and preachers were inspired by something transcending the hope of financial reward. What seemed to be a starvation diet of about $300 a year probably emphasized in their devoted souls the knowledge that "man does not live by bread alone." But there were other discouragements for even the bravest of souls. One early day preacher, Dr. Winship, before coming to O'Neill to do battle with the cohorts of evil, had his life theatened down in old Covington on the Missouri, a notorious nest of iniquity, against which the Rev. Mr. Winship raised not a feeble voice. The underworld sent a rough neck to warn the preacher to let up and drew a vicious looking knife to emphasize his threats of violence. But Dr. Winship was neither intimidated nor injured and his crusade bore fruit in the moral rejuvination of one of the worst hangouts along the muddy Missouri.

The shadow of Samuel Gompers has been thrown in the picture. Organized labor's greatest friend, greatest leader and perhaps the most outstanding champion of the common man this country has yet produced speaks from the grave, through the National Physicians Committee, organized to oppose government socializing the sick and afflicted. From the now silent tongue of Mr. Gompers comes this word of warning, never more timely than today: "Look over all the world where you will and see those governments where the features of compulsory benovolence have been established and you will find the initiative taken from the hearts of the people. . . For a mess of pottage, under the pretense of compulsory social insurance let us not voluntarily surrender the fundamental principles of liberty and freedom, the hope of the Republic of the United States, the leader and teacher to the world of the significance of this great anthem chorus of humanity—liberty."

A railroad has won a damage suit in Nebraska and will collect $35,000—that's news. . . . A 99-year-old veteran will head the remnants of the Grand Army that marched up Pennsylvania avenue in colorful review in '65. . . .John C Gallagher has applied to the state pardon board for release from prison, after serving a little less than a year of a one to twenty year sentence for shortages during his twenty years as county clerk of Holt county. . . . Lincoln lost its bond building program but a suburban college will build a new $70,000 music hall, the fourth new building for that institution in recent years. . . . It is rumored that a number of Holt county's enterprising citizens are about to make the plunge that evenutally may make air planes as plentiful as Fords are now. . . The first thought of soldiers and sailors is of mother upon landing at a home port after weary months out where it was kill or be killed. O'Neill mothers are almost daily receiving telephone calls from their boys who have come in on a transport ship. . . . Maybe indicating what is on the way, a neighboring town reports a visit from that picturesque homogeneous commonly known as a hobo—in quest of a handout.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Ira George was a business visitor in Sioux City Saturday.

Miss Lou Ann Iler spent the week-end in Sioux City visiting friends.

Mrs Carl Asimus spent Friday and Saturday in Sioux City on business.

Ann Asher spent Sunday in Inman visiting her brother, Tom Hartigan and family.

Mrs. R. J. Starr and Mrs. Alma Farrier, of Chambers, were callers in O'Neill Tuesday.

Miss Anna Toy departed Friday for Rochester Minn., for consultation at the Mayo Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Eby, of Page, were guests Sunday at the home Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gillespie.

Mae Chapman left Sunday for Pender, Nebr., to visit her brother who is home on furlough from the army.

Miss Mary Hickey, of Sioux City, spent the week-end here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hickey.

Harry White, of Amelia, took the Norfolk bus here Monday for Ewing, where he would remain for a few days.

Mrs. Frank Griffith returned Friday from North Platte, where she had spent the past month at the home of her son,

Edith Castleman returned last Wednesday from Lincoln, where she had been visiting Alva Souhrada and other friends.

Charles Graham, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. Ed Graham and other relatives and friends.

William Medcalf, of Chambers, was doing a little buying in town Monday and taking in the calf sale at the O'Neill Commission Company's sale yards.

James Sokup, USA left last Thursday for Fort Leavenworth, after spending a thirty day furlough here visiting his parents and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNally and daughter, Mrs Gene James and chillren, Judy and Jerry, of North Platte, returned to their homes on Monday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson and family over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Claussen, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Planck, of Spearfish, S. D., with Harry at the wheel, all equipped for a hunting expedition, headed north last Friday early. They report fine success knocking over the birds. The trip took them as far as Platte, S. D.

Miss Harris, daughter of Esther Cole Harris, is under appointment for a mission field in Brazil as instructor in music. At present she teaches music at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., while studying the Portuguese language and will be assigned to her field abroad at the end of the present school year.

Interests of the County Schools

Dr. Herbert, Cushing from the State Teachers' College, at Kearney, and County Superintendent Zelma Wonderly, of Red Cloud, while studying the Portugese were in the city last Friday taking part as instructors at the County Teachers' Institute.

On Saturday Prof. Seeck, of Wayne College, conducted courses for the forty-five Holt county teachers to avail theselves of the instruction in the courses offered in physiology a period of five weeks giving College credits.

There was also organized a Holt County Teachers' Association with the following officers: Mildred Cameron, Ewing president; Phyllis Carpenter, Chambers, vice president; Margaret Murphy, O'Neill, secretary; Virginia Derickson, Dorsey, treasurer;. Representatives at large: Marie Krysl, Stuart; Thelma Young, O'Neil; Ruth Holliday, Page; Doris Slaymaker, Atkinson; Helen Martins, Atkinson.

County Superintendent McCullough has called a meeting of school boards for October 20 when the following speakers will be here to discuss tax problems: Prof. L. B. Snyder of the University of Nebraska, who will show the "Fallicies of Taxation" as he sees it, and Senator Edwin Schulz of Elgin. Miss McCullough says there are some districts in the county which have gone the limit on school levy and are still inadequately equipped. In a school recently visited one little girl used a churn for a seat and none had desks. There are still a number of schools in the county conducted in private homes, a custom of homestead days still surviving.

Memorial for Lester Young

A Memorial Service was held last Sunday at 3:00 p. m., at the Methodist Church in memory of Lester Young, who died April 24 last on Okinawa Island while in army service. He was 26 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young, O'Neill. The service was largely attended by relatives and friends of the family. Following is the order of the service.

Prelude ..... A. E. Bowen
Advance of Colors ..... American Legion
Jesus Savior Pilot Me ..... Choir
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. L. W. Mullis
"Oh Loving Father" ..... Trio
Brief History ..... Vernon Lorenz
The Memorial Message ..... Rev. L. W. Mullis
::We Cannot Think of Those as Dead" ..... Choir
Benediction
Retiring of Colors ..... American Legion
Postlude ..... A. E. Bowen

First Post War Sales Meet Held Here Last Thursday

About 35 persons attended a Bendix Automatic Home Laundry sales meeting Thursday night at the office of the Consumers Public Power District here, according to L. C. Walling, Local Manager.

The meeting was directed by Harris and Pierce, Omaha, Bendix distributor. Managers and salesmen from Valentine, Ainsworth, Neligh, Creighton, Hartington and O'Neill were present.

This was the first post-war appliance sales meeting held in O'Neill. The Bendix "washer" was the first major home appliance to reach dealers' floors throughout the nation.

Sales and home service demonstrations and service management were explained at the meeting. Speakers were Walter Sinke, Culumbus, general manager of Consumers; Ed Tabor, Lincoln, Consumers area manager; Charles Fisher, sales manager, Alida Linnaus, home service director, and Jerry Kostkan, service manager, all of Harris and Pierce.

A dinner preceding the meeting was arranged and served by Mrs. Bernice Warner, area home service director for Consumers.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for the sympathy and countless kind acts extended to us during the loss of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. Anton Toy and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many friends and also the American Legion for their kindness in our bereavement.—Mrs. L. B. Messacar, Mrs. I. E. Hughes, Fred T. Millard.

Mayor John Kersenbrock is rounding out his twenty-second year in business in the one building. A meat dealer that has been able to function regularly and keep sweet with an exacting public maybe should be crowned with the fulsome praise of the heroics. The mayor is emphatically—and of none can the term be used so advisedly—condemning the proposal in Washington of a six month's $25-a-week program for idlers in the vineyard, which many feel the president's wishes on the subject amount to. And the mayor's sentiments respecting national extravagence is representative of that of the community.

Frank Nelson came up from Fort Calhoun Monday morning and is again looking after matters on his ranch in the Meek neighborhood. For the past three months Frank has been at Fort Calhoun looking after the stock farm of his brother, who was in an Omaha hospital. His brother is now at home and getting along nicely so Frank came home to help get things in shape for the chilly days ahead.

Mrs. Guy Cole went to Lincoln Tuesday as representative from this county at a dinner gathering of the various chairmen of the scrap drive that have flourished over the state during recent years. We have not been informed as to whether or not the scrap organization will be officially dissolved by this dinner or take a new lease on life.

BRIEFLY STATED

District Judge Mounts is spending this week in Oklahoma.

Miss Mabelle Bauman spent the week-end at her home in Atkinson.

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

Rev. Kenneth Scott left Monday for Columbus, where he is attending the Presbyterian Synod this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz left Tuesday for a vacation trip through Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill and family, of Orchard, spent Monday here visiting at the O. A. Kilpatrick home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, of St Edward, spent Monday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson and family.

The hearing of James Morrison on a charge of operating gambling devices has been set for October 17 in county court.

Richard Cronin, who attends the Norfolk Junior College, spent the week-end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roberts and Mrs. Addie Haixson, all of Brunswick, were dinner and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Heriford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Moody, of Peshastin, Washington, arrived Sunday to visit at the home of Mrs. Moody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Newton and family, of Casper, Wyoming, left for their home on Friday, after visiting Mrs. Newton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison.

Mrs. Seth Noble and Mrs. Hilda Bowen entertained the S. O. S. Club at a 1:30 luncheon at the home of Mrs. Noble Tuesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent informally.

Mrs. Edward Davidson, of Casper, Wyoming, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison, left Saturday for Omaha, where she will visit before returning home.

Mrs. M. F. Kirwan returned Monday from a visit with her son in Grand Island. Field trials were held while she was there and she brings the word that one of the top winners is a "Near of kin" a pup owned in O'Neill by John McManus.

Prof. Ira George went to Bartlet Tuesday evening, the High School there having engaged him to help them in their music courses, and he finds he can spare an evening for that purpose about once a month.

Stores crowded and the streets alive with the tread of feet Monday, the only dark shadow amid the orderly and well groomed, sociable citizens were two depraved, profane and badly intoxicated females, who lolled around a prominent corner.

Outsider Points to Some Needs

This may be regarded as crackpot, wholly irresponsible, not worth the paper it is printed on, eminating from the filmy apparitions Morpheus throws across night's darkened dome. It may land the author—if discovered—in jail or the asylum, but he should be spared the hangman's noose.

What does O'Neill need?

Please permit an outsider to point a finger.

And not altogether an outsider. Every citizen of the county comes to town. Many from abroad.

Well, one lands at the Northwestern depot in the dead of night or early morning Maybe its a lady with luggage and a child and has to hoof it up town. By any stretch of municipal imagination is the jungle from there to Everett a street?

Many residential sidewalks are little short of a disgrace to any community. There are still a few pedestrians.

Another. A place up town for those in from the country to drop in and rest. The wet spots welcome them, but everybody isn't wet—more than two-thirds of U. S. citizens are dry, Nebraska average a little higher.

More restaurants or more help in the restaurants, or maybe more home cooking. Thirty minutes is too long to wait for a sandwich to come toward you.

City mail delivery with mail boxes placed about town where outgoing mail can be dropped.

A cheering word and prompt payment for the boy who brings your morning paper.

S. Sgt. Victor Bredehoeft, Shared In Development New VT Radio Fuze

Omaha, Nebr.—It was revealed today by Capt. F. G. Arkoosh, Officer in charge, Omaha Regional Office of the St. Louis Ordnance District, that Staff Sgt. Victor N. Bredehoeft, Route 1, O'Neill, Nebraska shared in the development of the VT radio while working in Ordnance laboratories and experimental stations in the United States.

In addition to their work on the fuse in this country, many service men followed the project overseas to various theaters of war where they served on Ordnance field teams instructing the combat troops in use of the new fuze.

Artillery projectiles fitted with the pint-sized fuze, which causes the projectile to explode when it reaches within seventy feet of its target, were instrumental in halting Von Rundstedt's offensive in Belgium last December.

Before being sent to the fighting fronts, the fuze underwent extensive tests. It was demonstrated that one out of every two VT-fuzed rockets, fired from a fighter airplane, could be counted upon to bring down an enemy plane at 1000 yard range.

According to observers, the fuze vastly multiplied the lethal effect of interdictory and harrassing fire. By the unprecedented effectiveness of unseen fire at all hours of the day and night, the enemy had been kept severely upset.

The Ordnance Department was charged with the responsibility of supplying the Army with the new fuze and specially organized detachments of technically qualified officers and men who had worked on the fuze in development laboratories accompanied the shipments of the fuzes to theaters of operations all over the world to indoctrinate the artillery personnel to the peculiarities of it. Nearly 200 of these newly trained VT specialists went to Euorope and the Pacific.

The War Department has described the development of the VT fuze as secondary in importance only to the automic bomb.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Bakkem, of Los Angeles, Cal., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Peter Heriford. Mrs. Bakkem is a neice of Mrs. Heriford, who is also expecting her brother, Berle Martin, of Lincoln, and son, S. Sgt. Bennet Heriford, who has been in the South Pacific for thirty-nine months, to arrive about Friday.

O'Neill Boy Among First To Enter Tokyo Bay

On the USS Mount Olympus in Tokyo, Bay, Sept. 15.—Francis L. Yantzi radioman, third class, O'Neill, Nebr., is serving on this communication headquarters ship, which was among the first U. S. Navy vessels to enter Tokyo Bay.

The Mount Olympus, flagship of Vice Admiral T. S. Wilkinson, arrived at dawn of the day the Japs surrendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scheer, of Chico, Cal., were among the visitors at the calf show and sale here Monday. Former residents of the county they were looking us over and visiting relatives. Mrs. Scheer is a sister of Richard Burtwhistle, a Wheeler county ranchman, and Mr. Scheer is a cousin of Lyle Dericks of this city. They have been in California since 1913

CORRECTION — Mentioning the purchase of properties on upper Fourth street by J. O. Walker a lot and building owned by C. E Stout was erroneously included by the writer of the item appearing in our last issue. Mr. Walker's property lies north of the alley and does not include the old jewelry store of Cole & Son. Jack Davidson was the architect and carpenter for the erection of that building in the glamourous long ago.

Phillip Kirwan of Glenwood Springs, Col,. arrived in the city a day last week for a visit in his home community. His brother, Ed came over from South Dakota Tuesday and he with his brother, M. F. Kirwan, went with Ed for a few days sojourn at his home. Mr. Kirwan left O'Neill in 1893 and has been in the mining districts of the west ever since then. He has made a study of art and produces with brushes and paints realistic scenes. After a visit in South Dakota the two brothers will return to O'Neill and Phillip will hunt out those that are left of the "Old Guard."

BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. June Baker, of Neligh, spent the week-end here visiting Mrs. Helen Starlin.

Mrs. Emmet Carr, Mrs. Harold Connors and Mrs. Max Wanser spent the week-end in Omaha.

James A. Scott, of Detroit, is in the city and will spend a few months with his son, Rev. Kenneth Scott and family.

John Dailey and son, Bill, of Winner, S. D., spent the week-end here visiting Mrs. P. J. Biglin and daughter, Helen.

Miss Bea Jardee returned Sunday from Alliance, where she had spent the past two weeks visiting her sister and other relatives and friends.

John Kersenbrock, Miss Dorothy Kratochvil and Miss Alma Wallact spent Sunday in Lincoln, visiting Mrs. Kersenbrock, who is in a hospital there.

The O'Neill Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. D. Schaffer on Wednesday, October 17. Mrs. R. L. Bode will give the review. Roll call: Places of Historical Interest I Have Visited.

A part of The Frontier's news force will be away next week on an official mission and it will be esteemed a favor if anyone with interesting items will call the office or come in with such information.

Mrs. F. N. Cronin entertained the Martez Club at a 7:00 o'clock dinner at the M and M Thursday evening, followed by cards at her home. Mrs. W. H. Harty, Mrs. Edward Campbell and Mrs. Ira Moss won high score.

Tax Commissioner Armstrong has notified Assessor Gillespie that he is calling a meeting in O'Neill for November 12 when he will meet with the county assessors and county boards of Holt, Boyd, Keya Paha, Rock and Brown counties for the consideration of general taxation matters.

The county clerk's office is receiving a number of soldier and sailor discharge papers which are being placed on record. The busiest day up to then being Tuesday, when six discharge papers were brought in for filing by discharged service men. From August until October 9 there had been sixty-seven such recordings made.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club Tuesday evening it was decided to have an evening of entertainment in the near future for the ranch and farm folks, which will be held in O'Neill. Date and program arrangement is in the hands of a committee composed of H. L. Lindberg and Robert Armbruster as co-chairman, C. J. Gatz, Jack Davis, Melvin Ruzicka and G. C. DeBacker.

NOTICE

Car drivers will take notice that drivers' licenses are issued upon the payment of $1.00 and cannot be issued for the 75c some are remitting to the treasurer for a license to operate an automobile.

J. ED HANCOCK,
County Treasurer.

Successful Calf Show and Sale

Over 1000 people attended the 1945 Holt county Calf Show and Sale sponsored by the O'Neill Commercial Club.

Grand Champion stocker and feeder calf was a Hereford steer shown by John O'Neill, of O'Neill. John is a member of the Eagle Creek 4-H Club. The Reserve Champion was an Angus heifer shown by Bill Sitz, of Atkinson. Bill is a member of the Green Valley 4-H Club. The grand champion weighed 460 pounds and brought 30c per pound. The reserve champion Angus heifer sold for 28c and weighed 450 pounds. Both the champion and reserve champion were bought by George Vlach, of Cotesfield, Nebr., to be fed for 4-H baby beeves.

K. C. Fouts, Seward County Agent, judged the show, with W. W. Derrick, Extension Animal Husbandryman from the Agricultural College, judging the showmanship contest. The winners of the showmanship contest were John O'Neill, of O'Neill, Bill Sitz, of Atkinson, and Kenneth Wrede, of O'Neill. John O'Neill was presented with a show halter given by Walter G. Sire, formery of this county and now County Agent in Boyd county. Bill Sitz was ineligible to receive second premium since he had been winner of the contest in 1944. Kenneth Wrede was awarded a showman's brush and comb set, which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O'Neill, of the Eagle Creek 4-H Club. These persons feel that a showmanship contest is very much worth while and hope to encourage better showmanship. Mr. Fouts stated that in the contest there were several very high quality calves, any of which would make excellent 4-H club baby beeves.

Many people crowded around the judging arena to see the judging of these calves and hear the reasons given by the judge.

Other blue ribbon stocker feeder winners were:

Kenneth Wrede, O'Neill, Hereford Heifer.

Raymond Robertson, O'Neill, Hereford Steer.

Jerry Martens, Atkinson, HerefordSteer.

Kenneth Wrede, O'Neill, Hereford Steer.

Charles Tasler, Atkinson, Hereford Steer.

Kenneth Wrede, O'Neill, Hereford Steer.

Bill Sitz, Atkinson, Angus Steer

Bob Sitz, Atkinson, Angus Steer

Norman Trowbridge, Page, Shorthorn Steer.

Bill Sitz, Atkinson, Angus Heifer.

Glen Cadwallader, Stuart, Shorthorn Heifer.

Managers Rooney and Dawes state that there were 65 calves shown in the following classes: Stocker feeder, beef breeding, baby beef. The average weight of the stocker feeders was 424 lbs., with an average price of $18.55 per hundred, with net return of $76.38 per head. Mr. Dawes and Mr Rooney state that the show was not as large as some years, but in general the quality was much improved. There were 1007 head of cattle sold at the sale. Commercial cattle sold well. However, more calves could have been sold at a good price if they had been consigned. High commercial groups of steer calves sold were consigned by Walt Puckett, of Emmet, and sold for $14.35.

One calf went to Iowa, two to South Dakota and Nebraska buyers took all the others.

The management wishes to thank all those persons who assisted with the show and sale; also the sale barn management and the O'Neill Commercial Club.

A Bank for Stuart

A new bank to be known as The Tri-County Bank has been organized by interested Stuart citizens and J. G. Brewster of Rushville, with Mr. Brewster as the majority stockholder. A charter has been applied for and it is expected that the new bank will open for business sometime next month. H. W. Galleher, of Bassett, is president of the new institution, T. E. McGuire, vice president and J. G. Brewster, cashier.

A contract has been entered into for the purchase of the building and equipment of The First National Bank, of Stuart, now in liquidation. Application has also been made for Federal Deposit Insurance. Stuart has been without a bank since the First National Bank decided to liquidate last June.

Staff Sgt. Charles E. Harty, of Colome, S. D., arrived Tuesday to visit his uncles, Ben and Pat Harty. He recently returned from 42 months spent in the Pacific zone of operations.