

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES

PAST AND PRESENT

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What the world needs is a silencer for world planners and just a quiet time to adjust itself.

Political moves in connection with the Pearl Harbor investigation at least create suspicions.

If America arms for "defense" through the president's plan for conscription other countries will do the same. Instead of a world with swords beaten into plowshares the world is an armed camp. Somebody will give the order to fire.

Oiled or graveled highways are maintained at perpetual expense for repairs and never satisfactory. Concrete is the best solution so far as now known. The Elkhorn valley produces enough livestock, hay and grain in one season to pay the bill for laying all our highways with concrete.

The weather—at this writing—smiles friendly for the bobby sox maiden and the hatless girl who cherishes the forlorn hope of forestalling a bald pate. But e'er this same paragraph shall have been printed the blasts of rude Boreas may force a covering for bare legs and hatless heads.

There are inducements for material increase in population in the old town, but no living quarters. The birds of the air have nests and the badgers have holes but a stranger hath not where to lay his head in O'Neill. Does not the proboscis of the money-bloated citizen scent profitable investment in a few new houses?

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Changes are wrought by the march of time across the stage of human affairs, but not with the youth—youth is still the youth of grandfather's time. He is not cutting the wind today racing horses; he does in a grand sedan or delapidated old car of any make. And how he takes the curves and corners with the gas feed wide open. Dashing, spectacular, contemptuous of everything in his way—that's youth. And isn't it great to be young?

Norfolk is getting to be something of a convention town. The highbrows have been in there of late and now the brawney blacksmith enters the convention arena. "The smith, a mighty man is he, with large and sinewy hands." Maybe the metropolises of north Nebraska is limited as to the amount of higher culture it can absorb and the boys from the anvil and forge should be able to balance the convention budget by imparting some worthwhile information that will help to "strike while the iron is hot."

Compulsory peace-time military training—getting set for another war—is just one more departure from American traditions. Taking on old world ideas one by one. American history is an emblazoned scroll of heroic victories when American manhood has arisen sans the whiplash to overwhelm the forces that would fasten the shackles of body and mind and soul enslavement upon mankind. Our late European foes, our late and forever Asiatic foes, have had the very thing Washington now seeks to lay across the necks of our young manhood. Where has it brought the Germans, the Italians, the brown peoples of the east? To the rubble of utter ruin. Forced drum beats of a nation under arms for peaceful Americans? Yes, its coming. And then what?

When an army or government

Eugene Ryan, of Superior, Wis., arrived last Thursday and spent the week-end here, in the city of his birth, looking after property interests and incidentally visiting old time friends. Among the old friends visited was The Frontier office, where he extended his subscription so that he would be assured of the "old home town paper" for the coming year. While he has been away from here for many years, and now owns and operates a large drug store at Superior, Wis., he still looks upon O'Neill as home, and the family still have large real estate holdings here.

Deflated Celestial Visitor

Nothing like a balloon to zizzle out a hot air story and put the populace in a quiver of excitement if not hysteria. A balloon story got loose from out Dorsey way a short time ago and how the fiction writers did whirl into action. The sheriffs up at the courthouse disclaims any connection with the incident of what has been guessed to have been a Canada weather gadget that landed on the J. E. Wiley place near Dorsey. No harm done but a little diversion for the citizens of a quiet, law abiding community, in a thrifty corner of Holt county. The deflated celestial visitor was at the office of the O'Neill Production Credit association for a few days and then taken back to Dorsey environs by Dick Marsten, who had plucked it from a tree branch, not however until the lurid tales had brought out from Omaha a couple of army men to investigate.

The screen door swung at the Lohaus Motor Co. last Friday to admit between 800 and 900 people who came and went for the Ford show. The shining new car, like a thing animate conscious of aristocratic importance, rested in automotive elegance on the floor of the show room while the crowds sniffed and handled and inspected it from wheelbase to rooftop. It was there complete in painted and polished glory all but the price tag which the fellows who made it seem to have no say as to what it shall sell for.

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Study of Irrigation in the County

Irving Walker, Engineer from the Regional Office of the Soil Conservation Service at Lincoln, is spending several days this week in Holt county, working with district personnel on special engineering problems. Many cooperators of the District have asked assistance on farm ponds, gully control structures and irrigation layouts. These were the principal items considered. Information is being accumulated regarding feasibility of irrigation in the county, an echo out of the past when the county was replete with irrigation plans, from which in time evolved Sam Deitrich's canal in the Dry Creek country that has been a dry ditch these 35 years. Maybe a way to really do it will now grow out of these studies.

Dr. John Gallagher and Dr. J. P. Murphy left last Thursday for their homes in St. Louis, Mo., after spending two weeks here visiting Mrs. J. P. Gallagher and other relatives and friends.

dignitary unburdens himself in a public address he is pretty apt to hear from the back country. And only in Yankeeland is this allowable. If the gentleman down in Texas who makes the following observations was elsewhere on this troubled globe his head would have been the price thereof. But he faces a great army man with this thrust: "Gen. Wainwright made three brief speeches in Washington. The tenor of them was: Never again must the Nation be left so weak and unprepared as to invite another Pearl Harbor and Corregidor. Well, after eight years of sword-rattling and war preparations by Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito and after squandering untold billions on shameful, vote-getting boondoggling in this country, who left us so weak and unprepared?"

Additional Pipe Needed at Well

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Palensky departed Tuesday on a trip south. Mr. Palensky is directing the work on the test oil well over on the river. He informs The Frontier that drilling has reached a stage where they must have an additional supply of 7-inch pipe, hence his mission into the oil districts of Kansas and Oklahoma to secure a supply of this pipe. He hopes to get a thousand or twelve hundred feet. As the 7-inch pipe of the weight he desires weighs 25 pounds the foot a thousand feet makes quite a load and the problem of getting it hauled to the site of the drilling confronts the drillers.

The mills making oil well piping have been in war production, rendering the pipe scarce. If he is unable to secure a supply before cold weather sets in Mr. Palensky says it will be necessary to suspend further operation until spring, though he hopes this will not be necessary.

"I see it takes patience to drill for oil," it was suggested. "Patience, faith, hard work, money—that's what's involved in development of an oil field," said Mr. Palensky. "But the development of oil is worth it and I would not be here if I didn't have faith in the showing we have on the six square miles we have mapped out for the test." Their first stop will be at Falls City, Nebr., where they may be able to contract for some piping.

Once Corn Field Now Site of Suburban Homes

Down across the tracks where Gus Doyle raised corn and cockleburs has grown up a suburban community of homes that come well nigh being self-sustaining in garden products and fruits. One such is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Klingler who have a modern little stuccoed dwelling on three and a half lots that even in late October are a picture of homey comfort and assured security. Mr. and Mrs. Klingler came to O'Neill three years ago from the northwest part of the county and have developed in that brief time an ideal spot for the retired home life that most couples look forward to. Strawberries, some young fruit trees, berry bushes, garden ground and sodded spots are kept in healthy growth by a home water supply and careful attention. Just last week they gathered ripe fruit from the straw berry vines. There are also twenty hives of bees that produce sweetening that mocks at sugar shortage. Flowers and shrubs add color and fragrance during the long summer days. This grand little home and others down that way is a pattern for those who might be hunting jobs how to make their own jobs that will furnish a livelihood.

Phm. Mate 1-c Lyle Davis, of Washington, D. C., spent Saturday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bright and son, Ardell. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis of Page.

NOTICE
Two Coon Dogs came up missing the morning of October 29, from my home 1 mile south of Chambers. One black and tan, other blue tick. Will pay good reward for information leading to their recovery.
Lewis Rothchild,
Chambers, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhany visited at the home of Mrs. McElhany's parents in the Orchard neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eby and their son, Bob, who arrived on Sunday morning's train on a brief furlough from the army, accompanied by Mrs. Bennet Gillespie, went to Springfield that afternoon for a visit with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Eby, who have been at their daughter's home in O'Neill since selling out at Page, left during the week for California.

A G. I. went to bed in a local hotel intending to smoke himself off into dreamland. Snoring got well under headway when he thought a branding iron was run on him and aroused to find his bed on fire. Mattress, sheets and other emblems of rest were scorched and the hotel had a charge up for damaged bedding against the weary soldier which he thought was too high, and at last word down Fourth street no compromise had been reached.

Messrs. Oscar and Edgar Peterson were up from Amelia a windy day this week.

BRIEFLY STATED

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

Mr. and Mrs. John Grutsch and son, Michael, made a business trip to Norfolk Friday.

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

Mrs. D. H. Cronin left Sunday for Lincoln, being called there by the sudden death of an old friend, William H. Butts.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dowd and sons, of Sioux City, spent the week-end here visiting at the Clyde Elkins home.

Dinner guests Sunday at the Elmer Neal home were, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Neal and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Neal, of Fullerton, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hahn and family, of Pierce, spent Sunday here visiting Mrs. Hahn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carsten Hansen and family.

Clyde Streeter and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter spent Sunday in Brunswick, visiting Mrs. P. Streeter and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ed Bruegman, of Wynot, Nebr., arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Timmerman and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beelaert, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, arrived Monday to spend a few days visiting Mr. Beelaert's sister, Mrs. Neil Ryan and family.

Mrs. E. A. Dimmitt returned to her home in Long Beach, Cal., on Tuesday, after visiting her sister, Mrs. Allie Eidenmiller and other relatives and friends here.

Miss Ethel Bennett of Washington, D. C., arrived Tuesday afternoon, called here by the illness of her mother. Mrs. Bennett passed away Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Roberts, of Evanston, Illinois, returned to their homes on Wednesday, after spending the past few weeks here visiting Mrs. Robert's brothers, W. H. and P. B. Hart.

Mrs. Edward Campbell entertained at a 10:00 o'clock breakfast at the M and M. Tuesday morning in honor of Robert Gordon, of Lawrence, Mass., who is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stout.

W. J. Froelich, who had been visiting his wife and family here over the week-end, left Tuesday for Chicago. Mrs. Froelich accompanied him and will visit there for several days.

Dinner guests at the Elmer Neal home Monday were, Mr. and Mrs. I. Timmerman and Mrs. George Timmerman and daughter, Bessie Loretta, and Mrs. Ed Brugerman, of Wynot, Nebr.

Seaman 2-c Gene Streeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter, has recently been transferred from the Great Lakes naval training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., to the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida.

Lt. Eugene Chmiel, who has recently returned to this country after two and a half years with the American Fifth Army in Italy, is visiting friends here and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chmiel and other relatives and friends at Ewing.

Ladies' Names Go on Jury List

Ladies, you have come into your own for jury duty in Holt county that the ends of justice may be fully realized. From the jury list appearing in the Frontier last week some names have been removed, those of mere men, and the following ladies added to conform to legal requirements:

- District 1—Saratoga, Alma Syffe.
- District 2—Paddock, Mrs. Geo. Rector.
- District 3—O'Neill, Mrs. John Protovinsky.
- District 4—Verdigris, Mrs. Art McClure, Ewing, Mrs. Bertha Butler, Mrs. Vera Anson.
- District 5—Chambers, Mrs. Genevieve Bell.
- District 6—Green Valley, Mrs. Ernest Gruenberger.
- District 7—Atkinson, Ethel Bouska, Opal Keating, Olive McKee.

A plea of abatement, State of Nebraska vs. Milton I. Graham, after lengthy argument by a Kansas lawyer, N. J. Ward, one of the attorneys for the defendant, was over ruled by Judge Mounts Wednesday and the case set for trial November 13. This is the action growing out of a bus-truck collision in which one person was fatally injured.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Harrington are spending a few days in Omaha.

Supervisor Vacancy Not Going Begging

Within one week after R. E. Calvert filed his resignation as supervisor representing the Third district there were three applications in the county clerk's office for appointment to fill the vacancy created when the board accepted Mr. Calvert's resignation. John Sullivan, Bert Shoemaker and C. H. Switzer had each asked for the appointment by Monday morning of this week. The session of the board last week took an adjournment until November 27, the regular meeting date. Unless a special meeting is called there will be no action to fill the vacancy until that time. The latest applicant as we go to press is Leon Sargent of O'Neill.

Death Takes Star Citizen

William A. VanDover, a resident of the Star neighborhood since 1911, died at his home Sunday night after an illness of ten days, at the age of 74 years, ten months and twenty-four days.

He was a native of Iowa, born in Monona county on January 4, 1874, and is survived by two sisters and two brothers, Marsh VanDover, of O'Neill and Emmet VanDover, whose home is in Texas; Mrs. Ella Sumner, of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Pearl Booth, of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Deceased had never married. The funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in O'Neill at 2 p. m., Wednesday, Rev. Mullis officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson and sons, Georgie and Eddie, returned Monday from North Platte, where they had been visiting Mrs. Tomlinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNally. While there they attended the game between North Platte and St. Mary's.

Miss Margaret Howard returned she had been with her turned Wednesday from Omaha, father, Frank D. Howard, who underwent a major operation at the Lutheran Hospital last week. His condition is described as good.

Quintin Cavanaugh and Ardell Bright took Richard Cronin to Norfolk Sunday, where he is attending Norfolk Junior College. He had spent several days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clyde arrived Tuesday from Denver to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clyde and other relatives and friends. He had been over seas for eighteen months in the E. T. O.

TAX MEETING NOV. 13
Holt county 9, Boyd 8, Keya Paha 4, Rock 5, Brown 6. This is the representation from the five counties Tax Commissioner Arming in O'Neill on November 13. Strong has scheduled for the meeting includes the county assessors and supervisors or commissioners.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Dorlin Lockman attended the teachers' convention in Norfolk last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Souhrada of Lincoln, arrived Monday and are guests of Edith Castleman.

Mrs. Emil Weyrich and children and Mrs. Magdanz made a trip to Norfolk on Wednesday.

Miss Josephine Milar returned Sunday from Omaha, where she had attended the teachers' convention.

Miss Hilda Gallagher returned Sunday from Omaha, where she had attended the teachers' convention.

Mrs. H. J. Lohaus and son, John, returned Saturday from Omaha, where they had gone on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Swim of Scottsbluffs, arrived Monday to visit Edith Castleman and other friends.

Prof. and Mrs. Ira George returned Saturday from Norfolk, where they had been attending the teachers' convention.

Mrs. Harry Peterson attended the teachers' convention in Norfolk last week. Before returning home she visited friends in Madison.

Mrs. John Harbottle, Miss Loretta Enright, Mrs. Emmet Carr and Miss Verne Coyne attended the teachers' convention in Omaha last week.

Leon Asher left Monday for Omaha, after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Ann Asher. He was recently discharged from the army at Camp McQuaide, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus DeBacker returned Friday from Spalding, where they had gone to attend the funeral of Mrs. DeBacker's uncle.

Mrs. Esther Harris accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad of Emmet to Sioux City Tuesday. Mrs. Harris's son is ill in a hospital there.

Miss Geneva Pribil, of Sioux City, spent the week-end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Pribil and other relatives and friends.

Prof. Ira George went to Stuart Tuesday evening in the interest of the school bands in which the young people are receiving a fine musical training.

Miss Margaret Sauser, who is attending Wayne State Teachers' College, spent the week-end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sauser.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Madison and son, Jimmy, of Tacoma, Wash., are visiting relatives and friends here.

Brooms in action clearing the sidewalks of dead leaves. Comes a gale from the south and sprinkles a fresh supply over the walks that the ladies have carefully swept in front of their places of business.

Donald Adamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adamson, arrived home Friday from Fort Logan, Col., where he had received his discharge from the army. He recently returned to the states after spending two years in the South Pacific.

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A Gun Accident Results in Death

A hunting accident last Sunday afternoon resulted in the death Wednesday morning of a popular and prominent O'Neill lady, Mrs. Esna Julia Bennett, beloved wife of Dr. H. L. Bennett, at the age of 54 years, three months and fifteen days. Funeral services for Mrs. Bennett will be held in the Presbyterian Church Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. Kenneth Scott officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Last Sunday afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Bennett were out in the Phoenix neighborhood and he had his gun along as usual during the hunting season. Dr. Bennett got out of the car, loaded the gun, when it was accidentally discharged, the load striking Mrs. Bennett, who was sitting in the car, in the right leg just above the ankle. She was rushed to this city for medical treatment and taken to the O'Neill Hospital where an operation was performed and the leg amputated between the knee and ankle. She withstood the operation nicely and it was thought she would recover as there was much improvement in her condition during the first twenty-four hours. Then the shocks she sustained is believed to have been the contributing factor in her death, as she passed away in the hospital at 3:30 Wednesday morning.

Esna Julia Honakson was born in Galveston, Texas, on July 16, 1891. On April 20, 1921, she was united in marriage to Dr. Harry LeRoy Bennett, the ceremony being performed in Kansas City, Kansas. Four children were born to this union, Ethel, Washington, D. C., Dorothy, Harriett and Barbara Ann, of this city, all of whom were at her bedside when she passed away. She is also survived by her mother and two sisters.

Dr. and Mrs. Bennett came to O'Neill on April 14, 1921, from St. Joseph, Mo., and since that time have been residents of this city. Mrs. Bennett was a charming, friendly woman and had a host of friends in this city and community, who were grieved and shocked when they heard of the accident that resulted in her death.

The bereaved husband and daughters have the heartfelt sympathy of the people of this community in their hour of sorrow.

A group of Methodist young people had a Hallowe'en party and scavenger hunt Tuesday evening. A luncheon was served. About seventy attended the party.

ST. MARY'S TRIMS ST. AGNES OF ALLIANCE 18-7

The St. Mary's Cardinals, led by their great all-around back, Jerry Tomjack, defeated the previously undefeated St. Agnes, of Alliance six manners by a 18 to 7 score.

After playing a scoreless first period the Cardinals began to roll and drove over for a touchdown. They also added another touchdown in the second period and in the third period, one being a pass from Tomjack to Froelich, the other being made on a run by Tomjack. Jerry, besides scoring two of the three touchdowns, made runs of 50, 45, and 25 yards; intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble besides playing a fine defensive game.

St. Agnes in the last period began to move and drove from midfield until they finally scored, a pass clicked for the extra point.

The St. Agnes team, as we stated before, had been previously undefeated, the only mar in their first five games had been a 20-20 tie with the St. Patrick's of North Platte, which St. Mary's played last Sunday at North Platte.

St. Mary's has two more games to play, Chambers and the so far undefeated and untied St. Mary's of Grand Island, on November 11. The Grand Island team now rests with three other clubs in the state at the top of the six man standings, and if St. Mary's can defeat them they will have a rating in the state unexcelled by none.