

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

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Flabby under the chin, crow-foot marks telling the tale of years, bare legs making pitiful pretense to be clasped with the bobby socks. How the old girls hang on to the make believe.

Down at York \$5,300 of the tax payers' money is to be paid a Cleveland, Ohio, firm to determine the value of York real estate for assessment. What have they got assessors for down there?

If capital and labor, corporation heads and the boys with the wrenches, can't settle it all, we'll have to conclude that there may be some truth to the statement born of scientific findings that Americans are slowly going crazy.

They gathered by the thousands in the old Roman amphitheatre and sat under the blazing sun to shout in wild delight at the brutal, barbaric, tragic scenes in the arena. An American football crowd has a good measure of endurance, and magnified devotion to stick it out for a game in the open on a day like the north pole sent us Thanksgiving.

Edgar Howard of Coumbus, former judge, former congressman and always editor of the old classic school has attained the manly age of 87. Will Maupin, former railway commissioner, always a printer, always an entertaining and sometimes exasperating writer, has passed the four score mark and still writes stuff that crowds the columns of an intangible personal organ that tells the world whether it is drifting.

The cost of one kill is said to have been \$50,000 in the recent war, as compared with 75 cents in Caesar's wars. The reaction of returned soldiers is wide and varied. One veteran who recounts his dreams of getting back home to this "wonderful country" has been disillusioned by the greed and grab for money he has run into and has reenlisted in the army. Others say it is great to be back in the U. S. A. One chap says he has the feeling that the human race "has just about arrived at the top of the stairs and before the turn of the century will fall and break its silly neck."

I dare you. Did you ever hear that, young friend? Life challenges at every point. From childhood hours when we were thrown the challenge by a playmate, I dare you to jump, a jump from a high place, all along life's way there comes the lure, I dare you. It may be a jump from a moral, a worthy, high level to a step below and then another and another jump until there is the final plunge to the bottomless pit. It may be the challenge, I dare you to set a high mark for attainment, intellectual, moral, industrial, a glowing star lighting the way to worthwhile achievements as the years pass on swiftly. I dare you. At every turn can we say, "I dare you, who dares do more is none?"

"Then said he also to him that bade him, when thou makest a dinner or supper, call not thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again and recompense be made thee: But when thou makest a feast call the poor, the maimed, the blind." Into a vulgar, selfish world, to a generation of self-satisfied hypocrites, the One to whom millions of our own generation pay lip tribute, other millions mock and deride, flashed this new sort of philosophy. If needed then maybe more now. Our organized charity where conscience may be put to rest with a dollar the hungry are fed, but I wonder if there is something of the human contact that is being missed by sending a loaf to a needy fellow creature instead of inviting him in to share it with us. Maybe we are all too grand for a ragamuffin to

sit at our shining board. The sentences in quotations are not mine. What I say may be of no importance. What the One quoted has said is forever immutable.

"The federal government will not permit this kind of action to interfere with its processes either in the capital or any other part of the nation." With these brave words, the bravest that have come out of Washington since the days of the picturesque Teddy Roosevelt, President Truman takes over busses and street cars serving the broad and slanting streets of our nation's capital, when a strike put the hundreds of thousands of that great city to hoofing it. With the army, the navy, the police and a nation to back him the president can use brave words and still braver deeds. But is there not a puzzling inconsistency in the government's attitude of encouraging strikes in private industry and then bring to bat the whole force of government when strikes touch an official tender spot?

BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Bernice Baer was called to Creighton by the sudden death of her father, last Saturday.

Myron Mayhew of the Fine Saddle Horse ranch of Cherry county was in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Bader and daughter of Mt. Hood, Oregon, have been visiting at the home of Mr. Bader's mother, Mrs. Viola Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson and son, A. C. and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Baker, prominent Wyoming precinct ranchers, were in the city Friday making purchases.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards and daughter, Mrs. James Marsh, accompanied by her husband, returned Sunday to Rockford, Ill., after a visit with friends here. Mr. Edwards was formerly employed at the Noble lumber yard.

Mrs. John Classen, nee Helen Sullivan, was at her desk in the county superintendent's office for a time Monday. The Classens were recently married in Omaha and have been visiting the past few days with the groom's parents at Spencer, Judge and Mrs. John P. Classen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKenna and son, Richard, came up from Lincoln Wednesday last to spend Thanksgiving with Hugh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McKenna. They returned Friday to Lincoln where Hugh is completing a course at the State University after a long period of service in the army.

Biglin Bros. were notified Sunday of the death of Margaret Gibbons at her home in Butte, Mont. The body will be shipped to Grand Island accompanied by her two sisters familiarly known by the older residents of O'Neill as Dede and Deb, arriving there Thursday when the body will be brought to O'Neill for burial. The funeral will be held at St. Patrick's church Friday morning.

According to the Lincoln Journal of November 22 the state pardon board has announced that it "would parole John C. Gallagher, 54, former Holt county clerk, after he has served two years of his 1 to 21 year sentence. It cancelled the \$2,245 that Gallagher was fined for embezzling \$1,988 of county funds during the time that he served as Holt county clerk." The two years will expire in December, 1946.

The O'Neill-Norfolk bus line is making plans for large improvements in the bus service between these two cities. It is reported that two new busses costing \$7,500 each have been ordered for May delivery. The line started a few years ago with two seven passenger automobiles and is now operating with pony cruisers. The Grand Island bus driver felt he needed a bigger bus when he pulled in Sunday from Ainsworth with a fair sized load and learned there were eighteen here waiting to take passage to Grand Island.

Polio is Fatal to Page Young Man

Sorrowing friends, sympathetic neighbors and strangers came to the Biglin Bros. mortuary to view the remains and pay a final tribute to a young man of the Page neighborhood who had been struck down by that dread enemy of youthful vigor polio. And as he lay in the habiliments of burial life like and peaceful it appeared unreal that one so young was straightened for the grave.

William Timm, age 19 years, five months and 23 days, the third generation of a Holt county family, was stricken on November 14 in a paralyzing grip and died the 25th at the family home on a farm northwest of Page. Funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Biglin chapel, Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis conducting the service. Pallbearers were, Melvin Haynes, Elwin Haynes, Richard Holiday, Richard Cunningham, Darrel Heiss and Emil Pochop. Burial was in the Page cemetery.

William Timm was born May 29, 1926, at Page, the son of Frank and Florence Anderson Timm. He leaves his mother and step father, and one half brother, Owen Lee Parkinson, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson of Page, grandmother, Mrs. Henrietta Wagner of Norfolk; seven uncles and aunts and twenty-four cousins. His father died in 1927 when William was an infant of nine months. He had been baptised into the Methodist faith.

William spent his entire boyhood in the Page community and had graduated in 1943 from the Page High school, after which he took a year's course in radio. Outdoor life was the strong appeal for Billy, with a fondness for animals and a warm, responsive heart for his friends.

Omaha Men in Accident

Bert Murphy, head of the firm of Andrew Murphy & Son, Omaha, sustained back injuries when the car in which he was riding with two companions by the names of Chrisman and Savagt, also of Omaha, overturned when a tire blew out on the highway two miles south of the Spencer dam late Monday afternoon. The other occupants were only slightly injured but the car was badly wrecked. Mr. Clausen of that neighborhood brought the three to O'Neill where Drs. Brown & French examined the injury with x-ray and the Biglin ambulance was called to take them into Omaha but because of sleet and fog east of here the ambulance got only to Norfolk Monday night, proceeding to Omaha Tuesday. Al Strube drove the ambulance.

The Murphy party were out here on business and were on their way to Winner when the accident happened. The Lohaus Motor Company brought in the wrecked Chrysler.

Joins Soil Saving Staff

William H. Schorer reported at O'Neill last week to assist with the work of the Holt Soil Conservation District.

Mr. Schorer recently discharged from the army lived on a farm near Phillipsburg, Kansas. Mrs. Kathern Schorer and children, Susan and Danny, are living at Denver, Col., and will join Mr. Schorer as soon as he can find a place to live.

Mr. Schorer comes to Holt county with considerable training and experience. He graduated from the Iowa State College and received his Masters degree from the University of Nebraska in plant ecology work. He has done conservation work in Missouri and Iowa, farm management work in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin and county agent work in Kansas.

In Holt county Mr. Schorer will work with L. F. Bredemier and Merlyn Shaw on the Soil Conservation District.

County Surveyor Lenard A. Thomazin was up from the Chambers neighborhood Tuesday consulting with the supervisors over a proposed road up in Dustin precinct.

There is on in Omaha today a banquet, something of a show and a tour through stock yards and packing plants for the boys out here in the grass roots. The program deals with various phases of the agricultural activities of Nebraska and the setup, sponsored by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, is officially alphabetically designated P. F. L., which means when put into words, Pasture, Forage, Livestock. At this time there is special recognition of those who have made outstanding records in beef production, haying methods and grass developments. Those "in on it" from Holt county are Skrdla Bros. of Stuart, Harvey Tompkins of Inman, Ray Siders of O'Neill, all of whom, with County Agent Dawes definitely plan to go to Omaha for the program. Skrdla's will fly their plane. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hallgrimson of Stuart and Bob Clifford of Atkinson are among those with outstanding records and plan to attend the Omaha gathering if they can make arrangements to leave their ranches long enough.

BRIEFLY STATED

E. G. Casey and son, Tommit, spent Friday and Saturday at Burke, S. D.

Miss Adalene Green returned last Wednesday from a seven weeks visit with relatives and friends at Seattle, Washington.

Lloyd A. Collins and family, of Burke, S. D., arrived in the city Wednesday of last week to make their home here. They bought a home in the western part of town and Mr. Collins also becomes owner of the Putnam implement business.

Bennett Gillespie, Matt Beha and a frigid air dealer from Bassett formed a party who left Tuesday for Sioux Falls, S. D., via Sioux City, to attend a gathering of dealers, not in hot air, but those shining new things we used to call ice boxes.

R. H. Shriner reports the sale of the residence at Fifth and Everett streets to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Culvert of Burke, S. D., who will make their home here. Mr. Culvert comes to take up his duties with Lloyd A. Collins in the implement trade. Mr. Shriner also reports the sale of the Mrs. Ella Shaughnessy farms just east of town, the home place to Elizabeth Howard and another quarter to Ralph Van Horn.

Twenty-one ladies representing nine project or womens' clubs of a portion of the county met at the assembly room of the court house Monday afternoon for their last meeting with Miss Della Lewis who came up from Lincoln to give some helpful instruction pertaining to club matters. She is leaving the state to accept a similar position in Maryland. At the close of the afternoon program the club women exchanged gifts and enjoyed an informal social hour, closing with lunch.

Joe Daas, one of the progressive merchants of Chambers, was a business visitor to the city Monday. Mr. Daas, a native of the land known as the near east, thinks that because of the fanatical religious feeling of the Mohammedan Arabs there is no hope for permanent settlement of the Palestine question and if the fanatical Egyptians and Arabs were not held in check by England and France there would be total annihilation of all Hebrews in that part of the world.

There was a stranger in town Tuesday. Nothing strange about that. Strange if a strange one doesn't run onto one or a hundred strange ones every day. This stranger, a rather aristocratic tightly closed and huge truck bearing the brand of Indiana and the herd brand Grey Lines, a subsidiary of the Greyhound bus company, which in turn is a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania railroad, according to the pleasant young Hoosiers who breakfasted in town and headed on toward Denver with their cargo of furniture. They put out the smiling assurance that they were not involved in any strike or labor dispute.

White Horse Is U. S. Attraction

Up along the breaks of the Niobrara where once was the hangout of Doc Middleton, Pat Nolan, Kid Wade and the likes of Al Hileman, twenty-five miles north of Stuart now nestles among the picturesque hills a national show place developed by a former ranch hand down on the old Bruner ranch in southwest Holt county, Carl Thompson and his charming wife Ruth Thompson, a former country school teacher.

The White Horse Ranch, known from coast to coast and almost daily visited by admiring Americans from many states, stretches across 3,000 acres with a hundred white horses and as many white cattle. Mr. Thompson, the first in command and ownership after his wife Ruth, was in O'Neill Monday, favored this writer with a profusely illustrated book descriptive of the ranch and its history. Mr. Thompson was doing a bit of detective work to locate some things of value that had been stolen from the ranch by a former ranch hand and which he thought might have been offered for sale here. He was also perfecting arrangements for a trip with Mrs. Thompson that will keep them away from the ranch for a fortnight or possibly longer. They maintain a troupe of trained riders and educated mounts of immaculate white and the visit to California is in connection with this feature of their enterprise.

Mr. Thompson says he has a white wolf, white badger, is getting a white deer and hopes to develop a white strain of all of these. The white coyote was caught by an Amelia hunter south-east of Chambers and the ranch acquired it for \$50. They have white hogs, white sheep, white dogs, cats and rabbits. In place of the usual hot branding irons, everything pertaining to the ranch is in gleaming white.

The ranch is also something of a Boys' Town—with the additional compliment of girls. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are making a home for boys and girls, some from congested centers of the east whose home environment is of a low order or none at all. Twelve year old Jimmy has just been given a trip to Pennsylvania to spend Christmas with his mother, his older brother remaining at White Horse. They have at present twelve boys and girls. Mr. Thompson admits that he had been a bachelor for more than ten years before he discovered that "it is not good for man to be alone." Much of the success of their enterprise he attributes to Mrs. Thompson's help.

A radio announcer in big, rich, grand and boastful California last summer denied a claim that had got abroad that the much publicized nag of the Jap emperor came from the White Horse. California, of course, is the background of all notable things. Mr. Thomson says the horse was sired in California but his sire traces back to White Horse ranch stock. He is having prepared a history of this somewhat famous horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson planned to leave from Atkinson Tuesday afternoon on their trip to California. He had recently returned from a trip to New York City.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means to thank our kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during the death and burial of our beloved son, brother, grandson and nephew, Billy, and for the beautiful floral offerings.—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parkinson and Owen Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Mrs. Henrietta Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson and family, Hazel Haines and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Orville McKim and family.

Mrs. Homer Mullen of Scribner, spent a couple of days here the past week a guest of Miss Bernadette Brennan.

CLARK APPOINTED TO VACANCY ON BOARD

Andy Clark was appointed yesterday to fill the vacancy in supervisor district No. 3, the O'Neill district. Appointments to vacancies where a number of qualified applicants are involved is always a delicate job. No doubt the board's selection will prove satisfactory to the citizens concerned.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATES LARGE CLASS

Twenty-five new members were taken into the Knights of Columbus here last Sunday afternoon. Knights from Norfolk, Columbus and Omaha came here for the occasion. Among the prominent members of the order to participate in the initiation ceremonies were State Deputy Charles J. McDonald of Omaha, and State Treasurer Ben McNair of Columbus. A banquet was served in the evening to 200 in the gymnasium of St. Mary's Academy. The local Knights feel it was one of the best occasions of that kind they have had.

BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Donna Gallagher left Sunday to return to Rosary College, at River Forest, Illinois.

Mrs. C. E. Stout and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham left Saturday for Omaha for a few days stay.

Arthur Hooper of Portland, Oregon, is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Oscar Newman.

Andrew Morgan of Lincoln, state adjuster for the Farmers Mutual Insurance company, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. F. A. Miles left last Sunday for Valentine, being called there by the serious illness of her aunt.

Miss Lou Birmingham left Saturday for Barat College, Lake Forest, Illinois, where she is attending school.

Patricia O'Donnell, who is a student at Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., returned to her school duties last Sunday, after spending the Thanksgiving vacation with the home folks.

Victor Howith, a former resident of Swan precinct, but now in Nance county, came up from his home near Fullerton Tuesday on business at the court house. He still owns the Swan ranch and went out there yesterday.

St. Mary's Basketball team play their first game here next Monday with Spalding High School team as their opponents. On Wednesday they play the Inman High School on the local floor.

Miss Helen Biglin was hostess to the Martez Club Tuesday evening. Following dinner at the M and M cards were played at the Biglin home. High score winners were Mrs. P. B. Harty, Mrs. H. J. Lohaus and Miss Helen Biglin.

Lt. and Mrs. W. H. Bowker are house guests at the home of Mrs. Bowker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond. Lt. Bowker has just returned from Iwo Jima and is on a forty-five day terminal leave. They will go to Sacramento, Cal., from here.

Oscar Boyer vs. E. C. Wilbur is the title of a suit filed in district court wherein the plaintiff asks for \$10,000 for alienation of his wife's affections. He alleges it began in May last since when the wife abandoned husband, home, children, the youngest 5 years, has gone with the defendant and seeks divorce from plaintiff.

Miss M. e. Keys who has been the efficient manager of the J. B. Ryan office on lower Fourth street almost since the business was started, is retiring from the position she has filled so long to care for her mother who is in feeble health. Neil Ryan, with clerical and navy experience, is looking after the office work for his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Vleck, of Woodburn, Wash., arrived here Tuesday night and will make their future home in O'Neill. Mrs. Van Vleck is a daughter of Alva Marcellus and they have moved into his home in the southeast section of the city. After they get located Mr. Van Vleck will join the force of employees of the Marcellus garage and give Alva more time to devote to the handling of new cars and to look after the outside work than he has been able to give to that portion of his business in the past.

Rubble, rubbish, weeds head high and a vacant lot can't be classed as vacant. The efforts of city officials to keep the streets swept and garnished are somewhat mitigated and the picture marred by the so-called vacant lots.

Retires After A Half Century

After more than a half century, fifty-four years to be specific, R. E. Chittick of Stuart has sold his drug store and retired from an active life that involved not only his personal business but a great interest in the public affairs of his community. This is the last "turn over" up to date in the drug business in the county, the one just previous taking place down at Chambers. Drug stores in the county have passed to new owners with considerable regularity in recent years. Mr. Chittick was elected county treasurer as a republican against strong fusion opposition. If this generation doesn't know what "fusion" means in politics is should be defined as an amalgamation of populists, democrats and every element with an implacable hatred of republicans. The opposition bloomed into persecution after Mr. Chittick took office in 1906. With a clear record and nothing to fear after about one year in office, but feeling that the abuse of political demagogues was not worth remaining in office, Mr. Chittick resigned, the first up to that time to resign a county office. James C. Harnish, serving as deputy under Mr. Chittick, was appointed to the office and later elected at the general election.

That his home community didn't share the vicious feeling manifest by jealous political enemies is testified to by Mr. Chittick being almost continuously in official positions in Stuart. The animosities, the bitterness, the abuse of good citizens over our county offices in the long ago was enough to make men blush.

A MUSIC PROGRAM

The Vocal and Instrumental Music departments of the O'Neill Public Schools will present a program on Tuesday evening, December 4, at the High School Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.

Only large groups consisting of Girls Chorus, Boys Chorus and Band will be used.

The admission charge will be 25c and 15c.



List of Registrants discharged since November 14, 1945:

- Frederick G. Seger, Atkinson
- Joseph J. Kalina, Inman
- Robert W. McCartney, Stuart
- Martin L. Craig, Page
- Otho R. Johnson, O'Neill
- Robert P. Thompson, O'Neill
- Joseph E. Stutz, O'Neill
- Richard L. Hovey, Stuart
- Herbert C. Spahn, Ewing
- Cecil T. Grenier, Opportunity
- Jerome M. Baum, Stuart
- Lloyd T. Lawyer, O'Neill
- Clay H. Johnson, O'Neill
- James B. Rotherham, Inman
- John C. Hipke, Stuart
- George Verzal, Atkinson
- Forest I. Iverson, Stuart
- Harold A. Green, Chambers
- Fred E. Wilbur, Page
- Poul V. Shipman, Atkinson
- Alvin J. Heiser, Atkinson
- Dtmar L. Spangler, O'Neill
- Donald R. Smith, Atkinson
- Keith N. Newhouse, Chambers
- Leo Straka, Stuart
- Lloyd C. Taylor, Chambers
- William P. Krysl, Stuart
- Donald R. Wit, Amelia
- Arnie E. Mace, O'Neill
- Carl L. Hubel, Ewing
- Melvin C. Hickerson, Amelia
- Tommy J. J. Dunn, Jr., Atkinson
- Jack A. Dailey, O'Neill
- Boyce B. Shaffer, Stuart
- August B. Schutt, Amelia
- Wilbur L. Sydow, O'Neill
- Danold E. Lowery, O'Neill
- Robert E. Thomas, O'Neill
- Irwin C. Dunlap, O'Neill
- Delbert P. Warner, Atkinson
- Robert H. Lamb, O'Neill
- Harold J. Weller, Atkinson
- Lee E. Osborn, O'Neill
- LeRoy J. Dobrovolsky, Atkinson