

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders
Rt. 5, Atkinson

It was in a big store in a strange city. The price tag on a simple little rag dog caught my eye but not my Two Dollars. It gave the hunch to stay home for Christmas spending.

The gents with schemes for despoiling the Missouri river say the "pressure groups" have so far defeated them. That makes two pressure groups, one for, one fernist.

Catalogue of the Animal Parasites of the World, a large government publication lists 100,000 bugs that are said to infest live stock. I don't believe they counted all the flies and mosquitoes down in Swan on a summer day.

He was just a little fellow, needed a hair cut or maybe just combed. A new suit would have been an improvement. But he had manly home or school train-in and said Thank you with the grace of a little gentleman for a small favor.

When the back-to-the-farm trek gets fully under way it will mean the heavy tread of 5,000,000 disillusioned Americans who left the security of the land for the bauble of filthy lucre, high rents and rationed grub around those "defense" camps.

Have you an iron bed? It's out of date. The first bed of iron was made in 1500 B. C., 7 feet wide, 14 feet in length and was the nightly lodging of one of those big guys who hung around the upper reaches of the Red sea. His name was Og, big man, little name, Sioux Indians would probably called him Hits the Sky.

Big stores in big and small cities are packed with merchandise from basement to roof—mountains of toys, but no overalls for the frustrated chap whose comfort in life depends on the roomy blue beauties with ample pockets for his collection of string, nails, bolts, staples and the indispensable knife. Maybe we have come to the end of the overall area and are expected to go out to join the white collar brigade.

"Threatens the foundations of democracy," shouts the political demagogue; "Threatens the foundations of democracy," echoes the UAW demagogue. There is no threat to the foundations of democracy only that which comes from the demagogues who rant and rave for selfish ends. Right now is the crying need of what a compatriot has put into a few words. . . "let us as free men of a free government dedicated to individual freedom, keep our heads."

To put this "old codger" in his place, we have it from an esteemed lady that the bobby sox formation has nothing to do with the attitude of mature and graceful dames as to bare legs from shoetop upwards. Merchants are responsible as ambassadors plenipotentiary of the knitting mills for not having hoisery. Merchants tell me they have the hoisery, but not the faint breath of a leg covering the fair and forty demand. So Bobby Sox wins.

One of the briefest programs for the construction of the "new world" comes from an unknown patriot who thinks fewer architects are needed and more brick layers. . . It is said that in another month they will be out of bread and the "a" will have to be dropped out of Hungary. . . The Colonel who piloted that B-29 Super Fortress 8,198 miles from Guam to Washington without a stop belongs to our not too close neighbor on the south, Clarence S. Irvinet, down at St. Paul in Howard county. . . Nebraska got a mild week-end soaking, when thunder showers struck the eastern Platte valley, rain and snow in the west and north, dropping .80 moisture at O'Neill and making a snow covered skating rink out of the

pavements, temperature at about 8 above Monday morning.

Smear, Smear. Thus comes shouts from those in Washington who are suspected of desiring to lay a blanket over a chapter of the Pearl Harbor story. No one wants to smear the late president. Heaven help us if that is the purpose. Americans want, are entitled to, the truth. If the truth should cast a shadow over our late executive's official act we are sorry, sorry that our nation should have to record such a thing. And we can only trust that it will not be necessary. A person is not being investigated, it's an official, the very top one in all our government organization. Let the truth be known, to be applauded or make us ashamed.

Another leaf torn from the Calendar. November failed to deliver the poet's melancholy days. North Nebraska has basked in the slanting sun's rays by day and slumbered under the star dotted blue at night. December brings the glad Yuletide season, the drab of dead landscape enlivened with shimmering white sifted out of floating clouds and the nude bush and tree sprinkled with shining jewels when hoar frost descends on silent footfall. Christmas festivities with lights and colors and a little of the warm glow of human fellowship. There may be storms, wild winds sucking at doors and windows, the glow of firelight and warmth within. And all of this makes December, the year's end.

BRIEFLY STATED

W. J. Froelich arrived home Wednesday to spend the week-end with his family.

Mrs. Tom Semlock, of Norfolk, was in the city last week to visit her father, Tom Enright, and to attend the funeral of Margaret Gibbons.

Prof. Ira George went to Bartlett last Friday to supervise the music for a High School play and program.

Clyde Kellar has bought the cafe on lower Fourth street and will continue feeding that section of the city.

If the snakes lolling on highways as an emblem of an open winter did not take to their lairs snow and ice had them travel blocked as bleak December flagged in.

Mrs. Frank Froelich was called to Audubon, Iowa, Monday afternoon by the series illness of her mother, who had the misfortune of breaking her hip some time ago.

Henry Schollmeyer and daughter, Lyla May, came down from Sheridan, Wyo., Friday for a visit with the home folks out by Dorsey.

Robert Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen has received his promotion to Yeoman in the navy and has been transferred to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station from San Diego, Cal.

There are at present 274 of the aged of the county receiving benefit checks, the checks averaging \$29.80 each person. Seven citizens have been dropped from the list recently by reason of death.

The Soil Conservation office reports the addition of a few more Holt county farmers to the conservation program, making thirty-four to date who are involved with a large number more who may be included by spring.

The Rev. Mullis family enjoyed a visit last week from Mr. Mullis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mullis, and a nephew, Joe Carlson, who came up from Lincoln early in the week and remained several days.

Fred Zink, who resigned as county clerk for the benefit of his health, is in Sundance, Wyo., and much improved he has written a friend in O'Neill. Mr. Zink has a son living in Sundance running a mercantile business and he is busying himself in his son's store.

Miss M. Gibbons Is Laid to Rest

There stands over on Second street a row of rugged, aged and grand specimens of the trees of our fathers planted as cottowood cuttings by the hand of a pioneer. One by one the family of that pioneer has responded to the musterroll of eternity. There was buried in O'Neill last Friday another member of this family. When the last one has passed from the scenes of earth may we hope the old cottonwoods will be left as a monument and wave their velvet plumes in the summer breeze.

Margaret Gibbons was laid to rest in Calvary cemetery here last Friday, borne there by six of the few remaining to remember the family as pioneers of this community. Performing the solemn function of pallbearers were H. E. Coyne, M. H. Horiskey, J. B. Ryan, John Sullivan, D. F. Murphy, H. J. Birmingham. The rites of burial were administered by Msgr. McNamara at St. Patrick's church.

Margaret died at her home in Butte, Mont., November 25, age 70 years. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. John V. Murphy of Portland, Oregon; and Della and Deborah Gibbons of Butte, Mont. There are also three nephews, Dr. Milton Murphy, Raymond and Edward Murphy, all of Portland. Raymond with the two sisters from Butte accompanied the remains to O'Neill, where they reposed at Biglin Bros. chapel for old friends here to look upon the peaceful dead, extend their sympathy and renew friendships of long ago with the two sisters who held vigil throughout the day previous to burial.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many old friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during our recent visit, attending the burial of our beloved sister and aunt, Maggie Gibbons.—Delia and Deborah Gibbons, Butte, Mont.; Mrs. John V. Murphy, Dr. J. Milton Murphy, Raymond J. Murphy and Edward R. Murphy, Portland, Oregon.

Hungerford Promoted

Manila.—Daniel T. Hungerford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hungerford, now residing at O'Neill, Nebraska, was recently promoted from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant. His wife, Ann and son, Donald, reside at her parents home in Salix, Iowa.

Sgt. Hungerford is a member of Co. "A" 742 Military Police Battalion, Manila.

He was inducted in May, 1942, and was assigned overseas in May, 1944.

Besides his duties as Military Policeman, Sgt. Hungerford distinguished himself as an efficient athletic organizer for his company, in which respect he deserves praise for keeping the men of his unit physically fit and mentally alert despite the dreariness of the New Guinea jungle, where they were assigned before being sent to Manila.

When Sgt. Hungerford is relieved of his army duties, he plans to go back to the Stuart High School, Stuart, Nebr., where he taught before the war. He also plans to take up his pre-war job as coach in football, basketball and baseball, in the same school.

First Presbyterian Church

Kenneth J. Scott, Pastor
Announcements for week of December 9th to 16th
Sunday, December 9, Bible Sunday.
10 a. m., Sunday School, John Harbottle, Supt.
11 a. m., Morning worship. Sermon, "Is it Really Your Own?"
5:30 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor. Leader, Danny Rustemeyer.
7:00 p. m., Senior Westminster Fellowship. Leader, Shirley Schaffer.
Tuesday, December 11, mid-week Devotional Service. Topic: The Doctrine of Man.

Wheezing, sneezing, sniffles—not quite unanimous. There is a lot of it hitting youngsters, adults and grand dads alike. About twenty are absent from public school with flu, colds, grip or whatever the M. D.'s have classified the present affliction. Pupils at St. Mary's are in a similar plight. It is not so severe in most cases as to put the victim in bed but maybe that would be the advisable thing to do. Snow and colder weather either brought it on or is supposed to be a cure, take your choice.

Allen Connell braved the slushy roads to Boyd county Tuesday, that being a portion of his territory comprehend in the employment area. Just now the packers in Omaha are calling for 1000 men and a representative was in O'Neill during the week in the interest of making up this force of workers.

Ted Sirek arrived in O'Neill last Saturday to spend a week in his old home town. Ted was a Flight Officer in the Air Corps, where he put in about three years and received his discharge from the service at Scott Field, Ill., on November 15. After the first of the year he expects to enter Northwestern University in Chicago.

Mrs. H. J. Birmingham was hostess to the Martez Club Tuesday evening at a seven o'clock dinner at the M and M. Following dinner cards were played at the C. E. Stout home. High scores went to Mrs. Ed Campbell, Mrs. C. E. Stout and Mrs. F. J. Dishner.

D. A. McCarthy, one of the pioneers of the Dry Creek section and an extensive cattle raiser, was in the city Monday, made this office a pleasant call and advanced his subscription to January 1, 1947. We hope that several hundred other readers will emulate Dan's exable.

METHODIST CHURCH, O'NEILL

Lloyd W. Mullis, Minister
Sunday School 10 o'clock. Lorenz Bredemeier, superintendent.
Morning Worship 11 o'clock
Methodist Youth Fellowship 7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice, Tuesday 7:30 p. m.

Women's Society of Christian Service Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 8, in the Methodist Tea Room. The Bazaar will start at 4 o'clock and the Chicken Noodle supper will be served for 60 cents, beginning at 5:30.

A most friendly spirit was noted during the Religious Census last Sunday. The members from the churches plan to complete the survey the afternoon of December 9.

RUMOR BRANDED FALSE

A statement by V. M. Johnson, General Manager of Consumers Public Power District, appearing on another page of this paper, should definitely and permanently quiet a rumor which has been circulating around O'Neill recently.

Mr. Johnson, in a signed statement, says that Consumers does not and never has contemplated moving either its local office or district office headquarters out of O'Neill.

We do not know where such rumors have their origination but it is gratifying to be assured that an industry of such value to a community as Consumers Public Power District plans to keep its headquarters in our city.

NOTICE

The City Council of O'Neill, Nebraska, will hold a special meeting on Monday, December 10th, 7:30 p. m., at the Council Chambers, at which time they will receive bids on the following described real estate: "East 140 feet of Lots 2 and 3, in Block 16, Original Town of O'Neill, Nebraska."

Bids will also be received on the old John McNichols house, located at the City Airport.

J. B. GRADY,
City Clerk.

Bazaar & Supper
O'Neill Methodist Church
Saturday, Dec. 8
Bazaar opens at 4 o'clock
Supper served from 5:30 p. m. to 7:15 p. m.
Price 60 cents

REA Prospects for Holt County

The annual Farm Bureau meeting for the county was held at the Public School auditorium in O'Neill Wednesday, merged into a picture show when adjournment was taken to the music room and then given over to the Rural Electrification representative, Earl J. Smith of St. Louis.

The business of the Farm Bureau was completed when Clarence Ernst in District 3, Grattan township, and Glenn White in District 5 were elected to the governing board. The moving pictures flashed across the screen and played upon the emotions of the large group assembled. It sat the audience down on a South Pacific island in an inferno of smoke and crash and roar of Allied battle ship, bombs pouring from airplanes, rubble and wreck, sweating soldiers and racing Marines, death and ruin among the clouds, in the sea, on shore. And the final monster of the air that dropped the death blow on Japan, that mysterious thing of atoms.

Widespread interest in rural electrification was manifest by the men and women who were able to get in from the outlying districts. The condition of travel prevented as full a representation from over the county as otherwise would have been expected. Mr. Smith, field representative for applications and loans of the REA setup authorized by act of Congress in 1938, explained the program in some detail. A committee functioning as a bank loans government funds at 2% for 35 years to put up the electric lines in counties where sufficient signers are secured to establish the project, which is under the control of a board of directors of local citizens. In this county the estimated cost to each farm or ranch using the current is \$10 per month with scarcely any limit to the amount of electricity used. Mr. Smith feels there should be a call made for a county wide meeting to get a full representation of our citizens and determine on definite action. There are now 32 Nebraska counties signed for electric service.

St. Mary's played their first game of the season Monday night losing to Spalding High with a score of 29-34.

At the close of the first quarter the score was tied 10-10. At the half St. Mary's led Spalding by a three point margin, having a score of 18-15.

At the beginning of the last quarter Spalding took the lead but three Cardinals put forth a splendid effort but could not regain the loss.

Bill Froelich was high point man for St. Mary's having a score of 12 points. Pettijohn was high point man for Spalding with 15 points.

St. Mary's Reserves lost to O'Neill High Reserves with a score of 12-17.

The town needs a lemonade stand and a bus terminal with NO-PARKING zones. Careful, you are jeopardizing life and limb leaving or going to a bus up on the corner. Four bus lines operate in and out morning, noon, afternoon and night. If a spot is found to unload and reload where a motorist has not nosed in it is just a chance bit of luck. Maybe it will take an accident, a calamity, a broken leg or two to put O'Neill on a level with other towns where are flashed NO-PARKING signs where busses stop.

Northwestern Credits Large Sum on Holt County Quoto

Holt County will be credited with \$25,000 in Victory bonds by the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company as the result of its purchase of \$28,000,000 in Victory loan bonds.

This was announced Friday by R. L. Williams, president of the railway company who said that, as in previous war bond purchases by the company, credit will be allocated to more than 200 counties in eight of the states in which the railway operates.

Valor P. White, Duff, Nebr., Miss Roslyn Nachtmann, Bassett, Nebraska.

Leland O. Johnson, Orchard, Miss Joyce Pauline Fuller, Neligh.

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Those attending the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hatton, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Moody, of Pishastin, Wash., Vaden Stamp, O'Neill, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Woodman and family, Chico, Cal., and a number of friends.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the grooms parents for friends and



Skrdla Brothers, Stuart Ranchers, fly to P. F. L. meeting in Omaha. Story appeared in previous issue of this paper

A Large Poultry Output in Nov.

Eighty-five busy men and women were employed during November at the Tri State to get ready for Thanksgiving tables 626,500 pounds of prime turkey meat and 201,000 pounds of less glamorous chickens, though to many first choice of fatted fowl. Mr. Willson, manager at the Tri State, reports that amount of poultry dressed during the month of November.

Some 18,000 head of the turkeys dressed were of the flock at the Tri State farm a few miles southwest of town where there are still some 6,000 that will be marketed after processing this month. A large number of turkeys have been bought from producers over the county at an average of 31 cents per pound.

The large number of birds, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, that are run through the dressing plant mean a lot of feathers. These are placed in bags and stored in the company warehouse and shipment made twice a year in car lots.

November was a month of the largest output so far of dressed poultry. The outlook for another year in poultry production in this territory is at present encouraging though it depends on developments as we move into 1946. The labor situation is better and the plant now has ample help, at the present time having fifty-five workers in the plant. Many chickens are sent to the Sioux City plant to be dressed for market. The hatcheries will not be put into operation until after the New Year.

South Omaha swells a prideful chest over their beef, mutton and pork packing industries. O'Neill, as well as a big sweep of country, takes pride in a poultry dressing plant that outlasts them all.

CAVANAUGH-PERRY

A very pretty wedding took place at the St. Anthony church at Oakland, Cal., by Rev. Father Lacey in a double ring ceremony when Miss Mildred Cavanaugh, of San Bernardino, Cal., was given in marriage by Alfred Boies, cousin of the bride, to Radar A. R. T. Perry November 20th at 6:00 p. m. The attendants were Mrs. Earline Boies, cousin of the bride, and Arthur Bisenthoe, a close friend of the groom.

The bride wore a navy blue suit with blue and white accessories; her corsage was talisman roses. The bridesmaid wore a teal blue suit with black accessories; her corsage was also talisman roses. The groom wore his regular uniform and Mr. Bisenthoe wore a navy blue suit.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh of O'Neill, Nebr., and is a graduate of St. Mary's with the class of '41.

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relatives. The table was centered with a three tier wedding cake, decorated with a miniature bride and sailor.

After the reception the young couple left for Richardson Springs for a short honeymoon. After December 1 they will be at their apartment in San Bernardino, Cal., where the groom is stationed.

O'Neill friends of Miss Cavanaugh tender best wishes to her and her husband.

List of registrants discharged since last report of November 20th:

- Thomas P. Coleman, Ewing
- Wilfred M. Martfeld, O'Neill
- William L. Miller, Ewing
- Ardell V. Curran, O'Neill
- Luther E. Schulz, O'Neill
- Weslyn R. Larson, Ewing
- James Albert Diehl, Atkinson
- John W. Howard, Page
- Clinton V. Petersen, O'Neill
- Ronald A. Grass, Page
- Raymond J. Grof, Atkinson
- Alvin J. Magers, O'Neill
- Charles A. Boies, Jr., Ewing
- Paul R. Kubitschek, O'Neill
- Delmar E. Price, O'Neill
- Marvin W. Young, Inman
- D. O. David E. Newton, Emmet
- Gerald M. Clessen, O'Neill
- Harold E. Berglund, Opportun-ity

- Lloyd E. Johnson, Emmet
- Marion R. Tracy, Atkinson
- Elvin O. Alton, Atkinson
- Ernest A. Kloppenborg, Emmet
- William J. McNally, O'Neill
- Ephraim Van Dover, O'Neill
- Donald L. Keyes, Inman
- Richard M. Porter, Chambers
- Frank E. Wetchem, Stuart
- Robert E. Nightengale, Dorsey
- Walter M. Roberts, Atkinson
- Stanley J. Lambert, Ewing
- Herbert H. Kirschner, Page
- Howard M. Jeffrey, O'Neill
- John A. Fox, O'Neill
- James M. Holscl, W. O'Neill
- Jacob F. Pribil, O'Neill
- Wallace J. O'Connell, Atkinson
- Gary Hoffman, O'Neill
- Gerald J. Lawyer, O'Neill
- Andrew W. Sch. ch., O'Neill
- Robert L. Vance, Ewing
- Glenn R. Carisle, Stuart
- Ray D. Spencer, Dorsey
- Otto P. Steinbach, Stuart
- Dale E. Stauffer, Page
- Herbert L. Baer, Atkinson
- Eugene M. Waters, O'Neill
- Glenn Taylor, Chambers
- Raymond L. Lansberry, Red-bird

- Marion L. Siemsen, Atkinson
- Theodore G. Sirek, O'Neill
- Theodore H. Braun, Atkinson
- Max R. Jeffers, O'Neill
- Merrell J. Stuart, Page
- Charles W. Strong, Atkinson
- Dale E. Asher, Page
- Wesley C. Taylor, O'Neill
- Louis J. B. rtos, Page
- Dale Arthur Waring, Middle-branch
- Lloyd Earl Cork, Page
- George H. Hodgson, Stuart
- Austin H. Hynes, O'Neill
- Gerald D. Hansen, O'Neill
- Robert D. Ot., O'Neill
- Frank C. Trowbridge, Cham-bers.

- Registrants to be inducted into the armed forces during the month of December:
- Leon Pochop, Ewing; Virgil L. Pinkerman, Dorsey; Floyd H. Post, Disting; Leonard J. Ruzicka, Dorsey; Lester E. Boshart, O'Neill
- Donald J. Vandersnick, Ewing; Ralph R. Revell, Star; Frederick J. Friedel, Stuart; Clarence C. Juracek, Star; Merle M. Farrier, Chambers; Leo J. Schneider, O'Neill.

- Registrants taking preinduction examinations during Dec:
- Robert D. Cole, Emmet; Donald J. Burival, O'Neill; Elvon L. Hamilton, Atkinson; Dean L. De Long, O'Neill; Thomas E. Otto, Stuart; Gerard Richard Spittler, Inman; Bernard J. Sterns, O'Neill; Jack N. Sesler, Atkinson; Leslie J. Gartner, Stuart; Johnnie B. Kramer, Stuart; Duane G. Summers, Page.