

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders
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Everybody demanding their rights. Has no one a thought of their obligations?

An earlier generation of youth got their "sport" on a pair of Barney & Berry skates down on Carlon's lake. Now a gym is provided for half naked kids to toss a big ball at a basket. What next?

A publisher got this through the mail: "I am enclosing money for a year's subscription so I will have a right to gripe for another twelve months on how the sheet is run." It don't matter what your motive is, send in the remittance.

Holt county has a coming historian. Richard Cronin down at the Norfolk college was at the top of his class in history examination with a grade of 94. The army intelligence test disclosed an amazing number of young fellows who know the answer to a question in history ask Dick.

Families are reluctantly selling out and leaving the land. Call to army service, required to relinquish possession of a rented place, giving up the struggle with soil and elements because of lack of help, broken in health and one gent is specific about it, has arthritis. With the old bones gone bad active life in the open is at an end. Others will take over, the cycle of change goes forever on.

The average man is said to be 39 around the chest, 40 around the waist, 132 over the top like you measure a hay stack and a general nuisance around the house. His pants also bag at the knees, face unshaven, brown tinted saliva staining the corners of his mouth and a sort of handgog shuffle to his gait. He brings home the groceries, keeps the coal bin filled and is something of an interesting individual at that.

There are two sides to everything except a flat surface. Here is one fellow's philosophical contribution to a million others on wage and work: "I have walked wood and lugged a belt full of handaxes, and pliers, etc., up a 60-foot stick and fixed wires thereon. And I liked it. And I negotiated my own wage scale with the foreman—and got what I was worth or even more so sometimes. And I never had to divide up my pay check with any strong-armed walking delegate or steward or mouthy Big Chief in the Labor Temple."

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Federal funds for building homes, federal funds for launching on the uncharted enterprise, for farm or stockraising, for a countrywide electric flash, a fourth, a third, a half, a majority of the citizens beholden to Uncle Sam, indebted for things our parents would have scorned. Is it wise? Maybe so, maybe not. Why a shortage of houses? A redistribution of population and the house shortage is past. Villages, farms have scores of vacant houses. An energetic, trustworthy young man can get financial backing at local banks if he proposes to get going either on the land or in business. Highways, electric lines—maybe the old fashioned method of bonding the townships will get them at more favorable rates. Objection can be raised to federal financed electric lines that you must pay for what you don't use rather than what you do use of the current, according to plans outlined.

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the colossal loan to Great Britain, the multiplied stories of billions thrown to the winds and flames and waves has left patriotic citizens wondering whether the blessing would fall upon Mount Gerizim or the curse on Mount Ebal. There still throbs the warm impulse to help a worthy cause but wanton waste and the lavish scattering of our cash among foreign nations has closed the purse strings of the common citizen to the bond propaganda. The Holt county committee has had our sympathy; they have done a good job in the face of widespread indifference or open hostility. The quota has been raised as to the country as a whole. Financial concerns of great or lesser piles of currency saw to that. Those bonds escape taxation and yield a little interest which make them about equal as investments to loans yielding greater interest. Our citizens are quick to respond to the cry of the needy; they have been disillusioned by wanton government scattering of their money.

The bar men and bar maids of the seven or eight wet spots in town would probably take to their heels through a back door were a Carry Nation with a hatchet to show up or the festive punchers ride in and cut loose with sixshooters. Maybe all but Tom Enright who had seen that thing before. Carry Nation did not operate in Nebraska but she wrecked many bars in Kansas and they had to take it. The punchers sometimes wrecked things but pulled out a roll and paid for the wreckage. Ed Henry, living over north somewhere and said to be ordering his life in the upright pathway, was one of a group of riders who last shot up mirrors, bottles, glasses and the like over where P. B. Hartly now is and down the street on the corner. It was called "having their fun"—fun of barbarians or fun of fools. John Skirving, for many years clerk of the district court, was town marshal at Stuart when Doc Middleton shattered everything in sight, paid the bartender and took John's advice to leave town. A bit of the wild and woolly you may have heard about. But the churches functioned and had Sunday night services, for which a corporal's guard couldn't be mustered now.

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Pioneer Died in Chandler, Ariz.

C. J. Taylor, a pioneer of north-eastern Holt county passed away at the Misa Hospital in Chandler, Arizona, on November 20, 1945, at the age of 81 years, 11 months and 25 days. The funeral was held at Misa on December 3, the Christian minister, Rev. Thos. Bishop of Chandler, conducted the services.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife and ten living children. They are: Mrs. Maggie Bruce, Chandler, Arizona; Jack Taylor, Atkinson, Neb.; Ralph Taylor, Gordon, Neb.; Lee Taylor, Dubois, Wyo.; Mrs. Ethel Siders, O'Neill, Neb.; Mrs. Ida Sorenson, Cocolalla, Idaho; John Taylor, Dubois, Wyo.; Mrs. Chloe Henfin, Bellingham, Wash.; Mrs. Ellen Romeo, Fort Collins, Col.; Pfc. Bill Taylor, at hospital, Camp Carson, Col. He is also survived by fifty grandchildren and forty-three great grand children, besides a lot of friends in this county where he lived for so many years.

Mr. Taylor was a native of Nebraska being born near Nebraska city. For several years he was a resident of the north-eastern part of the county and lived in this city a few years, before moving to Colorado about three years ago. He arrived in Chandler, Arizona, on October 18 and was taken seriously ill on November 7 and was taken to the Misa hospital on November 20 and passed away on November 29. The trip to Chandler was made for the benefit of his health, as he had not been feeling well for several weeks.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Casey left Monday for Lincoln on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich left Monday for a week's trip to New York.

County Agent Dawes attended a gathering of county agents in Bassett Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schollmeyer returned Monday from a visit with relatives at Falls City.

Mrs. F. A. Miles returned Friday from Valentine, where she had spent the past two weeks.

Mrs. Mary Brennan, Miss Bernadette Brennan and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hartly made a business trip to Sioux City Tuesday.

From OPA sources come the advice to Nebraska housewives to "watch the pennies." While we watch the pennies, OPA and other government agencies are squandering the dollars.

Mrs. James McPharlin returned last week from Fairmont, Minn., where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Chapman and family, who are engaged in the hotel business in Fairmont.

Mrs. Ed Campbell was hostess to the Martez Club at a 7 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening at the M and M. Following dinner they played cards at the Campbell home. Mrs. F. N. Cronin, Mrs. Ira Moss and Mrs. Ed Campbell won high scores.

Our old friend W. F. Grothe, Sr., of Emmet, was a caller at this office last Saturday and advanced his subscription to anuary 1, 1947. Bill said that he had one more day of corn picking and when that was done he and boys would have picked and cribbed 4,500 bushels of corn and most of it of good quality.

The City Council meeting Monday evening drew a large number of citizens to the council chamber. Two properties were to be sold at this session, an old house out on the airport, which was knocked off to Ed Matthews for \$170. The other property, a vacant plat of ground on upper Fourth street, was sold to A. Marcellus for \$3,000. The house will be moved from the airport property.

Charles Witt of Fairbury, accompanied by Nadine McNally of Schuyler, were entertained a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen. Mr. Witt was employed in the Ben Franklin store previous to his induction into the military service, where he served in the army repair squadron, serving two years and six months in Africa and Italy. His job was the repair of the delicate instruments carried aboard the aircraft. He is making Fairbury his home devoting his attention to the jewelry trade.

PAGE METHODIST CHURCH

Feodor C. Kattner, Minister
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Be prompt for the 10 o'clock song service.
Worship Services 11 a. m.
The children worship in the basement and the adults in the sanctuary.
Youth Fellowship 7:30 p. m.
Women's Society Thursday, December 20. This is a special Christmas program.
Plans are to have the Christmas play, "Under the Stars" given by the young people Sunday evening, December 23 and the children's Christmas Program Monday evening, December 24.

Fortieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Waring of Middlebranch, celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary Sunday, December 9th, by a group of 63 relatives and friends coming to surprise them on the occasion. The self invited guests brought the dinner that was served at noon. Table decorations were a three tiered cake topped with wedding bells baked by their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Glen Waring and two bouquets of roses presented by Mrs. Allie Carter, a sister of Mr. Waring.

After dinner cards and gifts were opened. There were a number of cards sent by relatives that were unable to attend. Their sons sang "Long, Long Ago" and other familiar songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Waring have two daughters and five sons all of whom attended except Keith Waring, of Fairbury, Neb. They have lived on the same farm all their married life with the exception of one year.

Those attending were: Mrs. Allie Carter, Middlebranch; Mrs. Clarence DeLaney and Burchard Carter, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kulba, Roy Carter and Victor Goodman, all of Bruning; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stevens, Mrs. Elton Grass, Nancy and Donald, Mrs. J. T. Voehl, Joanne, James and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stevens, Carl, Lorna and Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parks and Ronnie, and Miss Maule Martin, all of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stevens, Dixie Lee, Patty and Sonia, Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Finch, Sr., Middlebranch; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch, Beverly, Phyllis, Junior and Karal Kay, Venus; Mr. and Mrs. Waring's children attending were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Finch, Jr., Margie, Duane and Helen, Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waring, Jeanine and Maurice, Page; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Waring, Marlene and Kevin, Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Waring, Willis and Ailee, Middlebranch; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Waring and Darrell, Middlebranch and Miss Maxine Waring at home.

The 1942 license plates will come off the automobiles next month when two red and white plates will be furnished each motorist, one for each end of the car. As the few economical practices during our late unpleasantness abroad cars have been traveling with the one plate in front. Highway patrolmen have found it difficult to identify reckless drivers and will probably greet the return to the two plates as a distinct advantage to them. The new plates are to be in the hands of County Treasurer Ed Hancock next week.

The funeral of Charles E. Hevens, 87, pioneer and long time Atkinson business man, was held in Atkinson last Sunday at the Methodist church, Rev. Birmingham delivering the funeral sermon and the Masonic order participating in the service. Burial was deferred until a nephew came from Richardson county. Mr. Havens at one time owned a large block of business property and a residence in Atkinson but had disposed of all real estate holdings in recent years. He is survived by three sisters and nephews. L. G. Gillespie represented the O'Neill Masons at the funeral.

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Farmers Complete Soil Plans

Three more Holt county farmers have developed complete conservation plans on their farms during November according to announcement of the Supervisors of the Holt Soil Conservation District. These plans were on the farms of George Pongiratz, two miles east and three miles north of Emmet; Walter Sojka, one mile north and four miles east of Page and W. Lloyd Brady fifteen miles north and eleven miles east of O'Neill.

The plans on these farms call for tree planting, seeding of grasses for hay or pasture on land not suitable for cultivation, maintaining of crop residue on the surface of the soil, crop rotations, contour tillage, establishing of gullies as grassed waterways, seeding of field boundaries and turn rows to grass deferred grazing and rotation of grazing of pasture lands, distribution of salt and location of watering places to secure more uniform grazing.

For more information on Soil Conservation Districts see the county agent in the court house or the district office in the court house annex basement.

BRIEFLY STATED

Flu wrote down a change in the police force, Night Patrolman Calkins taking to the sick bed and Day Patrolman Peterson taking the night shift. Charles Switzer took over the day duties.

O'Neill relatives have received word that Lt. Clinton E. Cronin, of Grand Island, Nebraska, who has been in the Navy for the past two years and in the South Pacific for the past year, is headed home and will be discharged from the service at Great Lakes, Illinois, between now and December 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gillespie Friday afternoon, on their way to their home in Salem, Oregon, from Michigan. Mr. Rice has recently been discharged from the army overseas service. Mrs. Rice is a niece of Mrs. Gillespie. They hurried on west in the hopes of beating the weather to their destination. Mr. Rice was with the force which took over the famous Brenner pass.

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Registrants discharged since report of December 5:
Alvin D. Mudloff, Star
Gilbert H. Echtenkamp, Inman
Leo R. Weichman, Stuart
William F. Gallagher, O'Neill
Walter F. Kaup, Stuart
Harold D. Kirkland, Atkinson
Ralph G. Jungbluth, Chambers
Frank L. Sesler, Atkinson
Arnold F. Redinger, O'Neill
Clotus P. Seaman, Atkinson
Isadore F. Seaman, Atkinson
Delbert D. Alder, Opportunity
Mervin D. Stauffer, Page
John E. Carr, O'Neill
Victor P. Funk, Ewing
Leonard D. Devall, O'Neill
James D. Trobaugh, Atkinson
Calvin D. Keeler, Atkinson
Hans A. Braun, Atkinson
Clifford C. Riehart, Chambers
Owen E. Davidson, O'Neill
William J. Morgan, Atkinson
Harold R. Strong, O'Neill
Clifford G. Hahlbeck, Ewing
Harlan J. VanConnet, Chambers
Andy O. Carr, Atkinson
Jerome H. Loeffler, O'Neill
Foster F. Farrand, Dorsey
Earl Hoerle, Chambers
Bernard F. Straka, Stuart
Charles F. Yanrall, O'Neill
Fred V. Halva, O'Neill
Ralph E. Brown, O'Neill
Donald J. Skrdla, Stuart
Elden L. Prawitz, O'Neill
Benjamin H. Oetter, O'Neill
Edward Wondercheck, Atkinson
Roy L. Ries, Atkinson.

Basket Ball Boys

ST. MARY'S LOSES TO INMAN 20-15

St. Mary's Cardinals played their second home game of the season losing to Inman High with a score of 20-15.

In the first quarter St. Mary's Cardinals had Inman 5-0. In the second quarter Inman began to sink a few long shots, from the Cardinals. At this period of the game the score was 8-7.

The Tigers in the third period came out with wonderful zeal and made 6 points while the Cardinals made three, which left the score 11-13.

In the fourth period the Cardinals put forth splendid effort but were unable to regain the loss. The score ended 20-15.

Conlon was high point man for the Cardinals with 5 points and for Inman we have Harte and Mossman with 4 points each. St. Mary's Reserves also lost to Inman Reserves 10-12.

ST. MARL'S CARDINALS WIN AT CHAMBERS

Friday, December 7, St. Mary's traveled to Chambers where they defeated the Coyotes 28-20.

Froelich was high point man for St. Mary's with 12 points and Cook for Chambers with 10 points.

The second team of St. Mary's won their game from Chambers.

ST MARY'S LOSES TO O'NEILL HIGH 22-27

Monday, December 10, St. Mary's suffered another defeat at home when they lost to O'Neill High 22-27.

At the end of the first quarter the score was tied, 4-4.

In the second quarter the Cards played a wonderful period but could not get control of the ball enabling them to make any baskets. At the end of the second quarter the score was 8-11.

In the third quarter the Cards were still in the same predicament but showed a little more anxiety to win the game but could not outwit the long shots of O'Neill High. The score at the end of the third period 13-20 in favor of O'Neill.

The fourth quarter showed much more fighting because we knew both schools were trying their hardest to win this game. The score ended 22-27 in favor of O'Neill High.

Froelich was high point man for the Cardinals with 11 points and Tibbetts for O'Neill High with 13 points.

We wish to congratulate both teams for the wonderful way they played their game and their splendid display of school spirit.

The St. Mary's Reserves also lost to the O'Neill High Reserves 23-9.

Auxiliary Held Special Meeting

A special meeting of Simonson Unit No. 93, American Legion Auxiliary was held Thursday evening, November 29, at the Golden Hotel, at which honored guests were ladies eligible to membership in the Auxiliary. More than seventy-five ladies were in attendance. The following program of entertainment was presented:

Opening ceremonies—Members of Simonson Unit No. 93.
Piano Solo—Miss Jacqueline Vogt.

Vocal Selections—Mrs. Earl Ralya accompanied by A. E. Bowen with violin obligato by Mrs. Lorenz Bredemer.

Under direction of Prof. Ira George of the O'Neill High School the following was presented:
Cornet solo and vocal chorus—Master Duane Booth accompanied by Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek.

Cornet solo—Delores DeBolt accompanied by Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek.

Trombone solo—Donna Clements accompanied by Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek.

Clarinet solo—John Berigan accompanied by Mrs. E. M. Gallagher.

The Story of the American Auxiliary—Mrs. D. C. Schaffer.
The Aims and Purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary—Mrs. Stanley Soukup.

Americanism, Rehabilitation and Community Service—Mrs. A. L. Borg.

The Work of Simonson Unit No. 93—Miss Mary Ann Janousek, Unit Historian.

Address—Mrs. Florence Soost, Bloomfield, President No. 2.

Eligibility and Invitation to Membership—Edith J. Davidson, Unit President.

At the close of the program refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent informally.

Mrs. Sawyer, of Bloomfield, whose husband is commander of the Bloomfield Legion Post, was also a guest of the meeting.

A number of ladies have expressed their regrets at being unable to attend the meeting, but the Auxiliary doors are open and Simonson Unit will be glad to welcome them to membership in the Auxiliary at any time.

Because of the conflict with Christmas activities and the special meeting held last week, there will be no regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary in December.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 9.

PAGE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gray were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray.

Dan Mudloff returned Wednesday after serving in the Army Air Corps for two years on Luzon.

Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn French, Carol and Betty, spent the weekend at the Roy Snyder home in Ainsworth.

Mrs. Dean Richards left Tuesday for Elm Creek, after visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Wood.

Miss Marie Heiss left Sunday to return to her work at library of the High School at Hastings. The school had been closed because of the flu.

Nevan Ickes, Seaman Second Class, of San Diego, Cal., came Thursday to spend five days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nevan Ickes. He has finished his boot training. Mrs. John Jackson and the Misses Neva and Sybil Ickes, all of Lincoln, visited a short time at the home of their parents while he was home.

The W. S. C. S. held their Annual Baz ar at the Methodist church basement Saturday afternoon and evening. They also served lunches. The receipts amounted to \$110.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Reige are moving to the Merryman home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Copes. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parks are moving to the house vacated by the Reiges.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Mudloff and daughter, Lyman Park and daughter, Miss Evelyn Park, left for Omaha Friday, where they visited with relatives and were shopping. They returned home Sunday.

Vernie Hunter trucked the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Copes to Ainsworth Monday, where they have purchased a home and Mr. Copes has employment. R. D. Copes accompanied Mr. Hunter to Ainsworth. Pythagoras Lodge No. 156, A. F. and A. M., of Page, held their election of officers Friday evening, December 7. The following were elected: E. R. Townsend, Worshipful Master; David E. Bowen, Senior Warden; La Vern Van Conet, Junior Warden; C. A. Townsend, Treasurer; H. L. Banta, Secretary. P. E. Nissen is the outgoing Master.

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I HAVE THREE elegant improved farms for sale. See R. H. Parker, O'Neill, Neb. 31-4f.

FOR SALE—RESIDENCE Property. It is vacant and can give immediate possession.—R. H. Parker. 31-4f