

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders

Inflation—what a lot of official alibis it can produce.

Women are said to be consuming 65% of the country's cigaret output. The ladies never did do things by halves.

Arctomy Monax, otherwise known as ground-hog, has been given a scientific name commensurate with his importance as a weather forecaster.

A recent issue of a publication sent out by the secretary of agriculture tells the story as something new under the sun of hold-down sand with straw and hay. If the writer had just heard of such practice he is fifty years behind the procession. We have been doing that out this way for half a century.

If the factory owners, plant proprietors, business heads are reaping excessive profits why not split the overdose with labor in a little more pay and the buyer in lower prices for the products he must buy. Give the tax collectors the rest and let the poor chaps get a slice of bread the best way they can.

A Nebraska OPA board has concluded to resign in a body on the alleged ground that their superiors are catching minnows and letting the big fish slip the net. That branch of bureaucratic government are graciously taking the thrusters of the critics and continue serenely to function, perhaps feeling that the carping critics may well bear the present curtailments rather than to fly to others of which they know not.

Early February. Little heaps of snow pushed to the curb along the streets, its white purity turned to dull gray and dark water oozing over the pavement. For a moment threatened with gathering clouds and the dread of crushing cold dispelled by a burst of sunshine. Brief winter days are lengthening. The span of weary weeks of potential storm and biting cold day by day become less and the fragrance of apple blossom and budding rose will come again.

Just what are the functions of the setup known as the Nebraska Reclamation association? What is there to be reclaimed? The sod house might be reintroduced to relieve the housing shortage and the motto of our fathers, "root hog or die," is recommended to those who favor leaning on the assistance program. Integrity, when a man's word was as good as a surety bond and he would walk ten miles rather than fail his word, while not an entirely lost virtue, is getting scarce.

Any measure introduced in congress designed to curb violent and arrogant strikers would be "vicious" in the biased estimation of Mr. Murray. Out where men are free to worship and work, play or pray, in the great open spaces of America, there is definite conviction that some groups of organized labor have forfeited the respect of the country and it is time for congress to act, time for our senators and congressmen to take up the "white man's burdens" as opposed to pressure groups.

The lives of four young Albion people, none over 17, were sacrificed on the altar of the modern speed craze. Youth on the threshold of life's uncertain pathway crushed in a violent death and four homes in a typical Nebraska community clouded in dark tragedy. A number of young couples, little more than children, crowded into an automobile and turned loose on the open highway is a potential call for the undertaker. Sorrow's sad refrain of the families affected, words of sympathy, and the rush goes on until the next victims roll into the ditch.

Probably whatever slant a pub-

lic official took toward the treatment of the conquered Germans would meet with disfavor in certain quarters. Hence the critics of the two Nebraska senators because they favor feeding and clothing hungry and ragged children, other helpless victims of a vicious circle in which Germans as well as others were caught. The American pretense at least has been to show the Germans and other Axis peoples the better way of life. Can this be done through the avenues of starvation and suffering?

Frank Nelson returned Monday from a trip to Omaha and Lincoln, having attended the Poled Short Horn sale at the state fair grounds, where he bought a herd bull, an aristocrat from an Ohio cattle pen. The sale was well attended and the offerings went to buyers from twelve states, one to Canada. Top price paid for one animal was \$2,500. Mr. Nelson's roan animal arrived Monday by Northwestern freight.

O'Neill friends have been notified that Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall, of Lincoln, are the parents of a baby daughter, born Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were former residents of this city, moving to Lincoln in the fall of 1944.

Col. James Moore returned Friday from a trip to California and is catching up on installations of good Nebraska butter and

University for Sailors

Pearl Harbor, T. H.—William N. Wilson, boatswain's mate, second class, USNR, Redbird, Nebraska, is a student at the Navy Pacific University here during off-duty hours.

NavPacU, which opened January 3, has a curriculum of more than 100 high school, college and technical courses and a service enrollment of more than 3,000. The faculty is composed of Navy and Marine personnel and civilians.

Classes meet for two hours a day, five days a week. Courses are completed in four weeks, then examinations are administered by the U. S. Armed Forces Institute.

List of Boys Inducted

Registrants to take preinduction in February:

Richard F. Clark, Emmet Heinrich Frahm, Amelia Franklin R. Grubb, Chambers Lester Strong, O'Neill Charles R. Johnson, O'Neill Robert E. Johnson, Spencer Harold R. Krugman, O'Neill.

Registrants to be inducted in February:

Joseph A. Gokie, O'Neill Robert A. Slaymaker, Stuart Thomas E. Otto, Stuart Bernard J. Sterns, O'Neill Jack N. Sesler, Atkinson Lester J. Gartner, Stuart.

DR. FRENCH IN JAPAN

With the Sixth Army in Japan. —Captain Ivan French, son of O'Neill, Nebr., has arrived in Japan and has been assigned to duty as medical officer of the 126th Field Artillery Battalion of the 32d (Red Arrow) Infantry Division.

"Whatever westernisms the Japanese display are purely superficial," declared Dr. French. "Down deep, they're still stoic, incomprehensible orientals."

"Trying to draw parallels between Japanese and American medical practices was very difficult, according to the Captain. "Sulfathiazole is their latest sulfa drug," he says, "and they have no penicillin at all. Their medical practice is much more socialized and institutionalized than ours."

"Our hospitals are far better than theirs," he continued, "and their antiseptics isn't up to ours. They have more diseases to contend with than we do and their disease rate is much higher."

Captain French received his M. D. at the University of Nebraska in 1943. He entered the army in October of 1944 and embarked for overseas duty with the 315th General Hospital last April. He was assigned to his present post, with the 32d in the early part of December.

February Blizzard Soon Past

Introduced by a shower of rain Monday night, at early dawn Tuesday a February blizzard had developed and continued with increasing force throughout the day until evening. Travel was made difficult by drifting snow in the O'Neill territory and outgoing bus service was thrown off schedule, some not entering or leaving until Wednesday afternoon, according to information imparted to us from the local terminal.

Highways were rendered hazardous by the Monday night rain that turned to ice. A truck loaded with 122 South Dakota hogs failed to negotiate an ice-coated hill in the Page neighborhood while on the trail to Sioux City, slid back down the hill after the ascent had just about been won and was saved from rolling into a deep ditch by the concrete culvert guard. Drivers of the truck, who said their home was at Stuart, spent the day from early morning getting released from their predicament and the hogs to shelter, getting into O'Neill around 5 in the evening, when they combined breakfast, dinner and supper in one large meal at a busy restaurant.

During the night cars from far and wide wheezed into town and Wednesday morning found rows of snow and ice coated automobiles lined along the curbs of the business streets. A clear sky Wednesday but a steady gale that prevented effectual clearing of some of the roads.

The public school was dismissed at noon Tuesday for the afternoon because of the storm.

By Wednesday afternoon water was dripping from roofs, school boys—and girls—were throwing snowballs and the town was crowded as usual with cars from the country.

BRIEFLY STATED

L. G. Gillespie went out on the Northwestern last night enroute to Omaha to attend the state meeting of county assessors.

Mrs. Bennet Gillespie and son, Gerry, departed Sunday via Grand Island for a three-week visit at Pamona, California. Bennet took them to Grand Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Clemens of Amelia were in the city Monday on their way back to their ranch after a visit with relatives in Antelope and Madison counties.

Miss Brennan of the city library spent several days last week in Lincoln visiting the libraries and was a guest at the home of her brother, Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis arrived in the city Friday from northern California and are guests at the home of Mrs. Curtis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bigliini.

Roy Hartford arrived home Sunday afternoon from California to visit for ten days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hartford. Roy has just been discharged from the U. S. army in which he served five years, about two of which were spent in the Southern Pacific.

Paul Shanner arrived in the city Saturday from Boonville, Ark., looking after business interests in the county. He and his mother moved from the Page neighborhood to Arkansas a few years ago where he and his brother, Luther, maintain a large dairy herd. They retain their interests near Page.

Mrs. John Melvin has an interesting document, the patent issued to her father, the late John J. McCafferty, for eighty acres of land within the corporate limits of O'Neill. The patent was issued on October 6, 1881, signed by Chester A. Arthur president of the United States, Wm. H. Cook, secretary and S. W. Ceark, recorder of the general land office. It was filed for record June 14, 1882, with Sanford Parker, county clerk, M. D. Long deputy.

The Donohoe boy involved in the threatened holdup of the Newman filling station near Stuart last week was committed to the Kearney Industrial School by Judge Mounts Tuesday. Two other O'Neill boys, Lester and Eugene Strong, were with Donohoe at the time, Eugene and not Lester, as erroneously stated last week, being now on parole from the Kearney institution. Lester is now among the boys listed for army induction, according to the list furnished us for publication, and we are glad to place him there after removing any stigma that may have attached to a wrong report.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Murray of Battl Creek spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Constance Biglin returned to her duties as a nurse in St. Elizabeth hospital at Lincoln Tuesday, after a few days visit here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biglin.

Mrs. Harry Clausen took over last week the beauty and ladies' hair dressing shop she originally started when the profession was in its infancy a few years back. After retirement Mrs. Clausen resumes operation with renewed vigor and her old interest in a fascinating profession.

Andy Clark has filed for the republican primary for supervisor representing the Third District. He now fills the office by appointment. William W. Griffin, republican, has entered his filing for county attorney. To date, no democrat has appeared on the political scene seeking nomination at the June primaries.

The force at the postoffice do not have a monopoly on that word "Excellence" written across their "examination paper." State Auditor Johnson, in the city early in the week, left the flattering word at the court house that the recent checking up of Holt county offices by the accountants from the auditor's office was the best ever to come from the county.

Miss Grace Joyce came in Tuesday from Omaha accompanied by her sister, Anna. Their brother, Tom, has been here for several days and they plan to remain in O'Neill for a short time at least. Miss Joyce has been in the congested Los Angeles area for a number of years and finds a wholesome freedom out here in the open spaces.

O'Neill relatives have received announcements of the marriage of Robert Gordon Dwyer, of Butte, Mont., to Miss Elizabeth Rose Clancy of Portland, Oregon, on January 26, 1946, in St. Lawrence Church at Portland, Oregon. Mr. Dwyer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Dwyer of Butte, Mont., both former residents of his city. The groom is an attorney and is practicing his profession in Butte, where the newly weds will make their future home.

Eighteen "little outfits" stretched over Nebraska from North Platte to Omaha contributed chicken feed to the total sum of \$885 to the vigilante, though not "lean and hungry" OPA last week. Fines for soaring above their ceiling. Forty-six grocery concerns were "enjoined" incident to those pretty little sugar stamps. Three Nebraska lumber dealers added the sizeable sum of \$5,423.05 to the OPA's gleanings. About every industry but printers and bootblacks have been adjudged guilty of an offence against OPA.

The clothes collection drive in the city last week resulted in stacks of boxes of wearing apparel and bedding now temporarily stored in the assembly room at the court house annex. During the next week the collections will be sorted and packed for shipment to Kansas City, where the United States treasury department, supervising the nation-wide drive, has provided warehouse room for the gatherings in the west. Mr. Shriner, chairman of the local committee, says there will doubtless be two tons of clothing and bedding sent out from O'Neill.

Mr. Harty Laid to Rest Tuesday

Funeral services for William H. Harty, who passed away in a Sioux City hospital last Friday morning, was held from St. Patrick's church in this city last Tuesday morning, Mnsgr. J. G. McNamara officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Harty's health began to fail several months ago and last May he disposed of his dry cleaning plant here and believed a good rest would bring back his old time health. He spent several weeks visiting relatives in Chicago and at his old home in Wisconsin. After his return home he went to Rochester, Minn., for a check up and while there submitted to a major operation. He was there for several weeks, then came home and he looked fine and was feeling exceptionally good and it was the hope of relatives and friends that he was on the way to complete recovery. He was feeling good until about the first of the year and shortly thereafter he went to Sioux City for a check up and was in a hospital there when he passed away.

William Henry Harty was born at Shullsburg, Wisconsin, on January 2, 1883, and was 63 years and one month old at the time of his death.

He came to O'Neill in 1909, coming here from his native city and ing here from his native city and for the past thirty-six years O'Neill had been his home.

On May 20 1913, he was united in marriage to Mary Genevieve Mullen. Five children were born of this union, five of whom, two sons and two daughters, are left with their mother to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. One son, Lt. Michael Harty, gave his life for his country while fighting on Saipan. The surviving children are James and Jack, both in the U. S. Army and both in Korea; Mary, of Chicago, and Helen at home. He is also survived by six brothers and three sisters, besides a host of other relatives and friends. P. B. Harty of this city is a brother of W. H.

Mr. Harty engaged in the tailoring business when he first came to O'Neill and spent his lifetime in that business here. He was one of our most successful business men, and had the confidence, respect and esteem of all the business men of the city as well as the inhabitants of this section of the county and his passing, while in the prime of life, is a severe blow to his family and relatives but also to his legion of friends in his home town.

Visits Oil Fields

Ed Casey, district sales representative of the Continental Oil company, returned Monday from a ten day trip to his companies general offices and main refinery at Ponca City, Oklahoma, after attending the postwar Sales Orientation meeting there, and reports a very interesting and instructive trip.

Ed heard prepared lectures by leading technologists, geologists and geophysicists, and attended nine trips through the various departments engaged in the manufacture and processing of Conoco's products. He also visited the Edmund, West Edmund and Oklahoma City fields where he saw the different types of drilling and pumping operations in progress, using the latest equipment which affords a better finished product to the ultimate consumer.

One of the highlights of the trip was a detailed trip through Conoco's Toluene plant which was constructed at a cost of 17 million dollars in 1942, and which was the first plant in Oklahoma to turn out finished 100 octane gasoline for use by our Army and Navy Air Corps. This plant has been converted over and is now in full operation manufacturing Conoco N-tane gasoline.

Ed also reports that the Conoco Tavel Bureau has been restaffed and that they are now in position to provide free of charge a better Touraide for anyone contemplating a vacation or business trip.

List of registrants discharged since last report:

Lyle W. Luber, O'Neill
Millard W. Ellenwood, Atkinson
Dennis P. Rotherham, Ewing.
Lyle L. Henifin, Atkinson
Jay C. Butler, Ewing
Chester E. Jungbluth, Chambers
Richard L. Asher, Page
Elias W. Timmerman, O'Neill
Howard A. McWilliams, Stuart
George W. Oetter, Ewing
Melvin B. Kohlshmidt, Stuart
Clyde W. Doolittle, Amelia
Robert E. Chaney, Stuart
Laverne A. Morrow, O'Neill
Joseph F. Burda, Atkinson
Delbert R. Nissen, Chambers
James R. Finley, Orchard.
Elmer V. Loeffler, O'Neill
James E. Foreman, Emmet
Francis B. Luben, Emmet
Charles H. Kubart, Atkinson
George F. Brainard, O'Neill
Harold P. Savidge, Ewing
Dean V. Stevens, Atkinson
Douglas I. Ratliff, Atkinson
Raymond F. Kalvelage, Stuart
Arthur E. Dailey, Emmet
Leonard D. Lines, Inman
Donald W. Asher, O'Neill
Floyd K. Raymer, Atkinson
Clifford W. Sawyer, Inman
Duward A. Loughrey, Ewing
Clifford Hood, O'Neill
Gardner W. Gill, Stuart.
Gordon A. Smith, Atkinson
Edward E. Hanley, O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldrop, of Kearney, were in the city Saturday and Sunday, guests at the home of Mrs. Waldrop's mother, Mrs. Lawrence Murray. Mr. Waldrop is chief of police of the city of Kearney.

Sheriff and Mrs. Otto Kime of Valentine, snowbound in O'Neill Tuesday night, were overnight guests of Sheriff and Mrs. A. B. Howard.

AAA News Notes

All those who have signed their statement of intentions prior to June 1, 1945, and have not made their final report should remember that February 15, is the closing date on reports.

Anyone who has not mailed their October, November and December cream stubs to the County AAA office must do so in February if they want the subsidy, as we are authorized to pay on such only until March 1, 1946.

Under the new set up regarding retail cream sales, it is necessary that a sample test be made by your dealer every two weeks and the certifications are to be presented with your milk and cream statements when your evidence is presented for payment. This applies only to cream sales.
Harry E. Ressel, Chairman,
A. A. A. Committee.

TREES FOR SHELTERBELTS

Holt county ranks among the highest in the state for the number of trees planted each year. County Agent Dawes reports that again this year the Clark-McNary seedlings are available through the Extension office. Any farmer or rancher wanting these trees should order now before the supply is gone. The price is \$1.25 per hundred trees and the application for them may be obtained at the office of the county agent or through the AAA and SCS offices, all of which are located in O'Neill.

Mr. Ressel, chairman of the AAA, states that payment for tree planting is again available in 1946 at the rate of \$2.90 per hundred trees planted for wind-break and \$1.00 per hundred for trees planted for gully control. However, there will be no maintenance payment in 1946.

Persons interested in cooperating with the Holt County Soil Conservation District and who want trees for shelterbelt and wind-breaks purposes may obtain trees through that office. A tree-planting machine will be available when large plantings are to be made. The district supervisor will furnish the planter, tractor, the trees and deliver them along with the planting crew. The property owner is to furnish one man. A schedule for prices for the trees and the use of the equipment has been worked out.

Prizes at Page Ag. Road Show

Tuesday, February 12, is the day of the big Ag. Road Show. Dave Bowen Chairman of the planning committee in the Page Community Club, reports plans for the day are now complete with lots of entertainment for everybody. The Community Club will, in addition to the state exhibits, sponsor the following contests with prizes awarded by the business houses:

Tractor driven in greatest distance \$10.00.
Best home-made tractor cab \$5.00.
Best piece of reconverted machinery or their original mechanical idea, first prize, 100 lb. gun grease; second prize 25 lb. gun grease.
Best ten ears of yellow corn, \$3.00 in trade.
Best ten ears white corn, \$2.00 in trade.
Best entry of threshed oats, \$5.00 in trade.
Best entry of wheat, \$1.00 in trade.
Best entry of rye (threshed) Fifty pound sack Bon Ton flour, 2½ gallons Karo syrup, 2 packages marshmallows.

Heaviest dozen of hen eggs, first prize 100 lb. sack chick starter; second prize, \$1.00 in trade.

Best five potatoes, one fan belt for car.

Best five turnips, five gallons of gas.

Best five onions, 75c in trade.

Best five carrots, two steak dinners.

Heaviest chicken, 100 lb. Norco chix starter.

Best useful article made in home or manual training shop: (18 years and under). Girls, shampoo and finger wave, first prize; \$1.00 cash second prize.

Boys, first prize, \$2.00; second prize, \$1.00.

All entries are to be made by Town Hall on Wednesday, February 12. Exhibits will be displayed down town.

Farm families are urged to take part in this farm day and anyone wishing to enter exhibits or contests, contact A. G. Braddock or Dave Bowen.

The Agricultural Road Show will be held at Atkinson on Monday, February 11, and in the H-Town hall on Wednesday, Feb-Scottville Community at the rural 13.

WORTH-WETZLER

Miss Ina Mae Worth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Worth of O'Neill, was united in marriage to Adolph Wetzler, son of Mrs. Mary Wetzler of O'Neill, on Monday, January 28, 1946, at 2.30 p. m., at the home of the bride's parents.

Rev. Elmer R. Swick, pastor of the Assembly of God church of Walthill, Nebr., performed the single ring ceremony before an improvised altar decorated with six tapers.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Melvin Gosenbach, pastor of the Holiness church, followed by a vocal duet by the Rev. and Mrs. James Cummings, pastors of the Assembly of God.

The bride wore a street length dress of black tulle with matting flowers in her hair.

Miss Blanche Worth, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a grey pin-stripe street length dress. Pfc. Ray A. Wertz, brother of the bride, served as best man.

At the reception following the ceremony refreshments were served to a host of relatives and friends. Mrs. Daniel Page, sister of the bride, had charge of the brides book.

Mr. Wetzler was recently discharged from the U. S. Air Corps, where he held the rank of Sergeant. He spent 28 months overseas in the Pacific theater, being stationed in India and Burma.

Mr. and Mrs. Wetzler will make their home in O'Neill.

Friends of the young couple extend sincere congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life.