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## SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders

Union big wigs have an opening now to brand the southern senators "nigger drivers."

The supreme court of Mexico overthrows a 3 per cent tax by ruling that a bath tub is a necessity not a luxury.

An act of Congress to build a shanty to live in, buy a washing machine, a tractor, a car, maybe now a big of flour. How you like it?

One flag was displayed in O'Neill on Washington's birthday. Is that a lonely expression of the sum total of our regard for American ideals, for a national heritage of which America's first president has been the outstanding figure.

Canada and Russia have their bristles up. India and England are on the warpath. Industrial strife disturbs America. The seething millions the world over would be pretty well content to be neighborly with everybody but some dark monster seems to be at work to thwart the efforts at peace.

Just another generation doing the same old stuff in a different way than the generation before and we like to think of it as progress. The fundamental facts of life admit of no progress. Mechanical devices, modes, the perpetual hunt for new things, something different. Man's activity, nourishment, rest finds him just where he began.

V. W. Binder up down at Minden has set Arbor Day of next year for a great tree planting program at old Fort Kearney as a sort of gesture for exservice men, survivors and those who perished. He proposes three varieties of trees, none native of Nebraska, all rejected as the Nebraska state tree. This tree planting will materialize if the old fort is dignified as a national park and as congress hasn't much else to do maybe it will give the world—and the money—to go ahead.

Gen. Sherman's definition of war still stands. Probably the boys who have gone through four or five years of it would add a few emphatic adjectives to the definition. Some things have been learned by the younger groups that the older ones learned in an equally instructive way. Costs more to have less and you make use of articles and equipment that can't be replaced, keep the old car looking new and repair shoes the likes of which were formerly kicked out the door.

A personal letter from a California city conveys the information that the city dwellers have to stand in line for about everything and then many don't get the things needed. "I saw a big line in front of Montgomery Wards," the friend writes, "and upon inquiry learned that they had stockings there." The allotment of butter, if any is left when the luckless citizen reaches the counter, is one-quarter pound. You can buy a ton of it most any day in O'Neill or anything at the meat block from a ring of balona to the hind quarter of a fattened beef.

They call it an atom. A short word for creation's most potential destructive element man has yet employed in warfare. Any other name would wrap within a few letters the same deadly combination. School boys learn little about atoms and the earth is held in an envelope of atoms 15 miles thick called air. The school boy learns that the chief components of air are oxygen and nitrogen. He learns, or has the opportunity to learn, that these two elements when separated explode, burst into flame. Science is now toying with elements which in their proper combination sustain life. If that toying should

touch off a universal explosion there would not be a grease spot left of the abode of man.

It is called a farmers' strike. It is hardly that. Strike in the popular mind means to stop work. Farmers are not going to stop work but propose to withhold the products of the farm from the markets until the strike situation clears. And the idea is growing. What is to grow out of it remains to be seen. Any sort of a movement has a starting point. It may come to naught or it may roll in waves of popular approval across the land. Started in a little Nebraska community less than a month ago the so-called Farmers' strike now touches three great states.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Matt Beha left Sunday for Geddes, S. D., to do some electric wiring.

Frank Nelson returned Sunday night from a visit with relatives near Omaha.

Mrs. Blake Benson was taken to Sioux City late last week for medical care.

George Davies was up from Lincoln over the weekend and greeted friends here.

Bob Eby spent a day in O'Neill last week during a short leave from the Great Lakes naval training base.

Miss Grace Quilty came up from Omaha Friday, remaining here over Sunday the guest of Miss O'Malley.

Mrs. Bennet Gillespie and son, Gary, arrived home Sunday after a three week's visit in California. Mr. Gillespie met them at Grand Island.

Frank Pierce of Amelia was in the city Monday. The grasslands would be benefitted by a little moisture just now, Mr. Pierce says, but everybody is enjoying the mild winter.

John Watson, recently returned to civilian life after three years of army service in which he was on duty in Europe, has been installed as assistant cashier at the First National Bank in this city. His home was formerly at Inman.

After suffering a heart attack, Tom Griffin was taken to a hospital in Sioux City Friday and word from there was that he was responding favorably to the medical care. Ed S. Early was also taken to Sioux City the same day for surgery.

An unusual service was held at the Methodist church Sunday when four laymen occupied the rostrum, Messrs. Lockman, Petersen, Burch and McElhanev. The two latter did the preaching, presenting worthwhile contributions to the religious discussions of the times. The pastor, Rev. Mullis, sang a solo and the robed choir sang familiar hymns.

Russell Vernon, infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Ward Smith of Butte, died in the automobile enroute with Dr. Gill to a Norfolk hospital as they approached O'Neill Saturday night and the child was taken to Biglin Bros and the undertaker from Butte, Mr. Raymer, came here for the body, which was taken to Eutte. The little one was buried at Chambers Monday. The child was born at Lynch July 28, 1944.

Mrs. Marlys Owen, a student at Union College, Lincoln, is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1946. Mrs. Owen, who is a senior at Union College this year, will graduate in the spring with a B. A. in English. She is one of twelve students at this college who has been recommended by the faculty and students for listing in Who's Who for outstanding achievements in scholarship, leadership, and participation in activities of college life. She has been a student at Union College for three years. Mrs. Owen is the wife of Eugene Owen of the Shady Lane ranch north of Phoenix.

## Incorporate for Stock Sale Ring

A deal was completed the past week whereby the newly formed O'Neill Civic Club, purchased the sale yards from E. C. Weller of Atkinson, Mr. Weller having previously purchased the yards from Mr. Moses. The O'Neill Commercial Club held an option on the yards at a price of \$13,000, and while the price paid for the yards was not revealed, it is understood that Mr. Weller finally consented to lower that price to some extent.

Mr. Weller had informed the O'Neill Commercial Club, shortly after he had purchased them, that he would not operate them as sales yards. He had stated that he would hold some sales the latter part of the year however. Business and professional men of O'Neill realized that if weekly sales were to be held and a market exist for farmers and ranchers of this territory that some method would have to be found to purchase the yards and get them operating.

To accomplish this the O'Neill Civic Club was incorporated, and the stock was taken by business and professional men of O'Neill. At a meeting held last week by the stockholders they elected a board of directors consisting of H. L. Bennett, Tony Asimus, Leo Moore, Jim Ryan and C. E. Lundgren to manage the affairs of the corporation. Mr. Bennett was elected president, Mr. Moore vice president, Mr. Ryan treasurer, and Mr. Lundgren secretary.

The board of directors have been meeting with sales yard operators who are interested in the leasing of the yards and holding weekly sales. No definite arrangements have been concluded, but we understand that some announcement will be made in about a week as to who the operator will be, the date of the first sale and the regular sale date, which will be fixed by the operator. In so far as the club and its directors are concerned, they are interested in securing a good experienced operator who will lease the yards and operate a sale weekly for the benefit of this territory. This, we now are, assured which will provide a good market at all times.

## King and Queen Are Crowned

At their formal dance recently given by the freshmen of St. Mary's Academy, the highlight of the evening was the coronation given by the freshmen of SMA the beginning of a new tradition. James Merriman was chosen as King and Shelia Taffe as Queen. They were crowned by their attendants, Marianne Brinda and Bill Froelich, while the second attendants, Dorothy Froelich and Bobby Wallace stood by. After this simple but charming ceremony their Majesties started the next dance, followed by their attendants and then by the other couples.

In the line of refreshments cupcakes and pop were served, and did it ever taste good. The gym was beautifully decorated in red and white. It has been reported that this was the pleasantest and most memorable event in many moons. Thanks to the Freshmen for skill and ingenuity.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

You are hereby notified that I am not a candidate for any city office in the coming spring election.

TED McELHANEY.

### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy extended during the illness and following the death of our beloved wife, mother and sister.—John P. Sullivan and Francis, Dennis J. Harrington and family. Philip J. Harrington.

Dennis Harrington, of Los Angeles, called here by the death of his sister, Mrs. John P. Sullivan, called on friends of former years when he lived here. Mr. Harrington says the population congestion in Los Angeles is rather serious, humanity in the mass camping in streets and parks, finding refuge at night in boxes or under any shelter that can be improvised. Added to this, he reports strikes and unemployment and thinks the Nebraska prairies are a good place for its citizens to stay.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Allen Connell, Neil Dawes and Lloyd Gillespie went over to Butte Monday night to visit the Masonic lodge there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bly of Swan precinct were in the city Tuesday, taking to their ranch from a local hatchery baby chicks for an early start with the season's poultry.

Eli Hershiser was up from Norfolk last week-end to see how we are functioning in the community where he spent most of his life. The years deal kindly with Eli.

Dr. O'Connell was taken in Biglin's ambulance to the veteran's hospital at Lincoln Wednesday. Mrs. O'Connell accompanied her husband, who has been ill the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biglin and Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis returned Tuesday evening from Sioux City. They report the patients from here being hospitalized all on the way to recovery.

Up until February 20 there had been an average of one marriage license a day issued by Judge Reimer. The past week has recorded only one for the week, Lester Gamel and Miss Evelyn Wagner of Ewing.

The Fleet Home Town News center at Chicago sends word that Marvin G. Vaneverly, Seaman first class, USNR, O'Neill, Nebr., has been discharged, after honorable service in the Navy, at the personal separation center in San Pedro, Calif.

Mayor Kersbrock says he intends to retire from official life with the expiration of his term in May, after twelve years serving as O'Neill's chief executive. Mr. Kersbrock reports the financial condition of the city in excellent shape with \$100,000 now on hand.

Jack Arbuthnot is home and ready for civilian activities again after serving in the Navy for twenty-seven months, about half of that time in the southwest Pacific. Mr. Arbuthnot is resuming his former business in O'Neill and has an announcement to that effect in this issue of The Frontier.

Early Sunday evening's rest was upset for the fire department boys when the call to duty shrieked on the quiet night. They clattered up by the New Deal where Ed Marthews' automobile was on fire. The chief damage before being extinguished was the destruction of the wiring of the car.

Want to know why butter is hard to get, asks the National Dairy Council. It isn't, only in spots. A babe may might be hard to find on top of the Empire State building. But this dairy council says butter production is a third under normal. The several butter factories in this county are maintaining a normal production.

"Woodman, spare that tree! Touch not a single bough!" Homer Mullen set at naught poetic sentiment for practical purposes. Huge cottonwoods that have stood for half a century on a vacant lot at the corner of First and Everett streets have fallen victims to the workmen's saws and axes. We have not learned if a building is contemplated for that corner.

## Survey is Made for the Hospital

Leonard A. Tomazin has made a survey of the grounds west of St. Mary's Academy where the site of the proposed hospital is to be located and we understand the plans are to be prepared by the architects at an early date. Some of the plot of ground involved is now a neat little park and will perhaps be retained as an inviting setting for the buildings.

Martin Attken of Lincoln has been engaged to prepare the drawings. When the building plans are approved the financial provision will be undertaken. The staff at St. Mary's Academy are members of the order of nuns that are both teachers and nurses. The inspiration behind the movement for the hospital springs from these sisters. Plans to build follow a visit here of their Mother Superior who made a survey of the situation and saw the need in Holt county for a modern hospital. The staff of the Academy will staff the hospital with nurses, we are informed, with no resident physician, the hospital being available to physicians in this territory.

What is known as the steering committee now await the plans of the architect. This committee is as follows:

W. J. Foelich, chairman, with Harry Clausen, R. E. Armbruster, James Corke, Archie Bowen and Clifford Lundgren acting as vice-chairmen.

A soliciting committee is headed by Mr. Walling and Frank Biglin. J. A. Mann and C. J. Gatz head the building committee.

The authorities at St. Mary's are not asking that a hospital be built and equipped and given to them. Whatever the community does in raising funds will be voluntary in the promotion of a worthwhile, a needed institution.

At a recent meeting of the Holt County Red Cross chapter the following officers were chosen for this year: Dr. J. P. Brown, chairman; Dr. L. A. Burgess, vice chairman; Mrs. James W. Rooney, secretary; F. N. Cronin, treasurer.

## 400 Application Blanks Now In

Four hundred citizens of the county thus far have signified their intention to take on the electric current under the REA program. There are that number of applications now in at the county agent's office. Mr. Dawes says some precincts have not yet reported where he has been informed that others desire to be included in the proposed area.

It is important that all who desire electric service to reach to their farm or ranch make it known by signing the application before the district is mapped out for wiring as it may not be possible to get in after this is done.

The next meeting of the REA for this county will be held in O'Neill on March 7, when it is expected to further organize the district.

D. F. J. Kubitschek, Dentist, is now located first door south of O'Neill Photo Studio.

### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend our heartfelt and sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us following the death of our beloved mother. Your thoughtfulness of us in our sorrow will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Keyes and Mildred Keyes.

Spring is working up from the south. It has already reached as far as the Northwestern tracks. Mr. Klinger, living down that way, reports a robin hopping out his garden looking for a worm, and the high note of a meadowlark out in the grass, so he thinks it's about time to plant onions.

Ivan Bain stopped in the city on his way home at Gregory, S. D., from a trip to Omaha and spent a day with relatives here the past week, taking a little time to see old friends. Mr. Bain is a prominent business man in the South Dakota city. He gets to O'Neill at least once a year to see his father, Frank Bain, now approaching four score and ten years, and others of the family. His section of South Dakota is enjoying the prosperity prevailing elsewhere.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Francis Soukup arrived last Tuesday to spend a few days visiting his mother and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waldrop of Kearney were guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Waldrop's mother, Mrs. Lawrence Murray.

Mrs. Richard Perry arrived Thursday night from Long Beach, Cal., for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cavanaugh and family.

John Murray and Morris Grutsch enlisted for service in the United States Army and will leave Friday for Omaha for final induction.

Mrs. M. L. Moody left last Wednesday evening for her home in Pushastin, Wash., after spending the past six weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh and family.

Fred Watson, one of the pioneer ranchers of Wyoming precinct, was a business visitor in this city Monday and made this office a pleasant call. Mr. Watson has a large herd of thoroughbred cattle and like most cattlemen is rejoicing over the very mild winter we are having.

Jack Harty arrived home last Thursday with an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army, in which he put in three years service. He was stationed in Korea and came to the states from that country. Jack says it feels fine to be back in civilian clothes.

James Harty arrived home Tuesday morning with a discharge from the army. His brother, Jack, drove to Grand Island after him. Jim put in three years in the service and was stationed in Korea, from where he was shipped to the states. His brother, Jack, was also in Korea but the boys were several hundred miles apart and did not meet until they met at the evacuation center when both were being checked to come home. They both came to the states on the same ship.

A United States army car drove into town last night with a military prisoner in custody of Lt. H. L. Watson and a MP whose name was not learned. The prisoner, Earl O. Rutherford whose home was said to be at Stuart, was kept here for the night and the group of three left for Fort Crook this morning. The sheriff's office reports that army men expressed the belief that Rutherford's record is perfectly O. K. and that a mistake has been made that will be rectified and Mr. Rutherford cleared of any military charges.

### Homeward Bound

With the Eighth Army in Tokyo—Pfc. Vernon A. Hoxie, O'Neill, Nebraska, was among the latest group of men selected from the 1st Cavalry Division to return to the United States from Tokyo for demobilization.

Overseas 13 months, Hoxie is now with Ho Troop of the 5th Cavalry Regiment. He is a veteran of two campaigns. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two stars for Leyte and Luzon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Combat Infantryman's badge.

As a civilian Hoxie worked on his father's farm. He entered the army July 29, 1944, and took his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas.

His father, Clarence A. Hoxie, resides at O'Neill Nebr. His wife, Mrs. V. A. Hoxie, and child, LeRoy, reside in Royal, Nebr.

## What the Cattle Grubs Destroy

Attention is now being directed to a condition in the cattle industry that means something more than punishment of cattle in the spring when they hoist their tails over their backs and race or a shade spot or water hole.

Two Holt County 4-H club boys, Murray Mellor and John O'Neill of the Eagle Creek Club, have prepared charts showing the annual financial loss from grubs that infest the backs of cattle under the hide. Statistics are always something of a knockout and here is what the boys have found. One hundred million dollars annual loss from punctured hides and infected meat that must be cut from the carcass, six and a third million pounds of leather lost that would put footwear on two and a half million men and twelve million seven hundred thousand pounds of meat that would feed a third of a million people for a year. The boys have collected samples of leather showing the holes where the grubs had eaten through the hide of the cow.

County Agent Dawes is now putting on spraying demonstrations to combat the grub, a product of heel flies that deposit the eggs on the heels of cattle, from these eggs come the grubs. A demonstration was held yesterday at Fritz Vogel's northwest of Atkinson in which Harry Boyd of the Sioux City Livestock Commission and Stanley Gentry of Kansas City worked in conjunction with Mr. Dawes. A previous demonstration had been given at Ernest Richter's in another section of the county and will be repeated there on March 28. Spraying and dusting destroys the grub from which the fly develops. By destroying the grub the vicious cycle is broken.



Registrants discharged since February 13, 1946:

- Raymond E. Hoxie, O'Neill
- Melvin Jeffers Bel, Chambers
- William R. Holsclaw, O'Neill
- Moran A. Pettijohn, Stuart
- Charles L. Havranek, O'Neill
- Jack L. Davidson, O'Neill
- Gerald E. Gonderinger, Atkinson
- Cleo E. Alderson, Chambers
- Eugene L. Culle, Page
- Carl L. Smith, Amelia
- Harold W. Bierman, O'Neill
- Daryl L. Banks, O'Neill
- Virgil A. Tomlinson, Inman
- Marvin G. Van Every, O'Neill
- Eugene C. Hansen, Middlebranch
- Dwight D. Schippen, Chambers
- Joe Partos, Jr., Emmet
- Donald A. Mile, Chambers
- William N. Wilson, Redbird
- Lawrence V. Harley, Chambers
- Jack W. Frady, Orchard
- Ralph K. Segler, Atkinson
- Joseph W. O'Malley, Chambers
- Darold H. Couch, Chambers
- Carlvin E. Barhel, Amelia
- Marion C. Thiele, Clearwater
- Clifford W. Briede, O'Neill
- Arthur W. Miller, Atkinson
- Veldon L. Wvant, O'Neill
- John M. Backhaus, Atkinson
- John J. R. Buford, Stuart
- Lawrence F. Wilcox, Stuart
- Wayne A. Hall, Amelia
- Orville McKim, Page
- Herbert A. Underwood, Stuart
- Elvin Bradshaw Stevens, Page
- Gerald M. Donohoe, O'Neill
- Kenneth E. Davidson, O'Neill
- Henry F. Reimer, O'Neill
- John O. Hobson, Page

Walter Puckett has filed for the democratic nomination for supervisor in the First district.

WANTED WAITRESS ALSO woman to work in kitchen.—Elite Cafe. 42-2