

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders

A Minnesota paper is responsible for this: "Former boy weds Proctor girl." Has he changed to man or mouse.

"The government will return to private ownership all pants seized by the army or navy during the war." And this is credited to the immaculate New York Times.

It is said the "fact finders" got \$100 a day, rain or shine. A quarter million government funds are thus disbursed. So it required some hundred-dollar-a-day gents to get a dollar and a half for the lads in overalls.

Inflation. We got't have more for our produce because of increase in living costs; we got't have higher wages because of high costs of living; we got't have more for our meat and groceries and clothing and machinery because we got't pay more taxes and more wages. And so the merry spiral of inflation is "kept down."

A cabinet portfolio, the institution of Arbor Day and the founding of Arbor Lodge are the special marks of distinction of a noted Nebraskan. His home town paper, issue of December 13, 1864, lays another laurel upon a full-size crown. Hon. J. Sterling Morton shot yesterday, about one mile west of town, with a medium size Smith and Wesson revolver, a full sized buffalo cow.

"The position of women," says a woman writer, "that has brooked the courtesy of men has not been her femininity, nor her beauty, but her aloofness to petty vices that have always bedraggled men." I wonder. And those "petty vices." Women more and more are plunging in to swim the same current and the high ideals that have made her the moral balance of civilization go to the bottom.

A controversy is on between manufacturers and the OPA, otherwise known as Office of Price Administration. It just about amounts to "You did! I didn't!" The American people are for a square deal for both sides, whether it is OPA and Manufacturers or Union labor and corporations. Manufacturers say OPA is hindering production. OPA says what they are trying to do is to hold industry and industry's dollar steady. That bug-a-boo of inflation. Who is right? Probably neither wholly right or wholly wrong. As to publicity the manufacturers have the best of it. They pay for what they say through the papers OPA sends out reams "for immediate release," for which they ask free space in the papers.

The first thing necessary for work around a newspaper and printing plant is adequate vision. I have been on the job at The Frontier for several months and am now forced out. OPA has gone out since the influenza stopped to see me in January and with the thought that life in the open will eliminate eye strain I find it necessary to leave Mr. Cronin to battle alone. I believe he will [thankfully] receive any aid friends of the paper are disposed to give. If you have not had enough "Doses" maybe I shall continue the prescriptions. (We regret to lose you Romaine; we have been in intimate acquaintanceship for 50 odd years and while we regret to lose your services you can be assured that we will get along in the future as we have in the past, although it will take long hours and lots of hard work. —D. H.)

What nature's evening poem written in gold across the western sky may have had to do with morning's soggy heavens that seem to have fallen to earth is for the philosophy of the weather-wise. I write of the beauty of early spring's sunset. Colorful,

entrancing. The sun has come from the southern retreat, so out there straight west at the sunset hour there hangs a picture for you and no charge for the exhibit. It is on the march north and at mid-June will guild the mountaintops of Montana and spread the canvass for prairie land far to the northwest. Material things are the demand of the flesh. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." Mind, heart, soul, are something apart from the demand for material things. These find inspiration cut there through void air. Linger for hours in art galleries amid an array of the best of the masters but there hangs nothing on plastered walls to approach the transcending charm of prairie land's sunset pictures.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Eby, who have spent the winter in California, arrived in O'Neill Saturday and may again locate in Nebraska.

Billy O'Connell arrived home the past week, having received a discharge from the Navy in which he had served since early in the war.

Prof. Ira George was over to Bartlett Tuesday evening to help the high school students of the metropolis of Wheeler in their music courses.

Dick Cronin came up from Norfolk last Friday and spent the week-end with Dad, returning to his school duties at Norfolk Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Richard Berry left last Thursday morning for her home in Long Beach, Cal., after a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh.

E. H. Hoppert, extension horticulturist from the state college, was in the city Tuesday and gave a demonstration in fruit tree pruning at the Bredemeier home that evening, after a previous demonstration earlier in the day out in the country.

Mrs. Julius Eppenbaugh in the city Tuesday from the north part of the county, said she had the remarkable experience of helping win the war in the person of three of her sons and they are all back now without a hair of their heads missing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harnish were up from Norfolk Sunday for a visit at the home of Frank's mother, Mrs. J. C. Harnish. They were accompanied by their son, Frank, Jr., who was recently discharged from the army and is now in college in Wayne.

Holt County 4-H Club members in O'Neill High School, at their regular meeting, were given a warning of some of the things that can be done as to fun. It was for all 4-H members in the county and a large gathering is looked for.

Bill Kippel, living three miles north, went to Neligh Monday for farm equipment he had been unable to locate elsewhere and was "about froze" when he got to O'Neill, Neligh having been visited with a hail and snow storm while he was there. The storm was brief but the hail especially heavy.

The old circuit rider has been replaced by the modern preacher covering a hundred miles or so in a day and ministering to more than one church group. Rev. Kenneth Scott filled three appointments last Sunday. Dorsey, Verdel and Niobrara and back home again to go to South Sioux City Monday to officiate installing a pastor. Bartley Blaine, N. S. Lowrie and other early day priests and preachers traveled the prairie trails to bring spiritual comfort to outlying groups but they rarely got more than 20 miles away. Niobrara lies 52 miles from us, as Charley Downey reckoned in the old stage days. South Sioux is about 125 miles. Mrs. Scott accompanied her husband to South Sioux City.

Recalls Incident of Pioneer Life

Matt Cleary of Atkinson was in the city Tuesday on a visit to his brother, John, who is ill. The Frontier scribe enjoyed a visit with Mr. Cleary who has grown from a two-year-old to a 240-pounder since his folks settled on the Eagle in 1878. He thus developed with the history of Holt county. He is one who has a good word for the more or less notorious Dutchers of those stirring days out there in the gulches.

There came a day when his father started to walk to O'Neill to get a few things for the family to eat. After he had left they saw two horsemen coming over the hill headed for their home. They rode up and asked to have their horses fed and dinner for themselves. Homesteaders were often without much of a stake for dinner but strangers or neighbors were always welcome to share the meager fare. The boys fed the horses and their mother did the best she could to feed the men, not without shedding tears because of the little she had to set before them. When they left they turned back the direction from which they had come instead of toward town where they said they were going. Presently the Clearys heard shots. Not long after their visitors, the two Dutcher boys came in with a deer which they dressed and hung up for a somewhat hard bitten family to feed upon fresh venison. They then proceeded on the way to town and was back with a sack of flour before Mr. Cleary had returned. Those early two-gun men had a way of finding out if the settlers needed a little lift.

Joins the Flying Ranchmen

Ernest Durre, operating a ranch in the Goose Lake community, was in the city Monday and informed The Frontier that he and his son, Lloyd, have recently joined the flying ranchmen convoy and have got themselves a "flying machine," one of those neat and efficient little two-passenger cubs.

They are leaving the plane in Sioux City at present until they have put up a building on the ranch to house it when not in flight. The plane is being added to their transportation equipment to facilitate ranching operations.

Mr. Durre, sawing up cottonwood lumber at Inman, took the day off Monday because of the heavy snow and lumber was piled in many buildings on their ranch and he had to clear the yard. The present shortage of lumber is rather a bother and the yard is made up in the distance by the use of "home made boards."

To Help Crippled Children

W. O. Swanson, president of the Nebraska Society for Crippled Children, Inc., announced the dates for the annual Easter Sale for crippled children. The sale will open March 21 and be continued until Easter Sunday.

Plans are now being formulated throughout Nebraska under the leadership of the officers of the society and the County Committee chairmen. The Easter Sale this year will be a special occasion as all county and state societies join with the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults to celebrate its Silver Anniversary, making twenty-five years of leadership in work for crippled children.

The Nebraska Society for Crippled Children, Inc., is on its 22nd year of service to crippled and handicapped children in Nebraska, with forty-two counties participating as active units of the Society. County Committees will be established in other counties as rapidly as community leaders indicate a desire within the county for the services of the Nebraska Society for Crippled Children.

Robert Burke is spending a two week's leave with his mother, Mrs. Laura Burke, his grandmother, Mrs. D. Stannard, his aunts and other relatives, from his post of naval duty in Chicago. Mr. Burke has spent twelve years in the service of the navy, ten of which have been in the vast Pacific waters.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin were Sioux City visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wells visited with friends at Plainview Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Agnes Joyce came up from Omaha Tuesday for a visit with her sisters and brother.

Mrs. Delia Ernst of Amelia, spent several days in O'Neill recently visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waldrop of Kearney, were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Theresa Murray.

Word has been received by relatives near Emmet of the death on last Sunday of John Horn at South San Francisco, Calif. He formerly lived here, going to California in 1934. His wife, the former Anna Maring of Emmet, and one son survive him.

Mrs. Estler Cole Harris entered her filing the past week for the republican nomination for register of deeds. Mrs. Harris has filled this position for many years and no one has yet had the temerity to test her popularity with the voters.

Signs of early spring: Gents out in the sunshine coatless and hatless, robins hunting nesting places, squirrels out of hibernation and venturing onto the pavement in search of a bit of feed, boys tossing the ball and swinging the bat, citizens raking lawns and smudging the town with bonfires, Custodian Bowen mowing the court house lawn and Frank Nelson reports the oats sowed at his ranch.

Archie Bowen is in bed with his good right leg rather battered as the result of being struck by an automobile on downtown Douglas street. He had stepped from the second and fourth Tnesoff the curb and was hit by a passing car said to be driven by gay young blades who have been cutting corners and cruising the streets without regard to speed limits. Mr. Bowen had just made a good tussle with the flu and has been put to bed again by a sure knock down.

More Inductions

Registrants taking preinduction examinations in April, 1946: Leo E. Miller, Atkinson; Louis L. Vewel, Atkinson; Raymond J. Schmit, Atkinson; Jay F. Angus, Jr., Ewing; Sammie E. Connor, Ewing; Warren F. Cronk, Page; Roland S. Cullen, Page; Merle L. Angus, Ewing; Frank E. Soukup, O'Neill; Donald A. Durre, Ewing; John T. Sweet, Stuart; Robert W. Wallace, O'Neill; James H. Coker, Stuart; Donald C. Willson, O'Neill.

NEW SCHEDULES FOR USES OFFICE

Beginning April 1st, the office hours for the USES representative at Atkinson, will be changed day to the first and third Thursday of each month, at the Post Office, from 9:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 2:00 p. m. Service to Boyd county will be every Tuesday, at the Court House in Butte from 9:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 2:00 p. m. The office in O'Neill will be open every day, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. It will not be open on Saturday after April 1st. Mr. Connell informs us he will be out of the office every Tuesday and the first and third Thursdays, but that he will be in the O'Neill office the rest of the week.

Why We Have the Gray Flour

At the instance of Uncle Sam white flour has turned gray. The smiling folks over there in the southwest corner of the annex basement have been asked to make National Food Conservation program a winner in Holt county. They say they have confidence in the patriots of this community and look for cordial cooperation.

Why has white flour turned gray? They say in milling 100 pounds of white flour there is 20 pounds of middlings for stock feed. The gray flour retains enough of this to get about 120 pounds of flour from the same amount of wheat from which formerly 100 pounds was extracted. It is said this is a necessary procedure because of a hungry world we have undertaken to look after.

Maximum production from the land is now called for. Mr. Wallace nor his successor in the swivel chair farm group have not been heard from to demand "plowing under," knocking live stock over or burning stacks of grain.

No doubt the boys out on the land are going to get all the calves and lambs and nubbins of corn possible this season and they will do it without advice from us.

Cooper-Cavanaugh Nuptials

A very pretty wedding took place March 20 at 9:00 a. m., in St. Patrick's church by Father Lisco in a double ring ceremony, when Miss Wauvita Cooper and Maurice Cavanaugh were united in marriage. The attendants were Mrs. Theodore Jareske, sister of the bride and Quentin Cavanaugh, brother of the groom.

The bride wore a gold suit with black accessories. Her corsage was white carnations. The bridesmaid wore a brown suit with gold accessories. Her corsage was also white carnations. The groom wore a tan suit and the best man wore a blue suit, with a white carnation in their lapels.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooper of O'Neill, and was a graduate of the O'Neill Public school with the class of '44. For the past two years she has been employed as bookkeeper at Consumers Public Power.

Maurice is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh of O'Neill and was recently discharged from the army.

The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride, prepared by Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Cavanaugh. The tables were decorated with a tour tier wedding cake with pink roses and a miniature bride and groom. O'Neill friends tender congratulations and best wishes to this estimable couple.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the O'Neill Country Club will be held at the office of the Clerk of the District Court in the Court House in O'Neill, Nebraska, at 8:00 p. m., on Monday, April 1, 1946.

The purpose of the meeting is for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year business as may properly come and the transaction of such other before the meeting. L. A. BURGESS, President.

NOTICE V. F. W. MEMBERS

There will be a V. F. W. business meeting held Thursday evening, April 4, at 7:30 at the K. C. Hall. A Dutch lunch will be served after the meeting. CLINTON WOLFE, Post Adjutant.

U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OUT OF HOLT MAY & JUNE

O'Neill, Court House Annex. Butte, Boyd county, weekly on Tuesday, 9:30 a. m., office of County Agent. Atkinson first and third Thursday, 9:30 a. m., Postoffice.

Registrants to be inducted in April, 1946:

Merlyn M. Shaw, O'Neill; Gerard R. Spittler, Inman; Franklin D. Schultz, Atkinson; William D. Allendorfer, O'Neill; Robert H. Hollenbeck, O'Neill; Zane F. Cole, Emmet; Robert V. Jonas, Atkinson; Leonard L. Pribil, O'Neill; Gerald D. Ferris, O'Neill; Edwin P. Speg, Ewing; David M. Gill, Stuart; Edward O. Skudler, Jr., Amelia; Leonard J. Rotherham, Ewing; Richard R. Pruden, Ewing; Eugene F. Kramer, Stuart; Donald R. Taylor, Atkinson; Justin C. Dierks, Atkinson; Earl E. Summers, Jr., Inman; Robert L. Gesirtech, Atkinson; Roy V. Johnson, Jr., O'Neill; Russell J. Walters, Ewing.

Find Bomb in a Field

One of those deadly army bombs has been brought to town. Sheriff Hubbard put it on exhibition today and tells the story of the finding. It had been reported at the sheriff's office that a Jap bomb and parachute was discovered by Louis F. Klement in a field on his place northeast of Atkinson. Mr. Klement is recently home from service in the army and when he saw the thing lying in his field was sent to the sheriff, who went to the scene yesterday. Mr. Klement had kept a safe distance from what he thought was a Jap bomb as he had not come home from helping defeat them to be blown up at his ranch.

The bomb bears the U. S. brand, was attached to a parachute and had laid in the field apparently several months. The message enclosed in the paper box is now scarcely legible but the date, January 30, 1945, can be seen. It was sent up after that date probably as an army test. Mr. Hubbard will report his find to army authorities when the significance of it being dropped in this community may be known.

Had Lived Nearly a Full Century

A little less than a year and a half of having lived a full century, Closs Isaac Blake of Chambers passed to his rest last night after a period of four week's illness. The body was brought to Biglin's in O'Neill to be prepared for burial and funeral services will be held at the Methodist church in Chambers at 2 p. m., Friday, Rev. Mullis of O'Neill will conduct the service. The body will be taken to Wakefield, Nebr., where services will be held Saturday and burial in the cemetery there.

Mr. Blake was born in Sweden July 19, 1847. He was married in Sioux City, Iowa, March 10, 1879, to Carrie Miner. Their first home in Nebraska was at Wakefield and they first came to Holt county in 1900, returned to Wakefield in 1905, moving back to Chambers in 1915 where their home has been since. They had thirteen children, two of whom have been claimed by death.

Surviving Mr. Blake are eleven sons and daughters, thirty-seven grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren. The immediate family are the bereaved widow, also Wm. Blake and Mrs. Pearl Saekel of Burwell, Mrs. Della Coolidge and Mrs. Gladys Smith of Amelia, Edward Blake of Rose, Nebr., Mrs. Myrtle McCullough of Herlong, Calif., Mrs. Maggie Sybrant and Mrs. Goldie Nachman, both of Douglas, Wyo., Mrs. Bessie Nachman of Bassett, Lee Blake of O'Neill and Guy Blake of Chambers.

Registrants discharged since March 29, 1946: Bernard J. Hamik, Stuart; Verne A. Northrup, Atkinson; Dale A. Kersenbrock, O'Neill; Joseph L. Cavanaugh, Chambers.

Irvin H. Waltr, Chambers; Arnold B. Funk, Ewing; Irvan E. Forbes, Amelia; Robert E. Wilburn, Atkinson; Donald R. McKenna, O'Neill; Lewis W. Dickerson, Atkinson.

Miss Whaley Is District Winner

Miss Twila Whaley, Holt county 4-H Club member, is district winner at the 4-H Public Speaking contest held at Bassett Wednesday, March 24, and will represent this district composed of six counties at the state contest to be held May 27, during the state 4-H Club Week in Lincoln.

Twila is a member of the Up and At It Club of O'Neill led by her mother, Mrs. Lloyd Whaley. Her topic was "The Four Freedoms and 4-H." Bill McDonough represented Holt county in the boys' division and gave a very good account of himself speaking on the topic "Soil Conservation and its Relation to the Welfare of the Nation." The winning boy for the district was Steve Eberhardt of Bassett and he will represent this district at the state contest.

Other News from County Agent Dawes

REA sign-up deadline April 1. As a result of action taken by the board of directors of the Niobrara Valley Electrical membership corporation. It was decided that April 1 be set as the deadline for signing applications to receive electric service in the "A" section. All applications to date have been sent to the engineer at Omaha who is working on the allotment for an "A" section. Anyone who is interested in obtaining electric service must sign an application and have it in the hands of the board of directors or to the county agricultural agent by April 1. Applications received at a later date will not be considered for service in the "A" section. Mr. Richardson of the H. H. Henningson Engineering company of Omaha, met with the board of directors last Thursday night and reported he was ready to work on this project and that any applications sent in prior to April 1st would be included in the "A" section.

The board of directors from Holt county is composed of the following members: Vern Sager, Amelia; Harry Ressel, Chambers; Carroll O'Neill, O'Neill and Bill Wcfso, Stuart.

A sheep docking and lice control demonstration using DDT will be held at the Edwin Engler arm on Friday, March 29, at 2:00 p. m., located 18 miles north and 2 miles west of Atkinson. K. C. Feuts, Extension Animal Husbandryman of the Agricultural college, and Mr. Schantol of the Midwest Wool Growers association, Kansas City, will be present to conduct the docking and castration demonstration. The county agricultural agent will have charge of the DDT spraying. Many ranchers and farmers have had trouble with lice on cattle and are enquiring as to the use of DDT in controlling them. Information will be given out at this meeting.

AAA News Notes

Farmers, may we again remind you that the deadline for signing under the 1946 AAA program is drawing near. This year's program is quite different from other years as there is no farm allotments. All notices must receive the pre-approval of your precinct committeeman as well as that of the county committee. If you failed to attend one of the precinct sign-up meetings we urge you to call at the county office and complete your form. We have set April 1st as our goal. Please help us meet it.

Dairy subsidy payments will begin April 1. For the months of January February and March and will continue until June 1st. Applications have been mailed out. They should be correctly signed and returned by mail—with your cream and milk receipts for the above mentioned months. No payments will be made at the office—all checks will be mailed out in the order received in the office. Be sure to follow your letter of instructions. Early mailing means early returns. If you don't receive an application, please contact the office. Harry E. Ressel, Chairman, Holt Co. AAA Committee.