

HUNTING ARMY TO MARCH SATURDAY

Zero Hour in 'War' on Pheasant Population Is 6:28 A. M.

HOTELS HERE FULL

An army of hunters will take to the fields in this region Saturday to wage a lopsided "war" against the male pheasant population. The "jump-off" will be at 6:28 a.m.

The daily pheasant shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

The first 48 hours of the 79-day offensive will doubtless see a heavy toll of birds, almost regardless of the weather, because enthusiasm is running high and pheasants abound. The ranks of sportsmen this year are swelled by World War II ex-servicemen.

Most of the gunmen will be the hunter-visitors who have frequented these parts annually in years past. They come mostly from the cities in Nebraska and in nearby states.

This year's pheasant hunt in Nebraska will be a split-season affair. East of an imaginary north-south line, on the boundary of Cherry and Brown counties, the season opens Saturday and closes January 5. The daily bag and possession limit is seven cocks. West of the imaginary line the season opens a week later—October 26—and closes on the same date—January 5. The daily bag and possession limit in the west of the state is five cocks.

There will be no open-season on hen pheasants. Only by protecting hen pheasants can Nebraska hunters be assured of an annual pheasant crop, the Game commission said.

The season on ducks and geese begins October 26 and closes December 9. The entire state will be open.

The unusually wet autumn has attracted considerable waterfowl. An informal survey of O'Neill's hotels showed that reservations for the season's first weekend have long since been filled, and hunters without housing arrangements will likely encounter difficulty in finding accommodations.

The state game commission, in an announcement this week, clarified what constitutes "possession" of game under possession limit regulations. Possession means, the announcement said, "ownership legally of the specified number of birds." Each permit holder is allowed (in Holt county) seven pheasants. Birds stored in a frozen food locker are considered to be in possession of the locker holder.

Persons holding the legal limit of pheasant or waterfowl are prohibited by law from taking any more birds until disposition has been made of those already in possession.

Ammunition Shortage
A shortage of ammunition is expected to restrict many sportsmen in comparison with their pre-war consumption. Most dealers here report that the shell shortage is more acute now than at any time during the war.

Some hunters have procured army surplus ammunition, which, state game officials have pointed out, is not adapted to game hunting because it endangers the lives of other hunters.

30 KNIGHTS ARE INITIATED HERE

Thirty candidates were initiated by the Knights of Columbus council here at ceremonies in the O'Neill public school auditorium Sunday.

Charles McDonald, of Omaha, and Edward Dosek, of Lincoln, state KC officials, participated in the ceremony.

Over 11,500 Ex-GI's in State's Colleges

More than 11,500 veterans of World War II are now enrolled in Nebraska colleges to pursue educational courses with government help, a preliminary survey by the Veterans' administration indicates this week.

ARRIVE FROM CALIFORNIA

Misses Grace and Teresa Connelly, of Los Angeles, Calif., spent from Saturday until Wednesday visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka returned Sunday from a week's visit at Redfield, and Aberdeen, S. D.

Off-Again, On-Again OPA Removes Ceilings on Meat, Fat and Oil

The menu-makers in the O'Neill territory joined the Nation's housewives this week in rejoicing over the removal of ceilings on meat, oil and fat. Almost immediately, the lid-lifting produced results. The small packing plants announced plans for 100 percent increases in output, and some store proprietors were optimistic about meat for the weekend shoppers. The meat counters have been practically barren in recent weeks.

Sharp gains in livestock receipts were immediate on the Omaha and Sioux City markets. On Wednesday, Omaha had the Nation's largest receipts in cattle and hogs.

In its fats and oils order, which is effective today (Thursday), Washington said that denard control of such meat items as lard made it imperative to grant the same to competing vegetable oils.

Meanwhile, the price Decontrol board has announced that lids on dairy products will not be restored, and at the same time the control of coffee was eliminated.

DISHES FROM JAPAN

Mrs. D. F. Murphy, of O'Neill, recently received a 53-piece set of handpainted dishes from her son, Cpl. D. E. Murphy, who has been stationed at Kyoto, Japan. Cpl. Murphy is expected to leave soon for the United States.

EAGLES 'T' FOILS CREIGHTON 31-8

O'Neill Racks Up 4th Straight Triumph; Ainsworth Next

The O'Neill Eagles smothered the Creighton grid team under the lights here Friday night, 31-8. It was O'Neill's fourth straight win in four starts.

The visitors' beefy line and fleet backfield gave the Eagles concern during the first half, but after intermission the Eagles swept through to a clean-cut victory.

A mechanical breakdown on the Creighton bus caused a two-hour delay enroute at Orchard, and the game didn't begin until 10 p.m. The slow start prompted both clubs to get down to business quick. O'Neill scored in six plays and Creighton proceeded to duplicate the feat. O'Neill punched across another counter and the first quarter ended 12-6.

In the second stanza, a bad pass from center caused Halfback Dick Tibbets to be downed in the endzone, netting Creighton a safety. The half ended 12-8.

Midway in the third, Tibbets took a punt on his own 26 and raced 74 yards to score.

Midway in the fourth, the Eagles drove 60 yards to boost the count to 24-8. With less than a minute remaining, Quarterback Ivan Saindon, the kid brother of Coach F. E. Saindon, intercepted a Creighton pass. Next play, Tibbets flipped a 43-yard pass to End Bob Matthews, who stepped across untouched.

O'Neill's "T" formation baffled Creighton all evening. Usually yardage had already been gained before the visitors were aware of the direction of the play.

O'Neill's entire line looked good defensively, with Ends Dean Van Avery and Matthews turning in excellent performances. The Eagles will entertain Ainsworth here tomorrow (Friday) night.

September Bond Buying Drops Below August

Nebraskans invested a total of \$8,332,786, in U. S. savings bonds during September, according to Leon J. Markham, director of the Treasury's U. S. savings bonds division for Nebraska. Sales of series E bonds for the month totaled \$5,226,997 in Nebraska, approximately \$555,000 less than August sales. Series F and G bond sales for the month totaled \$3,106,125 in Nebraska, a decrease of only \$74,000 over August sales figures for these two issues.

DIVORCES UP

The ratio of divorces to marriages was up sharply last year, according to the annual report of the vital statistics division of the state health department. The report showed that 3,365 couples obtained divorces in the state last year, compared to 2,656 the year before. There were 10,357 marriages in 1945, 9,121 in 1944.

O'NEILL HOSPITAL NOTES

Miss Judy Ryan had her tonsils removed today (Thursday).

Mrs. William Derricksen and baby boy, of Star, were dismissed Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Lawrence and daughter of O'Neill, were dismissed Sunday.

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CITY ACCEPTS NEW WATER WELL

Test Results 'Excellent'; Twin Well May Give 1,400-Gal. Capacity

O'Neill's city water department stock was given an official boost Monday when the city council, in special session, accepted the well recently completed by the Kelly Well company, of Grand Island. The site is two miles south of the city.

At the same time, the council decided to contract for a second well of the same size to be drilled a few yards away.

Currently the city has 12 wells in operation with a total capacity of 300-gallons per minute, which is considered inadequate during summer months. The new well, during a test Friday, produced water at the rate of 700-gallons per minute, with maximum efficiency attained at 500- to 600-gallons per minute. When the second well is completed, Mayor F. J. Dishner said the city's emergency water producing capacity from these two wells would be 1,400-gallons per minute, which should suffice for a city larger than O'Neill.

The cost of the improvement, after both wells have been completed and tied into the water system, will approximate \$70,000. Mayor Dishner said that contracts for piping from the well site into the city would be held up several months until materials are available. The city will then advertise for bids.

The completed well measures 56-inches at the top and 38-inches at the base. It is 107-feet deep. The normal water-level at the well is four-feet below the surface. During Friday's test when the well was yielding 350-gallons per minute the water level dropped to 17-feet; 550-gallons, 35 feet; 700-gallons, 50-feet.

BURNS FATAL TO EWING WOMAN

EWING—Mrs. Joan Funk, 63, who died in a Norfolk hospital October 4 from burns received from a stove explosion, was buried here October 9. Funeral services were held at St. John's church.

Mrs. Funk was attempting to start a fire in a kitchen stove with the use of fuel oil when the accident occurred. Her son, Carl, 31, was burned about the face and hands when he endeavored to assist his mother.

The son said that when he arrived on the scene his mother's clothes were in flames. He grabbed blankets from the bed to use in extinguishing the flames.

J. E. WERT NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF

J. E. Wert has been appointed assistant chief of police here, succeeding the late Albert (Bert) Petersen, who died October 7. Wert, who has resided here for the past several years, formerly was a member of the York police department.

'Splendor of God' Reviewed by Mrs. Scott

The O'Neill Women's club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hugh Ray. A book review was given by Mrs. K. J. Scott. The title of which was "Splendor of God" by Honore Willis Morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale French, of Lincoln, spent the weekend here with relatives and friends.

Coronation Ball Helps Chase Blues After Grid Setback

St. Mary's academy crowned its homecoming queen Sunday night and danced to the music of Pat Boffmann and his orchestra in the academy gymnasium. The coronation ball was gay and colorful, enabling the students to quickly forget the 13-27 homecoming reversal that had been administered on the gridiron earlier in the day by the visiting St. Mary's academy team of Grand Island.

The queen-elect, Miss Dolores Fredrickson, of Sparks, and her attendants made a brief appearance at the interval during the six-man football game. The band and pep club formed an "S" and a cross on the gridiron and Miss Fredrickson and each of her three ladies-in-waiting, Miss Maxine Golden and Miss Nancy Froelich, both of O'Neill, and Miss Caroline Gran, of Mission, S. D., spoke briefly.

The coronation ball began at 7 p.m., attended by St. Mary's students, alumnus and guests, and members and followers of the St. Mary's academy football team of Grand Island.

At 8:30 p.m., the queen-elect and her attendants marched



Miss Birmingham... a Countess

One of 12 countesses at the Ak-Sar-Ben coronation ball in Omaha this year will be O'Neill's Miss Mary Louise Birmingham (above), a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Birmingham. (See story below.)

LESTER L. COON BURIED AT PAGE

PAGE—Lester Lee Coon, 32, of Page, died at 3 p.m. Tuesday at his home here following a nine-year illness. Relatives said that he had never enjoyed excellent health.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m. at the residence in Page, and burial was made in the Page cemetery. The pallbearers were Orville Kemper, Herbert Kemper, George Hall, Bernard Korbach, Marvin Lichty, and Frank Crank. Rev. C. R. Anderson, of Orchard, officiated in the rites. Biglin Brothers, of O'Neill, were in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Coon was born September 16, 1914, at Page, a son of the late Harmon E. Coon and his wife, who settled northeast of Page 39 years ago.

Survivors include the mother; one brother, Joseph, of Inman, and one sister, Mrs. Catherine Spangler, of Page.

The funeral was largely attended in spite of inclement weather.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST (Inman)

Rev. E. B. Maxey, pastor Sunday-school, 10 a. m., Harvey Tompkins, general superintendent. Mrs. Lois Tompkins, primary superintendent. Classes for all grades. All invited. Worship services, 11 a. m. We have room in the front pews for more folk to be seated. The Youth Fellowship group is having some interesting meetings at 7:30 p.m. All invited. Leader, Carolyn Watson; pianist, Imogene Davis. The W.S.C.S. meets Thursdays, planning for the annual bazaar. The Young Adults are thankful for the nice patronage at their food sale Saturday. Approximately \$25 was cleared. The money is being used to modernize the parsonage. Harvey A. Tomkins, assistant lay leader of the Norfolk district, and a member of this charge, will deliver the morning address at the Page Methodist church.

PRESBYTERIAN (O'Neill)

Rev. Kenneth J. Scott, pastor Sunday-school, 10 a. m., John Harbottle, superintendent; worship, 11 a. m., sermon: "The New and Sane Approach to the Alcohol Problem." Junior Westminster Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.; Senior Westminster Fellowship, 7 p.m. Tuesday—Week-day church school class for primary grades (first, second and third), including instruction in Bible, catechism, hymn singing; held in church auditorium, 4:15 to 5 p.m. Midweek devotional and Bible study, 8 p.m. Wednesday—Weekday church school for the intermediate grades (seventh, eighth, and ninth), 4:30 p.m. Junior choir practice, 6:45 p.m., Miss Esther Kinnier, conductor. Senior high choir practice, 8 p.m. Harry Clauson, conductor. Young married people's club, 8 p.m. This meeting is strictly social. We will play pingpong. All married people whose combined ages are 80 years or less are invited.

METHODIST (O'Neill)

Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, pastor Sunday-school, 10 a.m., Lorenz Bredeier, superintendent. Worship, 11 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship, 8:00 p.m. October 22, Mrs. Harrison Bridge, hostess.

PADDOCK UNION

Rev. Fred C. Borden, American Sunday-school missionary from the Scottsbluff area, will conduct services October 22-27, 8 p.m. daily.

Back Arlen Miles took a second-half kickoff on his own 10 and ran it back for a touchdown—the afternoon's most spectacular play. The visiting Ramblers iced the game with their fourth-quarter counter.

Halfback Dick McNichols suffered two broken ribs and will be lost by the Cardinals indefinitely.

The Cards play Butte Friday at Butte.

Neill's Miss Mary Louise Birmingham (above), a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Birmingham. (See story below.)

To Assist Crowning New King, Queen

Officials of Omaha's renowned Ak-Sar-Ben announced Sunday that Miss Mary Louise Birmingham, of O'Neill, has been selected as a countess to join the court in the coronation of a new king and queen October 25.

The coronation ball, one of the Nation's leading social events, is held in the Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum. The countesses, 10 of whom are Nebraskans, will aid the crowning of the new rulers.

Miss Birmingham, known among her friends as "Lu," is a student at Barat college, Lake Forest, Ill. She graduated from St. Mary's academy here in 1945, and later attended Duchesne college in Omaha.

She has blue eyes and light brown hair, and her interests run to sports and the arts. Swimming and horseback riding head the list of her favored sports.

Players Picked for 'Don't Take My Penny'

The tentative cast for the O'Neill public school junior class play, "Don't Take My Penny," has been named, including Jackie Vogt, Bryce Phillips, Helen Urton, Walter Johnson, Gordon Elkins, Vivienne Boelter, Helen Johnson, Doris Smith, Keith Anspach, William Ricketley, Gayle Widdfield, Clayton Johnson, Arlys Wayman, Joan Callaway, June Ristow, Gerald Potts and Don Johnson.

The staging will be in charge of James Bridges and Robert Matthews, and the lighting will be supervised by Helen Johnson. Miss Charlotte Ressigieu is the director, assisted by Miss Teresina Danese and Miss Alice French.

Warns 18-Year-Olds Against 'Carelessness'

"Quite a few young men who are arriving at the age of 18 years are very negligent and dilatory in reporting to the Selective Service system for registration," reported Brig. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, Nebraska's state director for the Selective Service, this week.

The general pointed out that the Selective Service act provides severe penalties, both fine and imprisonment, for delinquency under the act. Failure to register within five days after arriving at the age of 18 years is a violation.

"Carelessness and ignorance of the law are no excuse," he added.

Odd Fellows, Rebekahs Convene at Norfolk

NORFOLK—The 89th annual convention of the Nebraska Odd Fellows and Rebekahs closed today (Thursday).

Among the delegates from O'Neill were L. G. Gillespie, J. Ed Hancock, Marvin Johnson and John Watson.

RETURNS FROM VISIT

Mrs. R. E. Gallagher returned last Thursday from a three-weeks' visit with her son, John R. Gallagher, and family, at Omaha, and with her other son, Eugene F., at St. Mary's college, St. Mary's, Kansas.

BACK FROM ROCHESTER

D. H. Cronin returned from Rochester, Minn., today (Thursday) after being in a clinic there for 10 days.

Chamber to Sponsor Merchant's Day

DAKOTA YOUTHS HURT IN CRASH

2 Boys Semi-Conscious in Hospital After Highway Mishap

Two Winner, S. D., youths, about 18, were brought to the O'Neill hospital late today (Thursday) following a highway accident near Page.

Both were in a state of semi-consciousness immediately following the accident and the details and their identities were not readily available, hospital attendants reported.

Dr. O. W. French, who attended the youths, said their condition was serious.

Their names are believed to be Lewis Cosar and Bernard Enflinger. They were believed to have been enroute to Sioux City. It was reported that their machine, a green coupe, collided with a truck at about 4 p.m. a few miles south of Page. They were entered in the O'Neill hospital at 5 p.m., having been brought in by a Biglin Brothers ambulance.

EWING YOUTH A POLIO VICTIM

Larry Honeywell, 4, Not a Holt Resident; State Total 517

EWING—Larry Honeywell, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Honeywell, is the latest victim of polio in this region.

His parents, who resided in Holt county until last Fall, now live in Wheeler county near the Holt-Wheeler boundary.

Meanwhile, the state health department has reported that 15 new cases have developed in the past week, bringing the state's total to 517.

WET SKIES STILL PREVAIL

The weatherman is persistent about giving the O'Neill region a wet autumn.

Though all precedence for September and October moisture has already been broken, the skies continue to drip regularly. This week's precipitation has been meager, however, only .09 inches.

The highlight of this week's weather roundup was a low temperature of 20-degrees, which was reached during early Saturday.

Corn picking was underway in most sections early this week.

The week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a.m. daily, follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist.
October 11	44	30	.05
October 12	40	20	
October 13	48	28	
October 14	60	34	
October 15	70	41	
October 16	52	33	.02
October 17	37	33	.02
Total			.09

Representative National C of C Visits O'Neill

Harold Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn., head of the national affairs division of the United States Chamber of Commerce, conferred with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce here today (Thursday) at the M & M cafe.

The officers and members of the national affairs committee of the O'Neill Chamber were present.

MARRAGE LICENSES

Dorothy Mae Cole, 22, of Page, and Walter M. Anson, 25, of Orchard, October 4

Marvin Miller, 31, of Ewing, and Mary Constance Golden, 22, of O'Neill, October 5.

Delbert A. Hoxie, 23, of O'Neill, and Lillie Grumb, 18, of Burwell, October 9.

Ben G. Braun, 26, and Helen Scripser, 18, both of Atkinson, October 10.

Donald Arthur McKamy, 31, and Miss Harriet E. Benett, 21, both of O'Neill, October 14.

Wilfred G. Mory, 34, of Chat-eau, Mont., and Lillian M. Geary, 21, of Inman, October 15.

Lawrence M. Schneider, 27, and Dorothy M. Brandt, both of Atkinson, October 15.

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