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## INMAN NEWS

Elton Trowbridge left Wednesday for his home at Saratoga, Wyo., after visiting his mother, Mrs. Etta Trowbridge, in the home of Mrs. Anna Smith.

Charles Young, Harry McGraw, Dale and Margie Lines spent Wednesday in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. George Killinger, of Woodbury, Ore., came Friday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Roy Gannon, and family.

The Misses Vivian and Ruth Stevens, of Norfolk, spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Woods, of Elm Creek, spent the weekend at Inman. They were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Nickel.

Mrs. Merlin Luben and Gary, of Clearwater, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fraka.

Mrs. Horace Sholes and Mildred Sobotka spent the weekend with Miss Sobotka's sister, Mrs. Rudolph Socha, and family at Primrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Young and daughter, Barbara Jean, of Omaha, spent the weekend in the Chester Young and A. N. Butler homes. Mrs. Butler, who has been visiting in Omaha, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Oberle spent Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oberle, at Dorsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Butler and son, of Bassett, spent Sunday visiting Mr. Butler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Butler.

Mrs. J. J. Hare, of Grand Island, came Friday to spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coleman. Mr. Hare came Sunday from Grand Island to spend the day and Mrs. Hare accompanied him home.

Lewis Kopecky, sr., returned Sunday from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he has spent the past six weeks.

## DISPLAYS COLLECTION

Mrs. J. S. Priester and son, of Humphrey, Mrs. Ray Dodendorf, of Columbus, and Miss Ann Sullivan, of Omaha, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Troshynski last Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Dodendorf displayed her rosary collection at St. Mary's academy.

Miss Ann Clark, of Omaha, arrived Sunday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Agnes E. Sullivan, and family.

Mrs. Harry Vogt and daughter, Jacqueline, visited relatives in Tilden for the weekend.

## OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA ... BOAT'S ARRIVAL A BIG EVENT

By James Olson  
Supt. State Historical Society  
In the Missouri river towns of old Nebraska a sure sign that Spring had arrived was the appearance of the first steamboat churning its way up the Big Muddy after the ice of winter had broken.

At the first blast of its whistle, all normal activity in the community stopped, as virtually the entire population rushed down to the river front to greet the captain, crew, and passengers, and to watch the unloading of such merchandise as was destined for the local stores. In the days before the railroad, the arrival of the first steamboat of the season was one of the most significant events of the year. It meant that the long winter's isolation had been broken, that contact once again had been established with the outside world, that another season of growth for the new land had begun. More immediately, it meant that stocks of clothing and food, depleted by the demands of winter, could be replenished.

**Calls for Celebration**  
It is little wonder, then, that most communities marked such an event with joyous celebration, for which the boat itself usually provided the setting and the means. Although most of the boats were not luxuriously equipped, occasionally a band could be mustered from among the crew, and if not a full band, there was sure to be a deck hand on board with a banjo or fiddle. The larders usually were well stocked, and liquor flowed freely over the bar.

It is little wonder, too, that the newspapers of the time frequently heralded the arrival of the first boat of the season in bold-faced type, and with plenty of exclamation marks. For example, under a heading which screamed "The First Boat! Immense Excitement!! The Platte Valley! Takes the Horns!!", the Nebraska News chronicled as follows the appearance of the first boat to reach Nebraska City in 1858: "Our writings were disturbed last evening at 7 o'clock by the wringing of bells, the thrilling whistle of the engine, and shouts of 'A boat! A boat!!' The streets were at once filled with men and boys running to the wharf to meet the first boat of the season. It proved to be the PLATTE VALLEY. . . .

"This is a new boat, her first trip—the first boat of the season, and made the trip from St. Louis to this place in six days, an unprecedented quick one considering the boating condition of the river. The Platte Valley discharged a good amount of freight and passengers, and has started on her upward trip to Omaha. . . .

**"Three Cheers"**  
The Nebraska Advertiser wrote in the same vein of the first boat to reach Brownville in the Spring of 1857: "Three cheers for the first boat of the season! The steamer St. Mary passed up the river this morning. Her gentlemanly officers have our thanks for favors. Success to the St. Mary!"



## GOVERNOR GETS HIS VITAMINS

Gov. Millard Caldwell (Dem., Fla.), accepting a bite of Florida orange from Nance Stillely, queen of the 24th annual citrus fruit exposition held at

Winter Haven. She was selected from a group of 22 girls to reign over the orange kingdom for a year. The annual exposition attracts thousands each year.

## PRAIRIELAND ... TALK

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS ATKINSON Route 5

O'NEILL — Nebraska editors were in the spotlight in Lincoln for three days last week. The Nebraska Press Association gets around once a year for mutual consolation and renewal of inspiration. Some notables of the craft from other states were among those to address the editors. There are new faces at these gatherings, able and pleasant men and women to meet, but the older newspaper fellows feel the absence of such characters of a departed generation as Edward Rosewater, of the Omaha Bee; Ross Hammond of the Fremont Tribune; John Sprecker, of the Schuyler Quill; Gene Huse, of the Norfolk News; Ladd, of Albion, and others of the old school.

A gal from the Hollywood collection elected to congress went before the lawmakers the other day with an armful of groceries and quoted prices in dramatic showmanship. . . . Our unicam puts through a measure to make it a crime to slip a slug into a slot device. Mighty statesmanship on both teams. . . . Henry Eden, of Bruning, exchanged a 940-pound hog for \$230.00. Bill Fallon got about that much for a carload in Sioux City back in the good old days. . . . 272 babies, 128 girls and 144 boys, born in Lincoln during February. . . . The FBI boys had a busy year in '46, with 645,431 outlaws taken into custody.

By act of congress, the dam putting into service the waters of the long and winding Colorado river is to be restored to its original name. In '33 a sour apple occupying the post of secretary of the interior ordered Ex-Pres. Hoover's name erased from the official record and that of Boulder substituted. The city of Boulder is a thousand miles from the site of the dam and whether it was the town or the boulder strewn course of the stream that Mr. Ickes desired to honor, the sentiment inspiring the change was unmistakable. The vote in the house of representatives to restore Mr. Hoover's name was unanimous.

Cherry county still leads the nation in number of cattle per county, with 237,888 on January 1, 1945. Holt county was well up in the list of 100 counties throughout the nation with over 140,000 head. Cherry county's big showing over other Nebraska counties is because of its huge expanse of territory.

A little old woman, whose home is in Wymore, is spending some weeks in the home of her adopted daughter in Lincoln and making friends with those she meets. She asks to be remembered as Grandma Bee, a name given her by her mother in order to use the first letter of the name Boone. Grandma Bee says Daniel Boone was her great uncle. She must have inherited the courage of her illustrious uncle. After having borne six children she and her husband adopted five more boys and girls.

Highway for the traffic of three continents, an eye on the Dardanelles, Port Said, oil deposits, an inexhaustible reservoir of chemicals and minerals in the bottomless Dead sea, sacred soil to three great religions and the sinister magnet of Armageddon. Earth's great nations are being drawn into the vortex, which could spell the final act of the tragedy of the Holy Land.

Howard Berry, one of the substantial ranch operators of Swan precinct, was in the city Monday and made The Frontier a business visit, enrolling as one of our new readers. He has wintered 100 head of steers this season and has just added to his ranch holdings the Saunders property joining the home ranch.

An ailing cabinet officer is advised that he should do only light work. How about a job washing dishes—five a day and meals?

When railroad train and auto meet there is no argument over the outcome.

## GIRL SCOUT NEWS

By Suzanne Moss, Troop Scribe  
The Irish Lassies Girl Scout troop had a regular meeting Sunday. We reviewed the first aid lessons we have had and sang some songs. We are planning a party to be given after Easter for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. All Scouts should be on time Sunday for the first aid lesson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Switzer visited Sunday at the Ben Asher home in Page. Little Ben, who has been residing with the Switzers, is now living with the Ashers. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher, of Page, were also guests.

The Schelkops visited Oswald Drucke Tuesday. Mr. Drucke is in a Lynch hospital.

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