

"THE TRUE ORDER OF LEARNING SHOULD BE—FIRST, WHAT IS NECESSARY; NEXT, WHAT IS USEFUL, AND THEN WHAT IS ORNAMENTAL."

## HOLT COUNTY PEOPLE In Auto Crash AND ONE BADLY HURT

"Louisa Kennedy of Page, Nebraska Wesleyan university registrar, was seriously injured when the car in which she was riding collided in the fog with that of an unidentified party near Albion. Miss Kennedy received fracture of eight ribs, a fractured pelvis and possible internal injuries. "Her three companions, who were not seriously injured, were Miss Kennedy's sister, Genevieve of Page; Parlette Smith, Inman, and Elva Snyder of Page. Miss Genevieve Kennedy is a teacher at Beatrice; Mrs. Smith is a member of Phi Tau Theta at Wesleyan and Miss Snyder is enrolled at Wesleyan. All were enroute to the Kennedy home at Page."

The foregoing item is from Friday's State Journal. The car the Kennedy's struck was that of John Robertson, James and Dick Robertson, Levi Fuller who is employed at the Robertson ranch at Joy and a young man by the name of Shultz of Atkinson were on their way here from Lincoln. They stopped at the edge of the highway a short distance out of Albion to pump up a tire and all got out of the car. The two Robertson men walked back a few yards as a precaution to see cars coming from the rear. The highway was slippery and the night foggy. The Kennedy car came from the rear and made a swing to miss the Robertson car but struck it at the side. The boys all saved themselves by leaping into the ditch. After taking care of the occupants of the Kennedy car they were able to proceed on home. A car going to Albion took the women to town. We understand Miss Kennedy is recovering.

## O'Neill Boy Prominent at Wesleyan

S. Evan Davis, O'Neill, who is a senior in Nebraska Wesleyan University at Lincoln, was one of the representatives of the state colleges at a state-wide disarmament conference which took place recently at the University of Nebraska. Representatives of the colleges and universities in the state outlined the position to be assumed by the great powers at the disarmament conference to be held in Geneva next spring. Mr. Davis is prominent on the Wesleyan campus, being a member of the Y. M. C. A., glee club, student publication board, and Phi Kappa Tau, honorary social fraternity.

## County Will not Pay Postage

By resolution of the county board the county treasurer is directed to require those who send in requesting automobile license plates mailed to them to pay the postage. The postage amounts to from 8 to 16 cents on a set of license plates. The county has been paying this in the past but will require purchasers of auto plates to pay the postage if they have them sent by mail.

A similar action has been taken by the board with respect to the county superintendent's office. School boards sending in to the superintendent's office for supplies to be forwarded by mail will be required to pay the postage in the future.

## The Two Best Kids

Omaha Bee-News: Nebraska's best and the nation's best! Miss Gertrude Heikes of Dakota City was adjudged the healthiest girl among all 4-H club members of her sex in Chicago Tuesday, and also the finest specimen ever to appear in the competition. Her score was almost perfect—99.9. Willard Russell of Tecumseh, Nebraska's "healthiest" 4-H club boy, won fourth place in the national competition. His score was 98.9.

## Correction

This item is handed us: Mrs. Zell Bressler did not become violently insane on her way back to Nevenville, Iowa. She was under a doctors care two weeks before they advised her to be taken to the hospital where she would receive treatment for a very serious nervous breakdown. At the present writing she is responding to treatment and has greatly improved.

## Ott-Sittel

Chester N. Sittel, of Nashville, Tenn. was married to Norma Ott of Nashville November 3. Mr. Sittel is a former resident of O'Neill and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sittel. He is employed in the Commerce Union Bank at Nashville.

Charles P. Hancock is the first to pass around the 1932 calendars. He favors The Frontier with a large and handsome one.

William G. Kraft purchased a 1931 Chevrolet DeLuxe the past week of Arbutnot & Reka.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chapman and Miss Geraldine Cronin were up from Omaha over Thanksgiving.

Mrs. R. Saunders, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rohrer of Hastings, who are visiting at the home of Mrs. Rohrer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, near Inez, were in Sunday for a visit with the editorial force.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cowperthwaite returned Monday from a Thanksgiving visit with friends at Alliance. They drove to Chadron and thence south to Alliance. Art says the highways are in fine shape, but a little slick.

Driving his rounds through streets and alleys and byways early Monday morning, Policeman Scott Hough found himself stalled in an alley just off of Fourth street with a broken car. The axle of the left hind wheel had snapped off.

The lowest temperature recorded by the government weather gauge during the past week was on Saturday night, it being 2 degrees above zero. At daylight Sunday morning the thermometer at the entrance of the Biglin store indicated just zero.

Mrs. L. H. Carr left for Hubbell, Nebraska last Saturday morning to be at the funeral of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Miller of that city, who died Thanksgiving day. She returned Monday evening, bringing her sister Mrs. Richard Burns and small daughter Joan, of Lincoln, with her to spend the holidays here.

Lem Bitney was at Omaha Saturday and Sunday and visited at the home of his sister Mrs. Sullivan and her son Lawrence, former residents of this community. Lawrence has the management of a force of workers in a basket factory and is doing fine. Owing to a change in address they have missed their Frontier a week or so and send us the new address with the word to make the change.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fullerton and son were in from the ranch twenty miles northwest, Monday. It had been some twenty years since we had the pleasure of clasping Jim by the hand. The years have made but little impression on his rugged activity nor effaced the genial smile. Mr. Fullerton says they have suffered loss for a number of seasons through unfavorable weather which this year has affected a large area.

Charley Martin was up from the South Fork Monday and came in to shake hands. Mr. Martin is an old friend of the editor's ranch days, recalling an occasion when we with two or three riders corralled cattle at his ranch and lodged for the night. A pair of trousers were missing after we were gone. Charley has waited so long to tell us about it that he will not get the trousers back now.

The first honest-to-goodness sleighing in many a season has been enjoyed by a few the past fortnight. The boys are getting out of it what only boys can by "hooking on" to automobiles with their sleds. Con Keys was the envy of even the fellows who drive their fine cars when he drove a team of spotted ponies through town hitched to a cutter. Sleighing is the best on the highways it has ever been but there are not very many sleighs in the country.

Joe Yantzi, for many years identified with the cream trade of this section and for some years past in charge of the Hanford plant here, said yesterday he was out of a job and it was such a novelty he was at a loss how to occupy the leisure time. The company decided to add the operating of the cream station to the duties of Jess Scofield, in charge of the ice cream business. Mr. Yantzi expects to be back in the cream buying business in the near future.

The Omaha division of the Burlington has been added to the Lincoln division. T. R. Mullen of Lincoln is the superintendent. The O'Neill line was in the Omaha division, so by this change becomes a part of the Lincoln division. L. E. Caldwell, who has had the superintendency of the Omaha division, becomes superintendent at McCook. Ralph Bud, president of the Great Northern, is to be president of the Burlington system January 1.

One or more trancients looking for the necessary daily sustenance and shelter is an every day affair just now. Saturday night one such claiming to be a "fully paid and non-assessable" member of the Legion with a document entitling him to \$100 from the United States treasury but on which he said he "couldn't raise a dime," was looking for the means to get a little gasoline so he could drive on toward Sioux City. Falling in a number of sources to get any help, Sheriff Duffy got him started on his way by the simple process of handing him a dollar.

## O'Neill Has a Record of Many Notables

Many notables in commerce, politics, professions and various lines are the product, the progeny, the outgrowth, the output of that band of early and hardy pioneers that came into the virgin territory now known as Holt county. Two settlements started nearly simultaneously, one in the Elkhorn valley just east of where O'Neill now is and of which mention was made in these columns a few weeks ago—the other at Paddock in the Niobrara valley. The founder of this latter settlement was Rowland Parker, grandfather of the Parker boys now living here, H. R. and Joe. The county seat for a time was at Paddock, with Sanford Parker performing the duties of county clerk, which meant he was about the entire official force.

With this settlement and the earlier settlement of the Thompson, McEvony, Hoxie, Bitney and Prouty families in the Elkhorn valley as a sort of prelude to the larger settlements, General John O'Neill came with a colony recruited from northern Michigan and the coal mining districts of Pennsylvania. The general had come in contact with these people during the Molly McGuire period in which he was a commanding figure along the northern border and in Canada. A colony was established at Greely and at O'Neill. With these three settlements in Holt county as a background, some notable characters have sprung.

The O'Neill settlement and the products of that settlement who have gone out and contributed something worth while to the affairs of men, as well as those who remained here, come more directly within the scope of this article. John J. McCafferty was among the early colonists. The north-east quarter of the section in which the town was laid out, was his homestead. The government survey established the four corners that comprise the center of the business section of the city today. McCafferty divided his homestead into blocks and established a hardware store on the corner of one of these, where Warner & Son now are. Pat Hagerty opened a general store on the opposite corner to the west and became the merchant prince of those days. This corner is now occupied by the Golden hotel, built by T. V. Golden of O'Neill. McCafferty soon became known as a progressive citizen and an able writer. He left as a heritage the only authentic history of Holt county which we hope some day to see published.

Neil Brennan freighted for a time for Hagerty and then went into the hardware business. He was the first north Nebraska man to be appointed to the staff of a governor of the state, serving under Governor Crouse as a colonel and was the principal factor in getting a state militia for O'Neill in about 1893.

In 1880 W. D. Mathews arrived from Wisconsin and founded The Frontier. Doc—as he became familiarly known—was probably the greatest of the many men and factors in advertising the Elkhorn valley. Recently referring to files of The Frontier for 1886 I was much interested in a speech of his to some north Nebraska newspaper men who were in session in O'Neill and we may reprint it some day. He is now living at Memphis, Tenn.

Did you know that— M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill, as district judge, broke up the cattle and horse thief rings, spent twenty-two years in congress and was the author of the 640-acre homestead law; that Tom Kearns of O'Neill is the owner of the largest silver mine in the world,

was United States senator from Utah, financed alone the building of a railroad; that another O'Neill man, Mike Daily, is the manager of this same mine, the Silver King; that Pat Fahy of O'Neill went to Washington and persuaded the Interior Department to move the United States land office from Niobrara to O'Neill; that

M. F. Harrington of O'Neill attained nation wide notice as a great criminal lawyer, a political leader and a friend of the common people, and had his advice been followed there would have been no Barret Scott tragedy; that Jeannette Taylor of O'Neill was the first woman lawyer in the Fifteenth judicial district; that G. C. Hazlet of O'Neill was the first governor of the territory of Alaska; that

Jack Meals of O'Neill was the first to be appointed government surveyor for the district in and about Valdez, Alaska; that R. R. Dickson of O'Neill, after a forceful career as a lawyer and a political leader, has become one of the outstanding judges of the state, with a record of fairness and very few reversals; that

John McHugh of O'Neill, from a night operator at the Northwestern depot here into the banking business and has become the head of America's largest financial institution in New York City; that

Arthur F. Mullen of O'Neill assisted in drafting the Eighteenth amendment and is democratic national committeeman for Nebraska; that J. P. Mann of O'Neill was one of the founders of the largest novelty goods manufacturing houses in America, located in Chicago and became president of the Chicago Board of Commerce; that

Tim Dwyer of O'Neill became Dr. Dwyer, leading surgeon of St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha; that J. A. Donohoe of O'Neill was a member of the constitutional convention in 1918, 1919 and 1920, which formulated and adopted our present state constitution; that

S. J. Weekes, a graduate of the O'Neill school and an official of the government land office here in an earlier period, but with no previous experience in banking, the past twenty years has made the O'Neill National a nationally known institution; that Ed F. Gallagher, starting in O'Neill nearly half a century ago with a few hundred dollars, developed the First National to one of the leading banks of Nebraska; that

J. E. Mellor of O'Neill, with a pair of ponies and a small dray equipment forty years ago, has one of the best equipped and best stocked sales and service Ford garages in this part of Nebraska, housed in his own splendid building; that

O. F. Biglin, repeatedly elected mayor of O'Neill, founded the first permanent and regularly equipped undertaking establishment in the county which is still here; that Rev. M. F. Cassidy in a continuous pastorate of forty-five years in O'Neill has developed the St. Patrick parish and acquired church and parochial school property the equal of which cannot be found any place outside the very large cities; that

Rev. Bartley Blaine, an early county superintendent, and the first Methodist preacher in the county, built the first church of his denomination in O'Neill; that

Rev. N. S. Lowrie of O'Neill was a pioneer Presbyterian minister and drove far and wide over the county

wherever there were ministerial functions to perform. Two of his sons are now in the ministry; that P. J. McManus of O'Neill has been in the mercantile business continuously for forty-two years, thirty-nine years in his present location; that

Tom Birmingham, with nothing of the spectacular, friendly and cordial to all, established a lumber yard, the Galena, that has been in operation in O'Neill for more than forty years, now conducted by two O'Neill products—Clyde King and Joe Mann; that D. H. Cronin, a young boy in the early O'Neill settlement, the past ten years United States Marshal for Nebraska, repeatedly representing Holt county in the legislature, was the author of the state aid bridge law; that

J. P. Gallagher, over fifty years in O'Neill, has spent a third of a century in the mercantile business and has seen innumerable stores open up, flourish for a time and pass away; that R. R. Morrison who started here in the grocery business a quarter of a century ago, with a small store, has built up an establishment that is the equal of any modern grocery store in the larger cities; that

Pat Holland of O'Neill became an executive head of the First National bank of Chicago; that James McManus of O'Neill went to Chicago and started a small grocery business from which has sprung five stores, a building with twenty-three flats and the sale of one building for an even one hundred thousand dollars; that

William Froelich of O'Neill is an attorney connected with the national department of justice and as such marshaled the evidence which brought the notorious Capone to justice.

## Atkinson Man Has An Unusual Badge

George Meals, living five miles south of Atkinson, has an unusual badge. It was sent him by his mother from Valdez, Alaska. It is a badge once worn by his father, A. J. Meals, better known here as Jack, to a session of the Grand Igloo, Pioneers of Alaska, organized in 1908. They evidently do not do things on a penny pinching basis in Alaska. It is no cheap outfit that got up that badge, and when you drive by George's pull in and ask to see it. It is done in gold on a rich back ground and no make believe fixed up in bronze.

Jack went up to Alaska from O'Neill in 1898, the family in 1903. George returned to Holt county in 1910 and married Mary Gonderinger of Atkinson. They have a pleasant farm home in one of Holt county's many garden spots and know how to extend the hand of cordiality. George esteems his badge as a reminder of his own sojourn in the far northwest as well as for the memory of his father, who died a few years ago.

## COACHES DEFEAT HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

The coaches played the high school basketball teams at St. Mary's gymnasium last evening. They played the St. Mary's team the first half, defeating them 14-6 and the second half they defeated the O'Neill high school team 29-4, making a total for the game of 45-10. Coach Buhman of the O'Neill high school was high point man with six field goals and one free toss for a total of 13 points.

J. C. Parker, living just north of town on what formerly was the Dwyer farm, has bought the filling station at the corner of Fourth and Douglas streets, taking possession Tuesday. Mr. Parker has been a resident of the community long enough to make many friends and he is welcome to O'Neill business circles. Mrs. Parker is our efficient county superintendent.

Fred Robertson, a long time resident of Chambers precinct but of late holding forth in the western part of the state, was in the city over night, expecting to leave this morning either for Lincoln where his family are living this winter or going back west where he has business. He has been out to the ranch south of Chambers the past two week.

Harry Dempsey and his daughter Margaret were in an automobile accident last evening on the highway north of the cemeteries. A wheel broke, causing the accident. Both sustained injuries and the car was damaged.

There will be a children's matinee at the Royal theater next Wednesday afternoon, December 9 at 3:45 o'clock. Bring a toy new or used for admission. These will be distributed Christmas to the less fortunate.

A baby girl, Katherine Marcella, was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Radaker of Newport, Nebraska, December 1, 1931, at the Lutheran hospital in Omaha.

## BY CAPONIZING THE Turkey Toms ADD TO MARKET VALUE

Turkey capons may be made of late toms that are too small to market and if allowed to run as toms would become a nuisance during the mating season the following spring. For the early fall market, turkey capons weigh from thirty to thirty-five pounds alive. They develop into beautiful, plump birds. They are timid and inactive. No beard, spurs or wattles develop. The meat is tender and of superior quality.

Turkeys are caponized in exactly the same way as cockerels and they stand the operation equally as well. Caponizing is done most conveniently when the toms weigh about five pounds, although they may be considerably larger and the glands be so developed that it is necessary to remove them in pieces.

Although caponizing does improve to some extent the fattening qualities of a bird, it is not practical to caponize spring toms that may be marketed the same fall or winter. At the same time, owners of small, undeveloped toms that are practically worthless and would be very undesirable in the flock during the spring season may realize a worthwhile sum for each of them the following fall when they are marketed by the capon route.

"Tricks in all trades" is a saying of long standing. It does not necessarily imply "tricky in trade". Rather it might read "proficient in trade". Watching a proficient workman is interesting and may be instructive. A visit to the Ennis Shoe Hospital was just such. It is always fascinating to see an expert cut and fit the sole leather. Mr. Ennis was busy as he had an hour and a half job to get ready in an hour. But a leather expert can impart information while working. We learned that there was no such thing as Elk hide shoe soles going onto our shoes. That which is supposed to be is a chrome tanned cowhide. The "chrome" is a substance used in tanning which whitens the leather. There is only 13 per cent of a beef hide that makes No. 1 shoe leather. The best leather comes from the portion of the hide covering the best beef—the loin. Beef hides coming from the farms are considered of little value because of improper care when skinned. At the packing house proper facilities are maintained for the rapid preparation of the hides for tanning. The under part of a beef hide is considered "dangerous" as leather.

## Services At The First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 10:00—Mr. George C. Robertson, superintendent. Our teachers and officers are making every effort to use the best methods. Morning Worship 11:00—Subject, "Good News". C. E. Prayer Meeting 6:45—Garland Bressler will lead. Evening Service 7:30—The Theme will be "The Bible A Source of Power". Our choirs are furnishing splendid music for our services. Come and join us in our services of worship. H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

## Will Hear Flannigan Saturday

Judge Dickson will hear the motion for a new trial in the A. E. Flannigan case during a sitting of the court on Saturday. The issues in the Join and James Flannigan suits, by agreement, will also be heard on Saturday, the cases being set for trial at the term of court convening Monday next. On Friday of this week the judge will hear a motion for a new trial in a case from Boyd county, Webber vs. Webber. This also by agreement.

The 1932 license plates for automobiles have not yet arrived at the county treasurer's office. Nebraska's plates will be white figures on a blue back ground. Ed Welton came over from the ranch Tuesday, returning yesterday. C. F. Gillette of Chambers was a business visitor in the city yesterday. E. C. Wertz of Star was transacting business in O'Neill Tuesday. W. H. Stein had business in Omaha a day or two this week. Archie Bowen went over to Gregory yesterday. W. S. McDonald of Page was in the city Monday. W. S. McDonald was over from Page Monday. John Walker of Page was in the city Tuesday.

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