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The price at which farm lands are selling indicates that investors still anchor their faith in Nebraska soil.

Lincoln has the distinction of being the driest city in the country, and Omaha about the wettest. Nebraskans can take their choice.

A Texas paper thinks that "the only way us democrats can be sure our war club is good against republicans is to try it out on each other."

The word "wrestle," which has always been pronounced "rassle" by the majority, has really become rassle. Anything from digging an opponents eyes out to strangling him with a towel seems to go.

Ed Howe says he has never known a policewoman or woman politician who was not ridiculous, nor never knew a good girl, wife or mother who was not very useful—who did not do her full share or more in the struggle of humanity.

Japan threatens to invade China again, if the Chinese do not quit throwing stones at her soldiers. They seem to want a war and will use any foolish excuse to get one. Those who are looking for trouble can usually find it. Germany did and is no better off for her experience.

Capone has fought to the last ditch and lost. The supreme court has denied him a review of his case and he is to be taken at once to the federal prison at Atlanta to begin the eleven year term to which he was sentenced for income tax evasion. That was the hook on which the federal authorities caught him. The real blow was aimed not at a tax dodger, but at gangland. There are others. There will be other Capones. While authorities have a strangle hold they should make the most of it.

Our esteemed friend Senator John Robertson lays down the gauntlet for an argument. A month ago The Frontier made editorial comment on the lack of enthusiasm, lack of response—interest at a low ebb, in the efforts thus far of the Economy League. No reflection is intended or sentiments harbored as to the purpose and ability of any member of the league, but that organization will have to stir up something more tangible than it has done if Senator John and I have anything to argue about.

It becomes once more evident that the allied nations are making a real effort to link debts and reparations together, although the United States has consistently maintained that the questions are distinct and separate, and so, indeed, they should be. For example, the part of the loan to France which has not been cancelled is for obligations incurred after the armistice was signed. At the time the obligation was made, there was no understanding to the effect that the payment of the obligation depended upon how much money France could get out of Germany in the way of reparations. Germany was not asked to go on the note as security, and it was understood that the obligation was one which had been incurred by France. The same thing holds true of the British and Italian debts.

**COUNTY AGRICULTURE**

James W. Rooney  
County extension Agent

**Fungus Disease in Lawns**

A number of blue grass lawns in Stuart, Atkinson, and O'Neill are infected with a fungus disease which attacks the grass roots. The disease is sometimes called ringworm, or "fairy rings," because it occurs in the shape of a ring. The grass in this ring dies and no vegetation grows in the affected area. The soil seemed to be full of white mold or white powdery substance.

This disease can be controlled by the application of three ounces of bichloride of mercury for one thousand square feet of surface. The solution can be applied as a fine spray, only sufficient water being needed to give an even distribution. After the disinfectant is applied the lawn should be well soaked down. If it is necessary to make more than one application during the season, the three ounces should be cut down to two or one, as it will be less likely to burn the turf. When applying the spray to the ring care should be taken to reach the outer edge of the infection.

**Grasshopper Situation**

Mechanical hopperdozers have some value in the control of grasshoppers on fairly level fields of alfalfa or on short field crops early in the season, Professor Swenk of the agricultural college entomology department says in his grasshopper story of May 5.

The hopperdozers have the advantage of being inexpensive after they are once constructed. A little kerosene on top of water in the pan is all that is required in the way of material. The dozers can be hauled over the fields with horses ridden by boys, and the expense in each outlay kept down to the minimum.

In his longer report sent to county farm bureau officers, Professor Swenk gives detailed instructions for the building of practical hopperdozers. The dozer includes a shallow metal pan mounted on sled runners. Upright at the back of the pan is a screen of metal or oil cloth. The grasshoppers strike the screen and drop into the oil, which kills them.

Hills, stumps, stones, and uneven ground all offer obstacles to the successful operation of the mechanical hopperdozer. neither can it be pulled over waste places, into fence corners, and close to fences.

Migratory types of grasshopper nymphs can be trapped in trenches and post holes and crushed or buried, but few of the hoppers present in Nebraska are of the migratory kind and the control measure is hardly worth considering here, Professor Swenk believes.

**Pigs on Self Feeder Wean Themselves**

Pigs put on a self-feeder before they are weaned will almost wean themselves. All that need be done is to build a creep around the self feeder a few days before the pigs should be weaned, and then hand feed the sows. If the ration for the sows is reduced they will dry up and the pigs will go to the self-feeders to fill up.

If this plan can not be followed and it is necessary to separate the sows and pigs, it is more advisable to take the sows away from the pigs than to move the pigs to strange quarters. Returning the sows a time or two during the weaning period will prevent spoiled udders.

The ration used at the Nebraska Agricultural College hog farm for weaned pigs includes 200 pounds ground corn, 200 pounds ground oats, 200 pounds shorts, 20 pounds tankage, 15 pounds linseed oil meal, 6 pounds bone meal, and 6 pounds salt.

**Underwriting the Mortgages**

Page, May 2.—We read but we can't believe an article that anybody would propose such a thing as the loaning companies would take a mortgage on personal property for back taxes and over due interest. That sure would be the end of that persons farming. Then if all did the same, who is going to feed—? Guess we would have to move to Missouri and live on corn dodger the rest of our life. Then again we read they are trying to get a bill thru to let federal take all loans over at 1 1/2 per cent on a 5 cent basis. That sounds better in order to give the drouth stricken farmers more time and anyone who is honest and wants to do anything, that would be all right. Of course there are lots of farms abandoned to the loaning companies, but it would help those who are hanging on trying to do something.

Another thing that comes under my notice, there are so many failures in the 8th graders. I kind of nosed into the cause, and find those who had high grades in their home exams, were almost a failure when they had to go to town. Why? Cause their surroundings are new and some are nervous, etc. And one girl made the remark, "How could I write anything with the way I had to write all day on a recitation seat?" This may be little things but it counts to many.



**Our Mothers**

Sunday, May 8, homage is paid to our mothers. It is an annual event. Like all special occasions appearing regularly on the calendar, it may become a habit, a mere form, a feeling of duty, an expression of sentiment which we feel is expected, rather than a great privilege. No doubt much insincere gush is indulged on Mothers' Day. But the superficial, the formality, is tremendously outweighed by the genuine heart sentiment that the day inspires.

Our mothers had their frailties and shortcomings—as all humanity

has its limitations—but we are not thinking of those at this season. Lives are made fragrant by the cherished memories all experience. Thoughtless childhood, rude, indifferent and often rebellious youth, as well as those whose lives have either become hardened or softened and mellowed by the experiences of the passing years—all are touched in a greater or less degree by the indefinable link to home and mother. On this occasion The Frontier wishes to extend sincere compliments and respect to the mothers in the homes of its readers.

If this don't go in the waste basket, may write some more on a different subject.  
Mrs. Butinsky.

**EDUCATIONAL NOTES**

The next Eighth Grade examinations will be given on Thursday and Friday, May 12th and 13th. Grades from the April examination have been reported to the teachers and we find that 130 eighth grade students of the schools of the county passed their examinations in all subjects. A number of others failed in only one subject.

Mr. Bowers, High School Inspector, from the State Department, is in the county this week visiting and inspecting the High Schools.

**STITCH IN TIME CLUB MEETS**

The Grattan Stitch In Time Club met Saturday afternoon, April 23, at the home of the president and leader, Eva Friesen. In spite of the rainy weather, eight girls were present, including three new members. President Eva Friesen appointed Hazel Bedehoff, Catherine Stanton, and Mona Melvin a committee of three to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the club. After the business meeting the girls received instructions for their first problem, which is to make an

inventory of their wardrobes and to plan their budgets for a year. Light refreshments were served and the officers initiated the members. The next meeting will be held on May 7, at the home of Hazel Bedehoff.

**Over the County**

**PLEASANT VALLEY**

Frank Snyder has been working the road the past week.

Claude Hamilton and Arthur Grass drove to O'Neill Saturday.

Ronald Grass drove over to Amelia Saturday looking after his horses that are on pasture over there.

Mrs. Winnifred Mathews and daughter Madge visited Monday at the Clyde Streeter home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grass and family and Mrs. L. K. Hough of O'Neill spent Sunday visiting at the Cora Hamilton home.

Mr. Larbee Kelly's father has been on the sick list but is better now. His daughter from Bonesteel visited him the first of the week.

Mrs. Munson Stewart entertained the N. O. K. Club Thursday of last week. A dainty luncheon was served and a good time had by all. The guests of the club were Lura and Kathryn Grass, Mrs. Arnold Stewart, Mrs. Roy Stewart and daughter Neva, and Mrs. Melvin Smith of Inmon.

**PLEASANTVIEW ITEMS**

Mrs. Henry Hagel sr., is reported some better.

Dorcas Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Henry Warner Wednesday.

Mrs. Ivan Cone went to see Dr. Wilson in Stuart and is under his care.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson visited at the Miller and Cone home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steskal spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steskal.

Mr. E. F. Barnes celebrated his birthday Monday by going to Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes and son spent Sunday with Albert Sterns and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bessey were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klingler.

John Mullen returned home and is improving after his being hurt in a runaway last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Early and son were Sunday afternoon callers at the John F. Warner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Wehrly and Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bessey spent Sunday evening at the Bailey Miller home.

Sunday evening callers at the A. J. Klingler home were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steskal and Ed Sarly and Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bessey, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes and son Donald spent Monday eve with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Barnes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steskal called on Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walnofer Tuesday afternoon and Pete returned home with them to give Bill a lift in butchering a hog.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wideman and son of near Swan Lake, spent Wednesday with her parent Mr. and Mrs. John Zinky. Mr. Houton was at the Zinky home the same day.

**MEEK AND VICINITY**

Harlan McCain called at the Griffith home Sunday afternoon.

A. L. Borg trucked hogs to O'Neill for his father last week.

Arthur and Horace Rouse drove to Lynch Sunday afternoon.

Fred Lindburg sawed lumber for Merriady Hubby Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wells visited at the Dan Hansen home Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Searles called at the A. L. Borg home Sunday afternoon.

A. L. Rouse and daughter Miss

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