

Over the County

INMAN NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stevens on Sunday night a baby boy. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Mrs. Dave Morsbaugh and son, and Miss Rena Morsbaugh spent last week visiting relatives at Newport.

J. A. Gifford, of Wayne came Sunday night for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Wilcox and family, and among friends.

Miss Velma Stahley, of Emmet, is the new teacher hired here by the CWA. She assumed her duties here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Carpenter, of Venus, were here Thursday, visiting among old friends.

Robert Hancock, of O'Neill, was here Saturday visiting relatives.

Mrs. George Conard and son, Nathan, of Redbird, were here Sunday visiting at the R. M. Conard home.

Miss Sarah Conger had an operation on her nose Saturday. She is forced to lose a few days school, but is getting along nicely.

A series of evangelistic meetings will commence at the M. E. church March 14th. Rev. Weik, of Osmond, will be in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morsbaugh and daughters, Fern and Rena, and sons, Billie and Levi, left Sunday for Oklahoma to be with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Morsbaugh, who is seriously ill.

George and Martin Conard went to Ewing Sunday to see Fred Sholes, who is critically ill. They report his condition as failing fast.

Eleven young people, including Misses Ruth and Esther Fraka, Lucille Rectke, Lucille Stevens, Ellen Hopkins, Patricia Watson, Lelia Rouse, Lois Killinger, Curtis Smith, Leland Flora and Keith McGraw attended the mid-winter Epworth League institute at Osmond Friday and Saturday. Miss Alice French and Miss Lois Moor accompanied the group.

PLEASANT DALE

A quilting bee was held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Heeb last Tuesday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Joe Winkler, Mrs. Joe Pongratz, Mrs. Will Murphy, Mrs. Joe Babl, and Mrs. John Babl. The hostess served a delicious lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz and Glen, Laverne Stahley and Mr. and Mrs. William Ernst and Evelyn were among those who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lorenz, Sr., and helped Mrs. Lorenz celebrate her birthday last Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Schmohr helped Mrs. Gerald Dusatko quilt Friday afternoon.

Florence Winkler, who has been living with her grandmother Winkler in Emmet, spent the week-end at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Joe Pongratz entertained a group of ladies at a quilting bee at her home Thursday afternoon.

Miss Velma Stahley came home from Chadron Wednesday and after a short stay at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz, she went to Inman, where she will teach school.

Little Duane Pongratz visited at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heeb last week. He returned home Saturday.

Daryl Beckwith stayed with his aunt, Mrs. Ralph Beckwith, Thursday afternoon while his mother attended a Ladies' Aid meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shellhammer visited Mr. and Mrs. Vern Beckwith Friday evening.

Fred Beckwith visited Dugal Allen at the Stuart hospital Thursday.

Indian relic collectors might be interested in knowing that Vernon Lemley, of North Branch, Kans., claims to possess the largest collection of Indian relics, with a total of over 50,000 items, such as arrowheads, bird points, beads, axes, drills, grids and parts of skulls.

Mrs. Gus Seger and son, Darwin, and Mrs. Verne Beckwith spent Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith.

EMMET ITEMS

The preliminary spelling contest was held Friday afternoon. The winners are as follows: First grade, James Banks first and Lovina Kloppenborg second; Second grade, Laverne Jurgensmeier first and Robert Luben second; Third grade, Bud Cole first and

Helen Peterson second; Fourth grade, Esther Luben first and Clara Lowery second; Fifth grade, Helen O'Donnell first in both oral and written, and Lester Cadman second in both oral and written; Sixth grade, Monica Short-hill first in oral and Teddy Moyer first in written, Lorraine Wilson second in both oral and written; Seventh and Eighth grades, Dorothy Luben first in oral and Mathel Allen second, and Merrill Allen first and Dorothy Luben second in written; High school, Eugenia Luben first and Anna Rose O'Donnell second in oral and Anna Rose O'Donnell first and Eugenia Luben second in written.

Mrs. Gene Luben, Mrs. Frank Foreman, Mrs. Harold Wilson and Mrs. Sherman Allen and Mrs. Joe Jurgensmeier attend the spelling contest Friday.

A large crowd attended the farewell party for Mrs. William Moyer last Thursday afternoon. The ladies of the Ladies' Aid presented Mrs. Moyer with a lovely set of dishes.

Mrs. Pauline Pashke and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Pelcer and son, of Chambers, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Luben Sr., Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid made about \$23 clear Wednesday and Thursday of last week when they served dinner and supper at the church basement.

Bob Allen trucked hogs to Emmet for Gene and Bill Luben Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Charles Vogel is on the sick list.

A large number of farmers of this vicinity were in Emmet Wednesday and Thursday, signing up the corn-hog contracts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Luben and family were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jurgensmeier Sunday evening.

Ray's filling station changed hands, Clyde Allen being the new proprietor.

The Foreign Missionary society will meet at Mrs. Leon Beckwith's Thursday, March 1st.

The Ladies' Aid are preparing for their Easter bazaar to be given on March 22nd.

MEEK AND VICINITY

Funeral services for Jake Beaver will be held at Paddock Union church Friday, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Beaver was one of the old pioneer settlers in our community, but for several years has been living with his son, Ernest and family, at Deaver, Wyo. His wife died almost 20 years ago. He leaves three sons and one daughter, besides several grandchildren and other relatives to mourn his departure. The daughter is Mrs. Belle Bradstreet, of Spencer, Nebr. Ernest, of Deaver, Wyo., Otto, of California and Samuel, of Washington, are the three sons.

Callers at the Frank Griffith home on Tuesday evening were, Arthur Rouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson and Raymond.

Mrs. Charlie Fox and baby son, Harold, spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Will Kaczor.

A large crowd attended the sale at Mrs. Myrtle Korab's on Wednesday, and most every thing brought a good price.

Pete Lindberg and daughters, Ellen and Esther, spent Wednesday at the Fred Lindberg home.

Thelma Young was an overnight guest of Miss Neva Schelkopf on Thursday.

Callers at the Gus Johnson home on Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young and sons, Leonard and Edward, Arthur Rouse and Cecil Griffith.

Elmer Devall shelled corn for Virgil Hubby on Thursday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Worth Sunday, February 18. All concerned are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Griffith visited at the S. J. Benson home on Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Nelson spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Will Kaczor.

Dean Beckwith and Miss Nona Bressler drove out from O'Neill Sunday to the Gus Johnson home Sunday afternoon. Nona remained to put in a week of practice teaching at the school in District 225.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spindler called at the Mart Schelkopf home on Thursday afternoon.

Ray Prouty, Melvin and Velma Johring called at the Spindler home Sunday afternoon.

A. L. Borg and Charlie Fox have been away all week working on a committee of the corn-hog growers.

H. D. Hansen, of Sioux Falls, S. D., spent several days the past week looking after business and visiting in this locality. Mrs. and Mrs. Horace Rouse and daughter, Catherine, and Mrs. E. H. Rouse were dinner guests at the Arden Johnson home on Thursday. At the spelling contest held at the Meek school Friday evening the results were as follows: First and Second grades, Florence Walters first and Donald Purcell second; Third and Fourth grades, Edith Devall first and Hazel Devall second; Fifth and Sixth grades, Dolores Clausen first and Lois Jean Roberts second; Seventh and Eighth grades, Marie Crawford first and Dorothy Langan second. In written spelling, Fifth and Sixth grades, Lois Jean Robertson first and Dolores Clausen second; Seventh and Eighth grades,

Hazel Mae Rouse first and Mary Ann Wilson second.

Mrs. Dan Hansen has been quite ill for the past week, but is better at this writing.

John Gruetsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gruetsch cut his foot quite badly while cutting wood a few days ago.

Cecil Griffith spent Sunday afternoon at the Gus Johnson home.

Robert Benson trucked a load of goods up from Norfolk on Thursday. He expects to move on his father's farm by the first of March.

The Will Kaczor family spent Sunday evening at the Krier home. The Kriers will soon be moving to the Losier place.

Mr. and Mrs. Borderson and children moved onto Arthur Rouse's place the first of the week.

The committee of eight men at the cor-hog meeting at Paddock town hall on Monday were entertained at dinner at the A. L. Borg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Linn expect to be ready with early fries as they received 300 baby chicks from a hatchery last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubby and Henry Walters were dinner guests at the Rouse brothers home Monday.

Rev. Dillon was a week-end guest at the Eric Borg home. He preached the morning and evening services Sunday at Paddock Union.

This part of the country seems to get more than its share of dust storms. The one on Saturday from the north, blew dust in almost everywhere. Then on Monday came one from the south, not quite so bad as Saturday's storm, but bad enough.

Mrs. Harry Fox visited at the Mart Schelkopf home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hubby, of O'Neill, and Marriedy Hubby were dinner guests at the Eric Borg home last Sunday.

Excavation Shows Holt Country Was Once The Home of Many Indians

By J. B. O'Sullivan

(Continued from last week.)

Spanish Diggings rock was brought here by the hundreds of pounds. There are different colors, most of it yellow or brownish. It is distinguished by intrusion of tiny particles of a glistening substance, like mica. The quarry, a great one, is in eastern Wyoming. Once it was within the boundaries of Nebraska. The line was changed and the place lost to Nebraska. Early explorers saw the place and concluded the rock had been removed by gold seeking Spaniards. They named it the "Spanish Diggings quarry." Later it was found the Indians had removed rock from this place over a period comprising hundreds or thousands of years and that the Spaniards never heard of it. But the charming name stuck.

Hundreds of specimens of this stone have been found within one or two miles of O'Neill. It must have reached here thru trade channels, which are known to have been on a much more extensive scale among Indians, even before the advent of the horse 400 years ago, than seems possible. Dogs were used to draw sleds made of tent poles; freight was carried on litters, and streams were utilized in moving merchandise.

Numerous cultures here over great periods of time, leaving their artifacts in many cases mixed so one finding them may pick up a specimen 50,000 years old and another, within a few seconds, that may be several hundred years of age, makes any kind of classification of the specimens impossible to a rank amateur. There are hundreds of common stones, not worked at all, about the size one would desire for war-club heads, found here and on the Eagle. Most have some natural depressions where they could easily have been handled with Mrs. Will Kaczor, and their being found on suitable ground for villages, seems to show they have been used by very ancient man. The stone is not native. It was hauled in here hundreds of miles. Would this be found here if it had never been used by man?

Bake-stones are rarely found here. These are say, a foot or more long and about one inch thick. Corn ground in mortar with pestal, both of stone, the pestle bell, round, frequently called roller, or square, was mixed into batter, spread on this "fry-pan," and soon early-day pancakes were ready for the braves. They had their syrup, too. From the juice of boxelder trees a palatable syrup was made by many nations of Indians.

On the G. W. Wadsworth ranch, 12 miles northeast of Page, was found a rock that would be suitable for one of these fry-pans. It was imported. There are hundreds of arrowheads, scrapers, potsherds, and all, lying about there and this sheet of rock would serve no other purpose as well as it would over a fire. There is, of course, no sign of fire on the piece today. It is not the kind of rock to crack and hold smoke-stains.

Out on Eagle creek was found a stone that has been called a "flat-iron." It has been used to rub something, perhaps floors, and it is worn smooth and flat on one side. It is about eight inches long and must weigh five pounds. Pieces of "fool's gold" found on the Gallagher farm here must have come from the Band Lands. It was not thought to be gold because the Indians worked this metal very little. It is attractive and seems to have been fashioned to something resembling a ceremonial. The stone calls to mind the Seven Cities of Cibola in the Realm

Here in Holt county the finding and identification of things left by man is easy compared to other places where natural rock is plentiful. Here there are but several native stones and the easily distinguished stones found in gravel, few of which were used. A very few of the gravel rocks are large enough to use as war-club heads. In the Elkhorn there is, and there is in process of formation now, a sponge-shaped poor grade stone. It is almost impossible to work it. When found in water is generally very soft but when exposed to sun and wind a year or so it is hard enough. It holds a poor edge.

There are found here many round, short lengths of a material resembling this rock which may have been hammered to dust and moulded into effigies or statues of animals. Several show two leg-like lengths fastened at one end. No heads however, have been found.

Fetish stones, or fetishes or bones, are some articles having a peculiar value to the aboriginal on account of some special association with event time or place. Perhaps a stone has some very odd marking, or maybe a tornado swooped past one, and after it had gone, someone found a stone under their right foot, say. A fetish was originated right there. Not to keep it was very bad luck. So there were plenty of fetishes. Many of these, especially in stone, are found here. They are from South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and a few from other sections of Nebraska.

No cup-stones, so far as known, have been found in Holt county. These are large flat stones having cup-like holes up to 100 on one or both sides. Their purpose is unknown, but some think they may have been used in starting fire; the holes would be suitable for collecting tinder when it had been ground off some dry, half rotted stick. The cups are like tea-cups in shape, smaller, and with a small hole at the bottom. Cup-stones are found where you find them, seldom at village sites, on the prairie or in a field. Why they are so scattered is not known.

Drilling done by Indian craftsmen is one of the wonders of the world to scientists. They drilled long holes thru rock and somehow prevented the drill wobbling and again they drilled half way from one side and the other half from the other side of a block of stone and only microscopic investigation can reveal how the work was done, from both sides, but with the holes so evenly matched it appears as one boring and not two. There were several methods practiced to power the drill. The head was fastened to an arrow-shaft. Sand was often used to help grind out the hole. The bow and strap are two methods used, one holding the shaft to line and the other, with one wrap of string or strap around the shaft, making the drill hum to and fro.

Interesting finds are campfire remains on the banks of the Elkhorn. Old appearing charred wood under four feet of earth that looks like it has not been disturbed during hundreds of years, would seem to be remains of some council fire or perhaps where breakfast, dinner or supper was prepared for a hungry crew who must have had more to eat and cheaper food than any of use have found since. Around this ash bed is a fine place to look for potsherds, pieces of bowls or thicker pieces of cooking pots that must have lost temper and cracked to pieces after too many visits to the campfire. It would be fascinating to

of Quivera, however, and it may have been used here in quantity and could have caused the outlandish search for the cities by Spaniards.

Not many drill-heads have been recovered here but those found are similar to those of other sections. These mostly are about two or three inches long, of stone, and those here resemble very much a violin string-tightening key or peg. There was another type known as hairpin drills and yet another that was hollow, a small cylinder affair but what this type was made of is not known here.

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know the stories told around one of these evening fires. Perhaps the buffalo scented the camp and made off, causing the hunters to come home with a few messes of prairie chickens, more properly grouse, unless the chickens migrated east before the whites came, or perhaps someone was snake-bitten, got married or came in on a skiddi habitat, trail, with a new supply of tobacco or killikiniak.

All early day witnesses say the buffalo hoisted heads and tails and ran off like mad when they even smelled smoke. The Indians must have known this queer trait long before horses appeared here. They may have been able to use the knowledge in scaring buffalo into stockades, but whether they did or not, it is certain, they applied it when they obtained horses.

(Continued next week.)

Nick Carter: Dear, before we married you used to call me angel. The S. W.: Yes, I remember. Nick: Now, you call me nothing. S. W.: That shows my self-control.

Mrs. Toscano: The couple next door seem very devoted. He kisses her every time they meet. Why don't you do that? Joe: I don't know her well enough yet.

Farmers Meeting at K. C. Hall, O'Neill Tuesday, February 27th at 2:00 p. m. Mother Blour, of New York, will address the meeting. Farmers Should Attend Everyone Welcome Adm. Free

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If you have anything to sell, bring it in even up to the sale date.

OUR SELLING RATES ARE: Calves, 25 cents a head. All other cattle, 50 cents. Pigs, 10 cents. All other hogs, 20 cents. Horses up to \$25, \$1 each. Horses over \$25, \$2 each. All other articles, 5%.

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