

## Over the County

### INMAN NEWS

Inman and community was visited by a severe sand storm Friday.

Rev. G. L. Weik, of Osmond, is here conducting revival meetings at the M. E. church. Attendance is good and interest is increasing each night. The regular pastor, Rev. Mertie E. Clute, also assists in the services.

Thomas Peacock, of Bassett, has purchased the place just west of town known as the Vargisun place. He will move, with his family, onto the place at once.

Mary Ellen Pinkerman, of O'Neill, visited here the past week with her sister, Mrs. Robert Colman.

The grade teachers, including Dorlin Lockman, Miss Agnes Jensen and Miss Carita Gifford, have been reelected for another year. The high school positions have yet to be filled.

Gerald E. Cress, of Mason City, Ia., visited here at the E. R. Riley home Thursday and Friday. He is a nephew of Mrs. Riley.

Mrs. Fred Downey and Mrs. Harry Coffin and daughter, of Burwell, were here visiting friends and looking after business matters.

E. A. Stevens has been at Page the past several days assisting in the care of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Stevens.

Leland Flora is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Elias Brombaugh is quite ill at her home south of town. Mr. Brombaugh is also very poorly. They are both advanced in years and complete recovery is doubtful.

Laurence Jones, high school coach, spent the week-end at his home near Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gifford and daughters, Glea Lee and Zada Vey, and Miss Ruth Killinger were up from Wayne Sunday visiting at the George Killinger home.

### EMMET ITEMS

A corn-hog meeting was held in Emmet Saturday for the purpose of electing officers. About 45 farmers attended the meeting. Fred Beckwith, Henry Werner and Albert Stearns were elected as the permanent corn-hog committee.

Walter and Ray Pease called at the Crumley home northeast of O'Neill last Sunday.

Dugal Allen returned home from the Stuart hospital Friday.

John Luben returned to O'Neill Sunday after spending the week-end with his folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Farr and children visited at the Frank Sesler home Sunday.

Joe Sesler spent the week-end with Earl Farr near O'Neill.

Miss Eugenia Luben was an overnight guest of Miss Dorothy Sesler Thursday evening.

Bob Allen trucked furniture to Norfolk for Mr. and Mrs. Tickle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sesler and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Farr were callers in Stuart Sunday.

Miss Ella Prange, of Atkinson, spent the week-end with Mrs. Lucille Lowery. Miss Tiny Welsh is employed at the Jess Wells home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Panchla were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Roth Sunday.

Heinie Conrad, of Atkinson, was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Lowery and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dallegge and family, of Kimball county, were visitors at the Dallegge home in Emmet Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Banks and children called at the William Grothe home Sunday.

A Mr. Luth, of Evanston, Nebr., arrived here Thursday to make his home here.

Doctor and Mrs. George of Atkinson, were business callers in Emmet Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Roth and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roth, Sunday.

Among those present from Emmet, at the St. Patrick's dance at Dance-land Saturday evening were the Misses Dorothy Sesler and Thelma Dallegge, and Ernie Wagner and John Dailey, formerly of Emmet.

Paul Hoehne visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roth.

John Gaughenbaugh returned home from Iowa, after a five weeks visit with his brother there.

Grandpa Luben visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hoppe north of Emmet Tuesday.

### PLEASANT DALE

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ernst and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz Sunday afternoon.

Henry Werner, Fred Beckwith and Albert Stearns were elected as the permanent corn-hog committee for Emmet and Pleasant View precincts on Saturday, March 17.

Guy Beckwith purchased a quarter of land last Tuesday. The land has improvements and is five miles south-east of Emmet.

Billie Grothe expects to have early fries this year. His oldest chicks weigh a third of a pound.

Sam Hickman visited his daughter, Mrs. Mary Beckwith, Thursday.

Mervin and Aladene Kee spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kee.

Mrs. Joe Winkler visited Mrs. Joe Pongratz Sunday afternoon.

Henry Kloppenberg and some of the children visited at the Joe Winkler home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beckwith entertained a group of relatives at a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of Fred Beckwith.

Harry Werner found another arrow head, which adds nicely to his collection.

### MEEK AND VICINITY

A six pound baby was born to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens on March 8 at their home at Orchard. At last reports all concerned were doing nicely. Rev. and Mrs. Stevens were among us for several months last year. He was the pastor at Paddock Union.

Roy Spindler sawed wood for Frank Griffith on Wednesday and Thursday. Others who helped with the wood sawing were Raymond Johnson and Elmer Devall. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spindler helped Mrs. Griffith with the cooking.

Laverne Borg was an overnight guest of Neva June Schelkopf on Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Fox visited with Miss Maggie Eggar on Friday.

In spite of the dust storm on Friday night several attended choir practice at the Orville Harrison home.

Mrs. Will Kaczor left on Monday for a couple of weeks visit with relatives and friends at Akron, Iowa.

Mrs. Henry Walters and children, Florence, Lavone and Allen, and Mrs. Virgil Hubby spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Howard Rouse.

Mrs. Albert Kaczor returned home Saturday from several weeks visit at the home of her daughter at Valparaiso.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bay, of O'Neill, called at the Gust Johnson home Saturday afternoon.

Word was received here by Mrs. Clyde Hull on Saturday of the death of her brother, Levi Goodfellow, at Malta, Mont. Levi grew to manhood in this community and his many friends extend their sympathy to his relatives, both here and at their home in Montana.

A large crowd gathered at the Paddock town hall Saturday afternoon for the purpose of electing a community committee for the corn-hog program. Those elected were A. L. Borg, Frank Searles and Will Harvey.

Elmer Devall spent Sunday with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lindberg and daughter, Helen, of Page, were supper guests at the Frank Griffith home on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Dillon, of Long Pine, were over-night guests at the Mariede Hubby home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Borg and daughters, Lavone and Helen, were guests at the Sam Robertson home on Sunday.

Stanley, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is reported to be slightly improved.

Mrs. Frank Nelson spent several days last week visiting with Mrs. Oscar Lindberg of Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffith visited at the Gust Johnson home on Sunday.

Arthur Rouse called at the Ralph Young home Sunday afternoon.

Melvin Johring and Elmer Devall called at the Gust Johnson home Sunday afternoon.

Lois Jean and Ilene Robertson were overnight guests of Laverne and Helen Borg on Saturday.

Roland Marts, of Bassett, spent the week end at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mariede Hubby.

The Dan Hansen family called at Lloyd Hartland's home Sunday afternoon and report Lloyd, who has been quite ill for some time, to be slightly improved.

Bonnie and Bruce Hubby, children of Mr. and Mrs. Mariede Hubby who have been ill for some time, are slightly better at this writing.

Word was received by Mrs. Lansworth that a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansworth at their home near Omaha a few days ago. Mother and babe are doing nicely and Robert has gained an inch or so in stature since the happy event.

Rev. and Mrs. Dillon were overnight guests at the Eric Borg home on Sunday.

C. L. Benson of Norfolk, came up on Sunday, bringing his son, Robert and wife. The young people are moving on the home place.

A nine pound baby boy was born to

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lorenz on last Thursday. All concerned are doing nicely. Mrs. Lorenz was formerly Clara Ernst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Ernst, of near Center Union.

Mrs. Fay Puckett was on the sick list the first of the week.

Eherton Hayden, of Long Pine, Arthur Rouse, C. L. Benson and Carl Smith, of Norfolk, spent Monday evening at Frank Griffith's.

The Ralph Young family and Eherton Hayden spent Sunday evening at the Guy Young home near Opportunity

### In District Court

Elanora Brady has filed suit in the district court against the Beatrice Creamery company. This is an appeal case, appealing from the decision of the compensation commissioner of the state of Nebraska. She alleges in her petition that her husband, J. O. Brady, died in the Golden hotel at O'Neill on June 19, 1933, and that his death was caused by heat prostration and that it grew out of and in the course of his employment by the above named defendant. Brady was a traveling man in the employ of the defendant. She alleges that demand has been made on the defendant and that defendant has refused to pay any compensation, denying any liability.

She alleges that she paid the funeral expenses, including the expense of taking the body from O'Neill to their home at Columbus. She is claiming compensation as the widow of the deceased at the rate of \$14 per week for 350 weeks, from June 19, 1933, plus \$5 medical fee paid and \$150 for burial expenses. She also claims 50 per cent penalty for all delinquent payments.

She alleges that there was a hearing before the compensation commissioner in the city of O'Neill on January 25, 1934, and that he took the case under advisement and that on February 23, 1934, he made an order dismissing the plaintiff's petition. They allege that the dismissal is contrary to the evidence and contrary to law. She asks the court to set aside the dismissal and find and determine the benefits due the plaintiff in accordance with the facts and such other relief as may be just and equitable.

The Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank has filed suit against Earl R. Baker, et al., to foreclose a mortgage on the following real estate situated in Holt county, Nebr.: all of section 9 southwest quarter of section 10, southwest half and southeast quarter of section 15, south half of southwest quarter and west half of southeast quarter of section 14, and northeast quarter of section 18, township 28 north of range 13 west of the 6 P. M. In their petition they allege that on March 27, 1925 John Drahota and wife, Anton Drahota and wife and William Drahota and wife gave their note to the plaintiff in the sum of \$11,000.00 and gave a mortgage on the real estate as security. The loan was to draw 5 1/2 per cent interest and was to be paid semi-annually. That on March 26, 1927, they paid \$1,600 which was applied on the principal and interest payments from number six up to an including number 20, and that the plaintiff thereupon released the mortgage on the northeast quarter of section 18, township 28. That by written agreement entered into between the plaintiff and Sidney C. Baker and wife, then the owners, on September 13, 1932, it was agreed that the unpaid balance on the mortgage on March 1, 1933, was \$8,038.14 and that the rate of interest would be reduced to 5 1/2 per cent, payable semi-annually. They allege that the defendants failed to pay the interest as agreed and that there is now due the sum of \$9,809.74 and they ask the court to determine the amount due and that if same is not paid within a reasonable time that the land be sold.

Ralph Kelley has filed suit for divorce from Julia F. Kelley. He alleges in his petition that they were married at Burwell, Nebr., on February 21, 1929, and that ever since he has conducted himself in every way as a loving husband. He alleges that the defendant has been guilty of extreme cruelty since last Thanksgiving, being cold and distant toward him and has lost all respect, regard and love for him. He alleges that she deserted him on December 23, 1933, and since that time has refused to live with him. They have one child four years old who is with her mother.

Emmet South Side Improvement Club

The Emmet South Side Improvement club held a special meeting Wednesday, March 14, at the home of Mrs. Joe Maring. All members except three were present. Two visitors attended the meeting.

The following officers were elected for the coming club year:

Mrs. D. C. Schoffer, president; Mrs. Margaret Gaughenbaugh, secretary, and Mrs. Sam Storts, news reporter.

How to carry on the club work next year was discussed. Plans were made for the club members to entertain their families at a party sometime during the month of April.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in quilting for Mrs. Maring. Refreshments were served by the hostess after the meeting.

### Excavation Shows Holt County Was Once The Home of Many Indians

By J. B. O'Sullivan

(Continued from last week.)

The above shall suffice as a reply to the first letter from Mr. Hyde.

In a second letter received from him he has this to say:

"I was greatly pleased with your letter of the 5th instant. What you say convinces me that these sites at O'Neill are certainly Caddoan and most likely Arikara, for the location seems too far north for the Pawnees. I am positive the sunken paths you speak of, running from the lodge doors east, are the remains of covered entryways or vestibules. The finding of Catlinite is another interesting fact. Are there any finished pipes? What shape and material?"

"I should be delighted to receive some specimens both of pottery pieces and flint and other stone implements if you can spare a few."

"Are you Irish? I have a big history of Ireland in the Stone Age and early metal age with many illustrations and ornaments which I should be glad to send you if it would be of interest in exchange for specimens."

"I shall be very glad to see your local paper if copies are sent to me and I do not mind your quoting my letters if they are of any interest."

"As for the Elkhorn valley, I think it was the home of the Skidi Pawnee and the Arikaras before the first tribe moved to Loup Fork and the others to the Missouri in Dakota."

"The date must be prior to 1690, but I do not know how to fix a date exactly."

"LaSalle on the Illinois river in 1680 reported that he had been given a Pana (Arikara) slave, a boy about 15 years old, and that this boy stated his tribe lived on a western branch of the Mississippi—that is on the Missouri or a branch of it—in two villages and that they were getting some horses in trade from a tribe on the plains called Gattacka—Prairie Apaches."

"This Arikara boy is the first Nebraska inhabitant that the French met in person as far as I can learn. He remained with the Sieur de Tonty in Illinois from 1680 until 1687 and then went to Canada with Tonty and the brother of LaSalle, and the French report that at that date, 1687, he had become a good Catholic."

"I do not know what the mounds on Eagle creek could be. Not Caddoan. They might be early Omaha or Ponka works, but that is a mere guess."

George E. Hyde, Omaha.

Mention of the Skidi tribe of the Pawnee confederacy as possibly having lived within a mile or so of O'Neill is interesting because the Skidi was without doubt, for several reasons, the most glamorous and elaborate ceremony-practicing tribe of Indians between Canada and Mexico.

Their ceremonies, known to have been practiced in other parts of Nebraska, and the fact their origin, like those of the other Pawnee Republic tribes, the Xau-i, or Grand; Kit-kehak-i, or Republican; Pit-a-hau-e-rat, or Tapage, about 10,000 in all, never has been fathomed, the only nation always where the white man found them, the only one of all those in what is the United States, has caused more than one investigator to wonder if the Pawnee are not blood relatives of the great Aztec Indians of Old Mexico.

There were millions of Aztecs with a civilization in the jungles. They were rich, proud and adhered to heart's blood ritualism in offerings to one of the stars, always some prisoner whose heart was clipped out with knife of obsidian to appease some queer god and the Skidi Pawnee for hundreds of years did the same thing here in Nebraska and it begins to appear, in Holt county, and perhaps a few blocks from the present O'Neill.

The Pawnee always claimed they had been created where they had been found. They believed the Morning Star a male and the Evening Star a female. They believed that to this queer alliance was born a boy who married a daughter who was born to the wedded Sun and Moon. Scientific men, for all the evidence they can unearth to the contrary, may as well go along with the Pawnee Skidi procession and believe that the Pawnee are but children of this strange heavenly union of the son and daughter of the morning and evening stars and the sun and moon.

It is believed that all the Pawnees practiced a ghastly sacrificial ceremony away back but dropped it long before the white man arrived. The Skidi, the tribe thought to have lived on the Elkhorn near O'Neill, kept up the practice later and gave historians a chance to form a fairly graphic account of the queer proceedings.

The most beautiful of the Indian maidens stolen from other tribes were the victims of the Skidi executions. Not every girl so captured was an offering. The ritual of the Morning Star called for but one human sacrifice a year. The Morning Star, the

Skidi believed, was a male, so the offering must be a female.

Often such a girl was captured while some war party was in action or from some straggling group caught wandering far from home. Now and then a special raid was staged to ensnare some renowned beauty. It is known a spy system was maintained with its operatives slipping about in shadows and tall vegetation for weeks in advance of an attack in order to spot some belle and obtain valuable war information.

It is of record that girls so taken never were informed as to their impending fate. They were petted and pampered like angels from heaven. Every effort was made to keep the girl in a happy frame of mind right up to the time of her death. She was lied to in every turn, groomed and fooled.

Her passing must be as pleasing as possible to her groom in the heavens.

With the day of her execution slipping nearer, a slim death-ladder begun to rear to the heavens. One of the upright timbers was of cottonwood and the other of elm. It must be that way and no other. Generally, the top piece was of willow.

Two druids, a name usually applied only to ancient European cult leaders, priests of the ancients, seductive and hypnotic speakers, now cajoled the maiden victim into believing she was being fatted so to take the leading role in some fanciful new game. Often the girl was told she was being groomed to assist in playing some major joke on some tribal member.

Everyone was excited, joyful, and generally the victim launched wholeheartedly into the proceedings, laughing like a good fellow to show the rest of the "gang" she was a good sport, but a long way from home and no way to get back.

Should the girl ask too many pointed questions she was told she was to be the bride of some great chief or priest. Generally, that settled it. Men were hard to catch then. At any cost the girl must go to her mate in the sky in happy mood. That was the big idea.

Came the time when the girl's hands and feet were securely tied. A priest stripped off every stitch of clothing. One man washed the girl from head to foot. Her hair was arranged. The right half of the girl's body was painted fiery red and the left half jet black.

From nowhere and from everywhere slowly surged a great number of villagers, Skidi, the Mexican, mysterious, maiden-sacrificing shadows that surely are Aztec, yet here they are on the prairies of Holt county, ready to crimson the earth to appease some exacting star.

A weird and low song, well constructed to take its place where billiards howled and coyotes whined, hummed stealthily, the multitude whispering a song of impending death. The song was something new to the girl victim. Other songs she had heard them sing were in different tempo. There was something big, grand and fine in the air and she would see the thing thru—because she could do nothing else. Guards night and day would attend to that. Always the girl was on hand. Long ago there had been an

escape with its everlasting hatred and war after the girl reached home and unsealed her lips.

With the funeral-song rising the villagers and visitors surged around the funeral stairs on the prairie.

The girl was coaxed to climb the ladder of farewell. While the priests fastened the girl to the timbers, braves selected for the purpose, slipped into a gulch and concealed themselves from the girl. A fire was made in the gulch and they made ready to carry out their appointed tasks.

Never did the legendary gods look down upon a more tragic scene in aboriginal Mexico nor ancient Egypt than this execution of young innocents in Nebraska, pomp and tragedy in the wilderness.

Everything was now ready. The executioner arose from his blind in the gulch. The ceremony waited on the Morning Star, a flash of pure fire bouncing from eastern earth to eagerly greet a sweet bride sent by the mighty and obedient Skidi, of the great Pawnee nation.

A burst of glory in the eastern sky signaled the beginning of the end of the ghastly ceremony. Two braves came carrying sticks of fire. They were priests robed in the skins of huge birds, symbolic of the office Runners of the Morning Star. They moved in haughty and proud stride. One stepped to each side of the wondering maiden on the ladder of farewell and each man rubbed his stick of fire across the abdomen and armpits of the girl, the while chanting some mysterious song that had profound meaning to the numerous members of the Skidi people. The two then returned to their posts in the gulch.

A man, as assistant, ran out from somewhere and he brought a bow from a skull-quiver and also the sacred arrow that was destined to pierce the heart of the girl prisoner on the sapplings to still forever her rapidly pulsating heart.

By this time the Morning Star was ashine in full splendor in the vapory blush of a new day.

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## COMMUNITY SALE

We will have our usual Combination Sale at my place 1/4 mile east of the round house in O'Neill on

Thursday, March 29 Starting at 1:00 P. M. Sharp

If you have any horses, cattle, hogs or sheep, or anything to sell—bring it in as we sell anything.

We already have a large number of livestock listed for this sale.

JAMES MOORE, Mgr.

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Fresh baked cookies. All assorted at a special price for Saturday. **2 lbs. - - - 30c**

**Egg Dyes** Paas-Tels, Assorted pkg. 13c. **8c**  
Paas, Dime Package

**Chocolate** Hershey Baking **1 Pound 12 1/2c**  
2 cake

**FREE** A Big 6-Cup Teapot With a Pound Can of Lipton's Yellow Label Tea—All for— **74c**  
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**Sugar** Fine Granulated 10-pound cloth bag **49c**

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Direct importation of plump, full fat herring in full weight 9-lb. kegs. Special for Saturday. Milchners **99c**

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Prevents Iron Sticking. Gives Glossy Finish. Pkg. **5c**

**"Pantry Pride" Flour**  
A dependable flour that gives satisfactory baking results. **48 Lb. Pkg. \$1.59**

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**Oranges, Large, Per Doz. - 30c**  
**Celery, Large, 2 for - - - 25c**

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