

Over the County

INMAN NEWS

Mrs. Anna O'Donnell left for Walthill Saturday for a visit with her son, Albert Clark and family.

Pat Laney, who is a student at St. Mary's Academy in O'Neill, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy, of Page, spent Sunday here with their daughter, Mrs. William Thompson and Mr. Thompson.

Miss Doana Britzell, of Newport, spent several days of last week here visiting among relatives and friends.

Mrs. Anna Becktelhamier, of Lexington, Nebr., spent several days here last week at the home of her cousin, J. T. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dutton and son, of Torrington, Wyo., came Wednesday for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Walt Jacox and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Riley and daughter, Miss Mildred, and Miss Lois Moor drove to Royal Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Bartsch and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Colman, of Lusk, Wyo., who had been in Chicago taking in the Century of Progress exposition, came Thursday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Colman. They were accompanied by little Miss Donna Mae Peterson, who had been visiting relatives in Iowa.

Friday was a gala day at the Inman high school. The freshmen initiation being in progress. The boys attended classes clad in girls clothing while the girls were arrayed in boys wear. Friday evening an initiation party took place.

EMMET ITEMS

Miss Lucille Lowery is visiting with friends in Atkinson this week. Miss Ella Prange, of Atkinson, spent the week-end with Miss Dorothy Sesler here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth and children visited at the W. F. Grothe home Sunday.

A farewell dance was given for Mr. and Mrs. John Horn and children last Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Horn are moving to Arkansas.

Miss Helen McCaffrey visited Sunday with Mrs. Archie Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roth and son, of Atkinson, visited here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roth.

Joe Luth and George O'Connell returned Monday from a trip to Iowa.

Ed. O'Donnell, Mose Gaughenbaugh and Frank Prussa left Friday evening for Chicago where they will visit the World's Fair.

Miss Evelyn Tomjack spent the week-end with Mrs. Otto Hoehne.

Mrs. James Connelly, Mrs. Pat Connelly and Ann Connelly, of O'Neill, accompanied by Miss Lenore Walsh, of Iowa, and Mrs. James O'Donnell, drove to the Stuart hospital Friday afternoon where they visited with Mrs. John Gallagher.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allen are the proud parents of an eight and one-fourth pound baby boy born last Friday morning.

Lavina Kloppenborg had the misfortune of losing an eye Saturday afternoon when her brother, Ervin, threw a piece of iron that accidentally hit her. She was taken to Dr. Brown at O'Neill and from there to Norfolk.

A son weighing two pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox September 19.

The Ladies' Aid met at the basement of the M. E. church Wednesday, September 26, for a business meeting.

Misses Lulu Beebe, of Atkinson, and Lucille Lowery visited the Emmet school last week.

MEEK AND VICINITY

We are glad to report those in our locality who were injured in car accidents Free Day to be getting along nicely. Some are nearly recovered. Charles Kaczor, whose car was struck by a truck on the highway near Midway, received some bruises, and his car was quite badly damaged. Will Harvey, Mary McGowan and Mrs. Patterson were struck by a car coming from behind, and their car went into the ditch. They were shaken up and are quite sore and stiff, and the car was damaged some. Mrs. Guy Young had her lower lip quite badly cut and several teeth knocked loose when their car was overturned. The rest of the family received bruises.

Mrs. A. L. Borg called at the Frank Griffith home Thursday. Elmer Devall shelled corn at the Rouse brothers place Wednesday.

Cecil Griffith has been helping put up hay at the Robert Benson home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hubby, of O'Neill, spent the week-end at the Eric Borg home.

Charles Linn purchased a new Plymouth coupe of Marcellus in O'Neill on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Harrison and daughter, Mary, spent Wednesday evening at the Frank Nelson home.

Mrs. Laura Patterson, of South Dakota is visiting her brother Will Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson and children, Hazel, Raymond and Harold, were dinner guests Sunday at the Frank Griffith home.

Dinner guests at Eric Borg's on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse and sons, Lawrence, Lloyd and Delbert, Arthur Rouse and Leonard, Thelma and Edward Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young and Clark Young, of Opportunity, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young, of Meek, drove to Iowa Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Louisa Shively was a guest at the Sam Shults home Sunday.

Albert Kaczor returned last week from a visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ben Freeburg, and family, of Valparaiso.

Mr. and Mrs. Halgrimson and children, of Ainsworth, were overnight guests at the Eric Borg home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Griffith called at the C. E. Linn home Tuesday.

Ralph Rausch visited Tuesday night with Leonard Young.

A fine rain fell in this locality Sunday afternoon and evening. The amount varied a great deal, from one to two inches falling, and in some places three inches is reported. It will help in the fall planting of grain.

The Dan Hansen family visited Sunday at the Ed Henifin home.

OPPORTUNITY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lamman called at the Allen Hill home Thursday.

Mudloff Brothers erected a new chicken house last week.

A large crowd attended the dance at John Jaurecks Saturday night.

Herman Eisert had the misfortune of losing two valuable horses the last couple of weeks.

Percy Grass, of Page, delivered 500 bushels of corn to Sylvester Zakrzewski last Thursday and Friday.

Andrew Wytoski and son, Stanley, of Inman left for Minnesota Monday morning on business.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Paul Young on Wednesday of this week.

John Anderson, of Red Bird, is working for Allen Hill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young and Clark Young left Sunday morning for a visit with relatives and friends in Iowa. Mrs. Fred Milne, of Creighton, accompanied them for a visit with her brother.

Clyde Thomas has been baling hay the past week.

Sunday dinner guests at James Van Every's were, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Young and family and Oliver Morgan.

Mrs. Guy Young had the stitches removed from a cut on her chin, received in the collision of last Tuesday.

Allen Hill has been quite sick the past couple of weeks.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The Annual Holt County Teachers' Institute will be held at the O'Neill high school on Monday and Tuesday, October 1 and 2. Instructors will be changed each day. The instructors will be, J. G. Masters, Principal Central High School, Omaha; C. K. Morse, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Miss Malvina Scott, Kearney State Normal, Kearney; Mrs. Cora Kent, Bassett; Miss Nettie I. Mills, Chicago; a representative of the State Department of Education, Lincoln; Lyle Durham, Music Instructor, O'Neill High School, and Miss Maude Henderson, Normal Training Instructor, O'Neill High School. All schools will be closed and all teachers will be in attendance during the two days. Anyone who is interested is cordially invited to attend this Institute.

A meeting of Rural School Board members of Holt county was held in the court room at O'Neill, last Tuesday morning to discuss several subjects of importance that have come up at this time. State Superintendent Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, was present. He gave them some valuable information and discussed questions of importance with those present. The main topic of discussion was a Circulating Library for the schools of the county. It was voted to organize a circulating library in the new County Exhibit Hall. Each district to contribute their \$5.00 per year toward this project and in return to have access to all books in the library. State Superintendent Taylor assured them that this is a

legal procedure under the library law and that other large counties were following this plan very successfully.

The meeting adjourned at noon to meet again later in the afternoon to complete plans for the organization. In the afternoon a temporary purchasing committee consisting of Mrs. M. F. Stanton, District 15, Joe Winkler, District 157, one other member to be appointed later, and the County Superintendent was appointed, to act until the next Annual Meeting of School Boards in February. This committee is to buy the books for the Library as fast as the districts come into the organization.

Publishers of text books for schools are offering an exchange price reduction of 15 per cent of the price of the new texts ordered if old books are sent in to apply on the purchase. In order to secure this reduction books must be ordered direct from publishers. This is a good way to dispose of old books and lessens the expense of new texts. The books exchanged must be for the same grade as those ordered, but need not be from the same publishers.

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worship grounds is as large as an average size farm. The rock itself rises 200 feet and is at the base 750 by 1,200 feet. There is a great room carved out of this solid rock and the room measures 225 feet by 120 feet. The room is oval, and it is on the eastern side of the stone tower, there undoubtedly to permit rays of the morning sun to flash some important message from the Great Spirit across an altar.

The Painted Rock is of a gray sandstone. The door was rather narrow, but time and inquisitive persons have worn it much wider than it was when found. The floor also was almost level to the surrounding plain, but dirt and rubbish have filled the chamber many feet. Old timers told investigators there are many doors low down that are covered by sand and that these had never been entered because the place at one time was alive with rattle snakes and other dangerous things.

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There are many such large earth depressions here and in Holt county and each one offers the excavator a fine chance to unearth something startling and educational. Several may be found within a mile of O'Neill. The great drawback to exploring these is the great amount of work necessary and no guarantee of any interesting find. The only way one might get an idea of what lies buried in these places is to scan reports of those excavated in other sections of the country.

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