

THE FRONTIER

Lt. Com. Meals Writes of Boyhood Days

Friends of Lieut. Commander Frank M. Meals will be interested in the following letter that will recall his memories of his boyhood days in O'Neill. Recently Mr. Meals visited his brother, George, in Atkinson, and during his stay there he came to O'Neill and called upon old acquaintances here. Among other pictures Mr. Meals had one taken thirty-six years ago showing a group of boys ranging from five to eight years old who were among the first attendants at St. Mary's Academy. When the picture was shown to those who were in it few recognized themselves. About ten of the original picture gathered together and had group pictures taken. Mr. Meals sent the recent picture and his letter accompanied the photos, one of which was sent to each of his old time friends:

Anakaska, Alaska, July 16, 1936.
Edward Gallagher, O'Neill.

"Dear Eddie: Upon my return to the coast from my visit home my ship was ordered to sea and to Alaskan waters and it was not until a short time ago I received the prints of the pictures of our group taken on the bank steps. I am enclosing five prints, one each for you, Eddie Campbell, Hugh Birmingham, Brennan and "Chaw" McManus, which I would appreciate your distributing. I will send prints to the others of the group direct. When I return to the states I will have enlargements made for each of the group.

"I need not tell you how much I enjoyed our brief visit. For nearly thirty-five years I had been away from O'Neill and, except for an occasional letter from Neil Brennan during the first few years, completely out of touch with the old town. Perhaps I am a bit more sentimental than most people—men who follow the sea for a living usually are—but I have always had a warm spot in my heart for O'Neill and the boys I went to school with. I have a very vivid recollection of our early school-days and I have quite a collection of old time snap shots I took with a Brownie camera while attending the convent. Many times I would look at these and wonder where the kids were and what was happening to the old gang. I had always intended coming back some time but it was not until this spring that I was permitted to do so.

"It is a rather strange thing about one's birthplace, especially if one has spent the days of one's childhood there. One gets a mental picture of the place that persists throughout the years and, of course, one is painfully surprised and hurt to find that time there, as elsewhere, has not stood still and old landmarks have changed. A few years ago upon my assignment to duty in Oakland I met Gerald Harrington after an absence of thirty years. Together we went back to those old days and relived many a stirring event of our childhood association. You boys who have continued to live in O'Neill do not realize the changes that have occurred because you were there while they were occurring and the changes have been gradual. But I had to bridge a gap of nearly thirty-five years and the changes struck me like a blow in the face.

"To illustrate let us go back to 1890. You know my old home house. This house was built about 1880 and father acquired it a few years later. Father planted cottonwood and maple trees in the yard about the house the idea being that the cottonwoods being of quick growth would furnish good shade within a few years and could be cut down when the maples, of slower growth, reached near maturity. Well, those maples have reached their full growth and the old home seems dwarfed, smaller than I remember it. Then again, across from our home was an open prairie reaching clear to the old John Mann place. The base ball grounds were located there, and it was a great playground for us

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The possession under lease of three quarters of land four miles east of the fair grounds was the cause of both a civil and criminal suit in county court. Emil O. Jinda had leased the place through one O'Neill agency and was in possession when Edwin Barnum came onto the place with a lease from another agency. Barnum was arrested for trespassing but the case was dismissed and he started an action against Jinda for forcible detention. This was set for hearing in county court Tuesday. By mutual agreement judgment was entered giving Jinda the peaceable possession of the property.

O'Neill Store Changes Owners

Last Thursday evening a business transaction was completed whereby Ralph Tomlinson becomes the owner of the U. and I. grocery store, Thomas Brennan who strated the business a few years ago, retiring. Ralph has been employed in the store so is thoroughly familiar with the business. He is a young man of energy and qualities necessary to make a success, lived here about all his life and is entitled to cordial welcome and support as one of the factors in the commercial interests of the community.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eby and son are spending a few days with friends at Basset before their departure Sunday for a tour of the Pacific coast, having a finely appointed trailer in which to live while on the trip.

Victor Harley, the Chambers blacksmith who had an arm nearly severed with a buzz saw a few weeks ago, was operated on last week in the Stuart hospital and the arm taken off, blood transfusions also being found necessary.

It is reported that the contractor on the new federal building will have a force of men here on the 24th to commence work on the building. The contract was let two months ago and it seems they are a little backward in getting started.

Mrs. Mattie Soukup returned on Wednesday morning from a week's visit with her brother and family at Leed, S. D. She also visited Deadwood and was a spectator at their annual "pow wow" the days of '76. She says it was a great show.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntire, of Webster City, Iowa, stopped in the city yesterday on their way home from a visit to Mrs. McIntire's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Olsen, formerly of O'Neill but now at Payette, Idaho. They stopped here for a short visit with an uncle of Mrs. McIntire.

The Elm Grove Poultry Club held their regular business meeting at the John M. Grutch home on July 29. Demonstrations were given by several members, also new songs and cheers practiced. The next meeting will be on August 9 at the Den Hynes home. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Grutch.

When there is a lack of plenty, thieves take most anything they can get. Undiminished of the risk of detection from a notorious and pronounced odor an individual with an appetite for onions got into the hay loft of a barn in the south part of town and stole a bushel of nice Burmadats that the householder had dug from his garden and put in the barn to dry. The thief left about a gallon of small ones.

The eighth meeting of the Elm Grove Poultry Club was held at the Den Hynes home on Sunday, August 9. There was a picnic each bringing their lunch. The program for the Club tour was planned and feeders and waterers were demonstrated by Club members. The next meeting will be held at Riverside Park on August 23. Many visitors were present and the Club welcomes any that wishes to come.

Poultry Interests in Gathering Here

The institute of American Poultry Industries have adopted a Poultry Grade Buying Program in practically every midwest state. Poultry packers and shippers have adopted definite grades for buying, whereby the producers marketing good quality poultry will receive a premium or higher market prices for their efforts.

Regional committees have been appointed to carry out this program, and have been holding educational meetings in this section the past two weeks.

Regional chairman, J. H. Dahlberg, of the Omaha Cold Storage company, Norfolk, Nebr., called a meeting for O'Neill, which was held at the Armour Creameries last Thursday, August 6th. At this meeting, 40 dealers and buyers of poultry were in attendance, representing 18 towns in this vicinity. Mr. Dahlberg exhibited birds of various grades and explained the necessity and advantages of buying on a quality grade basis, both for the producer and the dealer.

A scoring contest was held in connection with this meeting, 15 birds of the various grades being used. Results of the individual scores as compared with the official grades were excellent and above the average.

The Institute members, are, through this program of buying, making a determined effort to see that the producer of a quality product receives a quality price for his efforts. It also promises to do even more for the industry than any effort thus far, to bring about the elimination of diseases among poultry flocks. They feel that the quality prices will be such that there will be an incentive on the part of the producer to take better care of his poultry, resulting in cleaner and healthier flocks.

All of the dealers and buyers represented at this meeting enthusiastically endorsed this quality graded basis of buying poultry 100%. It is expected that the poultry industry will be on this basis of buying in this section within the next week.

P. J. O'Donnell Good at Golf

Rome was not built in a day, nor are top flight golfers developed in a year, but P. J. O'Donnell was wearin' down the greens on the local golf course last Sunday afternoon.

A foursome, consisting of Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. G. E. Peters, J. M. Liewer and George Reed, went to the course in spite of a high wind sweeping in from the northwest. P. J. had his batting eye aslant to overcome wicked cuts that often occur on windy days and went at his game in earnest.

The first nine holes he emerged the victor with a 33, one under par. Seemingly the first round was a warm up session for the venerable Pat as he started the second round with a birdie on No. 1. He repeated with birdies on Nos. 3, 6, 7 and 9 to total 31.

About five years ago C. W. Peasinger shot a 31 on the Randolph links, that record stood up until the remarkable playing of Mr. O'Donnell Sunday. — Randolph Times.

A near crash at the busy business intersection of Fourth and Douglas when two cars were after the same spot in the street at the same time. A timely turn of the steering wheel on the car slightly to the rear gave a somewhat reckless driver in the other vehicle opportunity to chase out of the way.

Miss Emily LaPour, employed at the O'Neill Food Center, was summoned to Gregory, S. D., Sunday night with the sad intelligence that her father had been killed in an automobile wreck.

Monsignor Mandeville, of York, visited relatives here this week.

Tammany's Practical Farm Suggestions



Street Scenery

An industrious tiller of the soil out in Shields, who is also an authority on pigs, got notice to come in and get a corn-hog check. Nobody delays long when so summoned. He got the check, something less than \$100 and walked out like a millionaire. Who cares if it never rains when money comes that easy.

A sovereign citizen wanting to express at once his choice for president asked a group on the street if mail votes could be put in now. Explaining his anxiety the inquirer said: "I am leaving soon for Texas. You know the uncertainties of life on the highway today. I have never voted the republican ticket but am determined to do so this year. To make sure of my ballot I want to vote before I leave."

A cigarette flipped from the open window of a car with a Wyoming license, enroute from Winnipeg, Canada, to O'Neill, set fire to oats straw in the attached trailer carrying a horse. The car pulled into O'Neill Tuesday. The horse had been scorched rather badly on the left front leg, several spots on his shoulder, side and head but was still up on his feet. The two men with the outfit are rodeo riders and pulled out of here for Burwell.

Americans have the reputation of being always on the move, pleasure, profit or necessity. Many contrivances on wheels pass through town each week conveying distressed occupants away from their former moorings. One family passed through on foot Tuesday, consisting of a man carrying a heavy grip and bundle and leading a very small boy. A very young woman with a baby held close walked cheerily with smiling face by his side. Blackened by sun and wind and bare heads, but rugged and united, an American family facing an uncertain future.

Stopping for a mid-day lunch at O'Neill Monday, four booted and spurred Oklahoma riders, swarthy features under big hats suggesting a strain of Indian, were on their way to the Burwell bucking broncho exhibition. Traveling in a good car—and their departure for the Burwell highway at Atkinson showed that they travel—with a hooded trailer in which was encased two dun-colored mustangs with the rodeo riding equipment. They were entering the two nags in the bucking exhibition and their fat, round hips looked like they could make it interesting for who ever crawled into the saddle.

Improvements are being made at the Ralph Mellor residence, a porch being built and stucco work done.

An O'Neill citizen had found a way to extract a bit of comfort during the hot afternoons by erecting a bed in the basement where he went daily for rest. Monday afternoon he had gone there as usual and was reposing in dreamless slumber when another member of the household went to the basement on an errand and unwittingly locked the sleeper in. All others left the house to be gone until evening. By mid-afternoon he was up and hammering on floors and door to be let out, but finding his efforts fruitless went back to sleep again.

McWhorter Descendants Meet

For the third consecutive year, the descendants of the John McWhorter and James Brady families met at King's Park in Norfolk on Sunday, August 9. Eighty-seven relatives were present.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Silver and son and Mrs. Frank McWhorter, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Fred McWhorter, of Hastings; Mrs. Date Compton and two daughters, of Waterloo; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arp and daughter, of Yutan; Mr. and Mrs. Herb McWhorter and Connelly Hartsock, of Nickerson; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plymmer, of Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Sorenson, of Laurel; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen and three children, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Will McWhorter, Mrs. Plymmer, James McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Van Buskirk and son, Mrs. McCormick and Alice Van Buskirk, of Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Wiggo Larson and two sons, of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Robb McWhorter and two daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McWhorter and daughter, of North Bend; Mr. and Mrs. James Carson, Mrs. Harold Kelley and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carson, of Page; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wolfe and son, of Winner, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Lester McWhorter and family, of Osmond; Mrs. F. Z. Wolfe, of Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. John Carson and son, and daughter and Lizzie Carson, of Redbird; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carson and daughter, of Chambers; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson and daughter; Marcella and Geraldine Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, of Walnut; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brady and family, of Dorsey Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brady of Star.

Propoganda in the Pictures

One of the rawest tricks of which the New Dealers have been guilty is the WPA plan of using relief money to buy motion pictures propoganda in support of the Roosevelt administration. Every important newsreel company but one has been invited to bid on a contract to produce films recording the story of Works Progress Administration activities. The only big concern which was not invited to bid is Universal newsreel which last spring warned motion exhibitors, "Don't let your screen be used for propoganda by any one or any interest."

The picture most familiar to WPA workers which should be taken, which will not be taken, would show men from the relief rolls toiling with pick and shovel at \$55 to \$65 a month while political favorites are holding down supervisory and administrative jobs at \$100 and \$150 a month and—Bruce Gustin, in Omaha Bee-News.

Mr. and Mrs. Faye Miles came down from Chadron Friday last and visited here, including a trip to Randolph, until Monday. Saturday with Fay's father, Geo. A. Miles, they went to Randolph and returned with Mrs. Miles who had been visiting a brother there.

Reports of the threshers in northeast Holt give the rye yield from 3 to 8 bushels per acre, most fields producing 4 bushels. With the price more than double what it was for last season's normal yield the cash returns will amount to about the same.

The R. R. Morrison family departed Sunday for Casper Wyo., for a visit and mid-summer outing.

Dam Building is Now Being Considered

John Robertson, of Dustin, Mr. Rhodes, of Stuart, Representative Otto Bentzen and Messrs. Gus Wickum and William Windmeyer, of Naper, and Representative L. G. Gillespie, of O'Neill, went to Lincoln Sunday and on Monday got in touch with state and government authorities in behalf of getting work on the roads for needy farmers, having in mind particularly the completion and extension of the road from Stuart to Naper.

They were advised that the work intended for the farmers so selected was the building of dams in the various counties in the drouth area to conserve water for future needs. The area to be covered in any one dam from three to five acres.

These sites are to be selected by the governing body of each county in the drouth area, and certified by them to the PWA administrator, who in turn will assign a regularly employed engineer of the department, or a county surveyor to investigate the site and report as to its feasibility and need.

As this takes time, and the need of the farmer is present and can not wait until the preliminary steps to establish sites are taken and the work performed, they have permission to assign farmers to work on purely PWA projects, either in course of completion or those that may have been proposed, and approved, but upon which work was not started because of the lack of relief workers, under the rules and regulations governing the WPA projects in the beginning. In the latter case a WPA project that was proposed, submitted and approved, but not worked for the reason assigned, upon application, it may be reinstated and farmers certified under the new set up, assigned work thereon. To be certified the farmer makes application to the relief office where all details and red tape are kept, and are most too voluminous and complicated for a newspaper.

Heretofore, in different parts of Nebraska one person has been assigned to two or more counties, the counties to investigate the needs of applicants for work under the WPA. An investigator is now to be assigned to each county in order to take care of the applicants and certify the needy ones in as short a time as possible. Some 5,000 additional WPA projects were authorized and it is sought to get these under way at once.

IS DROUTH A DREAM?

Henry Wallace said the crop-failure fright was caused by speculators who were giving out misleading statements for their own financial gains. Dun and Bradstreet, in their last bulletin said the drouth is more psychological than real. Therefore, when you farmers look at a cornfield and find it either withered or eaten by grasshoppers, you must understand that it is all in your mind; it's "psychological"; the field is all right. You have just gone nuts and can't see straight, and speculators have got you hypnotized.—Creston, Iowa, News-Advertiser.

As a relief measure, perhaps Wallace and the other New Dealers will provide our farmers with green glasses through which the fields will still look green and full of life. They may even put green glasses on the cows, as they, too, are said to be suffering from the "psychological" idea that pastures are gone.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school, Junior department, 9:00. Young people and primary department, 10:00 Morning worship 11:00, "Holding Fast."

The Union evening service will be at the Presbyterian church at 8:00. The pastor will be in his pulpit for these services. You are invited to join us for a bigger and better year.

H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Police Judge George Bay has been confined to his home to nurse an infected foot.