

# THE FRONTIER

### Services Held February 4th For Owen Meer

The funeral of Owen Meer, who passed away at his home in this city last Thursday morning at 3:15 o'clock, was held from the Catholic church in this city last Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Rev. Daniel Brick officiating, and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Owen Meer was born at Sligo, County Mayo, Ireland, on August 19, 1851. When he was about three years of age his mother passed away and when he reached the age of 15 years he came to the United States and settled at Scranton, Pa., where a number of the younger folks from his section of Ireland had settled. He remained there for a few years and then moved to Clinton, Iowa, where he was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Timlin. Two children were born of this union, one son and one daughter, Miss Mary C. Meer of this city, and the late Dr. M. F. Meer of Valentine, who passed away a few years ago.

Mr. Meer came to Holt county in 1914 and since that time had made his home with his daughter on east Douglas street. He was a home loving man and spent most of his time at his home, looking after his garden and visiting with relatives and friends who called to pay their respects. At the time of his death he had been a resident of the United States for 77 years.

Those from out of town in attendance at the funeral were: Dr. Erwin Gallagher of La Crosse, Wis.; Lt. and Mrs. Frank Gallagher of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Mrs. M. F. Meer and daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Mings and son, Billy, of Valentine.

### Information From OPA District Office

If you hear the rumor about a "point holiday" for canned goods—forget it! There isn't a word of truth in it. The February point value chart for canned fruits and vegetables has been published. Some are up and some are down.

"Our food needs are fully as great this year as last and we've got to keep rationing, if we want to share it equally. There just isn't enough to meet uncontrolled demand," says the Office of Price Administration at Sioux City.

Prices of fresh vegetables are not going sky-high as some of them did last year. Later this month cents-per-pound ceilings will be placed on carrots, spinach, peas, snap beans, eggplant, peppers and cucumbers. Some of these items are already under price control, but soon they will all be under cents-per-pound or cents-per-bunch ceilings.

OPA also plans to place maximum prices on lima beans, cabbage, lettuce, cauliflower, celery and tomatoes.

Green K, L and M stamps in Ration Book 4 are good through March 20. They are the last green stamps on the page. On February 27, blue stamps—with blue tokens—become valid. From that date to March 20, you may use both sets of stamps. It is a good idea to use up your green stamps first.

From now on the purpose for which a person drives his car, rather than the miles he drives in a given month, will determine his eligibility for passenger car tires.

There are not enough tires to go around. The shift from the "mileage" to an "occupational" basis in tire rationing gives surer way to get tires to those who really need them most. It will be a tough job for tire panel members to screen all the applications. There are a lot of good people who need tires, but drivers doing work most essential to the war effort, the public health and safety must come first.

### SALVAGE NEWS

We are being asked to double our collection of tin cans. Tin cans in O'Neill and this trade territory can now be taken to your grocery store as you do your shopping. Tin can MUST be properly prepared for salvage. Only clean, bright cans, size 10 and smaller, can be used. Cans with labels painted on them are not acceptable. The following stores have agreed to co-operate and will have a convenient box in their stores to receive the cans: Kersenbrock Market, Council Oak Store, Union Store, Schultz Store, Ideal Market, John Melvin and New Deal Grocery.

Too many cans have been thrown away. Every tin can from every home and restaurant should be prepared and taken to one of the above named stores.

Waste Paper: Save all your paper for the next regular collection. Waste paper boxes, newspapers, magazines, paper store bags and cartons are all needed urgently for the war effort. Mr. Anderson of the O'Neill Public School is local chairman of the waste paper collection.

Waste Fats: Save fats and take them regularly to your dealer. For salvage information, call BR2 or 6F30.

Lt. and Mrs. Frank Gallagher of San Luis Obispo, Calif., arrived here last Friday to spend a week's furlough visiting Lt. Gallagher's mother and other relatives and friends.

### Holt County Bond Sale, Fourth War Loan Drive

Lyle P. Dierks, chairman of the Holt County War Finance Committee, submits below a report on the sales by towns and townships in Holt county as of the reports received by the county committee up to and including February 7:

Township	E Series	Other Ser.
Antelope	\$ 168.75	
Atkinson City	22,884.75	16,711.65
Chambers	3,318.75	
Chambers City	6,702.00	5,500.00
Cleveland	1,218.75	518.50
Coleman	1,200.00	
Conley	2,212.50	
Deloit	3,568.75	
Dustin	1,293.75	740.00
Emmet	3,131.25	698.75
Emmet Village	993.75	1,238.30
Ewing	8,381.25	1,823.25
Ewing Vil.	8,381.25	1,823.25
Fairview	3,912.50	
Francis	4,968.75	
Golden	4,856.25	864.75
Grattan	3,337.50	2,744.45
Green Valley	2,869.25	
Holt Creek	1,931.25	
Inman	2,568.75	2,484.00
Inman City	1,837.50	551.50
Iowa	2,156.25	
Josie	168.75	
Lake	1,687.50	
McClure	2,081.25	
O'Neill City	58,050.00	41,522.65
Paddock	7,912.50	
Page City	3,681.25	794.40
Pleasantview	2,493.75	500.00
Rock Falls	1,162.50	
Sand Creek	1,612.50	500.00
Saratoga	3,000.00	
Scott	3,975.00	
Shamrock	2,437.50	
Sherridan	14,418.75	971.80
Shields	7,225.00	
Steel Creek	6,206.25	2,005.25
Stuart	12,825.00	9,461.50
Stuart City	23,681.25	
Swan	225.00	
Verdigris	10,375.00	1,268.65
Willowdale	395.75	
Wyoming	712.50	500.00

### Six New 4-H Clubs Are Organized In County

4-H club work in Holt county is off to a running start this spring, with five new clubs organized along with three others, which have been reorganized to date, according to a report from the county agent's office.

Increased interest is being shown in home economics clubs, as four of the five new clubs with forty-five members are enrolled in home economics work.

The new clubs which have been reported are: Uncle Sam's Sewing Circle, which has elected Mrs. Duane Carson of Chambers as their leader; The Jolly Kitchen Cookers of Chambers are led by Mrs. G. A. Kelly, and the Victory Cookers by Mrs. Lloyd Glead of Chambers, which is also a new cooking club. Another new club is the American Junior 4-H Club, led by Miss Charlotte Chapin of Stuart. The Sew and Sew Club was reorganized, with Mrs. Lyle Abiney of Ewing as leader.

Two stocker-feeder calf clubs, which have always been a popular project in Holt county, have been reorganized to date, and several others are planning to reorganize in the near future.

With the addition of these new clubs to those of last year, which have not as yet reorganized, the indications are that the 1944 4-H club year will excel 1943 in both membership and activities.

Groups of boys and girls in any community who are interested in joining a 4-H club to improve their efforts of war production are invited to get in touch with County Agent Lynde R. Stout in O'Neill, who will be glad to assist them in getting started.

### BANKERS MADE INTO SALESMEN

Nebraska bankers have just been called on to carry a heavier load in the 4th War Loan drive than was expected of them in any previous campaign. The reason for the additional work is that the 4th Bond drive has for its goal the sale of more bonds to individuals, so the accent is to be on personal salesmanship.

Dale Clark, chairman of the 4th Bond drive, has asked his fellow bankers to give additional aid by receiving assurance from all Nebraskans as well as by issuing the bonds and heading up organization work. His request has been sent to all bankers in the Nebraska Bankers Association.

The bankers' new assignment as salesmen has developed because of the outstanding sales work of the bankers in some counties during the last bond drive where officers left their banks to go out in the field as active salesmen. Results indicated that in these counties quotas were often exceeded in record time.

Bankers often regard this added obligation as the recurrence of the old formula of rewarding a successful worker by giving him more work next time, but the disposition to cooperate is proven by the fact that Chairman Clark has actively selling bonds to individual bankers that they will discharge the added obligation that has been placed on them.

Seaman 2-c Neil Ryan arrived home Sunday from Farragut, Idaho, where he has just finished his boot training. He will visit his wife and family and other relatives and friends here.

### Dist. Basketball Tourney Will Be Held In O'Neill

O'Neill High School has been designated as basketball tournament center for both the Class C and Class B district basketball tournaments.

The Class C tournament will be held the week of February 21-25, with the following nine high schools entered: Atkinson, Bassett, Butte, Lynch, St. Mary's of O'Neill, St. Joseph of Atkinson, Spencer, Springview and Stuart. A meeting of representatives of these schools will be held at the O'Neill High School on Saturday, February 12, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of setting up this Class C tournament.

The Class B tournament will be held the week of February 28 to March 3, with the following six high schools represented: Ainsworth, Burwell, Neligh, O'Neill, Ord and Valentine. A meeting of the representatives of these schools will be held at the O'Neill High School on Saturday, February 19, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of setting up this Class B tournament.

### Baby Adamec Dies In O'Neill Hospital

Lyle Duane Adamec died in the O'Neill hospital Tuesday morning at 9:30 a. m., after an illness of two days. Lyle was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Adamec of Page, Neb., and was nine months and twenty-five days old at the time of his death.

The funeral was held at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning from the Methodist church in Page, Rev. F. Kottner officiating, and burial in Page cemetery.

### Harold Shoemaker Now An Aviation Cadet

Cadets in training at the pre-flight school of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center include 27 from Nebraska. Robert Gerald Shoemaker of O'Neill being one of them.

The nine-week preflight course prepares the cadets physically and mentally for aerial instruction in primary, basic and advanced flying schools. The future pilots study code, maps and charts, physics and other academic subjects as well as undergoing vigorous physical training schedules.

### Mrs. Charles Jenkins Moves To West Coast

Mrs. Charles Jenkins, who has lived north of this city for the past twenty years, has rented her farm and, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. George W. Hay, will leave the end of this week for Beverly Hills, Calif., where she expects to make her future home. Mrs. Jenkins still retains her property interests here and says that she expects to come back at least once a year to look after them. Mrs. Jenkins has many friends in O'Neill and Holt county who wish for her happiness in her west coast home.

### Mr. and Mrs. J. Schmidt Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt entertained the Pinochle Club last Sunday evening at their home in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary. A delicious three-course luncheon was served at midnight. Mrs. Bob Cook received high score for the ladies and Victor Halva for the men. Frank Grenier and Mrs. Tim Harrington received low score. Traveling prize went to Tim Harrington. The guests departed at a late hour, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt many more happy wedding anniversaries.

Earl J. Collins, one of the hustling republicans of the Atkinson section of the county, was in the city last Saturday and made this office a pleasant call and ordered The Frontier sent to his address for the coming year.

Mrs. Glen Tomlinson left Saturday for Norfolk and from there, accompanied by Mrs. Gene Kilpatrick, will leave for California to visit relatives and friends.

### Holt County Boys Inducted In January

The following named boys of Holt county, Nebraska, were inducted into the armed services during the month of January:

Army  
Lloyd Edward Spence, Atkinson.  
Marcus Aurelius Snyder, Ewing.  
Charles Harold Kubart, Atkinson.  
Ray George Slaymaker, Stuart.  
George Arthur Stanek, Amelia.  
Lester LeRoy Sheets, O'Neill.  
Donald John Enright, O'Neill.  
George Frederick Brainerd, O'Neill.  
John Vincent Moler, O'Neill.

Navy  
Francis Clair Funk, Clearwater.  
Charles Edwin Ressel, Page.

### Miss Ermer In Training At Ft. Des Moines, Ia.

Private Lela Mae Ermer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ermer of O'Neill, has begun training at the First Women's Army Corps Training Center, at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

She was immediately assigned to a receiving center company for a week of elementary training. Here she was issued clothing and equipment, instructed in rudiments of drill and given Army classification tests.

For the following five weeks she will be assigned to a basic company for more detailed training preparing her to become a member of the supplemental troops of the Army of the United States.

### Club Members Aid In Scrap Drive

Friday evening, January 28 the members of the Pleasant Day Project Club, the Cactus Project Club and the Eagle Creek 4-H Club gathered at the Midway store to give cards, as their admission waste paper, which totaled 1,041 pounds.

High score prizes were won by Dave Moler and Mrs. Arthur O'Neill. Low score winners were Mrs. Axel Borg and Richard Hynes. Lunch consisting of sandwiches, pickles and coffee was served by the ladies.

### Farm Account Keepers To Get Assistance

One out of twelve farmers in Holt county who have been keeping the Farm Account Book, published by the Extension Service of the Nebraska College of Agriculture, are invited to use the assistance of a representative of the Extension Service in closing their account books. Walter Rudin will be in the assembly room of the court house in O'Neill from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Friday, February 18.

Free summaries of the book will be made by the Extension Service when the farmers would like to compare his returns with others in the state of similar type and investment.

### More Contributions To The Red Cross

The following Red Cross contributions have been received in Holt county since last publication:

Junior Red Cross enrollments:  
District No. 33 \$ 50  
District No. 36 \$ 50  
District No. 127 \$ 50  
District No. 70 \$ 50

Contributions to Junior Red Cross:  
District No. 70 \$ 7.75  
District No. 165 \$ 10.00  
District No. 142 \$ 6.00  
District No. 11 \$ 15.00

Contributions to Holt County Chapter:  
David Isaacson \$ 2.00  
School District No. 62 \$ 5.50  
District No. 36, Margaret Knight, teacher \$41.20

A snow storm yesterday ended our balmy weather. More snow today and it drifted and many roads are impassible. It will be away below zero by morning.

Mrs. Boy McGuire of Pender came Monday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miles.

### Andy Clark Was Not Impressed With Texas

Andy Clark, one of the old-time resident farmers and stockmen of the southwest corner of Grattan township, was a pleasant caller Monday and extended his subscription to The Frontier for another year. Andy returned about ten days ago from a visit down in Texas, where he was looking over some oil wells in which he was financially interested. He put in a couple of weeks in Texas and he was not very favorably impressed with the cattle down in that section, nor the soil either. Most of his time was spent in and around Eastland and Breckbridge, Texas, and says that section is not in very good condition. It has been very dry down there and stock can get but little feed unless it is fed to them, as grazing is nil. Even the small bunches of scrub bushes that grow there has all been eaten by the cattle and that most of the cattle he saw were very thin. The grade of cattle, too, he said are away below the grade and quality of cattle in this and surrounding counties in Nebraska.

### Inman High School Wins County Championship

Inman High School won the Seventh Annual Holt county Basketball championship with a 36-27 win over St. Joseph of Atkinson in the high school auditorium last Thursday night to a capacity crowd.

Inman started out fairly strong attaining a 12-9 first quarter advantage. By the half the Inman quintet had rung up 8 more points while holding St. Joseph to 3, making the score 20-11 in Inman's favor at the half. In the third period the St. Joseph Bluejays outscored their opponents 8 points to 7 giving Inman 27-19 third period lead. In the final period the Championship Inman quintet scored 8 more points to win the game with a 35-27 margin. St. Joseph was trying all the time and they and their coach should be congratulated for the fine games they played during the tournament. Inman High also deserve praise for winning the championship and the Inman quintet is rated as the tenth best team in the state in class D, according to Gregg McBride of the Omaha World-Herald.

St. Mary's of O'Neill won third place in the tournament with a 21 to 13 win over Page High School. Even though the Cardinals held a safe margin throughout the game it was a very good game and we are sure that the fans received plenty of pleasure witnessing this game. We want to congratulate St. Mary's for the splendid games they played in the tournament and we are glad that O'Neill was the winner of one of the trophies. We also wish to congratulate the Page quintet for their fine playing. The Page boys are good and fast and we are sorry that they could not go to the finals. We are sure that all the fans enjoyed the Seventh Annual tournament and all extend congratulations to the champions.

### Holt County Publishers Held Annual Meeting

The members of the Holt County Publisher's Association held their annual meeting last Sunday afternoon in the office of the Holt County Independent, with all members present but one. The old officers of the association were re-elected for the ensuing year. They are: R. B. Crellin of the Ewing Advocate, president; G. E. Miles of the Holt County Independent, secretary; D. H. Cronin of The Frontier, treasurer.

### Soybeans As Food

Home demonstration project club members in Holt county are going to learn to utilize America's newest protein crop next month, when they take up a discussion and demonstration of "Soybeans as Food" to be presented by Home Demonstration Agent Miss Della F. Lewis. To prepare for the demonstrations, club leaders will hold their usual demonstrations during the week of February 21.

In addition to demonstration speakers, club presidents will also attend the training session to help make plans for the achievement days that are coming up. Leaders' meetings will be held at: O'Neill, Monday, February 21; Atkinson, Tuesday, February 22; and Chambers, Wednesday, February 23.

At the meetings, women will demonstrate the use of field and garden soybeans, whether they are green, dry, sprouts, flour or grits. They will also discuss the varieties of garden soybeans recommended for spring planting. Soybeans are valuable, because they are a protein rich food. They may be used as extenders to make foods like meat and eggs go farther.

Floyd Wilson resigned his position at the J. C. Penney Company store last Thursday. He will be sales manager of the Firestone Store, which is to be opened in O'Neill sometime in the next few months.

Dr. Erwin Gallagher, who came to attend the funeral of Owen Meer, departed Monday afternoon for his home at La Crosse, Wis.

### LAPEL BUTTON



This insignia of gold-plated plastic is worn by those honorably discharged from the military service.

### St. Mary's Wins Ninth Game Of The Season

The St. Mary's Cardinals won their ninth victory of the season last Monday when they trimmed the Bronchos from Stuart by the tune of 44-26.

The Cardinals started out strong in the first quarter having a 10-2 lead and by the half they led by 23-8 margin. In the third and fourth quarters the Cardinals seemed to score at will and when the final whistle blew they had won with a score of 44 to 26. Grady and Froelich led the Cardinals with 11 points each.

The St. Mary's second team trimmed the grade team by a 40-14 score. The end of the first quarter found the grade team having a 3-2 margin, and in the second stanza the second team put on the pressure to take a 8-5 half time margin. In the third quarter the second team broke out on a scoring spree and scored 12 points while holding the grade school to one, and in the final period the second team made 20 more points while holding the grades to 8 and won on the long end of a 40-14 score. Billy Mars led the winners with 14 points while Joe Ryan led the graders scoring 11 out of the 14 points that his team scored.

The Cardinals next home game is on February 16 when Newport High will play them on the local auditorium and the Cardinals will be trying for their tenth victory of the season.

### Abbie Ann McElvain

Abbie Ann McElvain died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Russ in this city last Monday morning at 9 o'clock, after an illness of about one year, at the age of 87 years, one month and twenty-seven days. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church in this city Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. Park officiating and burial in the cemetery at Chambers at the side of her husband, who passed away in the fall of 1933.

Abbie Ann, daughter of John and Dorcas Groves, was born at Barnston, Canada, December 10, 1856. She was one of seven children, all of whom have preceded her in death, except her youngest sister, Mrs. Ben Fleek at Central City, Nebr.

The family moved to Nebraska when she was a young child, settling at Ashland, where Mr. Groves a mason by trade, did the mason work on the first building there. This was the beginning of a new little town. This was the time of the open prairie when Indians roamed the plains and she could tell many interesting, as well as terrifying and tragic tales of the Indian raids.

The family later moved to Brainard, Neb., where she was married to William Thomas McElvain. To this union six children were born: Olive Sloan of Potter; Mabel Platt of Chambers; Calvin of Fairmont; Zada Russ and Ralph of O'Neill. Little Glen passing away at the age of two years. There were thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren and friends to mourn her passing.

Mr. McElvain moved his family to Adams in the year 1903 where he engaged in the lumber business, both at Adams and Firth, a nearby town. In 1910 they moved to Holt county where Mr. McElvain engaged in the cattle business until the time of his death in the fall of 1933.

Since that time Mrs. McElvain had made her home with her youngest daughter, Mrs. H. O. Russ. Although being handicapped by poor health and failing eye sight and being bed fast for the past year, she was a patient, appreciative lovely little lady and gave an inspiration of courage and right christian living to all who knew her. She had been a life long member of the Methodist church. One of her favorite pastimes was singing old familiar hymns. She was a retiring person loving her home and family and all knew her as a helpful kind neighbor and friend.

### Cactus Club

A meeting of the Cactus Club was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Martin on Monday, January 31. Seven members were present. The lesson on "Pepping Up War Time Meals" made up the covered dish luncheon at noon. The main dish consisted of sauerkraut, potatoes and pork chops fixed together in a casserole dish. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Alfred Drayton on Monday, February 28.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Youcm that their son, Howard, has received his commission as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force. He was graduated from Williams Field, Chandler, Ok., on February 8.

### Congressman Miller Files For Re-Election

A. L. Miller, congressman from this district, filed last Monday as a candidate for renomination and re-election to the House. Dr. Miller has made a good record during his first term and he will no doubt be renominated and reelected by the voters of the Fourth district.

Mrs. Helen Simar returned last Saturday from a business trip to Omaha and Chicago.

**BONDS OVER AMERICA** \* \* \*

Behind a split rail fence near Hodgenville, Kentucky, is the Lincoln Memorial of granite and marble, erected on the farm site where Abraham Lincoln was born. The one room log house is enclosed within the memorial.

Lincoln saw the evils of a country "half slave-half free." We are fighting now to keep Nazi slavery away from our free shores as much as to liberate the conquered peoples of Europe and Asia.

**Keep On Backing the Attack With War Bonds**