

**INMAN ITEMS**

Memorial Services were held in the High School Gymnasium Sunday afternoon for Richard Sholes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Sholes, who was killed in action in New Guinea on March 17. A number of relatives from Omaha were present, besides relatives from Ewing and Orchard. Rev. Maxcy had charge of the service. The American Legion from O'Neill also took part. Robert Sholes, a twin brother of Richard who is stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., was home on furlough and attended the services. He left for his camp Tuesday night.

Sgt. Merlin Luben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luben, and Miss Muriel Fraka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fraka, were united in marriage at the Methodist church in Inman at 6 o'clock Wednesday, April 12. Rev. Maxcy performing the single ring ceremony. Miss Hazel Fraka, sister of the bride, and Marjol Kestenholtz were attendants. Mr. Luben left for Oregon on Friday morning to await orders. Mrs. Luben will remain here for the present.

Miss Ila Mae Caster returned to Norfolk Monday, after spending the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Leslie Caster.

Mrs. Earl Watson son Tom and daughter, Mrs. Virgil Tomlinson, were Norfolk visitors Monday.

The Degree Staff of the Neligh I. O. O. F. lodge came up Tuesday night to put on the work of the Second degree. A social hour was enjoyed after lodge and

lunch was served.

Mrs. Rex Butler, of Bassett, spent a couple of days here last week, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Butler.

Mrs. Fern Moor, of Orchard, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. E. Moor.

Mrs. Anna Clark was hostess to the L. L. Club on Wednesday afternoon, April 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sobotka and Mrs. Anthony Sobotka drove to Stanton Monday, where they attended the funeral of their uncle, Fred Schilling.

Miss Dorothy Sobotka, who works in Lincoln, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sobotka.

Mrs. William Andrel, of David City, and son, Sgt. Francis Andrel of Las Vegas, Nevada, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Krueger and Elsie Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moor, from Monday until Wednesday evening. Sgt. Andrel was home on furlough. On Tuesday night a family gathering was held at the Krueger home. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bergstrom, of O'Neill, were also present. Mrs. Andrel, Mrs. Moor, Mrs. Bergstrom and Miss Elsie Krueger are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burger and son, Gary Gene, of Bassett, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hutton and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Clark on Wednesday, April 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Sharbona, who have been visiting Mrs. Sharbona's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chudomelka, left for Montana last Friday, where they will make their home on a ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith,

Forrest Smith and Mrs. Eva Murtten were Neligh visitors on Tuesday.

The W. S. C. S. met in their parlors on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. C. D. Keyes, Mrs. Earl Stevens, Mr. L. R. Tompkins and Elsie Krueger served lunch.

Otoe Retke took a truck load of cattle to the Sioux City market on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller drove to Chambers Sunday, where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Fay Britell.

The Bridge Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry Sunday evening for a dinner party. Mrs. James Coventry, Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Mrs. Jeff Davis and Mrs. Chet Youngs were hostesses. Bridge was played after dinner. This was the last meeting of the Club until fall.

Sara Laura Sholes returned to Sioux City Sunday, after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Violet Sholes.

Pfc. Gilbert Anderson was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomlinson Monday and Tuesday. He returned to Norfolk Tuesday. He is home on furlough.

**PAGE ITEMS**

Pvt. Laurence Haynes returned to Amarillo, Texas, Sunday, after spending a sixteen day furlough with his family and other relatives.

Pvt. Leo Stevens is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stevens of Atkinson, while enroute from Denver, Col., to San Antonio, Texas. Pvt. Stevens is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Stevens of Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenze Reige and Connie Kay visited Mr. and Mrs. William Reige, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Helmricks at Norfolk last Sunday. They also visited Mrs. Lester Reige and small daughter, Bonnie Jo, at Meadow Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coover, Evelyn and Sharon Asher were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grass and family of Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kelly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larabee Kelly and Miss Vivian Rouse were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Anna Thompson and Emmet.

Mrs. Eva Gray received word from S. Sgt. Virgil J. Chase that he had landed safely in Italy.

Judyann Johnson, of O'Neill, is spending several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Hayne.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Allen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher entertained the Progressive Pitch Club at their home last Thursday

evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Finley, Mr. and Mrs. James Finley, Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Finley and Marilyn and Donald Nissen and son, Jamie, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barr and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Freudenberg, of Gurley, Nebr., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Cork and other relatives.

A miscellaneous shower was held at the Herbert Steinberg home Friday afternoon, April 7, for Mrs. James Finley, a recent bride. She received a number of nice gifts. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Herbert Steinberg, Mrs. Harry Lampert, Mrs. Jack Frady, Mrs. George Wiseman, Mrs. Albert Kirshman, Mrs. Ray Neisius and Mrs. Hugh Holliday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stevens, of Atkinson, and son, Pvt. Leo Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Stevens and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Snell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker, Eddie and Kathleen, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Gray and Mrs. Erma Weyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Banta, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Braddock and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Allen spent Monday evening at the A. L. Dorr home.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cunningham and family were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waring.

Mrs. Roy Svisend and son, Joe, of Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Rakow and son, Ross, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rakow.

Miss Hilda Harley was a dinner guest Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes and Pvt. and Mrs. Laurence Haynes and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haynes Thursday evening.

Raymond Closson spent Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Closson, of Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Banta and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Braddock were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Williams Simmons Sunday evening.

Friends of Vernon Craig, of Salinas, Cal., have received word he had undergone an appendectomy and his condition was satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neisius entertained the following guests at their home last Friday evening: Pvt. Laurence Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. James Finley, Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Finley and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert, Mrs. Jack Frady, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waterman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. George Wiseman, Don Nissen and Mr. and Mrs. Ruby. The evening was spent playing cards.

Miss Velma Williamson, of Salem, Oregon, has spent several

days visiting relatives and friends at Page.

Mrs. Ida Chase, who has spent several months visiting relatives in Texas returned to Page Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Stevens have received word from their son, A. C. Lavern Stevens that he has completed his primary training and has been transferred to Merced, Cal., for basic training.

Mrs. Louis Wood, of Mesa, Arizona, and Mrs. Della Rutherford arrived in Page Wednesday morning. Mrs. Rutherford has spent several months in Arizona with her daughter and family.

Mrs. J. I. Gray was hostess to the C. L. C. Club Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. E. Wanser and Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser spent the week-end in Sioux City. They visited Sgt. Beverly Wanser at the Sioux City Air Base.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dorr and son, Vernon, left Tuesday night to accompany Mrs. Frank Deya to her home at Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Deya had been called to Page to attend the funeral of her nephew, Darryl Dorr.

Charles Russell S 2-c returned to Farragut, Idaho, last Saturday after spending a ten day furlough with his family.

**PAGE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Feodor C. Kattner, Minister Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Classes for all groups.  
Worship Services 11 a. m.  
For Children Mrs. Kattner is conducting a worship service for children with songs and stories that children like.  
For Adults—Sermon theme, "The Major Barrier to Life."  
Youth Fellowship 8 p. m.  
Last Monday evening seven young people and the Rev. and Mrs. Katner attended the Sub-District Youth Rally at Spencer. The Rev. Adrian Edgar of Nebraska Wesleyan spoke.

**Congressman Miller's Weekly Letter**

The Egg Situation. On the same day I received letters from Nebraska telling me that eggs were selling for 20c a dozen or less I found that eggs on the retail markets of Washington and other eastern cities are selling for from 40 to 50c a dozen. We do not complain at the retail price but we do object to the spread between what we pay and what the producer gets. Since the War Food Administration has taken over the direction of production and distribution of food we feel that it must take the responsibility for this condition. In a three page statement dated April 5 it tries to explain the causes for the low price to the producer and gives its plan for handling the situation. It says nothing about the 100% spread. It first gives the old excuse of over production with appropriate percentages over this period and

that. It has not yet found a way to sell "biddie" on the idea of regulated economy. Next, it complains of the packed storage houses. "At the beginning of March, 1,976,000 cases of shell eggs were in cold storage—more than twice as many as on March 1, 1943, and nearly five times as many as the 5-year, 1939-43, average on that date." Then they offer a new argument. They say the retailer because of the shortage of help, can't get the eggs on sale so he is not disposing of them as he otherwise would. Following this comes the rather lame argument that retailers are staying too close to the ceiling prices, intimating they would sell more if they lowered retail prices. Naturally in a controlled market they will stay close to the ceiling. But that is not the trouble. The spread should be cut to benefit the producer. Of course the glut in storage could be relieved temporarily by reducing retail prices.

In order to restore prices to the producer the WFA now proposes to buy eggs at a figure that will permit the dealer to pay 26c per dozen to the producer for run-of-the-nest eggs. To get rid of the surplus they are organizing a campaign to get everybody to eat more eggs. This may help temporarily but it does not cure the disease—the enormous spread between retail and consumer prices.

Room For Living. One of the fundamental reasons for nations going to war is said to be the need for living room. Their density of population leads them to seek outlets for their people. Ed

rope has about 126 inhabitants per square mile. The entire world has 33 persons per square mile. This is partly due to the excessively dense population of India and some parts of China. North and South America and Africa have approximately 12.5 people. These are the continents that will have to absorb the excess. With the coming of inventions that will permit people to live in comfort in the tropic and arctic regions their populations will increase. The Bureau of Census has just released some figures on population changes which are arresting. Between July 1, 1940, and July 1, 1942, the District of Columbia had an increase of 30.5%, Virginia and Florida 12.7% each. California and Arizona each gained over 10%. North Dakota lost 8.9%, South Dakota 8.8% and Nebraska 5.5%. Since 1930, when our population was the highest, our State has lost nearly 10%. Our density is now 16.2 persons per square mile. The trend of population from the middle states to industrial centers along the coasts has not only continued during the last two years, but has greatly accelerated. We have plenty of room. We need a lot of thinking and planning on how to get the people to occupy it. The answer will be found in irrigated lands, industries to use our raw materials and reasonable transportation rates.

Ed Murphy left Tuesday on a traveling trip with the Jack Cole Orchestra, with whom he had secured a position as a saxophone player.

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**Letter to John**



March 1, 1944

"Last Sunday Dad and I rode through the meadows down along the river to look over our steers. There hasn't been much snow this winter and we haven't had any bad storms. That's a good thing because we couldn't get much cotton cake last fall, but we had plenty of hay. The steers have come through in good shape. About the time you read this letter there will be lots of work to do. Dad says that, without you here to help, I will have to take on a man's work this year. That's all right with me. You're doing a lot tougher job, I guess."

From a farm boy's letter to his big soldier brother

An American ranch boy in Europe knows the words of this letter from home by heart. He feels good inside because it tells him the folks back home are doing their best to help him — by getting all the extra work done — even though he isn't there to lend a hand.

The production of beef and other meat is a mighty important war job. Meat keeps John and all the other American fighting men fit for the hardships of battle. Meat provides proteins and vitamins for home-front workers who are keyed to peak production of the things John needs.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
**The O'Neill National Bank**  
of O'Neill, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business on  
APRIL 13, 1944.

Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts (including \$70.44 overdrafts)	\$ 107,168.08
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	437,041.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	34,675.80
Corporate stocks, (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	38,932.50
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	3,000.00
Bank premises owned \$3,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$842.00	781,457.79
Real estate owned other than bank premises	3,842.00
Total Assets	1,406,118.17
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,140,609.02
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	369.66
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	56,552.64
Deposits of banks	56,639.29
Total Liabilities	\$1,254,170.61
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock: Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	47,447.56
Reserves	4,500.00
Total Capital Accounts	151,947.56
Total Liabilities and Capital Account	\$1,406,118.17
MEMORANDA	
Pledge assets (and securities loaned) (book value): United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	\$30,000.00
Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	18,000.00
Total	48,000.00
Secured liabilities: Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	22,580.25
Total	22,580.25

State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss:  
I, E. F. Quinn, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. F. QUINN, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1944.  
(Seal) MARJORIE DICKSON, Notary Public.  
My Commission expires June 5, 1947.

Correct— Attest: F. N. Cronin, Julius D. Cronin, Charles E. Abbott, Directors.  
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