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PAST AND PRESENT

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Who ever reads an insurance ad?

Don't try to fool yourself that you are giving a patriotic slant to your purely commercial appeal.

Of the first three lobbyists to register at the state house two represented labor groups. The union boys are around early for Shylock's pound of flesh.

A thimble full of the liver oil of a South African fish known as blou-biskop is said to furnish enough vitamin A to run a household eight months. A creature known by that sort of name should furnish something to work miracles.

Mrs. Friedrich and the girls are now making their home in Atkinson.

Threatening weather a day last week suggested to our teacher it would be the part of wisdom to forego school for the day. The threaten proved to be only a violent wind for a few hours.

Miss Bernedene Kennedy was kept home from her studies in the Amelia high a day last week because of illness.

Mrs. E. T. Lindholm has arrived from Seattle to be with her mother, Mrs. Saunders, who continues seriously ill and unable to be brought home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bly went to O'Neill Monday to drop some shekles in the county treasurer's till for real estate taxes and transact other business. The compiler of this department accompanied them and caught a bus for Lincoln.

With about everybody hollering for more and more and still more money, it is something of a surprise that Pres. Roosevelt proposes a smaller federal budget. He sets the figure at \$3 billion. But what small about that? We had a neighbor in the homestead days who called one day to settle a financial matter with my father. There was some difference in the way the two figured things out. The neighbor was magnanimous. He accepted father's side of it, saying there was nothing small about him but his feet. Homesteaders dealt in pennies and nickels. \$3 billion would have knocked them both cold.

Thirty-one Nebraska homes were made to mourn last week with that heart-breaking message "Killed in action." Twenty-eight others received notice of a son or a husband being wounded in battle.

Ife, a town in Nigeria. They are not all that easy. Here is a Nigerian proper name: Alaiyelwa. In case you have forgotten, Nigeria is a section of North Africa bordering the Gulf of Guinea. That so? Yes. I verified it on a map.

Down in Omaha holes have been punched in more than 100 tires of parked automobiles, thought to be the vandalized work of juveniles. What's the matter with the kids? Just imbued with the general cuspidness of the times.

A gentleman with a doctor's degree promises a smokeless powder from southern pine. The late Guy Green, an O'Neill painter, developed a formula for smokeless powder and supplied sportsmen all over the country with his product. It was pure white, had about the same explosive force as black powder but omitted the black whiff of smoke. Whether he passed the idea on to another or it is one of the forgotten discoveries I do not know.

Children are put into school five years too early in life. Most of us in Miss Evans' classes in the southwest corner upstairs in the old school house where a grand temple of learning now stands were there because we had to; there was authority at home that we dare not ignore. But one chap came for business. Anywhere from 20 to 30 years of age he seemed strangely out of place among the early teen-agers. Maybe some of them not quite there yet. When teacher's back was turned paper wads flew, the expression of the inherent human revolt at restraint. But not he to indulge in paper wad throwing. Believe he came from around where Page now makes a dot on the map—came to get an education, not for monkey business. He got it—got more in one term of the meaning of the clashing swords at Bunker Hill, the blood spots in the snow at Valley Forge, the roar of muskets at Shiloh and Lee's surrender at Appomattox; more of the spirit and grammar, mathematics, the world in which we live, in one term than the rest of us acquired in several terms. Why? Because he deferred education until mentally mature

enough to sense its importance. We younger ones made sly remarks—not always so shy—because there was a fellow in our classes who shaved. It took courage for that young man to go to school with children. I regret his name has been forgotten. He stands near the brink of sunset if still living. Life has been the fuller for him because he had the courage to go to school at a period in life when most people shove school books away for keeps.

NEBRASKA SENATORS ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEES

The republican conference of the United States senate met on Thursday, January 4, to select the members for the regular standing committees, and Nebraska was recognized in a very complimentary manner, according to information from Senators Hugh Butler and Kenneth Wherry.

Senator Butler was selected a member of the important Committee on Agriculture. He continues on two other major committees, Finance, and Banking and Currency. He is also a member of the committee on Irrigation and Reclamation and the committee on Territories and Insular Affairs.

ELIGIBLE DRAFTEES IN 18-25 YEAR AGE GROUP EXPECTED TO BE EXHAUSTED EARLY

Background of the selective service action requesting draft boards to classify and induct, to the full extent permitted by law, men in the age group 18 through 25 years who hold agricultural deferments is contained in a letter written to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, by the director of war mobilization and reconversion, James F. Byrnes. Pointing out that the Tydings amendment to the selective service act does not give these agricultural workers absolute exemption, and was not intended to, Director Byrnes states: "The secretaries of war and navy have advised me jointly that the calls from the army and navy to be met in the coming year will exhaust the eligible in the 18 to 25 years age group at an early date. The army and navy believe it essential to the effective prosecution of the war to induct more men in this group . . . other than the men becoming 18 years of age the only remaining substantial source in this group is in the 364,000 men now deferred because of agricultural occupation. You have further advised me that if this group is not available, you must call into service occupationally deferred men in the next group, 26 years and older, most of whom are fathers. The chairman of the war production board, Mr. Krug, has advised me that the loss of these men would make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to meet critical war demands. Moreover, these older men would not meet the expressed needs of the army and navy."

STILL UNRATIONED FOODS

While the over-all food rationing program has been tightened by restoration of point values to five vegetables and application of points to 85 per cent of the total meat supply, there remain a substantial number of foods for which rationing points are not needed, states OPA. All frozen and dried fruits and vegetables, fruit preserves, lard, soups, baked beans and baby foods, along with fresh fruits and vegetables, cereals, eggs, poultry and fish, are unrationed. In the meat list no point value is attached to beef hearts, sweet-breads and beef tongue; lamb is unrationed on such cuts as breast and flank, shanks of all grades, patties, steaks, chops and roasts in utility grade, hearts, liver, sweetbreads and tongue; all grades of mutton are point-free; veal is unrationed in such classes of cuts as breast, flank, neck, shank and heel meat of all grades in utility grade and lower for steaks, chops and roasts, and also hearts, sweetbreads and tongue. No points are needed to buy pork fat backs, clear plates, hocks, jowls, knuckles, regular plates and bacon ends, hearts, liver and tongue.

Nearly 4,000,000 motor vehicles went out of use in 1942 and 1943 and have not been replaced, according to registration statistics compiled by the Public Roads Administration of the Federal Works Agency.

90-DAY CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN STARTS JAN. 27

Specialists Will Check New Cases; Elks to Furnish Lunch

The Division of Child Welfare and Services for Crippled Children will conduct the usual 90-day clinic in the O'Neill High School gymnasium on Saturday, January 27, 1945. Clinic hours are from 7:30 a. m. to 4 p. m., though registration should be completed by 11 a. m. It is requested that Holt County cases register early in order that they may be cleared before outlying counties arrive. Dr. H. Winnett Orr, orthopedist, and Dr. J. A. Hencke, pediatrician, will examine all new cases being considered for services for crippled children as well as cases referred for consultation only.

Children who are not now receiving services under the program of services for crippled children may be admitted to the clinic only when referred by the local physician or in certain cases at the request of the child's parent or guardian.

The clinic is for diagnosis, consultation, check-up and after-care services on cases receiving treatment. Children admitted to the clinic for consultation or preliminary diagnosis will not receive treatment under services for crippled children unless formal referral is made by their physician.

Orthopedic cases may receive treatment if care cannot be arranged through private resources. Pediatric cases will be accepted by the clinic for the purposes of consultation and diagnosis only and should be referred only by the family's own physician.

BILLS THAT WOULD TAKE CONTROL OF REA FROM FARMERS SEEN

Another to Take Right of Condemnation From Municipalities Is Expected

In his budget message to the unicameral recently, Governor Dwight Griswold recommended an overall expenditure of slightly more than \$55,000,000 with \$13,000,000 to come from the property tax levy.

Griswold urged an increased appropriation for the state superintendent, stronger support for rural schools. For the state university he recommended \$8,290,000 with \$1,746,000 for the normal schools.

Griswold suggested that 3 million dollars be transferred from the unexpended and unappropriated balance in the general fund to a post-war construction fund. A bill was immediately introduced to carry out the recommendation.

The governor opposed all new forms of taxation. He opposes the sales tax.

Senator Raecke, chairman of the celebrated power investigation committee of the legislative council, introduced three bills affecting rural electrification. If passed with certain expected amendments, REA would pass through the farmers to the non-profit groups.

C. E. Beals, secretary of the League of Nebraska Municipalities, predicted that Senator John E. Mekota would introduce bills to take from towns and villages the right of condemnation and to initiate elections to decide on the sales of many plants to non-profit groups petitions signed by 15 per cent of the voters.

Senator Cullingham filed a letter from Omaha Electric committee offering to explain the deal that gained control of Nebraska Power company. It was referred to the power investigation committee of the legislative council.

TO OUR READERS

Dear Reader: The latter part of this week we expect to conclude arrangements for the publication of The Frontier during our absence in Lincoln, and we will then be able to give our entire attention to the Legislature.

42 HOLT MEN INDUCTED DURING JANUARY

List of registrants inducted during the month of January is as follows: Joseph D. Scott, Stuart, Nebr. Edwin A. Hoerle, Ewing, Nebr. Thomas W. Eacker, Ewing, Nebr. Daniel P. Page, O'Neill, Nebr. Earl R. Eppenbach, O'Neill, Nebr. David J. Wagner, Star, Nebr. Harold H. Parks, O'Neill, Nebr. Edwin L. Krugman, Opportunity, Nebr. Arnold H. Gehring, O'Neill, Nebr. Marvin L. Fluckey, Chambers, Nebr. Pat E. Gamel, Page, Nebr. Freddie H. Niebauer, Atkinson, Nebr. Reuben R. Redlinger, O'Neill, Nebr.

Frank W. Phillips, Star, Nebr. Samuel L. Lofquest, Stuart, Nebr. Floyd H. Belik, Page, Nebr. Troxel E. Green, Chambers, Nebr. Marvin E. Rouse, Inman, Nebr. Andrew P. Hytrek, Stuart, Nebr. Charles C. Ohde, Atkinson, Nebr. Donald D. Marcellus, Stuart, Nebr.

Clifford F. Burival, O'Neill, Nebr. Joseph P. Fiala, O'Neill, Nebr. Donald C. Schueth, Clearwater, Nebr. Floyd V. Harding, O'Neill, Nebr. Clemence N. Schrad, Ewing, Nebr. Earl C. Strojohann, Spencer, Nebr.

William P. Krysl, Stuart, Nebr. Merle L. Foreman, Emmet, Nebr. Virgil B. Determan, Atkinson, Nebr. Bennie H. Johring, O'Neill, Nebr. Charles C. Wright, Ewing, Nebr. Vern C. Wrede, O'Neill, Nebr. William D. Kipple, O'Neill, Nebr. Francis L. Moore, Atkinson, Nebr. Marlin W. Schipman, Chambers, Nebr. Irvin R. Slack, Dorsey, Nebr. Ralph L. Adair, Amelia, Nebr. Leonard P. Engler, Stuart, Nebr. Raymond B. Schmaderer, Stuart, Nebr. Roy A. Worth, O'Neill, Nebr. Roy D. Landis, O'Neill, Nebr.

APPLICANTS FOR EXTRA GAS CAUTIONED TO HAVE MILEAGE RATIONING RECORD

All operators of passenger cars with basic "A" ration must have "mileage rationing records" to be eligible to apply for any other gasoline rations, M. E. Rawlings, Sioux City district OPA director, pointed out this week.

In the recent re-registration of the nation's 23,000,000 basic "A" ration holders, each registrant was issued one of these mileage forms. The form replaced the old tire rationing record, on which was kept a list of all gasoline rations issued to the vehicle. Without this important record form, no motorist may be issued a "B" or "C" supplemental ration, OPA emphasized.

Information has been received from local War Price and Rationing Boards that many motorists do not understand the use of the record form and lost or destroyed theirs. No supplemental rations or special or furlough rations for cars with basic "A" rations may be issued to an applicant who does not present his mileage rationing record with his supplemental gasoline application, OPA emphasized. In cases where a motorist was issued a mileage rationing record, or it was lost or destroyed, he should immediately apply to his local board for a duplicate.

Price and Ration Guide

Red Stamps Q5 through X5 good indefinitely. No new stamps until January 28.

Blue Stamps X5 through Z5, A2 through G2 good indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until February 1.

Sugar Stamp 34 good for five pounds indefinitely. A new stamp for five pounds will be valid February 1; must last three instead of 2½ months.

Shoes Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in book three, good indefinitely.

Gasoline 14-A coupon valid everywhere for 4 gallons each throughout March 21. B-5, C-5, B-6 and C-6 coupons good everywhere for 5 gallons each.

Fuel Oil old period 4 and 5 and new period 1 and 2 coupons good throughout current heating season. In midwest, south and Pacific northwest, Period 3 coupons also good now and valid throughout heating year. Period 3 coupons good in east January 15.

FLAK SUIT SAVES LIFE OF PAGE MAN OVER EUROPE

S. Sgt. Henry Cullen in Hospital With Arm and Leg Wounds

S. Sgt. Henry Cullen of the air corps was wounded December 27 while flying in a plane over enemy territory in the European theater of war. He was hit by a burst of flak that entered the plane right behind where he was standing. He owes his life to the flak suit he was wearing as the main cap of the flak shell was embedded in the middle of the back of his suit. He was also hit in the arms and legs. He has a broken left arm and a chunk of flak in his left shoulder. He is in a hospital in France and says he is getting excellent care. Since being wounded he has been awarded the Purple Heart. Before receiving this last award he wore five major battle stars, two oak leaf clusters, air medal and the presidential citation.

S. Sgt. Cullen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Cullen of Page.

FORMER O'NEILL BOY GETS BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Sgt. Ralph D. Strong, son of Clarence A. Strong, Norfolk, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for "heroic achievement in connection with military operation" against the Japanese in the Maffin Bay area of New Guinea last June. The citation said that Strong, member of a field artillery battery forward observer's party, maintained communications and assisted in the care and evacuation of wounded during heavy enemy fire.

OFFICE CLOSES MORNINGS TO CATCH UP WITH WORK

The county treasurer's office will be closed mornings Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the next two weeks, it has been announced by J. Ed Hancock. "We have three weeks mail piled up to be taken care of and with all of us in the office being required at the counter most of the time it is impossible to get to the mail," he said. Taxpayers planning a trip to the treasurer's office are urged to note the dates—January 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, and Feb. 1 and 2—when the office will be open afternoons only. Mondays and Saturdays the treasurer's office will be open all day.

HOLT AAA NOTES

Dairy production payments are now being made for the month of November and December, 1944 February 28th is the last day to file applications for payment on milk and butterfat produced during November and December.

The final date for filing a report of performance under the AAA farm program is February 15th. Any person eligible for payment should file this report at O'Neill AAA office before the deadline.

The deadline date for farmers to complete hay seed practices and report to the county AAA office has been extended beyond the previously announced deadline of January 1. The extension has been granted because of difficulties encountered by many farmers in getting their seed threshed, cleaned, and tested before January 1. The new deadline is February 15, 1945.

Another tough war year is in prospect for American farmers from the standpoint of transportation, machinery, labor, insecticides, fertilizers and supplies. Farmers can expect adequate amount of gasoline, lumber, metal roofing and siding in 1945 provided use is limited to minimum needs. Less copper wiring will be obtainable and transformers will be scarce. Electric motors of fractional horsepower will be available for essential needs and hand tools supplies will be ample. Nails, staples, bale ties and binder twine will be more plentiful and of better quality than last year.

We will be glad to give you any assistance or information possible in regard to the above if you will contact the AAA Office in O'Neill.

SHORTAGE OF TRUCKS ESTIMATED FOR 1945

Less than one-fourth of the motor trucks estimated as needed to meet essential war and civilian transportation requirements during 1945 will be produced and distributed to commercial operators. The Office of Defense Transportation recently revealed. The estimate is based on the 1945 civilian truck program approved by the War Production Board.

armed services for all types of motor transport was given as the chief reason for the severe reduction. The total authorized program amounts to 186,792 light, heavy and heavy heavy trucks, or 24.1 per cent of the ODT stated requirement of 773,935 vehicles.

CARBON MONOXIDE IS WINTER KILLER

With vehicles getting older, truckers must increase their caution in guarding a menace we can't see smell or taste—carbon monoxide. This gas goes its most deadly work in winter, when drivers close the windows of their vehicles tightly and garage doors are closed while engines are kept running inside.

It is pointed out by the safety division of the motor vehicle department that carbon monoxide poisoning may offer a solution to some otherwise "unexplained" accidents.

Frequently, night-time collisions or car roll-overs at curves are attributed to a driver becoming sleepy. Perhaps in many such cases the driver did fall asleep, not just because he was tired, but because the sleepiness was induced by carbon monoxide.

Cases are on record of tragedies where people, snow-bound several hours during a storm, kept the motor of their car running to keep warm, but carbon monoxide took their lives before help arrived.

OLD-TIMERS LOOKED TO THE SKY BUT SAW NO BLIZZARD THIS YEAR

Son of Lynch Man Tells of One Experience on Fateful Day 57 Years Ago

This year's "blizzard day"—last Friday—was as different from that famous day in 1888 as summer is from winter. This year the day was bright and warm, more like spring than early January; 57 years ago the day started out pleasantly enough, but suddenly turned into a holocaust of snow and wind that took the life of man and beast without partiality.

But few old-timers who were in the blizzard of January 12th, 1888, will ever forget the experience and each succeeding year brings out another unusual story of the dangers faced that day by early pioneers. Anton J. Placek of Lynch, now 88 years of age, is one of them. Fifty-seven intervening years have not dimmed his memory and not one of those years has passed without the old man scanning the skies anxiously and vividly recounting to his family and friends the narrow escape he had that day, his son, Joe Placek, who lives northwest of Creighton relates.

But for the instinct and faithfulness of his dog life might have ended at 31 for Mr. Placek. When snow came about 10 a. m. that fateful day he hurried out to get to shelter a yoke of oxen and a milk cow, the only stock of the little family then living near Sparta. Before he had gone far the wind had come up and it was impossible to see beyond reach. Failing to find the livestock he decided to return to the house and headed in the direction he believed it to be.

The half collie and half shepherd dog was with him and continually nudged and crowded him, but Placek, anxious to get home, paid little attention to the animal, probably believing it was just cold. When he had traversed a distance that should have found him back at the house he realized that perhaps he was going in the wrong direction. But which way was right? He then knew he was lost and turned to the dog for guidance. The animal whined at his friendly word and tender pat on the head and started in a direction opposite to that they had been walking. He decided to follow. They pladdled through the drifting snow in the face of a howling wind for a period that must have seemed like an eternity to the lost man, but the dog led him straight to the house and safety. It was then noon.

To this day, the son recounts, mistreating a dog in the presence of his dad is good for a sharp, reuke.

January 13th, 1888, the blizzard ended and Mr. Placek again went afield to locate the stock. The cow was so badly frozen it had to be destroyed, but the oxen fared better. They got into a gully and as the snow drifted up around them they tramped it down and instinctively rose with the tide.

Congressman Miller's Weekly Letter

In his message on the State of the Union the President requested the Congress to provide for a Labor Draft. He reminded the Congress that he had asked for this once before but neglected to say that he had done so on condition that Congress pass several other highly controversial laws first.

Had the Administration conducted the War and production activities efficiently there would now be no excuse for asking for a Labor Draft Law. Such a law will not cure the mistakes already made nor will it prevent mistakes in the future. It would only require a large number of additional government employees to administer it. The Administration now has sufficient power to achieve all our production if it will take the measures it should. First, let it see to it that men who are deferred for work in necessary jobs remain in those jobs. Second, put an end to the slow-down tactics that are being encouraged by certain leaders of organized labor in some critical industries and get 100% production out of the men now employed. If this is not enough let them work another hour a day. The men would be glad to do so if left to themselves. Third, shake out of government offices, including War and Navy Departments, all unnecessary employees. Washington is full of them and I dare say the rest of the country is too. A scathing report on this subject has just been made by Senator Kilgore, Democrat from West Virginia.

By the time you read this the Director of Economic Stabilization will have placed a ceiling price of \$18.00 per hundredweight on choice live cattle. He has done this in spite of the recommendations of the Food Administration and the representatives of the livestock industry. A delegation of Congressmen from cattle producing sections called on him and urged him not to do it. The reason they gave him were several. It will be almost impossible to judge the quality of meat a live critter will produce. It is unfair to feeders who have filled their lots with the expectation of higher prices. It will discourage them from feeding in the future and thus lower the quality and reduce the quantity of meat. It will tend to make the marketing of meat seasonable like fresh fruits and vegetables. It will increase the flow of choice meats to the black market. His last word to the delegation was that he would put the order into effect and if it didn't work they would make some changes. The pressure for this order comes from New York City and other eastern seaboard cities.

Your Representative attended a meeting of Members of Congress who are interested in protecting the nation's food supply. Such matters as the farm help shortage and the shortage of farm implements and repairs was fully discussed and plans made to bring relief. It is the present intention of the Administration to ship more American farm machinery to foreign countries this year than it did in 1944. It looks as though the American farmer will again be left holding the bag.

CHRISTENSEN-PINKERMAN NUPTIALS AT CENTER JAN. 2

At a quiet ceremony at Center, Nebr., on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1945, Miss Betty J. Pinkerman became the bride of L. Richard Christensen. County Judge Frank A. Barta performed the ceremony. The couple were attended by Miss Geraldine Hull and Bob Wike, a cousin of the bridegroom.

The bride was attired in a soldier blue wool suit with pink accessories. The bridegroom wore a brown business suit.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pinkerman of Dorsey and received her education in St. Mary's School at O'Neill.

The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Christensen of Verdel and is a graduate of Lynch High School with the class of 1943. They will make their home on a farm near Verdel.

Sunday, Jan. 7, Mr. and Mrs. Christensen were guests of honor at a wedding dinner at the home of the bride's parents, near Dorsey.

The table was decorated with pink and blue streamers and place cards and the centerpiece was a two-tier wedding cake of pink and blue. The wedding cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Veldon Pinkerman.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Christensen and Miss Arlene of Verdel, Miss Geraldine Hull and Bob Wike of Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Pinkerman, Reggie and Veldene, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pinkerman and Randy.

Late that evening about 75 of their neighbors and friends gathered to charivari the newlyweds and were treated to apples, candy, peanuts and cigars.

AUTO LICENSE PLATE SALE LAGGING THIS YEAR

So far this year only 2,277 Holt countyans have purchased 1945 automobile license plates. Last year about 5,700 were issued. Deadline for having the new plate on a vehicle is February 1.