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AAA NOTES

Sign Up for 1945 AAA Farm Program

If you were unable to attend your precinct Sign Up Meeting, you may sign now—by calling at the Local AAA office in O'Neill. A deadline date for signing the intention sheet has been set up and it is advisable to sign NOW if you care to comply under the 1945 AAA program.

Many of the 1945 practices must have prior approval of the County Committee, therefore it is necessary that your farm plan be filled in now so that approval may be received before starting farming operations.

We have a small amount of feed wheat on hand at Atkinson and Page—NONE at O'Neill. Price \$1.38 for over 100 bushel sales, and \$1.41 for sales under 100 bushel.

Harry E. Ressel, Chairman
 Holt Co. AAA Committee.

Plenty Of Protein Available!

Sam Robertson, a Holt County farmer, has an ample supply of protein for his hogs. Sam says "give them plenty of good alfalfa pasture and they will give you good gains." He starts in the spring and lets the sows and their litters run on the alfalfa during the entire growing season.

Last year 60 head of hogs ran on 23 acres of alfalfa and received rye and corn. The pigs were farrowed the last of April and were marketed the first part of November or a period of 6½ months and they averaged 260 pounds. Besides good gains on his hogs, Sam put up 60 tons of alfalfa hay and harvested 500 pounds of cossack alfalfa seed. Mr. Robertson told his County Agent that the thing that pleases him is that this was a cockle burr patch when he moved there a few years ago. When asked how he obtained a stand he stated that he plowed shallow and then dragged it at least 4 times then he broadcasted the seed and then dragged it at least 4 more times. He has made different additional seedings and has alfalfa ranging from 2 to 5 years old. He says he intends to seed about 20-25 acres this spring and will still have seed left from his seed crop. For information on seeding alfalfa and grasses contact Mr. Dawes, the County Agricultural Agent, in O'Neill.

Sheriff Hubbard Gives Rules On The Midnight Curfew

The following Field Instruction is being issued to all regions—SUBJECT—War Manpower Commission responsibility for enforcement of midnight curfew on places of entertainment order issued by Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion—James F. Byrnes, has fixed primary responsibility in the WMC for obtaining compliance with his request that all places of entertainment close by 12:00 o'clock midnight each day, effective February 26, 1945. This midnight curfew is necessary to conserve coal and also help to alleviate the manpower shortage and the burdens upon transportation and other facilities. This field instruction prescribes the procedure to be followed by the WMC in carrying out Director Byrnes order.

ESTABLISHMENTS AFFECTED—Places of entertainment affected by the midnight curfew include the following types of establishments, whether public or private—night clubs, sport arenas, theatres, dance halls, road houses, saloons, bars, shooting galleries, bowling, billiard, and pool establishments, amusement parks, carnivals, circuses, coin-operated amusement device parlors, ice skating and roller skating rinks, entertainment activity of yacht, country, and other clubs, dance studios and "schools", and gambling establishments. Restaurants customarily open all night for the purpose of serving food are not affected by the curfew insofar as serving food is concerned.

Entertainment supplied for military personnel, especially in ports of embarkation, which is sponsored by responsible agencies conducted on a non-profit basis after the approval of the military authorities and in camps and stations may be exempted from the curfew order. No exemptions of any other character may be made.

A. B. Hubbard,
 Sheriff Holt County, Nebraska.

Elkhorn Project Club Meets With Mrs. Bob Cook Feb. 28

The Elkhorn Project Club met at the home of Mrs. Bob Cook Wednesday, February 28th, at 7:30 o'clock.

There were eleven members and one guest present. The lesson on "Dressing Up The Home" was very ably given by our leaders. Mrs. Cook treated the members to Angel Food Cake in honor of her birthday, which was March 1st.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John Green with Mrs. Klingler as assisting hostess.



Alfred D. Reckley, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa., radio operator, can smile now. War Bonds are providing treatment for the wounds he sustained while flying a bomber on a mission over Central Germany.



A piece of shrapnel sent Pfc. Charles Shropshire, 21, Lexington, Ky., to the hospital, where his leg wound is mending, thanks to War Bonds. Shropshire was wounded in a sudden Nazi assault while setting up a machine gun on a Belgium front, when the enemy shell struck close enough to wound. Buy more Bonds, Shropshire urges.



Tech. Sgt. Paul Fordham, 31, Southampton, N. Y., was one of three men injured when an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress took a shelling over Germany. The damaged plane got back to England, but this B-17 engineer was knocked out with a shattered left thigh. Now he has an extra good word for all the people at home who buy War Bonds to heal wounded fighters.

U. S. Treasury Department

PAGE NEWS ITEMS

Ronnie, son of Sgt. and Mrs. Vernon Parks has been quite sick, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hall have moved to the Lowell Murphy farm near Page.

Miss Bernice Strope, of Venus, spent last week-end with Miss Helen Wagman.

Robert Cunningham S.2-c, is at Boemerton, Wash., where he is attending radio school.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steinberg spent Sunday evening at the Wm. Neubauer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neisius and family spent Monday evening at the Herbert Steinberg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sparrow, of Brunswick have moved to the Mrs. Eva Hunter farm near Page.

Lloyd Cork has been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant. He is some where in the south Pacific.

Darrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grass, has pneumonia and is at the O'Neill General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Trease, of Orchard, were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matschullat.

Ray Parker has been called to Unadilla, Neb., because of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Frank Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beelaret and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfons Beelaret at Ewing.

Miss Thelma Jaynes returned to Omaha Wednesday, after

spending four weeks visiting relatives at Orchard and Page.

Mrs. Ronald Brownell, of Oakdale, spent from Thursday until Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lamason.

Mr. and Mrs. Maden Funk and daughter, Alice, of Ewing, were dinner guests Friday at the home of Mrs. Funk's mother, Mrs. Ella McNinch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lamason and their guest, Mrs. Ronald Brownell, spent Saturday evening at the Donald Lautenschlager home at Orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matschullat have received a letter from their son, Sgt. Dale Matschullat stating he is in the Philippine Islands.

Dale is in the field artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matschullat and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher attended a pinochle party at the Jay Trease home at Orchard Tuesday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Clark and family and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Clark and family, of Norfolk, spent the week-end at the home of Foy and Delbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matschullat have received word their son-in-law, Cpl. Albert Anthony, who has been stationed at Drew Field, Florida, has been sent to New Jersey to attend a mechanics school.

Mrs. Walter Wegner and son, Walter, of Scribner, spent from Tuesday until Wednesday visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Steinberg.

Walter Wegner will leave Sunday for the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steinberg spent Tuesday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Steinberg and visited with Herbert's sister, Mrs. Walter Wegner and son, Walter, of Scribner.

The Bid or Bye Club met at the home of Mrs. Esmond Weber Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Herbert Steinberg was a guest. Mrs. Melvin Catson received high score, Mrs. Kenneth Bradock traveling and Mrs. Steinberg low.

Miss Jean Woods went to Lincoln Thursday, where she attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Addie Woods Friday.

She also visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Woods and other relatives, returning to Page Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eby and son, Robert, and Mr. Mrs. and O. B. Stuart, Vera and D. M., attended a farewell party at the Bennett Gillespie home in O'Neill Sunday evening, in honor of Robert Eby who is waiting his call to the Navy.

The W. S. C. S. met at the Methodist church parlors Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Harold Kelly led the devotionals. Mrs. Raymond Heiss gave the lesson, "Three Lives". Hostesses, Mrs. O. B. Stuart, Mrs. Harry Snyder and Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge.

Miss Helen Wegman drove to Plainview Saturday, where she had dental work done. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wegman. While there they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Szama and

family, who moved recently from near Page.

Frank Merryman fell as he was crossing the street Friday afternoon and suffered a fractured bone in the leg. The fracture is near the hip and Mr. Merryman is confined to his bed. He was taken to Orchard for an X-ray. He celebrated his 87th birthday on March 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Walker spent Sunday at the Dr. Burgess home in O'Neill to visit their grandson, Pvt. Warren Burgess who was home while enroute from Scotts Field, Illinois where he had finished his course and had received his diploma to Sheppard Field, Texas.

Mrs. Jerry Lamason was hostess to the Chatter Sew Club Friday afternoon.

Nine members and three guests, Mrs. Ronald Brownell, Mrs. H. L. Banta and Mrs. Charles Russell were present. A afternoon was spent socially.

Next meeting to be with Mrs. Harold Heiss.

Mrs. Roy Parker returned home Friday, after a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Les Oetter of Ewing.

She was accompanied home by Joyce and Larry Oetter who visited their grandparent until Monday afternoon when their parents came to take them home.

George French and Miss Rose Vrooman took Charles Vrooman to Bonesteel, S. D. From there he went to Eagle Butte. He will be accompanied home by his cousin, Mrs. Ban Der Pol, who will keep house for him on his farm near Orchard. Mrs. Ban Der Pol's husband is in the armed forces.

Battle Jacket

By EDWARD YEWDALL

McClure Syndicate—WNU Features.

JOHNNY MULFORD'S first approach to the girl was direct. He went straight up to her in the subway station and said, "Gee, you're the most beautiful thing I ever saw."

The girl gave him a look that was (1) startled, (2) contemptuous and (3) mad. She said, "On your way."

Perhaps if she had known Johnny's long build-up before he found the courage to do what he did she would have been a little more receptive. It was like this: He had come back from the wars and gone to work for the Mulcahy Contracting Company on his old drawing board, after two months' loafing. He couldn't get through his red head that this building stuff was the slightest moment. He couldn't, at first, get back to work. He couldn't get his mind on the beam.

After wandering around the house, worrying Mom to death, picking books out of the bookcase and reading a page or two, then putting them face down on the coffee table, the piano, the floor; after whitewashing the cellar and pruning the trees, he finally gave up and went into the office. The battle jacket with the shoulder patch embroidered with the "1" and "Guadalcanal" hung in the closet. He had never worn it since the day he got home.

He saw the girl the first day he went regularly to work. She boarded the bus at Poplar Street. She carried herself with a quiet dignity that became her blonde beauty; she was alone always. The girl's eyes reminded Johnny of the deep blue of the Pacific, and it seemed as if this was the girl he had been waiting for all his life. But the girl appeared to know nothing about that.

After a few weeks of long-distance admiration Johnny met Kline Harkins and, wonder of wonders, Kline knew something about the girl! If Kline had only been acquainted, things might have been settled one way or another right then. But Kline only lived near the girl, and she wasn't given to distant noddings. But Kline had a lot of dope. Her name was Hermance Taylor, she was twenty-two and worked in the Great American Insurance Company's office; her father was a dispatcher for the bus company. There was no boy friend in sight.

Six weeks passed. Once Johnny had the opportunity to give Hermance his seat in the bus. She said a cool "Thank you," and sat down. After that Johnny ceased to exist.

After his rebuff in the subway station Johnny braced Kline Harkins to try to meet the girl through neighbors on Poplar Street, but Kline was too diffident and bashful himself for that. Anyway, Johnny calculated, Kline would like to meet the girl on his own account. This seemed a cockeyed reversal of the "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?" Pochontas thing.

Johnny just subsided into eyeing the girl, drinking in every detail of her appearance, noting the sweetly grave expression in the deep blue eyes, the just-right details of her modest dress, the graceful walk and superlative carriage.

Things at the office didn't go so well. He couldn't concentrate on the layout of the Kilmer Radio Company's machine shop at all. Mr. Mulcahy was well; he reminded Johnny that Rome was neither built nor destroyed in a day. "Take your time," he said. "This stuff will seem trivial for a while yet. Work only when you feel like it, Johnny. We're with you—we know what you can do."

"Wait till I meet Hermance," he said to himself. "Then I'll start to go to town. We'll see movies two nights a week, and we'll hold hands in the dark. On Saturday nights we'll go to the American Legion dances, and the boys will look at Hermance and gnash their teeth. After about a year I'll touch Dad for a loan and we'll think about buying a house, and from then on it'll be bills and mortgages and maybe a little Hermance and Johnny. And will I love it!"

Early on Johnny's Saturday off, Mr. Mulcahy called him up. "Johnny," he said, "Mr. Henderson is here from Milwaukee. He wants to go over the machine shop layout with us, and I don't know a thing about it. Will you come in?"

Well, Mother had sent his only civvy overcoat to the cleaners, and it wouldn't be back until night—a special concession at that. Mother said, "Put on the battle jacket, John. It's mild out. You ought to be proud of it." Johnny hated to wear any part of a uniform somehow, but there was nothing else to do. It was too cold for his suit, and as yet he possessed no topcoat. He sallied forth in the battle jacket.

Hermance hopped on the bus at Poplar Street. Her eyes passed Johnny with their cool impersonality and looked out the window. Something brought them back again, and they settled on the shoulder patch of Johnny's jacket, on the "1" and the "Guadalcanal."

In the subway station she came swiftly up to Johnny and said, "Pardon me, but I always wanted to shake hands with a man from Guadalcanal. I hope you won't think I'm forward."

Johnny grinned and said, "No. I don't think you're forward. I think you're swell." and in 1945 he was

YESTERDAY and TOMORROW... a story of Transportation FIRSTS



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Many years have passed since that first locomotive—the old "Pioneer"—went into honorable retirement. Today's mighty power plants are busy "keeping 'em rollin'" toward final victory. When you travel only when it is absolutely essential you help in this vital work. In the peace days to come, with its postwar plans finding expression in new and even finer equipment, "North Western" will continue to serve—and serve well—the shippers and travelers of America.



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