

THE FRONTIER

Spotted Tail Takes to Trail in a Truck

Not since Spotted Tail's bloody bands required that soldiers be quartered at Ft. Hartisough on the south and Ft. Randall on the Missouri to the north has there been so many Indians in town as on Sunday night last. The slogan now is not Another Red Skin bit the dust, but rather put poor lo to work. And Uncle Sam, the emblem of the Great White Father, is doing that.

Packed in like a double-deck load from off the sheep ranges, fifty-four Indians with tepees, camp equipment, gloomy squaws, wild-eyed kids and lordly bucks from the reservations somehow found hanging on room in a truck that tarried in town for a while on the way to Hastings where the men will work on government projects.

They take their "homes" with them, not merely because of lack of house room but because an Indian at home is thoroughly Indian at heart. He may be college

bred, a competent worker amid the white man's cultured surroundings, yet his home is the squalor and dirt and smoke of the tepee camp life. He may grunt his thanks for a porterhouse steak but would rather have roast dog or jerked venison.

There is extensive construction work for the U. S. Navy now being developed in the Hastings area. These Indian families are being taken to help on the job. They do not have the white man's worry for a place to live as all they need is a spot for a tent and would rather be employed in construction work than under the military discipline of an army camp, where there is "too much salute, not enough shoot."

Word early in the week reported Bob Brittel's condition improved. He was reported previously to be in a critical condition in Portland, Ore., where the family moved some time ago from here.

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders

An effectual way of making converts to a New Deal program is putting gents on the payroll.

If you are not prepared to admit that you are also one of a shoddy outfit don't stand on a street corner and watch the gang go and come.

What has happened to our good old American fruit pies? Order pie at a public eating place and there is set on the table a soggy mess of corn starch and flavoring extract that would just about poison a pup.

There it is in plain words, send your clothes to the naked in China and a yawning big box to drop them into. Some of the fair sisters will not have to take off much for themselves to light out for home naked.

Country publishers are asked to donate from three to five columns a week to propaganda for the perpetuation of various official or executive setups that are not much in public favor and are not even put on the dollar-a-year payroll.

Not many out this way care a hoot about Omaha power or MVA, other than a considerable sentiment for nature as it is. Our own grand little river has been ruined by too many ditches that do no one any good. The Elkhorn as nature cut a winding trail across our prairie had its alluring swimming holes, abounded with 5-pound pickerel and in winter furnished blocks of pure natural ice for summer storage. The work of ditch diggers has left but a withered remnant of the crystal stream we once had.

War, blood shed, suffering, desolation, broken homes and broken bodies—a care incumbered world. Our favored prairie land has heard the human sighs coming from afar, has had a view of the burden of sorrow and distress and need and has opened the purse strings in response to appeals that may appear to be coming in too often. The need is great. If among American citizens there are those who give their time, their energy, their talents without money, without price to solicit funds to soften suffering anywhere, as little as I can do is to 'chip in' with my fellow citizens. R.S.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. John Berger are spending a fortnight in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walling and wife of Albion, visited at the L. C. Walling home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Slaymaker, of Green Valley, were in the city Wednesday.

William Froelich returned to Chicago Sunday after a fortnightly trip to his home here.

E. J. Mack of Atkinson was an over night guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Rooney, Sunday.

Frances Cronin and Frank Biglin were at Lynch Sunday on a visit to Pat O'Connor, confined in a hospital there.

Mrs. Harvey J. Sheton, Jr., of St. Louis is spending a few weeks with her parents in O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kuren of Long Pine attended the memorial service held here Sunday for Pvt. Richard C. Young.

County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock expects to be called to Leavenworth soon for the military going over for army service.

Assessor L. G. Gillespie is one O'Neill gent that sports a sparkling new spring hat. Lloyd admits it is not from the emoluments of office—he had a birthday the 10th.

Dr. J. F. and Mrs. O'Connell received a telegram Sunday from their son, who has sailed the seven seas as one of Uncle Sam's navy boys, had landed in Philadelphia and they expected him home on leave.

Edw. M. Gallagher of the First National Bank was re-elected county chairman for another year of the United War Fund of Nebraska at a recent meeting of the state organization at the state house in Lincoln.

Mrs. J. C. Harnish, who received word in February of the wounding of her grandson, Frank James Harnish in Germany and that he was taken to a hospital in England, receives no further word of his condition.

There are building prospects and plans formulating for "after the war" which if brought to tangible structures will be another stride forward for the city. Just now the plans are kept "under the hat" and none of the interested parties are making their plans known. A lot of things are curtailed while men fight and bleed and die, construction of new housing or business structures among the largest of these.

It happened in the "good old days," according to Walt O'Mally. He was a schoolboy spectator in a pool hall on Fourth street while two gay young blades were shooting the ivory balls. The game finished, the boys settled with the house when the newly installed helper at the pool hall thought he would be a good fellow, opened a fresh box of cigars and passed them around. The boss came in, learned the truth and fired his helper whom he had hired 30 minutes before. But give us more liberal-souled helpers. You don't get a chew of gum now if you buy out half the stock in store.

Railroad interests, union miners and other groups are doing what they can to make a monkey out of the river navigation, irrigation, flood control programs. Uncle Sam has sunk millions in our rivers and the merry work will probably go on in spite of proven losses and failures. Busy-bodies must keep going and public funds spent. We were taught in school that water seeks the lowest level. Our once magnificent Elkhorn was doing it on a meandering down grade with a drop of 10 feet to the mile, but it too has come under the defacing hand of time.

School Land is Boosted

With sixty-six townships comprising Holt county and two sections in each township school land is a sizeable interest in the county, developed over the raise in values of these lands recommended by Hugh Dillon, state surveyor. Rentals are based on 6% of valuation. The valuations have been made by the land commissioner after personal survey of all tracts by Mr. Dillon. In a few cases the value per acre has been more than doubled which if adopted as recommended means the doubling of rents.

School land in the county is divided into three groups—cultivated, grazing and hay lands. This in turn classified in groups.

The higher figures below are those of the state surveyor, the lower as recommended by the county board of supervisors:

Cultivated Land		
A1	\$24	\$20.00
A2	16	12.00
A3	10	7.50
A4	6	4.50
A5	2	2.00
Grazing Land		
G1	\$6	\$4.50
G2	4	3.60
G3	2	1.50
G4	1	1.00
Hay Land		
H1	\$18	\$13.50
H2	8	6.00
H3	4	3.00

These figures are suggested values per acre. The lease holder of land valued at \$24 per acre pays an annual rental of \$1.44 per acre while that in the lowest bracket can be had for 6 cents an acre, the figure the federal government places on some of its grazing land. The hay land seems to be considered the "best bet" under these figures. The state board dealing with public land values will make the final decisions on the two sets of valuations recommended.

Memorial Mass for Pvt. Wm. Biglin

A Memorial High Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor McNamara at St. Patrick's Church in this city next Monday morning, April 16, 1945, at 9 o'clock for Pfc. William J. Biglin, Jr., who was killed in action in Germany on March 13, 1945.

William J. Biglin was born at O'Neill, Nebr., Nov. 23, 1922, attended St. Mary's Academy and Creighton University. He enlisted in the Armed Forces on August 20, 1942. He was sent overseas with the 11th Armored Division in September 1944. The division landed in the continent late in December and was rushed into the battle of the Belgium bulge. He was a member of a tank crew and last heard from in the Rhineland.

Project Club

The Neighbors Project club held a special meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Dale Fetser. The meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, and also to plan for Achievement Day. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Levi Jantzi, who was re-elected president. Leader A is Mrs. Dale Fetser; Leader B, Mrs. Pearl Brugman; Miss Mary Holiday, vice-president; Mrs. Harden Anspaugh, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Clay Johnson, song leader; Mrs. Emmet Craft war leader; Mrs. Lulu Juig, health leader; Mrs. F. H. Griffith, news reporter; Mrs. Paul Fetser, reading leader. The club members canned 1,185 quarts of vegetables and 1,190 quarts of fruit the past year, besides jelly and fruit juices canned, and quite a bit of meat and fruit frozen. The meeting closed by singing "Old Lang Syne" and "Onward Christian Soldiers." Mrs. Fetser, assisted by Mrs. Juig, served a delicious lunch.

Several important news items received too late for publication this week, will appear next week.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Gillespie were in Sioux City last Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Krotovich visited in Osmond Saturday and Sunday, her sister, Miss Jeanel, returning with her for a week's sojourn with friends in O'Neill.

After Tuesday's gentle zypher city street cleaners hauled out truck loads of sand and tumble weeds and sidewalks entrances to business places having to be swept and garnished.

Mrs. Mary Ullom is enjoying a visit from a second daughter in military service, Capt. Catherine Ullom, like her sister Lt. Magdalene, serving as a nurse in charge of a military hospital with the rank of Captain.

A broken glass in the door of the offices of Julius D. Cronin was the subject of official detective investigation Tuesday morning, the bluecoats arriving at no satisfactory solution other than it was the result of misdirected youthful energy.

What's the use of having a public official unless you can use him. So thinks one Holt county citizen. He took his troubles to the state house, fictitious or fact, endeavored to wield a club over another citizen incidentally may have yielded him some revenue on account had the state department been functioning as a collecting agency.

The two boys taken to the Industrial School at Kearney last week from Holt county and supposed to be held in custody gave the institution a farewell salute soon after arriving, were picked up by police and given another chance as student inmates before more severe treatment. Mr. Hubbard says he told the institution's heads the kind of a juvenile package he was handing them and advised that the boys be separated but his advise was received with a haughty air of superiority.

Mrs. Anna Wilbur, of Page, died Tuesday, burial to be Thursday at Sioux City. Deceased was 63 years of age, a native of Germany and a resident of this county the past four years. She was married to E. C. Wilbur in 1902 and was the mother of two daughters and two sons. The daughters are, Ellen E. Weir, of Los Angeles, and Anna Mae Murphy of Inglewood, Calif. Two sons, Fred E. Wilbur U. S. Navy Pacific fleet and Cpl. E. Wilbur, Fort Mead, Md. There are four sisters and three brothers. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

The volume of purely commercial traffic originating in this territory coming into the city each week is something to look at. Scores of truck loads of hay, live stock, cream and cases of eggs piled nearly to the telephone wires make up the week's exhibit. The cash deposits of something like seven million dollars in Holt county banks tell something of the story of what it means in financial returns to the citizens. Maybe this is a mere bagatelle compared with the two billion dollars "salted" plunder of Herr Hitler's which the Yankees have taken over, but it helps keep our citizens fat, if not sassy.

John Dorr, a former resident of the Page community, died Sunday at St. Edward, Nebr., and was buried Tuesday at Page, funeral being held at the Methodist church there. Deceased was a native of Germany and was born June 6, 1867. He was married in Madison, Nebr., in 1894 to Augusta Gall. They came to Holt county in 1909. He is survived by two daughters and five sons, all of whom were at the funeral. These are, Anna Carr, of Sioux City; Della Stauffer of Page; Herman and Leonard Dorr, of Orchard; John Dorr, of Tecumseh, Nebr.; Alfred and Henry, of Page.

Death Claims Pres. Roosevelt

The death of President Roosevelt on Thursday, though sudden was not unexpected. In spite of repeated assurances to the contrary, pictures of Mr. Roosevelt, the Roosevelt of recent years, disclosed a rapid decline under the crushing weight of official affairs—a victim, as Wilson was, to a great responsibility, and has joined our illustrious dead who died in the White House.

Death came suddenly to Mr. Roosevelt while at his retreat at Warm Springs, Ga. A memorial service is being arranged by the O'Neill American Legion for 3 p. m. Saturday at the High School Auditorium.

A Message from China

The spiritual descendants of John Wesley, amalgamated with those of John Knox, an odd one or two from other lines of ecclesiastical descent, gathered at the Methodist place of worship Tuesday evening to hear something about a great Oriental country, now allied with us in arms, as known by missionaries of forty-two years residence in China, Rev. Perry O. and Mrs. Hansen, who are touring the country in the interests of work in their fields. During the day they had spoken to the school groups in O'Neill and Chambers, the night meeting being the fourth for the day. In the district of China where they are located, Rev. Hansen says there are three million people who are always hungry—never have enough to eat. When the Japanese armies invaded northeast China the pagan priests took to the "tall timber" while American missionaries held on and became the refuge center for terrified Chinese who are now anchoring their hopes for the future on Yankee-land.

Citation for John Watson

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Ira L. Watson, of Inman, The Frontier is given a story of heroism from the bloody battle grounds of Germany. Mrs. Watson's story is concerning her son, Tech. Sgt. John C. Watson who is serving with the 84th Infantry division in the 9th Army. The Watson home has received a "certificate of merit," awarded "in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty" when facing the enemy in Belgium.

The citation reads: "On January 23, 1945, Tech. Sgt. Watson, with complete disregard for his welfare while under heavy enemy fire, successfully administered medical aid to three wounded men and removed them to a place of safety, thus saving the lives of the stricken soldiers." The citation was issued and signed by Maj. Gen. A. R. Bolling, commanding officer.

Music Contest

The O'Neill Division of the District III Music Contest will be held on Friday, April 27.

The Judges will be: Dr. Lee N. Dailey, Yankton, S. D.; A. L. Wilson, Vermillion, S. D.; Mrs. Leo Kucinski, Sioux City, Iowa; Edward Kurtz, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Chairmen of local committees: Local School Chairman—R. C. Anderson, General chairmen—F. N. Cronin, Harry Peterson. Door Committee—Mrs. Edward Campbell, Mrs. Pat Harty. Good Will Committee—Harry Claussen, Mayor Kersenbrock, Rev. K. Scott. Stenographic committee—Ted McElhaney. Entertainment of Judges—Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, J. D. Cronin.

More than 800 participants, supervisors and sponsors are expected for the event. The vocal events, with the exception of the Glee Clubs, will be held throughout the day at St. Mary's Academy. The instrumental events and Glee Clubs will be heard at the Public School auditorium. The piano contest will be held at St. Mary's Auditorium on Thursday evening, April 19 at 7 o'clock.

Michael Vaughn

Michael Joseph Vaughn, 77, 1458 Roberta st., died in a Salt Lake hospital Sunday at 2:45 a. m., of carcinoma.

A retired railroad conductor, he was born in Des Moines, Iowa, November 4, 1867, a son of Patrick and Margaret Hickey Vaughn.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Wilcox Vaughn; a son, Leo E. Vaughn, San Francisco; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Luck, Los Angeles, and five grandchildren.

Requiem mass will be celebrated Tuesday at 10 a. m., at church of our Divine Saviour, 170 E. 9th South. The rosary was recited Monday at 8 p. m., at 32 4th East.

Burial will be in Mt. Calvary cemetery.—Salt Lake City Tribune.

The Vaughn family were pioneer residents of O'Neill, living on a farm a couple of miles west of this city. Mike grew to manhood here and after reaching his majority he left O'Neill and went railroading, which he followed all his life. He visited here several times during the past half century and those old friends here who knew the family will regret to learn of his passing.

A group of the Alumnae of St. Mary's entertained a number of guests at tea Sunday afternoon at the Academy, the pleasant occasion being in honor of Lt. Magdalene Ullom. A social hour with refreshments was enjoyed.

L. B. 120, the teachers pension bill passed the state legislature the first of the week with only four votes being cast against it. It will take \$85,000 to get this started and the state will have to put up this money.

Elect Officers

At a meeting of the Commercial Club Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the coming year: Ted McElhaney, president; C. E. Lundgren, 1st vice-president; James M. Corkle, 2nd vice-president; Ira George, Dr. Brown and Pat Harty, directors. The membership was shown to be sixty-six and the cash balance on hand \$570.66.

Irwin Adamson of Cody and W. A. Johnson of Alliance, president and secretary of the Nebraska Live Stock association, were in the city and met with the local commercial group in the interests of a business meeting of the association here in June. They were assured that O'Neill will keep open house for it if the meeting is arranged for.

Marriage Licenses

Clifford C. Fox, 30, and Miss Lois Marjorie Snider, 25, both of Basset. Francis Edward Brandt, 20, of Atkinson and Earbra Jean Stevens, 17, of Page. Harry Van Fleet and Miss Marcella Gilg, ages of both given as over 21, Atkinson. —John Joseph Dvorak, 24, and Miss Helen Marie Mullen, 21, both of Atkinson.

The socialist-minded gent is horrified at the profit motive of capital. Capital and labor both have the profit motive along with the higher motive of pride of achievement. The fellow who wants an increase in wages has the same motive as the one who strives for increased profits. And we'd better keep the ball rolling or we're sunk.