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## What War Means to Holt County

What war has done to Holt county man power is seen in the figures of the local draft board. There are 3,582 persons registered on what is known as active and 1,676 inactive, those 45 years of age or more.

Mrs. Chas. McKenna of the local draft office says there are now 1,287 persons from Holt county now in military service. They have two sons in the army, this, with Mrs. McKenna's connection with the war effort as secretary of the draft board here, has brought a note of congratulation to her from R. W. (Bob) McGinnis, formerly connected with the Northwestern railroad and also with the creamery industry in this county, and now chairman of the board of appeals for inductees located in Omaha.

There are also something over 150 Holt county boys in the armed service in one capacity or another of which there is no record kept here.

In a military sense the man-

power that is drawn upon in Holt county sums up to more than 6,000. In addition to this many of our patriots have "folded their tents like the Arabs" and silently or otherwise stolen away for jobs in war production localities.

And maybe this is why young lads from high school show up on the ranches at haying time with a condescending air and offer to stack hay eight hours at a stretch at \$8. The situation has also brought girls, wives, maybe some grandmothers into service as clerks, office assistants and executives, while old men look on with the helplessness of imminent senility. There is more or less guessing as to what our fighting boys will want to do after Uncle Sam gives them the farewell salute, but doubtless most of them will head for home, take over the jobs of the fair young ladies, their hands and hearts and become the fathers of families headed for another war.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stone were over from Verdel Tuesday transacting business in the city.

Weather Observer Bowen reports two and five-tenths inches of water on the O'Neill scene brought by the mid-April rain and snow.

A son was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry of Inman. Mrs. Coventry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tomlinson of O'Neill.

The bill requiring banks to cash checks at par has passed the legislature and if signed by the governor becomes law. But there is a law requiring a bank to cash a check drawn on another bank?

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tomlinson were up from West Point Sunday for a visit with home folks. Mr. Tomlinson is in the government revenue service with headquarters in West Point.

Dennis A. Cress died Thursday at Stuart, where he had resided since retiring as Northwestern R. R. agent here many years ago to become connected with banking interests at that place.

Word comes out of the court house annex that Monday's storm tested the roof construction and found it not waterproof in a spot or two. A building that completely shut out moisture from Monday's storm needed to be sealed like a jar of apple sauce.

John Kee of Emmet was a business visitor Tuesday. Mr. Kee is getting a considerable acreage of his place into brome grass which he finds valuable particularly in early pasture, affording grazing ahead of native grass or rye. He harvests the crop also for the seed.

In the face of a raging blizzard very many citizens braved it all and many more would have liked to attend the memorial for Pvt. W. J. Biglin, Jr., at St. Patrick's church on Monday morning, when Monsignor McNamara, the parish pastor, celebrated high mass. Pvt. Biglin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin of this city, was killed in action in Germany more than a year ago.

Harry J. Shelton Sr., president of the Gruendler Crusher & Pulverizer company of St. Louis, spent the week in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin, parents of his son's wife, Mrs. Harry J. Shelton, Jr., also a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin. They departed Thursday for their homes in St. Louis. Mr. Shelton's company makes equipment for such jobs of construction work as the Burma road and the Alaska highway.

There was a general response from the community to a hastily arranged memorial service at the public school auditorium last Saturday, held as a tribute to the citizens to the memory of Mr. Roosevelt, the sixth of American presidents to die in office. It is on such occasions that partisan politics is or should be forgotten and the memory of the fallen leader cherished as president of the whole nation. Judge Harrington made the principal address and a number of the clergy of the community graciously gave of their time to contribute to the occasion when a nation was in mourning.

The promulgators of the federal corn loan program have it doped out. They suggest that corn growers put the surplus crop in hock with Uncle Sam and take his bonds in the seventh year loan. It don't spell much for Holt county one way or another. If all got the corn in this county they could find use for there would be no surplus here. Maybe the fly in the ointment down in the "corn country" is dry housing in which to store it. Take a trip down that way and you will see piles of golden ears out in the open. An emptying of the sky in rain and snow like dropped on us Sunday and Monday is good for the ground, but not for the piles of corn exposed to the elements.

## Sgt. Simmons 18 Yrs. in Army

First Sgt. Phil Simmons of the U. S. Army who is spending his furlough with his wife in Lincoln, came up last Thursday night for a few days visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Robert Coak and with his many old-time friends in his old home town. Sgt. Simmons left O'Neill eighteen years ago and shortly thereafter he enlisted in the U. S. Army and has made soldiering his lifetime work. He evidently has made good as he holds the highest non-commissioned office in the army. He was in the Pacific theater of action for about three years, going there from the Hawaiian Islands where he was when the war broke out. He participated in several of the engagements with Jap troops and emerged from the conflicts without a scratch. He has many medals and ribbons which any man would be proud to wear. He will return to duty the forepart of May, returning to the Hawaiian Islands.

## Algebra to the Rescue

Fresh from the culture of the class room the beardless youth came with spade in hand to bring to naught the work of nature's mighty elements. There it lay a white mocking mass to obstruct traffic on a busy thoroughfare. Cars rolled into it and puffed and groaned and wheezed to get out. He cut loose with the shovel; the shavings of snow flew for a minute in the wind when he leaned on the handle, an heritage from the PWA. Moving to the opposite side of the street the process was repeated. Then a passerby caught him perched on a limb of a tree. "What are you doing up there?" "Oh, I was trying my algebra on the problem of moving this snow." All of which is certified to by Pat McManus.

## Next-of-Kin of War Prisoners

Thirty-five relatives of Holt county prisoners of war and boys missing in action attended the next of kin meeting in O'Neill on Wednesday.

Lt. Madeline M. Allan, army nurse recently returned from 30 months in Santa Tomas prison camp told of life in the camp and answered numerous questions concerning her experiences.

Miss Gernes, Red Cross field representative, then took up the questions on the German prison camps and advised the next of kin to keep writing letters to the boys.

The boys whose relatives attended the meeting are:

- Pvt. Bernard Bannister
- Sgt. Richard Ballwitz
- S/Sgt. Lloyd G. Brady
- S/Sgt. Paul Brau
- 2nd Lt. Donald W. Dunhove
- S/Sgt. Wm. D. Fink
- S/Sgt. Avery E. Gaddie
- Stanley J. Lambert
- Sgt. Vernon E. Lane
- S/Sgt. L. R. Mossman
- 1st Lt. Stephen W. Price
- S/Sgt. Richard J. Shearer
- Pfc. Dale E. Stauffer
- Cpl. Ralph J. Young

Camp Fanin, Texas: Pvt. George O. Cole, whose home address is Emmet, Nebr., has been made an Acting Squad Leader at the Infantry Replacement Training Center here.

A member of Company A, 54th Battalion, 11th Training Regiment, Private Cole's leadership ability won quick recognition in his basis training cycle and he now leads the twelve men in his squad during field maneuvers.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole of Emmet.

Dr. R. F. Magirl and Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan came up from Jackson to attend the mass celebrated Monday morning for Pfc. W. J. Biglin, Jr.

## BRIEFLY STATED

James Golden is out from Omaha while he awaits call for induction into the U. S. navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter and Clyde Streeter visited at the home of their mother in Brunswick Sunday.

Wm. Beha and wife are visiting home folks here, Billy being on leave out of New York from duties in the merchant marine.

George Tracey was fined a dollar and cost of \$3.10 in county court on conviction of driving the highways without a driver's license.

Miss McCullough of the county superintendent's office was in Lincoln and Omaha for a few days concerning educational matters. She returned Tuesday.

Melvin Haynes from down Page way, in town Thursday making a few purchases, leaves Sunday for Washington, D. C., where he will enter government work.

The O'Neil Womens' Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Hugh Ray on Friday, April 27. Mesdames Scott and Anderson will lead an interesting program.

At fifteen points in Holt county on Friday, the 20th, the eighth graders in the schools will be given their spring examination for advancement or exclusion to high school.

Chas. Shannon of Winner, S. D., tarried in town overnight Friday on his way to Hastings to join the working force at the great navy setup being developed at that south Nebraska point.

The largest real estate mortgages involving Holt county land the past few weeks were two such for \$8,000 each. Many releases have been effected. The largest for \$4,000. The largest transfer of property was for \$14,000.

Nebraska is to have an open season for deer hunting, Holt county with a sizeable bunch of white tails not being in the hunting zone. Most of the deer in this county roam the hills, grass valleys and timbered sections in Swan and Josie precincts.

Mrs. Dennis Murphy with her friend, Mrs. Stone, made The Frontier a visit Tuesday. Mrs. Murphy recently received a letter from her son, Pvt. Daniel E. Murphy of Company B, 93rd battalion, I.R.T.C., at Camp Maxey, Tex. He has no complaint about army life, but wants the news from home.

Bernard Rohde T-5 Avn. Engineers, returning from thirty-four months overseas in the Pacific Theatre of Operations will arrive on or about April 13, at Fort Leavenworth prior to reaching his home at O'Neill, where he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rohde, north of the Eagle.

S. Sgt. Merrill C. Hicks, who has been eleven months overseas, is returning from Italy and is expected to arrive at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, about April 12, on his way to his home in this city, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hicks. Sgt. Hicks is a member of the 15th Air Force a ball turret gunner on a B-17. He has completed thirty-five combat missions and has put in 239 hours of operational combat flying. (Since the foregoing was put into type Sgt. Hicks has arrived in the city.)

## Achievement Day

The Annual Womens' Project Club Achievement Day will be held on Tuesday, April 24, at O'Neill in the High School auditorium. The program will start at 2 p. m., and the public is cordially invited to attend. There will be a fine program, and many interesting exhibits on foods, labor savers, sewing and Christmas ideas. Following the program a tea will be served.

This is the climax to the year's Project Work and members and

## Niobrara District Church Group

The Niobrara Presbytery was held in the city, the opening session starting at 2 p. m. on Tuesday and the final session closing at 4 p. m. on Wednesday. All churches in the Niobrara district were represented by clergy and lay members, seventy in all.

One of the outstanding features was at the Tuesday evening dinner hour in the basement of the Presbyterian church, all sessions being held in the church, when Mrs. Lampe of the Korean mission gave a talk in which she told in some detail of the work of the mission through the years of its history. In the evening Maj. Henry S. Thompson, army chaplain at present on duty at the Fitzsimmons government hospital at Denver, held the attention of an audience which filled the church auditorium as he told of his work as a chaplain, one of a

total of 12,000 ministering to the soldiers and sailors.

Maj. Thompson said that the U. S. military establishment has had chaplains for 170 years, adding to that branch from time to time and is calling for 800 additions to the service. Maj. Thompson expressed the view that war in Europe will continue another year.

The address was garnished with simple and touching stories of personal experiences that go deep into the souls of men and bring them face to face with the fundamental fact of life--the end of the trail.

The Presbytery meets again in September, the church at Carroll in Madison county being the next meeting place.

The success of the gathering in O'Neill to a great extent was due to the planning and work of Rev. Mr. Scott and his congregation.

friends from all over the county will be there. Miss Dello Lewis, District Home Economics Agent, will be in charge of the leadership recognition and installation of new members in an impressive candlelight service. Mrs. G. H. Grimes of Chambers who is County Chairman, will be in charge of the afternoon program. The program is made up entirely of local talent. All persons interested in extension work are invited as guests.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Ethel A. Stuart et al to Kathryn and J. E. Van Cleave, lots 5, 6 and 7, block 11, Hallock's second add. Stuart, \$3,000.

Oscar A. Hammerberg and wife to Russell L. Rossman, part of SW 1/4 SW 1/4, 28-30-14, \$2,750.

William W. Griffin, referee, to H. L. Bennett, E 1/4 34, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, NE 1/4 35, SE 1/4 27-30-11, \$8,700.

Catherine Gunn et al to Andrew Wettlaufer NW 1/4 6-30-11, NE 1/4 1-30-12, \$8,761.30.

Andrew Wettlaufer and wife to Aaron Boshart, NW 1/4, 6-30-11, \$782.08.

Commercial Mutual Surety Co. to Herman Leo and Elsa Marie Dimmitt, NW 1/4 19-29-9, \$3,600.

Otto E. Clevisch and wife to William A. and Bernadine N. Strong, lot 2 and w 1/2 lot 6, block A Millard's add., O'Neill, \$1,900.

Ralph E. Fitzsimons, Ex., to Ethel M. Fitzsimons, SE 1/4, N 1/2 23, S 1/4, S 1/4 24-31-10 and land in Thayer county, \$11,300.25.

C. W. Marquardt et al to J. L. Pruden, part of SW 1/4, SW 1/4 4-26-9, \$360.

Edith E. McClenahan et al to Joyce V. Harkins, N 1/2 18-26-12, \$12,300.

Federal Land Bank to Albert W. Stevens NE 1/4 8-31-12, \$1,000.

A. B. Hubbard, sheriff deeds to Holt county, lots in O'Neill, \$48.33; lot in Atkinson, \$48.58; nondescript 31 and 32 in NW 1/4 NW 1/4 29-29-11, \$147.29.

Frank Nelson to A. L. Borg, SW 1/4, 2-31-11, \$5,000.

Peter F. Morgan and wife to Carl and Alice Sewson, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 part N 1/4 SE 1/4 all of SW 1/4 south of public road, all in sec. 25-29-12, \$12,000.

Aloysius O. Uerdinger and wife to Clara Francis Pettijohn, lot 11, block 2, Western Town Lot Co., first add. Stuart, \$1,500.

A. B. Hubbard, sheriff deed, to Louis W. Reimer, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 32-28-9, \$137.58.

C. M. Stevens and wife to Longeen D. Mudloff and wife, NE 1/4 1-28-10, \$2,600.

Fred F. Beckwith to Rex and Minnie Beckwith, SW 1/4 7-29-12, \$3,000.

W. J. Hammond and wife to Harry E. and Clara M. Ressel, S 1/2 17, N 1/2 29-27-12, \$4,500.

Louise A. Mittendorf to Walter A. or Alda A. Thurt, lots 1, 2, and 3, block 11, Hallock's 2nd add, Stuart, \$250.

Peter C. Tushla and wife to Lillian Purnell, part of SE 1/4, SW 1/4, 29-30-14, \$2,800.

Merle A. Richards and wife to Ida Alfs, part of NW 1/4, SW 1/4, 29-30-14, \$3,000.

J. J. Berigan and wife to Sam and Mollie Rinke, NW 1/4 18-25-10, \$1,600.

A. B. Hubbard, sheriff's deed, to Robert H. Johnson, E 1/2, NW 1/4, E 1/2 lot 3, lot 4, Sec. 6-32-11, \$600.

## Lions Club Has Plans

The O'Neill Lions Club plans to continue with the improvement of the City Park this year in cooperation with the City Council. One feature of the improvement plans this year is a flower growing contest. The Lions Club is offering a prize to any local organization or club for growing the best bed of flowers in the Park. Any organization interested in entering the contest should contact President Darlin Lockman, Secretary Don Crosier or A. E. Bowen, chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee.

The details and amount of prize offered will be developed and announced later.

The Lions Club wishes to point out that this is a city park and is for the citizens of O'Neill and community. The Lions Club is interested in improving the Park and making it beautiful for the benefit and enjoyment of everyone.

The Lions Club is cooperating with the Churches and other organizations in the clothing drive. Clothes can be taken to the churches where they are sorted by the ladies, or deposited in one of the receptacles located throughout town.

The city has found a way to block the jaywalkers--when it snows. Just move the snow to the center in an unsurmountable wall, open at the crossings, and you have them.

The story came from across the Pacific. A bomber crashed and a member of the crew was hopelessly trapped in the flaming wreckage. After a number of futile attempts to rescue, an officer among the horrified spectators, unable to stand the victim's screams any longer, stepped up and ended the doomed man's life painlessly with his service 45. The officer was later exonerated at a military trial.

## WILD AND WOOLY 4-H CLUB

Our club met at the Simpson home April 15th.

The meeting was called to order by vice president Louis Pierson. All members were present except three.

Demonstrations were brought up and discussed. Each member has pledged to carry a small garden project.

At our next meeting Louis Pierson and Dale Closson will discuss the prevention and control of Pink eye.

Our leader, Estelle Thomas, will also give a demonstration on making a rope halter.

After the meeting a nice lunch was served by Mrs. Simpson. Our visitors were Miss Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marsh.

Our next meeting will be held at Louis Pierson's, May 13, 1945, at 2:30 P. M.

Don Simpson, News Reporter

Dr. Fisher, Dentist. 43-1f

## SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders

An office man shoveling snow from his walk is a good example of awkward inefficiency.

Pension for teachers is supposed to do great things in Nebraska. I wonder if it is not unfair to the teachers of the state to assume they are in the profession for a pension.

Over twenty thousand dollars has been paid by Nebraska firms the past three months as "back pay" for overtime to workers. All this back pay Nebraska clothworkers got was backache from overtime work.

Some zealous gent furnishes me with a little yellow covered affair setting forth his strange mixture of truth and error, pagan philosophy and divine revelation. But the great body of spiritual leaders continue to "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints."

A misguided gent down in Buffalo county speaking: "We're the majority here, and if we want these Japs out, isn't that the way it should be? Isn't that democracy? Don't it work that way?" Not hardly, brother. Republican form of government, miscalled democracy, carries neither the right nor intent for majorities to kick the daylight out of minorities. If it did the substantial republican majority in Holt county might ask all the New Dealers to move out.

This is what the senate war investigating committee out on a scouting tour for a peek at the manpower problems were told at Detroit: "The manpower problem exists principally because the desire of a majority of workers to do more work and get this war over with is being thwarted by an unrestrained militant minority group of workers, stewards and union representatives. This militant minority is continuing its efforts to usurp the functions, authority and responsibility of management. This effort is being aided by policies and actions of some government agencies and officials."

Nine below the freezing point; a chill morning for bare legs thrust into rubber boots. The sun rose in celestial splendor, moved with silent majesty across the blue of heaven, flooded the frozen earth in warmth and light, sucked from its bosom the treasures in snow and ice to trickle over the land as living waters. Grass and grain, tree and budding rose, earth and void air may drink to the full. "While the earth remaineth seed time and harvest, cold and heat and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease."