

A Ride Into the South Ranch Lands

Thirty-five pleasant miles of green meadows, pasture lands, fertile farms and waving plumes on lordly cottonwoods lie between O'Neill and Dr. A. L. Carter's south country ranch. Accompanying the Doctor to the ranch Tuesday evening brought us in sight of the looming sandhills of Garfield county not far to the south. Everything is robed in spring green. Pond holes here and there afford the wild duck's brood a place to swim. The good old town of Chambers was alive with community activity as we passed through on the way out, but as we returned all had subsided and the town had closed for another day. It was not their night out. The doctor went to the ranch with sacks of brome grass seed and has directed his tenant to put a 30-acre tract on the ranch to this grass, which is becoming quite popular. While he and his tenant, Mr. Smith, looked over things and talked business I was entertained by two interesting little girls, who showed me the

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

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Come on, you little brown rascals, what's the use?

With sizeable numbers being notified that they are drawing their last pay check, are the "good old days" on the way back?

Looking that good right arm over that had cast the stone that knocked out the boastful giant, David said he was "fearfully and wonderfully made." He had not seen a 1945 lady's hat.

A 30 per cent reduction in a single item of the national budget by the house of representatives indicates a substantial curtailment of the great spending spree of the New Dealers.

Commenting on the newspaper slogan, "All the News Fit to Print," a Kansas compatriot says he has discovered that a lot of people are more interested in the news that is not fit to print.

Jack Frost came along Monday night and with dainty fingers powdered the land. A feeble effort had been made during the day to shake snow flakes from an overcast sky that had dripped rain on the thirsty ground the previous night. A 40-mile ride through mud and water gave evidence that the ground was well soaked.

A lonely old man making his painful way along with the aid of a cane, no one having either time or disposition to stop for a word of greeting, a word of cheer—that is when age is a tragedy. Perhaps it is the old man's fault that he has come up to venerable years unloved, avoided and takes his lonely way down an alley to avoid the crowds he feels are against him. Maybe a fleeting ray of sunshine through a hand clasp and a word would brighten the way before life's final tragedy removes him from the sight of men.

As I may wander back to the life of a lone wolf on the prairie I would like to extend congratulations to Prof. George over that fine group of young people of the O'Neill community he has taught to blow the horns and beat the drums. Youth will be occupied, if not at worthwhile things, things that develop stable character and worthy ambitions, then the ways that lead to rowdiness and aimless living become fixed habits. "Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast" has become a classic and it works at both ends of the horn. The community should also be gratified at calling so fine a group of young people as are in the O'Neill bands their very own.

baby calves, the chickens and even the hiding place of a skunk. The ranch of 1300 acres lies in a rich territory where broad-backed beehives are produced. Starting back, the doctor pulled into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burge, a few miles south of Amelia. They have acquired ownership of a very fine ranch that shows evidence of thrift and industry. Mr. Burge is a nephew of Ed Burge of O'Neill. The next stop was at the charming country home of Mr. and Mrs. Gleed six miles west of Chambers, where we highjacked them out of some spring fries, which Dr. and Mrs. Carter desired as a special treat for their daughter, Mrs. Joe Smith, of Chicago, whom they expect to arrive late this week. While Mrs. Gleed and the doctor robbed the hen roost I was entertained by a charming little Miss of 5, who told me of her sisters, her kittens and her daddy, he was then doing the evening milking. And the next stop was back in the old town about time to "hit the hay."

Russia demonstrated that Joe Stalin is no piker when handing out "refreshments." A ship docked at the S. F. mole and unloaded a cargo of caviar and vodka for the delegates from the nations. They are having their spirits if not the spiritual.

The clear note of a bird in a high treop, the muffled call of the wild rooster as he struts before his harem, the pink glow diffusing soft light, the fresh vigor of awakened life, the sparkle of dew on grass blade and foliage, the freshness, the inspiration, the invitation—it is morning on the prairie land. The hush, the lights showing at a far off neighbor's dwelling, the long lines of trees in dark outline, the silent stars aglow in the measureless expanse above, the calm, the rest, the dark blanket enfolding all, heaven beckoning to lift the vision to the celestial glories—it is night on the prairie land. And what has gone between, toil and pain, sunshine and laughter, heartaches and happiness, kindness and cruelty, courtesy and rudeness, expressions of gratitude and cold indifference, blessing and cursing. Another stretch in the bauble of life's fitful dream.

Mrs. Eugene Owen recently won her literary spurs when she was handed a check by Dr. Tarr of the department of letters and English at Union College at Lincoln for winning first place in the Pen League contest for original stories. Mrs. Owen is the wife of the junior Mr. Owen of the Shady Lane ranch, an 1800-acre tract in sight of the troubled waters of the Niobrara, the rugged buttes of Boyd county, in that mystic region of tragedy and romance of far northern Holt county. The Pen League has reared its literary fountain at Washington, D. C., but the stream of sparkling story that won this year's college prize flowed from the fresh springs of prairie land. The theme of Mrs. Owen's is "A Prairie Mother." That Mother is real, yet a symbol. The sick, the helpless, the needy in a large community—large in miles to travel—have known her gracious ministrations. Through winter cold or summer heat, drifting snow and blinding storm she has gone on missions of mercy, at early dawn, blazing noon or gloom of midnight. That is the story of "A Prairie Mother"—a Holt county mother who for more than a quarter of a century has been a ministering angel to families far and near. Slight of stature, clear eyes looking out from under a shock of gray glory that crowns her head, a heart of gold and capable hands. Mrs. Owen has drawn the picture of a Holt county mother whose modesty and simple sincerity shrinks from allowing her name published.

BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Dee Jardee visited friends in Stuart Sunday.

The Frank Clements family visited the capitol city last week.

James Walling was over from Sioux City Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Bonnie Reimers spent Sunday at Chambers visiting friends.

Herb Russ spent the week-end in Lincoln visiting his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Semlack, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Switzer spent Mothers' Day with Mr. Switzer's mother at Clearwater.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dailey arrived here Sunday, May 6, from Portland, Oregon, and will again make O'Neill their home.

Jimmie Moore returned Monday from Grand Island, where he had spent several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rickly returned last Thursday from Omaha, where they had spent several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Noble, Myra and Bonnie Noble and Miss Elayne Morlon spent Friday evening in Columbus.

Miss Rose Marie Biglin, of Omaha, spent the week-end here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin.

William Froelich arrived Friday from Chicago to spend the week-end here with his family. He returned to Chicago Monday.

Mr. Frank Gallagher and son, Jimmie, arrived last Sunday from La Crosse, Wis., to visit at the home of Mrs. J. P. Gallagher and family.

Ralph Porter, accompanied by his wife and daughter, is enjoying a short furlough with home folks in O'Neill, coming up from a southern gulf port.

Mrs. Ray Noble received word that her brother, Winfield Sprague was killed in action while fighting on Luzon on April 20th. Otto Sprague was wounded.

After several days of bad weather spring again comes to O'Neill and with it on week days you can see and hear the fine O'Neill band practicing on the streets.

Pharmacist Mate 1-c Bill and Mrs. Ryan and son come Sunday to spend several days here visiting relatives and friends. Bill just recently returned from overseas.

Mrs. John Protivinsky left Tuesday for Sioux Falls, S. D., to spend several weeks visiting at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson and family.

Sgt. Donald Martin left Tuesday morning for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, after spending a sixty day leave here visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin. Sgt. Martin returned to the United States early in March, after spending almost three years in Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fink of Fremont and Russel Fink of Fremont were in the city Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Fink are among those who have reason for rejoicing over the silencing of guns in Germany, where their son was a war prisoner after first being reported among the killed in action.

On Memorial Day the flag is displayed at half mast from sunrise until noon in honor of the dead; from noon until sunset at full mast, the emblem of a living nation—a nation of patriots who not only honor the memory of their dead but press forward mindful of the obligations of the living.

Page Boy Goes Up in Service

Gordon Wayne Harris, 26, of Page, Nebr., has been promoted to Seaman first class in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He is serving with the Naval Air Transport Squadron Five, where he is on duty in the Transportation Department.

Harris is the son of Mrs. Verna Harris of Page. He has been in the Navy 14 months. Before joining he was a mechanic employed by Boeing Aircraft, Seattle, Wash. He is a graduate of the Page High school.

Naval Air Transport Squadron Five, designated as VR-5, is part of the Navy's far-flung "nots" airline which now girdles the globe to furnish the fleet and shore establishments with air transportation service. From Seattle VR-5's multi-engine planes fly day and night between San Diego, Cal., in the south, Attu Island in the west, and Point Barrow, Alaska, on the tip of the North American continent. Connections are made in California with transcontinental and trans-Pacific flights. The squadron flies everything from airplane engines and caterpillars to pencil and, and often operate in temperatures as low as 50 degrees below zero. VR-5 has pioneered instrument flying in Alaska and helped to link the Aleutian Islands with the continent. Naval Air Station, Seattle, where VR-5 has its headquarters, is located on the shore of Lake Washington, ten miles from the heart of the Seattle business district.

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Butler Asking Compensation

A compensation case was taken up Wednesday at the court house involving claims for injuries Mervin Butler claims to have sustained while in the employ of the Omaha Cold Storage at their Ewing branch. Charles Jackman, of Lincoln, one of the compensation court judges, presided at the hearing. Butler's claim rests upon injuries sustained when a floor board gave way at the company's plant when he was at work in the line of duty and crippled him in one ankle. It will probably be thirty days before the court arrives at its finding.

Victory Club

The Working for Victory Club met at the Inman schoolhouse May 29, 1945. The meeting was called to order by the president. All members present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. We had our program and sang 4-H songs.

Our next meeting will be held at the school house May 16, 1945. Joan Coventry, Reporter.

Marriage Licenses

Joseph H. Beelert, 22, and Mary Ann Ruby, 20, both of Ewing, Dean Norman Goranson, 23, Fleet P. O., San Francisco, and Betty Patricia Lambert, 21, Martha postoffice, Holt county.

BRIEFLY STATED

Dale French spent Sunday in Sioux City.

Mrs. Bennett Gillespie was a Norfolk visitor Tuesday.

Tom DeBacker made a business trip to Grand Island Sunday.

County Clerk Fred Zing was in Omaha a few days the past week.

Read your OPA directions—and be careful you don't pull the trigger.

Richard Cronin arrived home last Saturday evening from Lincoln, where he had been working for the past four months.

The lumber situation apparently is improving. From the northwest lumber camps two cars of good quality lumber have been received at local yards.

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James Dailey, who had joined the Holt county contingent on the trek for the ship yards at Portland, Oregon, is among the first to arrive on the return home. The cream is getting pretty well skimmed along the coast industries.

The Misses Iona and Alma Bacon and Alice Keckhofer spent Sunday in Plainview, visiting at the home of Miss Kieckhofer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kieckhofer. Miss Lois Kieckhofer accompanied them home and will spend the week here visiting.

The hotel on lower Fourth street, originally known as the Commercial and one of the oldest buildings in the city, is being revamped under the directions of the new owner, Col. James Moore. The work of hiding the outer surface beneath armorplate in the form of brickroll was resumed Monday.

Sheriff Hubbard took Eddie Gesirich, of Stuart, to the reformatory for men at Lincoln Wednesday. He was sentenced in district court to serve three years in the reformatory after pleading guilty to forging a check for \$85, using the name of Emery Mathers. Complaint was made by Edw. Reis, date of the criminal act given as May 11, 1945.

Graduates From the O'Neill Schools

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
Exercises closing the elementary school take place on Tuesday evening May 22, at 7:30, completing the elementary course. There are twenty-one eighth grade graduates. Donna Rae Bauman leads the class scholastically. Margaret Fritton is a close second.

Senior Class night will be held in the Academy Auditorium on Wednesday, May 23, at 8:00 p. m. George Janousek has won first place honors; Edward Campbell and Thomas DeBacker rate next in order.

The graduation exercises take place at 10:00 on Thursday morning, May 24, in St. Patrick's Church, Reverend Father Condon from Spencer is the speaker of the occasion. The following are the graduates:

- Lou Birmingham, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Theresa Bordeaux, Rose Bud, S. D.
- George Bosn, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Edward Campbell, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Phyllis Chapman, Fairmont, Minn.
- Dick Clark, Emmet, Nebr.
- Darla Davis, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Thomas DeBacker, O'Neill, Nebr.
- May Rita Determan, Dallas, S. D.
- Bernadette Donlin, Bristow, Nebr.
- Twila Lou Fox, Mission, S. D.
- Francis Frost, Burwell, Nebr.
- James Golden, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Joe Hansen, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Dolores Higgins, Brooksburg, Neb.
- Lead Iler, O'Neill, Nebr.
- George Janousek, O'Neill, Nebr.
- May Alice Judge, O'Neill, Nebr.
- William Kelly, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Hazel Koberg, Mariaville, Nebr.
- Betty Langan, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Bernadine Langan, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Edward Martin, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Mary Menish, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Agnes Mayer, Dallas, S. D.
- June Reagle, Winner, S. D.
- Thelma Reefer, Royal, Nebr.
- Merrill Richstatter, Osmond, Nebraska.
- Patricia Scott, Atkinson, Nebr.
- Eugene Streeter, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Raymond Sullivan, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Maritia Vander Heiden, Oregon City, Oregon.
- Patricia O'Donnell, O'Neill, Nebr.
- Mary Ellen Gran, Marycrest, Denver, Colorado.
- Helen Zakrzewski, Marycrest, Denver, Colorado.

Pat O'Connor arrived home Tuesday from Lynch, where he has been in the hospital for the past two months. Pat was in poor condition when taken there but he looks fine now, the rest having been beneficial to him, a fact that will be pleasing news to his many Holt county friends.

BRIEFLY STATED

John Carstead, of Valentine, was an O'Neill visitor Monday.

Miss Margaret Engler, of Stuart spent Tuesday in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. F. O. Hammerburg, of Atkinson, spent Wednesday here on business.

Mrs. Willard Tompson left Wednesday morning for Louisiana, where she will join her husband, who is stationed there.

Seaman 2-c Donald Hynes returned to Great Lakes, Illinois, last Thursday, after spending his leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hynes.

Miss Marjorie Cronin left Tuesday morning for Lincoln, after spending several days here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Cronin.

Mrs. William Carson and daughter, Evelyn, left Saturday for their home in Lincoln, after spending a week here and at Dorsey visiting relatives and friends.

Misses Phyllis Chapman, Margaret Hickey and Quintin Cavanaugh, of O'Neill, and Miss Penny Little, of Omaha, spent last Fri-

O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL
Class night, baccalaureate and graduation, are three very important occasions in the lives of all seniors.

Members of the class of 1945 of O'Neill High School will celebrate class night in the High School Auditorium on May 18, at 8 p. m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun.

Rev. Kenneth Scott will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 20. This event will also take place in the auditorium.

Dr. Allen Burkhardt, superintendent of Schools of Norfolk, will be the speaker for the graduation exercises, which will be held on Tuesday, May 22. Dr. H. L. Bennet will present the diplomas to the seniors.

CLASS ROLL

Commercial Course
Mildred I. Miller, Star.
Eleanor Louise Bazelman, O'Neill.
Leona Marie Hamilton, O'Neill.
Glee Arlene McKim, O'Neill.
Mildred I. Miller, Star.
Verna Jeanne Miller, Star.
Thelma Darlene Morgan, O'Neill.
Lavonne Larae Riley, O'Neill.
Blanche Marie Worth, O'Neill.

College Preparatory Course
Kenneth A. Boche, O'Neill.
Bette Ruth Cambre, O'Neill.
Mary Louise Gilday, O'Neill.
James W. Hungerford, O'Neill.
Beverly Jean Matthews, O'Neill.
Lois Let Olson, O'Neill.
Betty M. Ressel, Chambers.
Larry D. Schaffer, O'Neill.
Richard C. Selah, O'Neill.
Lester Strong, O'Neill.

Vocational Agriculture Course
Donald Joseph Bural, O'Neill.
Dean LeRoy DeLong, O'Neill.
Richard W. Fox, O'Neill.
Charles R. Johnson, O'Neill.
Leo Francis Matthews, O'Neill.
Lorraine V. Johnson, O'Neill.
Norman Rae Oberle, Dorsey.
Ralph G. Rector, O'Neill.
Raymond R. Revell, Star.

Normal Training Course
Myrlen Audrey Beckwith, O'Neill.
Arlene D. Boelter, Page.
Gladys M. Ernst, O'Neill.
Lorraine Gail Ernst, O'Neill.
Mary Charity Hicks, O'Neill.
Lorraine V. Johnson, O'Neill.
LuEtta Johnson, O'Neill.
Lovina Mae Kloppenborg, Emmet.
Elayne Maxine Morlan, O'Neill.
Lois Jean Pettijohn, O'Neill.
Marjorie Carol Pfeil, O'Neill.
Elzene Mae Thomas, O'Neill.
Twila Mae Whaley, O'Neill.
Mary L. Young, O'Neill.

Class Motto: "Be A Lifter Not A Leaner."
Class Flower: White Rose.
Class Colors: Blue and White.

day at Amelia, visiting at the home of Miss Chapman's grandmother, Mrs. George Withers.
Mrs. Bill Tomlinson left Tuesday for Klamath Falls, Oregon, to visit her husband, Pfc. Bill Tomlinson of the United States Marine Corps who is in the hospital there.

Lt. Frank Clark and his mother, Mrs. Frank Clark, of Buffalo, S. D., arrived here Monday to spend several days here visiting relatives and old friends. Lt. Clark recently returned from Germany, where he was held as a German prisoner for four months.

Corporal Pete Donohoe arrived home last Sunday morning from Denver, Col., after spending almost two months in the hospital there. He has received his honorable discharge from the army, after being in almost three years, fourteen months of that time being spent overseas.

The Catholic Daughters of America held their last social meeting of the season Tuesday evening. Lunch was served in the blue room of the M and M while cards were played at the Golden Hotel. Co-hostesses were Mrs. James Corkle, Mrs. W. J. McDonough, Mrs. Irene Martin, Mrs. Mary Stanton and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker. Mrs. Lottie won high, Mrs. Nora Mullen low, and Mrs. Mamie Melvin all cut.