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Tribute To City's Founder

In a copy of the San Diego, Cal., Evening Tribune, of Feb. 16, 1936, appears a picture of General John O'Neill, founder of this city. He was a handsome young man with the long chin whiskers and large mustache that we usually associate with Buffalo Bill. Under the picture the following paragraph tells some of his history:

"A figure of romance and adventure whose influence was felt on two continents in the last century, this Irish patriot and American general is also identified with San Diego. He is the late Gen. John O'Neill, and the picture was contributed by his son, J. H. O'Neill, 3501 El Cajon ave., resident of San Diego for many years. The general came to America as a youth, joined the U. S. cavalry and fought in the Indian wars and in the Union army during the Civil war, rising to the rank of general. In post war days he made two fortunes in business, spending them both in behalf of the Irish. Joining the Fenian movement, he led two attempted military invasions of Canada. Later he sponsored movements to take the Irish from overcrowded urban areas to colonies at O'Connor, Emmett, O'Neill and Atkinson, Nebr. He visited San Diego in 1861 and made it the subject of a description in one of his books. A street here is named for him. Mrs. Margaret O'Neill, 2334 F. st., and Mrs. Nicholas Martin, 2467 E. st., are both granddaughters of the general. Another granddaughter, Mrs. Hans Nansen, whose husband is a nephew of the explorer, Fridtjof Nansen, and Mrs. A. D. Spreckles, lives in Oslo, Norway."

CORONADO RADIOS!

Really, John, the most beautiful radio cabinets I've seen this year are Coronados and by actual comparison, side by side, I've yet to see a set that beats them in tone or features—And they're still on sale at Gamble's Winter Mark-Down Sale. 7-tube A. C., cut to \$34.95—5-tube, \$16.95. Farm Sets, low as \$19.45 complete.—Adv.

Walks To Town For Mail

John J. Schmoor was in Wednesday from his farm home three miles west of the city. John walked in as he said it would take him about a day shoveling snow so that he could get his team out of his yard and the chances were that it would be drifted full by the time he got thru shoveling, so he decided to walk. He started for home about 3 o'clock with a sack full of mail for himself and neighbors, as it is the unwritten law now that if a neighbor manages to get to town that he will bring out the mail for all his immediate neighbors. This savors a little of the olden days, when it was the regular practice, as people couldn't get to town in the winter months.

Holt County School Notes

By Clarence J. McClurg
The date of the Eighth grade graduation exercises will probably be Tuesday, May 26. The exercises will be held in the morning this year, since we are planning upon making it an all day festivity. In addition to the customary exercises, I will sponsor a rural school track meet in the afternoon. This will take the place of the County Spelling contest. It will be a new event, as far as Holt county schools are concerned, and I believe it will meet with favor among our school patrons of the county. Competition will be divided into junior and senior groups. The junior group will be comprised of

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grades one to four, while the senior group will be made up of grades five to eight, however, they will compete in different events.

A district meet will be held about the first of May, and first and second place winners will be permitted to compete in the county track meet. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded to the school scoring the largest number of points. First and second place individual honor medals will be given to the individuals scoring the largest number of points.

I am sponsoring this event, because the rural schools do not have a chance to take part in many school activities. This is a rural school event, and only pupils below the Ninth grade will be permitted to compete. Small village schools such as Emmet and Amelia will be permitted to take part, since their enrollment is about the same as our larger rural schools.

Seed Corn Testing

Due to the irregularity in germination of seed corn for 1936 planting, Ag. Agent, F. M. Reece has been given NYA assistance to test corn. The service is free of charge to everyone. Anyone having a sample of corn they wish to have tested should send or bring it to the office in O'Neill as soon as possible. Five days are required for the test. Sufficient equipment is available to take care of nearly all anyone would want tested. Testing is the only sure way of knowing the germination of any seed.

Thomas Whelan Married At Las Vegas, Nevada

District Attorney Thomas Whelan and Mrs. Jessica Wright, of Beverly Hills, were married Jan. 2 in Las Vegas, Nev., it was learned today. Mrs. Wright is employed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as guardian for Jean Parker, the screen actress. The couple succeeded in keeping their marriage secret until today. "I didn't think it was a matter in which the public would be interested," Whelan told reporters at the courthouse. Whelan revealed that he had met Mrs. Wright at the Press club pre-Exposition ball at Hotel del Coronado in March, 1935. She is described as slender, with red hair and blue eyes. Mrs. Wright is well known in the

movie colony and in Los Angeles. She is a good friend of Mrs. Burton Fitts, wife of the Los Angeles district attorney. Her former husband, who was manager of Grauman's Chinese theater in Hollywood, died in 1932. She has two children, Thomas and James Wright.

Whelan revealed that Eugene Pallette, the screen actor, and his wife drove Mrs. Wright and himself to Las Vegas Jan. 2 for the wedding.

The couple will make their home in Mission Hills, Whelan said.—San Diego (Cal.), Evening Tribune of Monday, Feb. 10.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00—Mr. C. E. Yantzi, superintendent.
Morning Worship 11:00—"The Inexhaustible Comparative."
Evening Service 7:30—"Forgiveness of Sin."
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METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning Worship at 11 a. m.—Anthem by the choir. Sermon subject, "Washington and Our Country."
There will be an evening service this coming Sunday and our newly appointed District Superintendent, Rev. W. A. Albright, will be with us for the service, to be held at 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. We will have our postponed old fashioned box supper on next Monday evening with a short program and Rev. Albright will be with us. This is for everybody. Ladies bring box with supper for a gentleman friend and yourself and lets all have a good time. The proceeds will go for coal. The boxes will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

BRIEFLY STATED

When a nation embarks on uncontrolled inflation it is like taking a balloon ride without a parachute. There are too many pacifists who are in favor of abolishing national defense everywhere except in Russia. Mrs. P. B. Harty entertained the Martez Club at her home Wednesday evening. Mrs. W. J. Froelich and Mrs. Edward Gallagher were the prize winners.

James Tuor left this morning for Minneapolis, Minn., where he expects to spend a week visiting his sister.

Remember the good old days before 1914 when European problems seemed to be at least 3,000 miles away?

Larry Snell left Thursday morning for Lincoln where he will enter the Veterans hospital for medical treatment.

Walter Brown, of Chambers, and Miss Freda Sengelman, of O'Neill, were granted a marriage license in county court last Wednesday.

Mrs. Homer Mullen came home from Omaha Wednesday evening where she had been visiting relatives and friends for the past two weeks.

Ralph Lumsden, who has been a resident of this city for the past year as a representative of Swift & Co., has been transferred to Kearney, Nebr. This is a promotion and his many friends in this city will rejoice to hear of his good fortune.

About a dozen men left here last Friday with Mike Johnson to assist the Burlington in getting to Sioux City. They did considerable shoveling between here and Sioux City, as well as around the yards there, returning home on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mellor and Clarence Stannard returned last night from Omaha where they had been visiting friends for the past few days. They came as far as Neligh by car and were then compelled to take the steam cars in order to get home.

It is estimated that keeping the highways open this winter will cost the state highway department in excess of half a million dollars. These big new plows cost a lot of money but without them the highway department would have been helpless this winter.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell
Old age pensions are about to become a reality in Nebraska, after

three years of promising. Apparently the first pension funds will be distributed around March 1.

The state's first old age pension law, passed when Charles W. Bryan was governor, failed before it got started because of inadequate financing. The second, passed during the regular 1935 session of the legislature was held unconstitutional while the present law was passed last fall in special session.

There are approximately 86,000 persons in the state old enough to come under the provisions of the pension measure, but it is estimated that less than 30,000 persons over 65 years of age will qualify for pensions.

The greatest element of controversy centers upon the ability of children, legally liable for the support of parents, to contribute sufficient support. Old folks that have been receiving relief will be among the first to be established on the pension rolls.

The first official old age pension applications to reach the office of the state assistance board director came in the same mail from Fillmore and Furnas counties. From present indications, the amount of the pensions will vary considerably in the different counties. Sheridan is the only county proposing to pay the full \$30 per person a month.

Kimball county intends to pay its old folks \$15 a month. Platte expects to pay \$17 a month, Sherman an average of \$12.30, Thomas \$28 and Dundy \$15.

Nebraska's oldest citizen, Solomon Rickner, 114, of Howard county, is to receive the full \$30 per month pension, while the application of his daughter, Mrs. Cora Corbett, 70, has been approved for \$10 a month.

The relief problem is serious in

many parts of the state since the FERA closed its pocketbook Feb. 8, turning over to the state and counties the task of caring for unemployed citizens in need of assistance. Omaha and Douglas county make up the sorest spot in Nebraska. Officials there must devise ways and means of continuing relief for approximately 9,000 families. Old age pension machinery is expected to lighten the relief burden considerably beginning next month. WPA is giving employment to more than 21,000 Nebraskans.

Warren R. Pool, Lincoln engineer and nephew of the former state official, Charley Pool, has entered the race for state railway commissioner on the democratic ticket.

The contest for the attorney general's chair has been opened up, following the announcement of Attorney General W. H. Wright that he will not seek another term. His assistant, Paul P. Chaney, has filed for the office on the democratic ticket, as has Fred G. Hawxby Auburn attorney and former state sen-

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ator. Richard O. Johnson, Lincoln attorney who secured the republican nomination for attorney general two years ago, also is intending to get in the contest.

There is a rumor circulating that Frank Coffee, congressman from the 5th district is planning to run for governor in opposition to Governor Cochran, but the congressman has requested a blank to place himself in the congressional race to succeed himself. Representative Binderup of the 4th district will file for re-election, while Congressman Stefan of the 3rd and Luckey of the 1st have already filed.

Arthur J. Denney of Fairbury, (Continued on page 5, column 4.)

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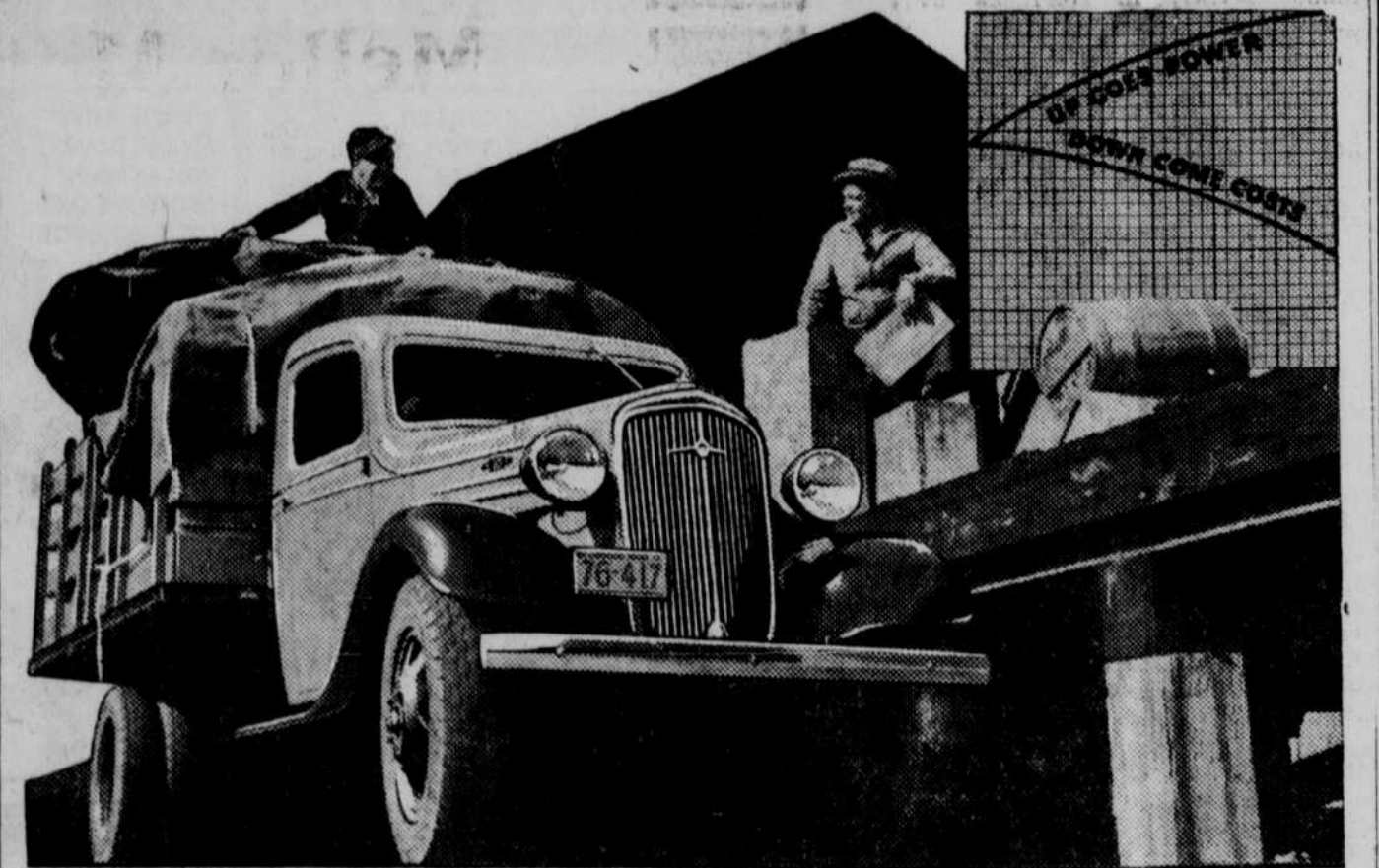
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