

Over the County

PLEASANT DALE

John Tenborg took a truck load of cattle to the sale at Atkinson for Fred Beckwith Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Antis and daughter, Lilly Lee, of College View, and Mr. and Mrs. Custer Johnson and niece, Irene Coleman, of Waverly, came up Saturday to visit at the Sam Hickman home. Mr. Hickman has not been very well the past two weeks.

Miss Irene Coleman spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Coleman. Miss Coleman attends high school at Waverly.

A miscellaneous shower was given at the Hoehne home last Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hering. Mr. and Mrs. Hering left for their home in Omaha Thursday of last week.

There was a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hickman. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Coleman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Custer Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Antis and daughter and Franklin Hickman. Miss Mildred Findley was a guest.

Miss Vera Miller accompanied Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fox to Ericson Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wonderlick. Mrs. Wonderlick will be remembered by friends as Miss Geneva Fox. They all returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. Fred Beckwith was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hershberger Sunday.

A lady in this vicinity received a letter from a friend at Kimball, South Dakota telling of the extremely depressing conditions at that place. This friend lives on a 1280 acre farm with large modern improvements, which her father owns. She says they have 25 calves less than a month old and feed, of course, is scarce. They have had but one inch of snow since September. The relief work, which allows each family \$7 per week, will end in May. Those who cannot pay their rent longer are forced to go to the relief settlement at Yankton or move into tents. Over fifty families have gone from Kimball this spring, and the sand storms still persist. She says that fences are drifted under so deep that they can drive over them. A delegation went to the county seat to see if the landlords could force them to move out of their homes since they cannot pay rent. The answer was either pay or get out.

According to the preliminary notices sent out the first of the week to the farmers who signed the corn-hog contracts several will have to get busy in this community and plant a few more acres of small grain.

All corn-hog signers are asked to keep an account book this year. Ralph Beckwith has been selected to distribute and help signers set up their books in this locality. He attended the meeting in O'Neill Thursday where instructions were given.

INMAN NEWS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wagman on Monday a baby boy.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Shultz on Thursday a baby girl.

C. E. Brittell, of Neligh, was here Friday looking after business and visiting relatives.

George Souvignier, of Omaha, is here visiting among old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Conard and granddaughter, Patricia Bowering, visited at Red Bird over the week end with the George Conard family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brittell went to Neligh Friday to get their household goods. They moved into rooms in the Lee Conger residence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Doughty, of Norfolk, were here over the week end visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. R. Tompkins and Mr. Tompkins.

Walter Sire left Saturday for Lima, Ohio, where he has secured employment with the Davey Tree company. Mr. Sire had previously worked for this company.

George Coventry is recovering from injuries received a week ago when he was thrown from a horse. His back was badly wrenched and he was severely bruised about the body.

Roy Goree, of Long Pine, was here Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Goree.

The Senior class of the Inman High school took a sneak Saturday, returning early Tuesday morning. They

visited several places of interest in Lincoln, including the state capitol. Members of the Senior class are Lucile Retke, Joyce Outhouse, Gayle Butler, Muriel Keyes, Lois Killinger, Gertrude Young, Dolores Young, Billie Harte, Lee Conger, Jr., Curtis Smith. Supt. Alice French accompanied the class.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Roe and daughter, Hazel, moved to Newport Sunday where Mr. Roe has accepted a position with the C. and N. W. Railway Co.

EMMET ITEMS

Clara and Sadie Marie Lowery spent Sunday at the Kee home north of Emmet.

Mr. and Mrs. Zinn Butterfield, of Venus, spent Sunday at their farm south of Emmet.

Mrs. Charles Vogel returned from Topeka, Kansas, after attending the funeral of her father there.

Mrs. George Reis visited the intermediate room last week.

Roberta Bush has enrolled in the ninth grade at the Emmet High school.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wills last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mullen and daughter and Mrs. Jettie Shorthill and daughter were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fritton.

Albert Fernholtz returned to his home from St. Helena last week.

Art Tibbett and sons, of O'Neill, called at the John Lowery home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mullen and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jurgensmeier.

Frank Sesler purchased a new Plymouth Monday.

MEEK AND VICINITY

A meeting will be held at Paddock Union Church on Monday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of making plans for Decoration Day. We would be pleased to see a large crowd out, as that will show that an interest is taken.

Guy Young, of Opportunity, was an overnight visitor at the Frank Griffith home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and children called at the Howard Rouse home on Wednesday.

Roy Spindler and Raymond Johnson helped put in oats at Frank Griffiths the last of the week.

Edward Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young had the misfortune to fall from a horse last Saturday afternoon and his arm was broken, a few inches below the shoulder. He is getting along nicely.

Lorraine Joyce, little thirteen month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Hull, of Knoxville, was laid to rest in the cemetery at Paddock Union church on Thursday afternoon. The sorrowing parents and other relatives have the sympathy of the friends and neighbors in this locality, where the family lived for many years.

Special choir practice was held at the Mariedy Hubby home on Saturday evening.

Last Friday word was received by relatives of Mrs. Walter Forbes, of Brunswick, that she was seriously ill. Several relatives went and Mat Schelkopf returned home Saturday and reported that Mrs. Forbes was somewhat improved.

Melvin and Velma Johring, Paul Nelson, Mary, Leone and LeRoy Spindler and Elwin Benson called at the Gust Johnson home Friday evening.

Virginia Rousch has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kaczor and Edward called at Frank Nelson's Sunday afternoon.

Ralph Rousch spent Sunday with Howard and Leonard Devall.

Center-Union Endeavor Society visited Paddock Union Sunday evening and had charge of the program.

Rev. and Mrs. Dillon, of Long Pine, were overnight guests at the Mariedy Hubby home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wells and son were guests at the Dan Hensen home on Sunday.

Nancy Jo Marts, of Long Pine, spent the week end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mariedy Hubby and family.

Guests at Eric Borg's on Sunday were: Rev. and Mrs. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. William Hubby, Melvin Johring, George, Felix and Helen Hostyneck.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Linn were guests at the Harry Fox home on Sunday.

A large crowd attended the services at Paddock Union Sunday evening. A fine program was put on by Union Center and we hope they may come back again.

Velma Johring is confined to her home with the measles.

Elmer Devall sprained his ankle while working with the tractor at A. L. Borg's, one day last week.

Mary and Leone Spindler spent Sunday with Hazel Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hubby, of O'Neill, were dinner guests at the Virgil Hubby home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Young and children, of Opportunity, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and children and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse and sons spent Sunday afternoon at the Ralph Young home.

Mrs. R. D. Spindler spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Gust Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bay, of O'Neill, called at the Albert Kaczor home on Tuesday afternoon.

Virgil Hubby had the misfortune to lose one of his work horses Tuesday night.

Excavation Shows Holt County Was Once The Home of Many Indians

By J. B. O'Sullivan

(Continued from last week.)

Many books say the workmen used stone hammers of many weights and that they would select a hammer of just the proper weight, then thru long practice strike just the right blow to knock off a certain size flake. This kind of explanation and furrows, one might call them, on arrowpoints looking like and hard as glass, and many attempts to duplicate the work with bruised fingers and flying glass chips and rank failure the only reward sort of sank it in by experience that there is something wrong, something unknown regarding the making of arrowheads.

The revelation of Mr. Blackman came as startling information here. His glue method was tried and a thin strip of rock came off a piece of Spanish Diggings stone in two days, along with the thick strip of glue. It is believed here that Mr. Blackman has made a great discovery.

Jumping to another phase of this Indian artifact subject, and jumping out of Holt county momentarily, undoubtedly permissible in this article, which is only cow-country conservation and not an attempt at choking to death the other fellows at a scientific convention with words longer than a Chinaman's dream of a clothesline, it is interesting to note that red pipestone, or Catlinite, considered sacred by Indians everywhere, has been found near O'Neill and must have been brought here by Indians a great many years ago.

In this connection it is doubly interesting to read the following which appeared in the Sioux City Journal of January 29, 1934:

"Pipestone, Minn.—With funds furnished by the Indian emergency conservation works, the first work to be done on the national park, an 80-acre tract on the Indian reservation here, will start February 1.

"A landscape engineer will be in charge of the work to be done. It will consist of planting trees and shrubs, fencing the park and laying out roadways.

"In the park is the sacred red pipestone quarries, from which tribes in all part of the country secured their stone for making pipes. It is the only quarry of such stone in the world."

One piece of this stone found here was a fine pipe-head picked up by the editor of this newspaper, D. H. Cronin, when a boy, just northeast of the fair grounds here. Other pieces have been found since. It has been stated by some authorities that should Indians on the war-path behold a piece of this material all thought of doing anything but admiring it was out of order right there and right now.

One wonders what sort of scene greeted the eyes of the first white men to visit one of the Pawnee Indian villages sprawled on Nebraska prairie and particularly one in Holt county. As far as can be determined, no white saw such a village in Holt county, but the villages had stood here according to material evidence. From the depressions left by house ruins and by artifacts it is presumed any Pawnee village would be a fairly true picture of one of the villages in prehistoric Holt county and here is an official report made by Colonel Dodge, who in the summer of 1835, according to the Nebraska History magazine, with 120 mounted dragoons marched into Nebraska and held council with Pawnee and other near Indians. This is what the colonel had to say:

"After the council with the Omaha we commenced the march up the Platte river for the Pawnee village. The Platte, near the mouth, is a broad shallow river, from a mile and a half to

two miles wide; its average depth is not over two or three feet. The current is rapid and the bottom very uneven, in some places barley covered with water, in others six or eight feet deep. Th Platte is not navigable for boats of any size in low water. In the highest stage of water the traders sometimes descend the river from above the forks in small rafts or skin boats. The Horn river (Is this our Elkhorn river?) which empties into the Platte on the opposite side, near the mouth, is a much deeper and more rapid stream than the Platte, not so wide, and navigable for small boats to a considerable distance.

"Our course to the Pawnee village lay along the valley of the Platte, in some places approaching close to the river bank, at others keeping at the distance of half a mile or a mile. The valley is of variable width, from one mile to three or four miles wide, and terminated on both sides by a high prairie ridge. From one of the high points near the river the eye could wander over a vast extent of country, possessing almost every variety of feature. Could view the broad surface of the river, studded with islands covered with groves of timber; the green level valley, terminated with hills of every variety of shape, beyond which there was a successive range of hills, until the view was terminated by the distant horizon, the soil, which is alluvial, appears to be very fertile, and the whole valley appears once to have been the bed of the river. The proof of this is the irregular formation of some of the hills which terminate it. They appear to have been worn in this shape by the continual washing of the water. There is but little timber on this side of the river, only a few scattered trees on the banks of the creeks. Upon the opposite side the timber appears to be more abundant.

"Saw several herds of antelope and a number of deer. The principal chief of the Grand Pawnees' whose name is the Angry Man, met us about 10 or 15 miles from his village, and appeared rejoiced at our arrival. He appeared to be a shrewd, intelligent old fellow and very talkative. He had a long talk with Colonel Dodge. He told him that the Pawnee Loups had been stealing horses from the Pawnee Peets and were otherwise rather troublesome and disposed to war. He endeavored to prepossess the colonel in his favor by telling him how well he had conducted himself, while his neighbors had behaved very badly. In explaining the relations he stood in to the neighboring tribes, he appeared to possess all the ingenuity of a modern politician.

"We arrived within sight of the Pawnee village about 12 o'clock on the 21st, having marched 80 miles since leaving the Otoe village. We were met two or three miles from the town by the son of the principal chief in full dress. He had on a scarlet colored coat, trimmed with silver lace, a hat decorated with bands of tin and red feathers, with leggings and moccasins ornamented with different colored beads.

"He wished the command to wait a short time until his young men could prepare to receive us in due form. It could be observed from their delay in turning out that they were rather suspicious of our intentions, seeing so large a body of troops come rather unexpectedly among them.

"After waiting nearly two hours they turned out to the number of 150 or 200, mounted on their best horses, and dressed in their gayest costume. They formed themselves into an extended line, and advanced to meet us in the same manner that the Otoes did—at full speed.

"On arriving at the head of the column they broke to the right and the left, and galloped around us two or three times, the chiefs then collected together in a group at the head of the column, lit their pipes and after smoking a few whiffs, advanced alternately to Colonel Dodge and their agent, Major Dougherty, and offered them their pipe.

"After this ceremony was finished we continued the march to their vil-

lage. The principal chief, the Angry Man, then invited Colonel Dodge to his lodge to a feast, which invitation he deemed it advisable to accept, as they had evinced some signs of distrust at our arrival, and he wished to put them perfectly at their ease.

"The old chief conducted us to his lodge, seated us around the fire, conforming strictly with the rules of etiquette, by giving to Colonel Dodge the highest seat.

"He then set before us a large bowl of boiled corn, which we found to be very good.

"Marched about five miles beyond the village and encamped on the banks of the Platte. The Pawnee village is built after the same plan as that of the Otoes.

"The Pawnees are the most numerous nation of Indians originally west of the Mississippi, with the exceptions of the Sioux and Blackfeet, and if not restrained by the influence of the whites, would be very formidable to their enemies. They have a very high opinion of their agent, Major Dougherty, and he exerts a strong influence over them, and will doubtless ultimately, if assisted by the influence of the government, succeed in effecting a peace between them and all of the neighboring tribes.

"They are already impressed with a high opinion of the power of the United States, and it will not be dif-

icult for the government in a short time to exert a controlling influence over them.

"They occupy a country possessing a rich and productive soil, well adapted to the cultivation of every species of grain, and one of the finest grazing countries in the world.

"There is a sufficient quantity of wood to supply all their wants. There is consequently nothing wanting but a little instruction and industry to make them a wealthy and prosperous people.

"The buffalo live within a three or four days ride of their village, and they now subsist principally upon that meat. They have parties out killing buffalo and drying the meat most of the time during the summer and fall, and they sometimes move their whole village into the buffalo country, and remain several months, for the purpose of killing buffalo.

"As the buffalo, however, are receding from them and becoming fewer every year, this will be a very precarious method of procuring food, and they will be obliged to resort to some other method of sustaining themselves."

(Continued next week.)

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