

### Farmers Continue Their Efforts To Win In War With The Grasshoppers

The third carload of federal grasshopper bait for Holt county is being mixed at the central mixing plant in O'Neill and spreading is being continued in an effort to save the crops.

Farmers who have spread bait properly under favorable weather conditions are reporting good kills and much saving from crop damage. However, bait spread improperly or at the wrong time is largely wasted and only makes it more dangerous to livestock.

Moisture is the attracting element in grasshopper bait so it is very essential in spreading bait that has been mixed several days that additional water be used in order that the proper kill may result. Bait should be spread thinly and the more thorough the spreading the better the kill.

Bait should be spread when the temperature is from 70 to 85 degrees and when moisture conditions are relatively dry.

A kill from spreading bait cannot be expected at once. Arsenic kills hoppers slowly and few dead ones will be found the first couple of days unless feeding was very heavy. The main kill will come from three to five days and hoppers may continue dying over a week. Sick hoppers crawl under weeds, grass and trash and only a few die in the open if shelter can be reached.

Some discussion has come about in recent weeks as to the price that is being charged for mixing bait. Records are kept on the mixing of all bait and it has been shown that in mixing a sack of federal bait the labor amounts to 15 cents per sack, the sack costs 3 cents and molasses which is now being added costs approximately 6 cents and such expenses as trucking, renting and repairing the mixer, records and administrative expenses amounted to approximately 9 cents, so that the bait is being sold as near as possible to actual cost of mixing and handling, and there is no profit in the bait. Some counties have set up WPA projects for mixing which allows them to sell the bait cheaper. However, in Holt county this has not been found advisable.

### Mrs. Seth M. Aldridge

Mrs. Seth M. Aldridge, 79, until the past few years a resident of this community since 1883 when she and her husband came to Holt county in a covered wagon, died Friday, July 1, at her home in Anoka. She was the mother of Mrs. C. R. Keeler and R. C. Aldridge, both of Atkinson.

The body was taken to the Dickerson & Raymer mortuary in Butte, and brought to Atkinson for funeral and burial services Tuesday. The rites were held at the Methodist church, the Rev. John H. Bishop officiating, and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Victoria Elibabeth Cisse was born at Osego, Mich., on March 8, 1859, and departed this life at her home in Anoka, Nebr., Friday, July 1, 1938, at the age of 79 years, 3 months and 23 days.

When she was only six years old her mother died, leaving, besides her, one older sister and one younger sister. The three of them moved to Ottumwa, Iowa, to live with their father's sister. Victoria remained there until she was 22 years of age, when she was united in marriage to Seth M. Aldridge.

In the spring of 1883 they moved by covered wagon to Nebraska and located on a homestead 14 miles northeast of Atkinson. There, except for the past few years spent at Anoka, she lived the remainder of her life. Her husband preceded her in death in 1932.

Mrs. Aldridge worked hard and experienced the hardships of a pioneer life, and the pleasures, also, of making many dear friends who like herself were here to make their way in life and to help in the development of the country. While not a member of any church she was baptized in the Presbyterian faith, was a devout Christian and was loved by everyone who knew her. For 35 years she had been troubled with a stomach ailment and at times suffered a great deal from it.

Surviving her are one daughter, Mrs. C. R. Keeler, and one son, R. C. Aldridge, both of Atkinson; several nieces and nephews, eight

grandchildren and one great-grandchild; two sisters, Mrs. Cora West of Mills, Nebr., and Mrs. Ella Stewart of Randolph; four half-sisters who live in Kansas and Wyoming, and one half-brother who lives in California.—Atkinson Graphic.

### Ice Cream Plant And Sales Room Will Open In Old Grady Building

Workmen have been busy the past week decorating the old Grady store building on Douglas street preparatory to the opening therein sometime next week by McMillan & Markey of a sale room for their bakery supplies and also for the retail sale of ice cream.

They installed the latter part of last week a new modern ice cream freezer, that has a capacity of 70 gallons of ice cream per hour. In addition the cabinet has storage for 100 gallons of ice cream, each unit being on a separate and distinct switch, so that they have part of their cream held at a temperature of 40 degrees below zero and other units at a less temperature for sale and immediate consumption.

The freezer installed is the latest on the market and is the only one of this advanced series now operating in the state. Several are in use in Chicago, and Omaha and Lincoln have the same make of machine in two factories there, but the one installed here is the only one of the new model in Nebraska. It is called the Master Cabinet and is put on the market by a Chicago firm.

They will continue to use the large cooler in the back part of the building for the storage of their meats and vegetables and will install a partition to cut off that portion of the building from the rest of the store. When completed with their renovations, they will have one of the finest bakery sales rooms in the state. The opening of this store building, which has been closed for several months, will be an asset to Douglas street. We predict that it will prove one of the popular spots in the city.

### Extension of Highway To O'Neill Anticipated

O'Neill is to have another federal highway, U. S. highway No. 275, which now runs from St. Joseph, Mo., to Council Bluffs, Ia. This highway will be extended from Council Bluffs to Omaha, Fremont, Norfolk and O'Neill, where it will connect with U. S. highway No. 20 as a direct route to the Black Hills and Yellowstone Park, according to an announcement made by State Engineer Tilley in Lincoln last Monday.

The state engineer said that he had received assurance that Fred White, Iowa engineer and chairman of the American Association of State Highway Officials executive committee which recommended the marking, would join him in advocating the proposed extension of U. S. highway No. 275.

### Completes World Flight

Howard Hughes, a New York millionaire and sportsman, made aviation history today when he landed his plane on Floyd Bennett field in New York City after a flight around the world, which he and his companions started last Sunday. Hughes was accompanied in his flight by four companions and they landed in New York at 2:36 this afternoon. This flight cut the time of Wiley Post for his flight around the world about in two. Post made his flight in 1933 and the speed made and maintained by Hughes shows what remarkable progress aviation has made in the past five years.

### Power Company Meeting

The Interstate Light and Power company held one of their regular district meetings in O'Neill last Thursday with the managers present from Valentine, Hartington, Ainsworth, Winner, S. D., Gregory, S. D., Bonesteel, S. D., Neligh, Creighton, Wausa and Bassett. E. R. Lehman, Safety Director, and C. W. Edmund of Dubuque, Iowa, were here to attend the meeting and the banquet, which was held at noon in the M & M cafe.

Mrs. Elizabeth Grady returned Friday from Petersburg where she has been visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Agnes.

### SOUTHWEST BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Bernadine Kennedy visited a day or two with her cousin over at the Art Doolittle home early in the week.

Manhood—sorry to have to include womanhood—is at low ebb when it makes use of public bounty for personal debauchery.

The droning of airplane motors was heard Sunday morning. A plane was observed at a high altitude winging its way to the northwest.

Tractor mowers are doing much of the cutting in meadows of the southwest this season. And with the motorized sweeps, haying is taking much less time than formerly.

In certain quarters the dirges of official hopes—one melancholy burden bear—more revenue. The backs of property owners may break but no worthwhile move to lift the load is at present discernable.

I have no use for beer either before or after 6 p. m., but see mighty little sense in a law that makes a criminal out of a person for doing a thing at one hour of the day that is perfectly legal at another hour.

Black beetles have been ruinous to potato patches in large areas down this way, in some instances making a complete cleaning of the vines. The only effective way found thus far to deal with this pest is to smash the infernal juice out of him.

The elder of the three Reece brothers, residing over in Garfield county on land their father took as a homestead in 1884, is under the care of Dr. Gill. Ailments growing out of injuries from a fall and advancing years keep the old gentleman bedfast.

Some picturesque phrases the New Deal has given us: Business recession, Roosevelt depression, relief, boondoggle, corn-hog check, unemployment, sitdown striker, fire-side chat, invisible taxes, budgetary deficits, national debt increase to unknown figures.

Many well meaning individuals champion a lost cause—an idea that never attains the proportions of a "cause." A lady came to O'Neill to lecture in the long ago with a burden to save horses and cattle from the ordeal of the branding iron. She advanced the highly impractical idea of marking animals on the hoof or horn. Branding horses is no longer practiced to the extent it once was, but the change came not from humane impulse. Whatever change in methods the years have brought in the livestock industry, there continues the annual ordeal of branding on the ranches with the added butchery of dehorning, when the blood spurts.

For a few evenings an hour before the gold and crimson glow of sunset tints the sky in the northwest, over the plumage of the cottonwoods to the southeast quietly comes to view the moon in full orb like a white cloud with bits of darkly shaded spots. As the

colors of the setting sun fade into gloom of early night the moon becomes a shining ball, taking its slow and majestic course across the southern heavens. The song of birds has ceased, the turkey hens perch high in the trees with their broods, the cows finally have enough after hours of feeding and wend the way slowly thru the lane to the barnyard and settle to rest. The hum of the insects of the dark and croaking of frogs in the water holes is on. Night has come to the southwest.

### Thomas Liddy And Iris Pharis Are Married At Columbus Last Sunday

Last Sunday morning at the Lutheran Evangelistic church in Columbus, Nebr., Miss Iris Pharis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pharis of Long Pine, became the bride of Thomas Liddy, son of Mrs. Goldie Liddy of O'Neill. Rev. Steger, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

The bride's attendant was Mrs. Hans Egger of Columbus, a sister of the groom. Both the bride and her attendant were dressed in light blue, with white accessories. Hans Egger was best man.

Following the nuptials a wedding breakfast was served to close relatives and friends at the Arams cafe in Columbus.

Thomas Liddy is a native son of O'Neill, having received his education in the public schools of this city, graduating from the high school here. He worked as cashier at the Interstate Power company office here for two years, and about three months ago accepted a position with the Burgess Battery company. He represents that company in the territory between Lincoln and North Platte, Nebr. Thomas is a young man of sterling character, and his host of friends here wish for him and his bride a life-time of success and happiness.

Mrs. Liddy is a native of Long Pine, Nebr., where she graduated from high school, and later attended the Chadron state normal school at Chadron, Nebr. She was for a few months a resident of this city, and is quite well known by the young people of this city, among whom she made many friends. The young couple will make their home in Lincoln, where Mr. Liddy has headquarters.

### WOODMAN CIRCLE

Woodman Circle met at the home of Mrs. Clara B. Miles Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Bertha Gillespie as hostess. Mrs. Florence Jensen, state manager of the Woodman Circle, from Omaha, attended the meeting and gave a very interesting talk.

The grove plans to take a team to Norfolk to the district convention, which will be held in October.

After an enjoyable evening spent playing bingo, the hostess served a delicious luncheon of ice cream and cake. There will not be a meeting in August due to the hot weather.

Gas tax collections for June credited to the gas and highway fund were \$997,399, the state treasurer announced Tuesday. Distribution of the tax was as follows: To assistance \$92,897, to counties \$278,693, refunds \$602,226, and to other accounts \$23,581. Holt county received \$3,034.15.

### Legal Questions Raised On Lt. Governor Filings By The Unicameral Law

By The Lowell Service

When Nate Parsons, coached by supposedly erudite counsel, tossed his filing for lieutenant governor into the primary hopper, he raised a series of constitutional questions which made Deputy Secretary of State Donald Devries dizzy. The deputy passed his collection of legal headaches on to the attorney general.

The first puzzler concerns the supposed vacancy that exists in the office of the lieutenant governor. The Supreme court ousted Walt Jurgensen and refused to let him file for reelection, declaring that Jurgensen's tenure of office ceased when he was convicted of a felony on March 7.

Parsons is proceeding on the supposition that the office is vacant. Hence the vacancy should be filled at the next election. He filed as a candidate just before the secretary of state closed shop for the 1938 primary. Several months' salary would be the reward, if Parsons should win out.

Constitutional lawyers of the John L. Webster type, in former years, held another view. They insisted that there was a regular order of succession. In the absence of the executive, the lieutenant governor automatically assumes the authority of office. Next in order comes the President Pro Tem of the senate; then, the Speaker of the House. This theory of succession they declared, was based on Sections 16 and 18 of Article IV of the state constitution. Also, they insisted, the constitutional provisions were self-executing, and they could not be effected by statute. The sections follow:

"Sec. 16. In case of the death, impeachment and notice thereof to the accused, failure to qualify, resignation, absence from the state, or other disability of the governor, the powers, duties, and emoluments of the office, for the residue of the term, devolve upon the lieutenant governor.

"Sec. 18. If there be no lieutenant governor, or if the lieutenant governor, for any of the causes specified in Section Sixteen of this article, become incapable of performing the duties of office, the president of the senate shall act as governor until the vacancy is filled, or the disability removed, and if the president of the senate, for any of the above-named causes, shall become incapable of performing the duties of the governor, the same shall devolve upon the Speaker of the House of Representatives."

The speaker of the unicameral legislature occupies the position of the former president pro tem of the senate. The speaker of the house of representatives was abolished by the unicameral amendment. However, there are decisions which indicate that the chairman of the judiciary committee, is next in line.

In Nebraska, the duties of the governor have been discharged by the president pro tem of the senate in the absence of the governor and the lieutenant governor. The duties of the lieutenant governor have been discharged by the speaker of the house, in the absence of both the lieutenant governor and

the president pro tem of the senate. Vouchers for senate expenses, signed by the speaker of the house, were declared legal by the attorney general and accepted by the auditor.

As Charles J. Warner, republican candidate for governor, is speaker of the legislature, acceptance of this theory would make him lieutenant governor. In the latter position, the decision of the Supreme court in the McKelvie case would bar him from running for governor until the expiration of the term for which he was elected.

Another perplexing question naturally follows: Did the unicameral amendment increase the salary of the lieutenant governor from \$1,600 to almost \$3,500?

Unicameralists promptly retort that no change was made. They declare that neither in title nor in the body of the amendment is the salary of the lieutenant governor mentioned, and that "the boost was made by remote control."

Article XVII, Sec. 3 of the constitution says: "The lieutenant governor shall receive twice the compensation of a state senator." The unicameral act did not change this section, nor allude to it in any way. While the state senate was abolished, the unit for measuring the salary of the lieutenant governor remained unchanged. The unicameral act designates members as "legislators," not as "senators." In order to boost the salary of the lieutenant governor, the critics declare, there must be a specific change in Section 3, and the increase in salary for the lieutenant governor must be described in the title of the unicameral amendment.

Vouchers for salary at the increased rate were made out for Jurgensen, and he has drawn pay up to March 7, 1938.

Attorneys for Parsons base their contention on the phrase in Section 18, which states that if the lieutenant governor "becomes incapable of performing the duties of the office, the president of the senate shall act as governor until the vacancy is filled." The lawyers insist that the words "vacancy is filled" apply to the lieutenant governor, while the old-school theory is that reference is to the office of governor.

### Treasurer's Statement Shows Warrant Decrease

In another column of this issue will be found the semi-annual statement of the Treasurer of Holt county, Ben Winchell, and it discloses the fact that Holt county is not so very bad off.

The collections for the first six months of 1938 were \$338,561.41 as compared to \$281,547.08 for the last six months of 1937. Another indication of better times to come for the taxpayers is the fact that on December 31, 1937, there were registered warrants outstanding amounting to \$81,005.00, while the registered warrants outstanding on June 30, 1938, amounted to \$39,201.71, a reduction in the amount of registered warrants outstanding and drawing interest of \$41,803.29. The saving in interest alone is a nice little nest egg.

### The Weather

The weather has been warm and sultry the past week, with no moisture since Wednesday night of last week. Farmers are bringing the small grain harvest to a close and many fields of corn have reached the stage where they have been laid by. Corn has made a wonderful growth the past three weeks and some fields are rapidly reaching the tasseling stage.

Following is the weather chart for the week:

	High	Low	Mois.
July 7	76	58	.78
July 8	85	55	
July 9	91	62	
July 10	91	63	
July 11	96	67	
July 12	98	71	
July 13	98	68	
Total for July, 1.19.	Total precipitation since Jan. 1, 1938, 14.99 inches.		

Mrs. Pat Harty, daughter Ann and son Tom, left Monday for Randolph where they will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Gleason for the next ten days.

Mrs. Ira H. Moss entertained a few friends at bridge at her home Friday afternoon in honor of her sister, Miss Mae Hammond.

### County Board Proposes Doubling Assessments Of Business Real Estate

According to a resolution adopted by the Holt County Board of Supervisors, sitting as a board of equalization on July 11, the owners of 113 pieces of property on Douglas and Fourth streets have been notified to appear before the board on July 19 and show cause why the assessment on their land abutting the streets should not be doubled.

The property effected starts at the O'Neill Hatchery on Douglas street and runs west to the Continental Oil company station on the corner of Second and Douglas, on the north side of the street. On the south side of the street it starts at the Texaco station and runs east to the east side of the Davidson & Sons plumbing building.

On Fourth street it starts at Clay and Fourth streets and runs south and takes in the property on both sides of the street to the Burlington station.

The contemplated raise in the valuation of the property effected amounts to \$78,360.00 which would add materially to the amount of taxes that would have to be paid by the property owners.

For many years, due to crop failures and a corresponding decline in business of many establishments in the city, many people have had a hard time making a living, and some have tried to pay the back taxes owed on their property. While it is possibly true that some of the real estate cited for a raise has been valued too low it should also be borne in mind that many properties in the district effected have a rental value far in excess of others in the same territory.

We have serious doubts whether this increase in valuations of the property effected is justified at the present time when everyone is trying to keep their head above water.

### Lloyd Davidson And Ila Anderson Wed At Casper

Friends and relatives were surprised to learn of the marriage of Miss Ila Anderson of Atkinson to Lloyd Davidson, formerly of O'Neill, the ceremony being performed at the Catholic church of St. Anthony at Casper, Wyo., on Thursday morning, June 30, by the pastor, Rev. Thomas F. O'Reilly.

Mrs. Edward Davidson was the matron of honor, and the bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Davidson.

The bride was beautiful in a white sharkskin suit with white accessories, and a corsage of pink roses. The matron of honor was costumed similarly, although her accessories were blue.

Mrs. Davidson is a daughter of Mrs. Ed C. Slaymaker, Atkinson, and Mr. Davidson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson, O'Neill. The bridegroom came to Casper early in the year and is in the employ of his brother in the plumbing business.

The newlyweds are at home to their friends at 526 West Tenth street, Casper.—Norfolk News.

### Births

Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher of Inman announce the birth of a baby girl on Saturday, July 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Spindler announce the birth of a boy on Saturday, July 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schollmeyer announce the birth of a boy on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ferris announce the birth of a girl on Wednesday, July 13.—Marjorie Ann.

### NOTICE TO WATER USERS

Having discontinued the services of the water collector, all water bills must be paid at the office of Mayor, H. E. Coyne Hardware; City Clerk, at Porter's Diamond Station, or mailed direct to Levi Yantzi, chairman water committee.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking the neighbors and friends who so kindly came to our assistance in our hours of sickness and need. May God bless you.—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Earls.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hudson of Midwest, Wyo., arrived Sunday and will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oberle and other relatives here for the next ten days.

## WATER RATES REDUCED!

For the Months of July, August and September

For Lawn and Garden purposes only the following rates will be in effect:

First 10,000 gallons at 30c--\$3.00

All over that at 10c per 1,000 gallons

(A saving of 15c per 1,000 gallons)

As we have plenty of water this year, the reduction was made so that lawns can be properly taken care of to help make our city more beautiful.

CITY OF O'NEILL WATER DEPARTMENT