

THE FRONTIER

SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

A few cases of sleeping sickness among horses are developing out this way. The monetary value of the horse has greatly depreciated, but the man on the land feels the loss of a twenty-dollar horse the same as if he would sell for a hundred.

The James ranch last week sustained the loss of a splendid Belgian stallion. He came up to the barn from pasture covered with sweat and shortly was dead. His pedigree showed him to be a son of what had been pronounced the most beautiful horse ever brought to Holt county, which died in a similar manner and was the property of the late John Addison of Opportunity.

"When candy is passed at the end of dinner, where should one put it down," is a question appearing in a column on manners. Depends to whom it is passed. If passed to a 7-year-old he'll "put it down" his throat and ask no questions.

A Nebraska rancher, according to what got into the papers of his testimony in court apparently a little less crazy than a bedbug, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for life upon conviction of the murder of a sheriff. Another accused in the same case gets 25 years. Had their victim been a nobody instead of a duly elected county official it will be prosecuted that the same vigor of prosecution and zeal to uphold the peace and dignity of the state of Nebraska would have been manifest.

John went to his garden for supplies for dinner. At the entrance lay a mottled coil with the deadly triangular head of a rattler poised for the death stroke. John backed away and went to neighbor Tom's. "Tom," he began, "I went to my garden to get provisions for dinner, but at the entrance lay a coiled rattle snake. Now I have come to get what I need from your garden." "You are welcome to it, but let's go and kill the rattler," replied Tom.

Why the allegory? In making some observations concerning a brief paragraph in this column on May 1, Rev. P. J. Vanderlaan of Ewing writes me a cordial letter and encloses a conservative document issued by a national committee interested in supplying starving peoples of Europe with food supplies. The object in writing to me is that I may become informed of the plan and purpose of this committee.

I have nothing to retract from the paragraph I wrote concerning feeding Europe. Not that my heart or hand or purse is closed to the cry of a hungry child. God pity poor suffering, broken, bleeding, dying men and women and boys and girls in this war mad world. Not that America—debt burdened and industrial problems of our own—hasn't abundance. Grain molds in warehouses, surpluses from field and fruit trees are carted to dumps and destroyed, cattle browse in vast numbers over our prairies; we are fed to the full. On top of abundant meals, all day long we are putting things, unnecessary things, in our mouths and have grown to be a nation of gluttons.

If there was a way to keep it from the sinister clutch of the despoiler of mankind in Europe; if it were famine or disaster from natural causes, we by all means should hold out the helping hand. As it is we would but add our cargos to the plunder of a Satanic Monster. The promises, the agreements, the "word of honor" of Herr Hitler's government are made only to be broken, and it would be tragic for a group of our sympathetic citizens of lofty motives to become his dupes.

Just one of the tons of bombs or bullets to find the right mark and the world would emerge from its blood and tears to smile again. The head of the rattler must be crushed.

Commencement Speaker Noted Nebraskan

Ray E. Ramsay is a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska. He is prominently identified with the social, civic, educational and religious life of his home city and state. He served five years on the University of Nebraska Faculty and ten years as Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association.

As a chautauqua and lyceum lecturer and entertainer on U. S. and Canadian circuits, Mr. Ramsay became a speaker who was in great demand. As a commencement orator, after-dinner humorist, banquet speaker, lecturer on community and educational occasions, he has had wide contact with the people of the Middle West. He has a sincere interest in his fellow men and is qualified to bring thought provoking and inspiring messages to the lecture platform.

Mr. Ramsay's versatile endowments and diversity of interest and achievements have provided his usual preparation to gather authentic information in many fields. As an actor on the New York stage, as a licensed aviator, as radio program director, writer, publisher, business executive, traveler, he has gained insight into the American Way.

Although leading an unusually active life since university graduation, Mr. Ramsay has never been too busy to respond to calls for public service. At present, in addition to heading his own private business, he is sponsoring an educational tour to Mexico, serving as Vice-President of the Liberian University Movement—to found a school for the natives of Liberia, West Africa; is producer of a play which is being used to raise funds for a children's hospital and is active in various other capacities in church and community life.

Mr. Ramsay has been referred to as the "Will Rogers of Nebraska." He is a speaker to whom it is a pleasure to listen and who never fails to leave his audience something worthwhile.

Lod Janousek Building New Home

Lod Janousek, who has owned the old William Fallon home, northwest of St. Mary's Academy, has had the same torn down and is building a new home thereon. The tract of land owned by Mr. Janousek is two lots short of one block and is an ideal place for a nice home. The house will be 40x26, with a full basement and will consist of six rooms and will be modern in every respect, including oil heat. The basement will be completed by the end of the week. Harden Anspach of Inman has the contract.

Mrs. Earl Beulow of Racine, Wisconsin, returned to her home on Wednesday, after spending the past few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harrington.

Mrs. Emma A. Fuller

The body of Mrs. Gus Fuller, who died at her home at Sterling, Neb., was brought to Amelia last Thursday, funeral services being held in the Methodist church there that afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. Petersen, pastor of the White Free Methodist church, who also administered last rites at the grave in the Chambers cemetery where deceased was interred. Mrs. Fuller was one of a family of very early pioneers of Holt county, being a daughter of the venerable Charlie Thompson, one of the first settlers at Inman, later removing to the Swan Lake country and now making his home in Burwell. Owing to his advanced age, he was unable to attend the funeral. Mrs. Fuller was a sister of the Thompson boys and Mrs. Fred Watson of this community and also a sister of Mrs. William Carpenter of Burwell. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller formerly lived in Swan precinct, leaving here some years ago. Her death is the second in the Thompson family very recently. She was a sister of Mrs. Chas. Leireman who died a short time ago in O'Neill.

K. OF C. INITIATE THIRTY-FOUR

The Charles Carroll of Carrollton Council of the Knights of Columbus, of this city, initiated the first class in several years in this city last Sunday, when thirty-four candidates from O'Neill and the surrounding towns were formally inducted into the organization. A large delegation from Omaha, headed by Charles J. McDonald, were in charge of the initiation ceremonies. Following the initiation, a banquet was held at St. Mary's Academy at seven o'clock on Sunday evening, with about two hundred present. In addition to the initiation team from Omaha, a large delegation from Norfolk was present, as were many others from the surrounding towns.

Julius D. Cronin acted as toastmaster at the banquet, and the principal speeches were given by Father O'Brien of Emmet, Rev. Richard Parr of O'Neill and Albert Kjar of Lexington. The toastmaster also called upon numerous members present at the banquet table, who gave short talks. Pat J. Norton, of Omaha, manager of Boys' Town was present and gave a short talk saying how pleased he was to be in O'Neill, as St. Patrick's parish was the first assistantship ever held by Monsgr. Flannigan of Boys' Town.

Following is the list of candidates inducted into the order:

- O'Neill:
 Robert J. Early
 James M. Corkle
 Stephen E. Wallace
 Joseph E. Stutz
 Leo J. Hausman
 J. Emmett Carr
 Gerald M. Classen
 Owen Davidson
 John P. Conway
 Francis Valla
 Clark E. Wilson
 Robert E. Shoemaker
 J. Bennett Grady
 Lawrence Hanna
 Neil Ryan
 Gustav DeBacker
 Frank Clements
 Francis J. Clark
 Rev. Richard Parr
 James Carney
 Ambrose V. Rohde
 Norman Gonderinger
 Leonard Shoemaker
 Cletus V. Sullivan
 Gerald S. Graybiel
 Joseph Cuddy
 Clyde L. Wilson
 Ewing:
 John E. Rotherham
 Max Wanser
 Lyle P. Dierks
 Alfred J. Sanders
 Inman:
 Charles Regan
 Page:
 John Walker

Junior-Senior Banquet

The annual Junior-Senior banquet for O'Neill High, served by the M. & M. Cafe, was held in the dining-room of the Hotel Golden, Monday evening, May 12.

The theme, patriotic, was very appropriate. The dinner program follows:
 Theme "I Love America"
 Invocation Clara Lowery
 "God Bless America"
 Toastmaster Patricia Schaffer
 Welcome Patricia Schaffer
 Response Bob Mitchell
 "Ambition" Dale French
 "Manners" Mr. Grill
 "Errors" Margaret Hall
 "Retreat" Larry Kirwin
 "Infantry" Gertrude Worford
 "Conscience" Jerry Toy
 "Aeroplanes" Mr. Martyn
 "America, I Love You"
 Genevieve Graves
 Following the banquet a prom, in honor of the Seniors, was held at the school house. La Vern Borg and Dale French, elected by popular vote of the Junior Class, were crowned queen and king of the banquet. Betty Williams, Florence Bowers, Margaret Reimer, and Margaret Halva were the attendants for the queen and king.

Mrs. Henry Lohaus entertained the Martez Club at a seven o'clock dinner followed by cards at her home on Tuesday evening.

Annual Meeting of Sandhill Cattle Producers

A well filled court room of ranchers greeted the call for the annual meeting of the Sandhills Feeder Cattle Producers in Valentine, April the 26th. In the three years of its existence this association has become the largest of its kind in the United States, having now over 500 members owning over 400,000 cattle.

The purpose is to advertise and promote the sale of Sandhills feeder cattle. There are many ways in which this has been accomplished, and members were so well pleased with the progress made that they heartily endorsed carrying the work on.

Mr. John S. Campbell of the marketing service in Chicago for the U. S. Department of Agriculture sent a statement to be read pointing out that while cattle numbers are approaching an all time high he did not foresee a decline in prices for feeder cattle this season. More people employed at better wages and other factors incident to the war probably would support meat prices at high levels for another year or so he thought.

Mr. P. C. Shockley, Sec'y-Manager, reported total receipts of \$7,639.63 at the balance of the fiscal year, and a balance of \$1,155.63 on hand now with all bills paid. A large percentage of last year's members have expressed their intention to join this year, and every one present at the meeting said he would get one new member.

Sam R. McKelvie, who has been president of the association since it was organized, told the story of how it has grown. It was his opinion that the time would come, and it is not far distant, when ranchers would need the association a lot more than some of them seem to think they need it now. The membership fee and dues are only \$3.00 plus 2 cents per head annually for the cattle they own.

Directors elected were: J. Boone Stotts, Cody; E. H. Boyd, Alliance; R. H. Brenemann, Hyannis; Waldo Parsons, Harrison; D. J. Cole, Merriman; Walter E. Cole, Broken Bow; William L. Dudley, Stapleton; W. B. Higgins, Atkinson; Honorable R. M. Howard, Flats; Floyd Lackaff, Bassett; P. C. Shockley, Browlee; Roy Ross, Gordon; Dewey C. Schaffer, O'Neill; Dr. C. R. Watson, Mitchell; Arnold McKeag, Arthur. A Director's Meeting will be held during the annual meeting of the Nebraska Stock Growers at Ogallala June 11, 12, 13.

Country Club Membership Drive Now On

The membership committee, headed by R. M. Sauer, chairman, is making a drive to increase the membership of the O'Neill Country Club. From present indications there will be many new members and it is expected that at tournament time the membership will be the greatest of any in history.

The O'Neill Country Club is a community affair. Dues are reasonable and it is hoped that anyone interested in joining the club will seek information from the chairman of the membership committee. This season the club offers a varied program of entertainment which will be confined to those who join the club. The club is in no sense an exclusive organization, but of necessity, it is required that those participating in activities be members. The reason for this is that the club depends upon the dues for the upkeep and entertainment.

Many golfers are taking advantage of the beautiful spring weather to play the beautiful and interesting game of golf. Ladies especially are active on the course and among those who are improving their game are Anna O'Donnell, Mary Harty, Mrs. Ed Gallagher and Mrs. Alan Jaskowskiak. Among the men who are playing a very fine game are Rev. Wright, Carl Wiebe, John Watson, Bill Waters, Joe Kocina and Father O'Brien of Emmet.

OLD LANDMARK BEING TORN DOWN

Another old time landmark is being torn down this week to make room for a new building. It is the old hotel building, which has been run as the Western Hotel for the past several years and for years was known as the Evans Hotel, which was known all over the states in the latter eighties and early nineties, when Wes Evans was the landlord. The building was built in the early eighties by F. C. Gatz and several times enlarged by him, until he had a good sized hotel. It is expected that the building will be down by next Monday.

On the ground where the Hotel has stood Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent the owners, will erect a brick and tile building 22½x90 feet, the same size as the building they erected on the lots just west last year. It will be two stories high. The wall between the building erected last year and the new building will be torn out and the building will be one room, 45x90 feet and has been rented by the Council Oak stores, who expects to be able to move therein by September 1st. The upper floor will be fitted up and added to the Western Hotel building of 25 sleeping rooms.

Manager Rohde, of the Council Oak store, says that his company will put in entire new fixtures, including lighting fixtures and that everything will be streamlined so that when they get located there-in they will have one of the finest grocery stores in the state of Nebraska. The great increase in their business in this city made it necessary to get additional floor space. Joe Carlson, of Laurel, a contractor for the Council Oak people, has charge of tearing down the old building and the erection of the new and it will be built as they desire it for their business having taken a long time lease thereon. This will make quite an addition to the south side of Douglas street.

Commercial Club Holds Large, Interesting Meeting

The largest gathering of business and professional men and women of the city to ever get together in a meeting met in the dining room of the Golden Hotel last Tuesday evening for the regular monthly meeting of the O'Neill Commercial Club, seventy-three, out of a membership of 115 being present. The business people of O'Neill, if they get together and work in unison, can perform wonders for this city and the community at large and it looks as if we have finally secured an organization that is going to function.

President Rooney presided at the meeting, after the dinner and reports from the various committees were received and adopted. The committee on constitution and by laws made their report, and with a couple of amendments, suggested by the committee, they were adopted as presented. Under the constitution and by laws the president is authorized to appoint several committees to look after the varied interests of the club. They may be announced next week.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce Boosters will be in the city next Tuesday evening, and will remain here for the night. The chairman appointed the following committee to make arrangements for the reception and entertainment of our guests: A. Rohde, chairman; Gerald Miles, assistant chairman; A. Marcellus, Gus DeBacker, S. J. Weekes, Norb Uhl, Ed Campbell, Frank Biglin, Pete Peterson.

The following were appointed as members of the ticket committee for the next dinner of the Club, next month: Ben Harty, chairman, William Hanna, Ralph Rickley. The meeting decided to incorporate the club and the following committee were appointed to draw up articles of incorporation: J. D. Cronin, chairman, William Griffin, Norman Gonderinger.

St. Mary's Senior Class Play

Tuesday evening, May 20, at 8 o'clock, in the new High School Auditorium St. Mary's Seniors will present their class play, "The Student Queen." This three act comedy presents a picture of modern high school life with its intricate problems. Two schools, in friendly competition, hold an annual Student Week ending in coronation services. One school selects a king, the other a queen. When Castleville High chooses an ugly duckling for queen, both towns are up in arms. The ugly duckling finds herself under fire, and sparks fly in every direction. The situation becomes more involved when Castleville's most popular boy lends his support to the ugly duckling. Both young people are ingenious and the interest centers around the way these two solve a public and a personal problem.

- The cast includes the following:
 The Student Queen Dorothy Dalton
 Dorothy Dalton
 Mrs. Loring, helping with preparation Dorothy Valla
 Bob, her son Robert Parkins
 Doris, her daughter, with ideas Mildred O'Malley
 Chuck Wentworth, who spreads banana oil on troubled waters George Oammond
 Diana Benson, the acknowledged queen Mildred Cavanaugh
 Evangeline, a runner-up for nomination Constance Biglin
 Patty, with a little sense Catherine McNichols
 Mac, who goes where Ted Sirek
 Patty goes Ted Sirek
 Marlene, a gay teen-ager Eileen Kelly
 Hal, also of the clique Bill Ryan
 John Hawkins, a farmer and a gentleman Junior Shoemaker
 Miss Driscoll, a beauty specialist Verne Coyne
 George Benson, President of the school board Robert Miles
 Miss Haley, there's one in every town Leone Mullen
 Don Patterson, king for a week Francis Hickey
 Tickets 20 cents.

Joseph Harry Otto

Joseph Harry Otto dropped dead in his home in this city last Sunday morning, about 4:15 while on his way to the bathroom. Physicians were at once called, but he had passed away. Funeral services were held last Tuesday morning in the Catholic church, Mon-signor McNamara officiating and burial in the Catholic cemetery at Norfolk that afternoon.

Deceased was born at Bevington, Iowa, on December 21, 1897, where he lived for several years. On May 16, 1916, he was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Taber, the ceremony being performed at Summerville, Mo. Two children were born of this union, both daughters, who, with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind husband and father. The children are: Mrs. Melvin Hafner, Pierce; Mrs. Margaret Vandelin, Norfolk. He is also survived by his father and mother, four brothers and three sisters. He was 43 years, four months and 20 days old at the time of his death.

Harry Otto moved to this city four years ago, coming here from Norfolk and during his residence here he drove a bread wagon and was well and favorably known to the merchants in this section of the state, which he visited daily. He had not been feeling good for the past couple of months, but his condition was not considered as serious and he made his daily deliveries every day until the day of his death. Merchants here, who were patrons of his, speak very highly of him as a man and several of them attended his funeral at Norfolk.

Miss Bernadette Brennan drove to Sioux City on Thursday, where she met Mrs. F. M. Brennan, who has been visiting for the past month with her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Brennan at Fort Knox, Ky.

SIXTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE

Last week's issue of the Frontier, May 8, 1941, was the last issue of Volume 61, it being Number 52, which completed sixty-one years of service by this paper for the city of O'Neill and Holt county and this week we start on Volume 62.

Although long on this terrestrial sphere The Frontier has had fewer owners than most papers of its age in the state, and there are not many that have breathed the storms of sixty-one years. The paper was established by the late W. D. Mathews in 1880, he having come to this county from Wisconsin. About five years later he sold the paper to James H. Riggs. In February, 1892, Mr. Riggs sold the Frontier back to Dr. Mathews, who was then engaged in the banking business in this city. Mr. Mathews also purchased The Item, which was owned by Clarence Selah and had been moved here from Ewing a couple of years before, and was run by King and Cronin for one year. Mr. Selah refusing to renew his contract with us for an extension of our lease. The Frontier Printing Company was then organized and consisted of W. D. Mathews, Clyde King and D. H. Cronin. Mr. Mathews took over The Frontier in February, 1892, and The Item the same month and March 1, 1892, King and Cronin took over the business management of the Frontier Printing Company. Mr. Mathews retired from the company in a couple of years and Mr. King sold his interest in the paper to Mr. Cronin in 1896 and since that time the latter has been the owner and in control of The Frontier.

Last February marked our fiftieth year in the newspaper business in this city, for in February, 1891, Clyde King and myself issued the first copy of The Item under our management and control. A year later we went into the Frontier Printing Company and next March will mark my fiftieth year on The Frontier.

During the years we have been in the newspaper business in this city we have recorded many happy events and many sorrowful ones. We have recorded the advent into the world of many of the younger generation of this city and county and have grieved with relatives at the departure of their loved ones. We have recorded malfeasance in office and infractions of the law committed by residents of the county, not because we were glad to do so, but with sorrow over the downfall of our fellow men, but a newspaper owes a duty to its readers and that is to furnish the news, when it is news, and it must do so in a fair and impartial manner if it is to retain the respect and support of the reading public. We have tried to give you a readable paper, filled with news of your city, county and state, and we are glad to state, that judging from our large list of satisfied readers, many of whom have been readers for a half century, we have, at least in a small way succeeded. We earnestly hope that the dark days of the past ten years are over and that this section of the state will again blossom and bloom as it did in the days when we took charge of The Frontier and that we will again have a prosperous, happy and contented people within the confines of the county.

Eloquent Preacher At Amelia Catholic Church Next Week

The Reverend Anthony Huber O. S. S. R., noted Redemptorist Missionary will conduct a mission at St. Joseph's Church of Amelia beginning Sunday morning, May 18, at 10:30, and concluding May 25th. Evening services daily at 7:45 P. M. The sermons will be most interesting to you, and you are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marron announce the birth of a son, Thomas, on Sunday, May 11th.