

THE FRONTIER

Captain Ralph L. Oppen Buried Here Tuesday

Captain Ralph Lyle Oppen died in his home in this city last Friday evening at 10:35 o'clock, after an illness of about fifteen months, at the age of 33 years, three months and 17 days. The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church in this city Tuesday morning, Rev. Kenneth Scott officiating, and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery. The local post of the American Legion were in charge of the funeral services at the grave.

Ralph Oppen was born at Pipestone, Minn., on April 19, 1910, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oppen. The family moved to this city in 1926, his father being an employee of the power company here. He attended the O'Neill high school and graduated there from with the class of 1928. On November 17, 1930, he was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Scott of this city, the ceremony being performed in Sioux City, Iowa.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oppen of Creighton, Neb., who were here at the time of his death and who spent most of the past two weeks here during Captain Oppen's last illness. He is also survived by one brother and two sisters. Both of his sisters were here for the funeral services.

Good Neighbors Better Than Gold

M. Van Dover, living in the Opportunity neighborhood, returned the forepart of last week from Omaha, where he spent five weeks receiving medical care in the University hospital. Mr. Van Dover says that he has the finest neighbors to be found in any part of the county. While he was away his neighbors took care of his growing crops, so that worry did not bother him while he was lying in the hospital. But he desired us to say that he is deeply appreciative of the many acts of kindness extended him while he was away and wants us to assure them that their goodness to him in his hour of trial will ever be held as one of the fondest memories of his life.

County Court

C. G. Meininger of O'Neill was arrested on August 7th by Patrolman R. H. Walter and charged with having wrong number plates. He was found guilty and was fined \$7.00 and costs of \$3.10. Merle Peterson of Ewing was arrested on August 8th by Patrolman Walter and charged with reckless driving. He was fined \$10 and costs of \$3.10. Garold Jensen of Bassett was arrested August 1 by Patrolman R. R. Shorney and charged with reckless driving. He pled not guilty, but at a hearing was found guilty and fined \$10 and costs of \$3.10. Bill Schroeder, proprietor of the Mobilgas service station (at the sign of the flying red hoes) in west O'Neill, departed a few days ago for Thermopolis, Wyo., where he will spend the next few weeks splashing in the curative mineral waters in hope that he may obtain relief from an attack of rheumatism that has again been creeping up on him for some time. During his absence Bill Burger is looking after the station during the daytime, while Hugh McManus, recently back from a year of service in the army and not a bit afraid of the dark, is looking after the station duties from dusk until dawn. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Gill, of Chambers were business visitors in this city this morning.

Band Concert Saturday Evening At 8:15

- 1—Star Spangled Banner—Key
2—March, "Repasz Band"—Lincoln
3—Waltz, "Old Timers Waltz"—Lake
4—Novelty, "Hawaiian Medley"—Yoder
5—Trombone Solo, "Stars in a Velvet Sky"—Clarke
6—Popular Novelty, "The Toy Trumpet"—Briegel
7—Sacred Paraphrase, "Pilot Me"—Barnhouse
8—Overture, "Scenes From Operealand," Hayes; excerpts from "Raymond," "Bohemian Girl," Foust; "Carmen" and "William Tell."
9—Vocal Solo, "God Bless America"—Mrs. Carl Asimus
10—March, "March of the Steel Men"—Belsterling

O'Neill Will Be On Air Line After War

The Inland Air Lines, with headquarters at Casper, Wyo., has filed application with the civil aeronautics board for permission to operate six air lines after the war. Among the proposed routes is one from Cheyenne to Omaha via Sidney, Ogallala, North Platte, Grand Island and Lincoln. They also seek routes from Scottsbluffs to Alliance, Neb.; Casper to Omaha and Lincoln; Omaha via Douglas and Lusk, Wyo., Crawford, Chadron, Gordon, Valentine Ainsworth, O'Neill, Norfolk and Fremont, Neb.; Omaha and Sioux Falls by Sioux City and Casper to North Platte.

Northwestern Railroad Again Loses To Emmet

The Northwestern railroad company has again lost out in its Emmet station agent case. The railroad company filed a petition some time ago for a rehearing of its case which was tried before the commission last spring, in which the commission refused their application to dispense with an agent at Emmet. The commission, at a hearing last Tuesday, refused to abandon their position, basing their opinion on changed conditions, they held once more that the public convenience and necessity require the maintenance of an agent there.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Forest Sammons and baby, of Amelia, dismissed Sunday. Mrs. Ray Siders and baby, of O'Neill, dismissed Saturday. Mrs. Arthur Block and baby, of Walnut, dismissed Saturday. Norborn Osborne, tonsils removed Wednesday.

Marriage Licenses

Alvin Andrew Anderson, 24, and Donna Mae Farley, 18, both of Bassett, on August 9th.

Congressman Karl Steffan and Mrs. Steffan were in the city last Thursday night, on the way to their home in Norfolk, from a visit to the air bases in western Nebraska and southwestern South Dakota. Karl made this office a pleasant visit Friday morning, where matters concerning the political trend of the state and nation were discussed very briefly. Karl is looking fine and it is evident that his work in Washington agrees with him.

Mrs. Francis Kelly and daughter, Frances Marie, Miss Donna Jean Marcellus and Miss Mary Jo Allen departed Wednesday for Arizona. Mrs. Kelly and daughter will visit Mr. Kelly, who is an aviation cadet and is stationed at Glendale Arizona. Miss Marcellus and Miss Allen will visit Miss Susie Bachman at Phoenix, Arizona.

The body of Sgt. Tevis Green arrived here last Saturday morning and was taken to the family home Sunday morning, and the funeral services were held in the auditorium in Chambers that afternoon. Several from here, including several members of the American Legion, went down to attend the funeral services.

Norbort and Albert Fernholz left Wednesday for Tacoma, Washington, where Norbort will make his home. Albert, who is in the U. S. M. M., has been spending his furlough here visiting relatives and friends, will report for active duty.

Miss Noreen Murray will leave Friday for Omaha, where she will visit her sister, Kathryn, for a few days. She will also visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waldrop, in Kearney before returning home.

The Weather

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Precipitation. Rows for August 6-12.

U. S. Senator Uncovers Undercover Work

An appalling revelation of bureaucratic abuse has been reported in the Congressional Record at the instance of United States Senator Bridges. It is an account of the activities of the Federal Power Commission, under the chairmanship of Leland Olds, former writer for the official daily newspaper of the Communist Party, the Daily Worker. The authority of the Federal Power Commission, one of the most powerful government agencies, vested with far-reaching control over the electric utility industry, has been used in deliberate attempts to promote national socialism in the United States. Most flagrant example cited by Senator Bridges centered on the electric power requirements of a new government aluminum plant in Arkansas. A group of the principal private electric companies in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas formed the Southwest Power Pool to furnish electricity to the plant. Rates were established under state regulations, and adequate electric power was made available thru interconnection. But at the demand of the FPC, and against the advice of the Army and Navy Munitions Board, millions of pounds of copper critically needed in the war effort were used to build a duplicating power line from a government dam 200 miles away. In addition, the Commission proceeded to hold a hearing as to the "propriety" of the state regulated rates of the private companies which had been finally permitted to supply a part of the energy needed by the aluminum plant. Reporters termed the hearing a French Inquisition. State utility commissions considered it an inexcusable invasion of states' rights. Obviously the Federal Power Commission was determined to extend public ownership, regardless of cost or infringement on local authority. It seems inconceivable that a powerful agency of government, established to serve all the people, could be warped into an instrument of prejudice seeking to destroy our institutions and ultimately our form of government. And yet Senator Bridges reveals with frightening clarity that it has been done.

Opinions differ. They are not worth much. It is the record that counts. The past several years have brought monumental government waste, private enterprise strangled and the dole substituted for jobs. Mr. Roosevelt now proposes a sizeable handout for service men after the war. Fine. Let them have it; but still better, let them have jobs with freedom of private enterprise. And while handouts are being passed around, now come Indian tribes of the upper Mississippi valley states asking for a cool billion from the government for territory that belonged to their ancestors. This is probably the most legitimate of all claims and the least likely to be granted.

Legion Auxiliary Held Regular Meet Wednesday

At its regular meeting Wednesday night the American Legion Auxiliary drew up a resolution to be presented to the Mayor, the American Legion and the Commercial Club petitioning that during all Military funerals all business houses be closed and flags displayed. Mary Harrington, Grace Borg, Gertrude Streeter and Edith Davidson were named regular delegates to the State Convention in Norfolk on August 23, and 24. Blanche Karr and Ruth Rector were named alternate delegates. The unit voted to contribute \$10.00 to the Nurses' training fund.

Combination Sales

Combination sales requiring a consumer or retailer to purchase an additional item as a condition to the delivery of any one or more desired articles is a direct violation of OPA regulations. Maurice E. Rawlings, district director stated today.

He said that numerous reports have recently been received indicating such violations and that immediate steps would be taken in order to correct this situation. Mr. Rawlings declared that neither consumer nor retailer need buy an additional item to that which is desired or ordered as the regulation clearly states: "You must not, as a condition of selling any particular food, require a customer to buy anything else. Any such evasion is punishable as a violation of this regulation." He urged that all retailers and consumers report any such transactions to the Price Panel of their Local War Price and Rationing Board or directly to the district office of the OPA.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Block, a daughter, born Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dexter, a son, born Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lyndle Stout, a daughter, born Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anderson, a daughter, born Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Rakes a girl, born Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Beckwith, a boy, born Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Woods of Page, a boy, born Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Maywood Bruegman, a girl, born Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. William Strong, a girl, born Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dexter a boy, born Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clausen entertained Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Scott, Mrs. Scott's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Rabb, of Pasadena, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paterson and Roy Sauters at dinner at their home last Sunday.

BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

By Romaine Saunders Atkinson, Nebr., Star Route No. 5.

Maybe the Italian end of the Axis merely jumped from the frying pan into the fire where they can stew a little faster.

Georgia has extended the privilege of the ballot box to 18-year-olds, of whom there are an estimated 160,000 in the state. Just that many more democrat votes.

The one who admits his prejudices is likely to be more considerate of the opinions and principles of others than the chap who boasts that he is "broad-minded."

Even critical letters from readers are flattering, but maybe the writer should spend his money for war stamps instead of wasting it on postage stamps for the Breezes scribe.

Mr. Wallace indicts his fellow patriots who "hate Roosevelt." Unfortunately the feeling appears to be mutual and the apostle of good will helps matters none by spreading the feeling of ill will.

The most ridiculous reason for a strike yet given on the union labor front was the walkout of 250 arrogant white workers because three negro women were put on the job in a tire and rubber plant at Akron, Ohio.

A newspaper man who hangs around close to government dignitaries says Secretary of State Cordell Hull has never been a new dealer, which everybody has known, but it's not so well known that he denies passports to some notables. "Among those who did not get one was Eleanor Roosevelt."

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The city of Lincoln has a contest as to which of two of its citizens is the lawfully elected member of the city council. Rees Wilkinson was given the seat on the strength of the findings of the canvassing board which gave him a majority of four votes over the next man, who contested and has won in county court. Mr. Wilkinson appeals and in the mean time the mayor and council have discovered they have a live wire among them, injecting some life into the ordinary routine of a municipal council session. Mr. Wilkinson is an originator. He started more than a quarter century ago the first exclusive automobile insurance company in the state and has been followed by many imitations. Now he is waging a fight to bring an indifferent traction company to a sense of its obligation to the city.

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Mrs. Cole Named State Chairman Woman's Com.

According to the daily press last Sunday, Mrs. Guy Cole of Emmet has been named chairman of the Women's State Salvage committee, and is now in charge of that organization. Mrs. Cole has been chairman of the Holt County Salvage committee for the past year and a half and her work in this county was so good that the state officials were of the opinion that she should be at the head of the committee, and when a vacancy occurred in that position she was placed at the head of the committee. The Frontier, as well as her many friends in the county extend sincere congratulations on this well-deserved honor coming to this Holt county lady and we predict that she will make a success of this drive in Nebraska during the next year.

Still Need Tin Cans And Waste Fats

Tin cans are still wanted and should be taken, prepared, to the Tin Can depot in your town. In O'Neill take them to the small building back of the Court House annex. The Speits-Ray Lumber company have kindly let us use a building of theirs and they will be hauled to this place at intervals but the building back of the annex is so convenient we are going to continue using it. The need is so great for the cans that oil cans, paint cans and tobacco cans can now be used. They need not be cleaned, just crushed very flat. Other cans should be cleaned the ends opened and flattened. The waste fat collection for July in Holt county was the smallest since this work started. Our boys on the battle fronts are making good gains, and they need our help more than ever, to furnish them with ammunition and the weapons of war. We can't let 'em fight with bare hands.

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Pioneer Dies On Highway Just East Of Atkinson

Bert Freed, 72, one of the old-time farm residents of this community, died suddenly of a heart attack about one o'clock Thursday afternoon, August 5th. Mr. Freed was on his way to town from his farm 6 1/2 miles east of Atkinson. About a mile from town one of the tires on his car went flat. He suffered the heart attack as he was putting a jack under the car, and died instantly. Mrs. Freed was with him, but did not get out of the car at once. After a few minutes she called to her husband when she didn't hear any activity, and receiving no answer she got out to find him lying dead in the road. Born in Illinois, Mr. Freed came to Holt county when he was a boy, and had lived here practically all of his life. The body was brought to the Seger funeral home in Atkinson, where it will remain pending funeral arrangements which have not yet been made. Rites will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson, probably Monday or Tuesday morning. Mr. Freed is survived by his wife; two sons, Lyle of Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert of Atkinson; one daughter, Mrs. Fred Barnes of Atkinson.—Atkinson Graphic.

U. S. Employment Service Placed Many Workers

Job placements by the Norfolk office of the United States Employment Service soared to a new high during the past year, Manager Walter Steffen announced today. In a report for the year ended June 30th, Steffen said a total of 6,792 workers were hired by employers in the Norfolk area, following their referral by the local USES office, compared to 2,080 job placements in the preceding year. This is a percentage gain of 266 per cent. Of the 6,792 placements, 4,471 were in agriculture—testimony to the No. 1 place held by farming and ranching in northeastern and northern Nebraska. Steffen said the demand for all types of labor shows no sign of letting up in the face of a gradually thinning supply of manpower. "Many employers in the state are successfully attacking the manpower problem by upgrading workers within their own organization to fill skilled jobs and go outside only for low grades of skill," Steffen observed. "It is much easier, of course, to locate unskilled workers and train them than it is to find experienced help."

He suggested that only a start had been made in the Norfolk area to fully utilize women workers, who constitute a large source of labor supply. He urged that employers make an "affirmative" study of their plant operations to determine what additional jobs might be handled by women. A reappraisal of this kind, he asserted, frequently discloses that an employer need make only minor changes in his plant setup to employ women. Steffen said the Employment Service will be glad to furnish a skilled assistant to employers who desire aid in making such a study. "Employers who before the war had not employed women have been surprised and pleased by the skill women have shown on jobs previously handled by men. But we have made only a beginning in this field. More and more women will be needed to fill jobs this year as we get nearer the bottom of the manpower barrel."

Prices Nominally Steady On Livestock Receipts

Livestock receipts were cut here last Monday and, for the most part, prices looked about steady with a week ago. The market carried a firm undertone and the day's supplies found ready outlet. Calf supplies were short and those that were here were very ordinary in quality. Prices were mostly around last week's levels on both steers and heifers. Only a fair showing of yearlings was on sale. Steers in this class paid from \$12.75 down, with nothing tippy offered. Heifers cashed at \$12.50 down. The cow market was a little easier, with a few top beef cows making around \$12. Plainer kinds cashed at \$10.50 to \$11.50, with common kinds placing at \$8.50 to \$9.50. Cannors and cutters sold in a wide price range from \$6.50 to \$8.00. Bulls scaling 1225 pounds made \$12.95, with the bulk paying \$12.45 to \$12.60. About 500 hogs were on sale here. Chosen handweight butchers cashed \$13.65. Bulk sold at \$13.55 to \$13.60. Sows reached \$12.75 on lightweights; bulk cashed at \$12.55 to \$12.65. Feeders were quite plentiful and paid \$12.20 to \$12.50. Little pigs sold by the head at good prices. Next auction will be held on Monday, August 16.

Wheeler County Fair On Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Residents of this area will be treated to the only rodeo showing in this section of the state this year when the Wheeler County fair and rodeo is presented at Bartlett on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 13, 14 and 15. In addition to the rodeo, stress will be put on the 4-H and agricultural exhibits of the fair. Walter Plugge, rodeo manager, has been busy the past month lining up that part of the show. He announces that calf roping, bulldogging, Brahma, bronco and buffalo riding will be the main features of his program. Mr. Plugge is well equipped to stage a top-notch rodeo. At his large ranch in Beaver valley, eight miles north-east of Bartlett, he keeps Brahma and Texas longhorn cattle and buffalo the year round. "Walt" has shown over quite a territory in past years, but will limit himself to one or two shows, in addition to the Wheeler county rodeo, this year. A dance will be held at the fair ground pavilion on Saturday and Sunday nights. Mrs. Emma Dickinson Weekes left Wednesday for Omaha, where she plans to make her home.

Montana Jack Describes Oregon-Idaho Highway

John O'Malley received the following letter from Montana Jack Sullivan, of Butte, Mont., a couple of weeks ago. Jack's vivid description of the Oregon-Idaho highway is so good that we deemed it worthy of passing on to our readers: Dear friend John: Some time ago I told you I was going to tell you about a journey I took one time from Huntington, Ore., to Boise, Idaho. There was a beautiful highway, which crosses a sagebrush desert as far as the eye can reach. This highway is lined on either side by locust trees at intervals of a few hundred feet. I noticed a cultivated area about twelve feet in extent at the base of each tree which was a solid bed of cactus. There was no cactus anywhere through the sagebrush excepting at the base of each tree. I asked a fellow who was working on the highway just what the scheme was about the cactus. He said it rarely ever rained in that locality and that locust trees withstood more drought than any other tree which would grow there. He said the cactus absorbed the moisture out of the air and that the trees robbed the cactus. It was the longest stretch of highway I ever traveled where there were no habitations of mankind. The beauty of the scene was so absorbing that the thought of loneliness never entered my mind. The sage bore a purple blossom and the clear blue ridge of mountains in the distant background topping this immense field of purple was staggering to the imagination. To get the picture as I got it, the sage had to be in bloom and the atmospheric condition timed just right. Down on the "Painted Desert" in Arizona, one gets those prismatic, or rainbow colorings, against the hillsides, which give the desert its name. But the Arizona desert is brighter, and with the strange formations even without the prismatic effect, you'd still have a picture. In case one did not hit this sagebrush desert just when I did, it might be a long, drab, lonesome road. But the glow on the mountains, the bloom on the sage and the atmospheric conditions were all perfect to have a lasting impression. I have always been in love with life and raptured with nature, but scenes like these make me wish that I could handle a paint brush like Charles Russell; then my happiness would be complete. I have some time yet on the hospital job and am also inspecting the wiring of the airport, so can't tell for a couple of weeks when I can shove off for O'Neill. I am all hopped up about the trip, for that's one place where one can relax. All anyone ever does around O'Neill is seek recreation. Any time I ever heard anyone talking about work around O'Neill I thought they were trying to kid somebody. It's the only place in the world where work is a snap. I was glad to see that big Wop dog it out of the war. I always had him figured for a phoney, and thought there was enough yellow in him to paint the court house. He has been bowling over small countries the past few years with but nothing to eat or fight with but coconuts. The first time one of those American kids took a power dive at him the yellow came to the surface. I am enclosing a cartoon which tells the story about England. I want you to show it to Tom Griffin. I will get lined up in a week or so, then I can figure when I can get away. Then, I'll write to Don, and also Bob Gordon. He is also coming west this fall—that is, to O'Neill. As ever your pal, JACK SULLIVAN.