

THE FRONTIER

DUANE SAMMONS HOLT PIONEER, DIES AT AMELIA HOME

Homesteaded at Age of 21, and Lived Balance of Life Nearby

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Amelia Saturday, January 27th, for Duane Sammons, pioneer Holt County resident, who passed away Thursday at the Stuart hospital.

Duane Sammons, the fourth son of David and Eleanor Sammons, was born at Groveland, Ill., April 10, 1865, and died January 25, 1945, at the age of 79 years, 9 months and 15 days. He lived in Illinois until his 20th year, coming to Nebraska with his father and younger brother in the spring of 1885. At the age of 21 he homesteaded near Amelia, later locating on the place known as the McGinnis ranch. In 1901 he moved to the place northwest of Amelia where he lived until the time of his death.

In 1902 he was united in marriage to Mamie Pierce, who with their three children, Lee, Mrs. Hazel Ott, and Mrs. Bonnie Watson, all of Amelia, are left to mourn the passing of a kind and loving husband and father. Also surviving him are a brother, Alfred E. Sammons of Amelia, eight grandchildren, several nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

The funeral procession en route from his home to the church that he had helped to establish, paused for a brief time beside the still waters of the little lake where he had found so much peace and contentment in his later life.

Rev. Thomas J. Peacock, pastor of the M. E. Church, was in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. D. S. Conrad. Music was furnished by Mrs. M. L. Sager, Mrs. Ernie White, Mrs. Belle Widman, Harry White, Rev. Peacock, and Mrs. Clyde Widman. Pianists, pallbearers were Arthur Hiatt, S. C. Barnett, T. S. Doolittle, Harold Gilman, Elmer Oetter and Vernon Sparks.

CHAMBERS ITEMS

Phyllis Carpenter, Reporter

MELVIN SANRED THORIN

Melvin Sanred Thorin, fifth son of Charles and Clara Thorin was born January 3, 1911, near Norden, Neb., in Keya Paha County. Report received states that he died January 7, 1945 in France, at the age of 34 years and 4 days as a result of wounds received in action. He grew to manhood near Ewing, where he joined the United Brethren Church in 1927, and was very active in young people's work. He moved to the vicinity of Chambers, Neb., in 1933, where he resided until inducted into military service.

On February 2, 1942 he was united in marriage to Miss Florence Taylor of Chambers, Neb., was inducted into military service April 3, 1942, was sent to England in March 1944. He was assigned to the 6th armored division of the 3rd army, under General Patton.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Florence, one son, Lloyd Melvin, mother, Mrs. Clara Thorin, several brothers, Ernest A., Edwin C., Clarence R., Leonard A., Oscar M., Harold C., and Duane W. Eleven nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Methodist Church in Chambers, a double service being held for Melvin and his father who passed away on Tuesday. Rev. Park conducted the service. A quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Adams, Mrs. Letha Cooke and Ray Hoffman furnished the music. Honorary pallbearers were T. E. Newhouse, Bayne Grubb, Donald Grimes, Louis Rothchild, Duane Carson and Charley Edwards.

Although this loved one can never be with us in body, he is in spirit and will always be remembered and have a place in our hearts. We are proud of him. He did not go out to seek fame and glory, all he wanted was freedom and peace and he gave his all that this might some day be attained.

Mrs. Wayne Rouse and Mrs. Robert Farrier accompanied Frank Porter to Grand Island Friday. Mrs. Sarah McMillan passed away at her home at Payette, Idaho on Saturday, January 27th. Funeral services will be at the Chambers Methodist Church Thursday afternoon. Mrs. McMillan was the mother of Mrs. Sarah Adams of Chambers.

AMERICAN RED CROSS, CHAMBERS BRANCH

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The best investment in the world: United States war bonds.

SMALL DOSES

PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders
Atkinson, Nebr.

Any efforts for national unity are thwarted by documents coming out of the White House that make for disunity.

Mr. Wallace professes to be champion of the "little man." The little man, little business, has done pretty well in caring for personal interests and all he wants now is to be let alone to work out his own destiny.

A modern scientific speculator says: "Soil, however, is a development by nature produced with infinitesimal slowness through a million years." An ancient, who wrote about 3,500 years nearer the beginning of material things says the job was done in six days.

Of those wearing the uniform of the army or navy encountered in travel all have had enough of it, with one exception—a WAC. An Ojagala Sioux Indian girl from Pine Ridge told me she likes the army. With military or Indian reserve she replied to the question as to what her duties were, "O, a little of everything."

Dr. Henry R. Wriston, president of Brown University, thinks "we are steadily embracing the ideas of our enemies. By some strange observation we fight the Nazis physically, we denounce them verbally, and at the same time we tend more and more to copy this essential thesis." I wonder, are the blood and tears and treasure poured out by America to overwhelm a foreign monster only to have that monster rear its frightful head at home? The scholarly doctor thinks there is too much emphasis on bread and potato, new suits and the latest in overcoats coming out of government sources and not enough on the ideals of democracy. Or in other words the good old Yankee doctrine of root hog or die. And the national drift has developed what one writer says is a "shoddy generation."

A medical journal that has weathered the vicissitudes for 60 years says to get your vitamins not at the corner drug store but at the corner grocery—in the shape of fresh vegetables.

A husky old boy down at the capital city, who campaigned in the Philippines and along the China border and describes himself as a former U. S. soldier, told me the talk of man power shortage is a lot of bunk. He had combed the old town over for a job and is now awaiting the answer of bigwigs on his application to sign up as a messenger boy. He had been given a social security number but no job when I last saw him.

Debunkers are always busy. Here's one from Columbia University's food chemist: "You eat spinach largely for its calcium, but the oxalic acid in it forms an insoluble compound with that calcium and the body doesn't get any."

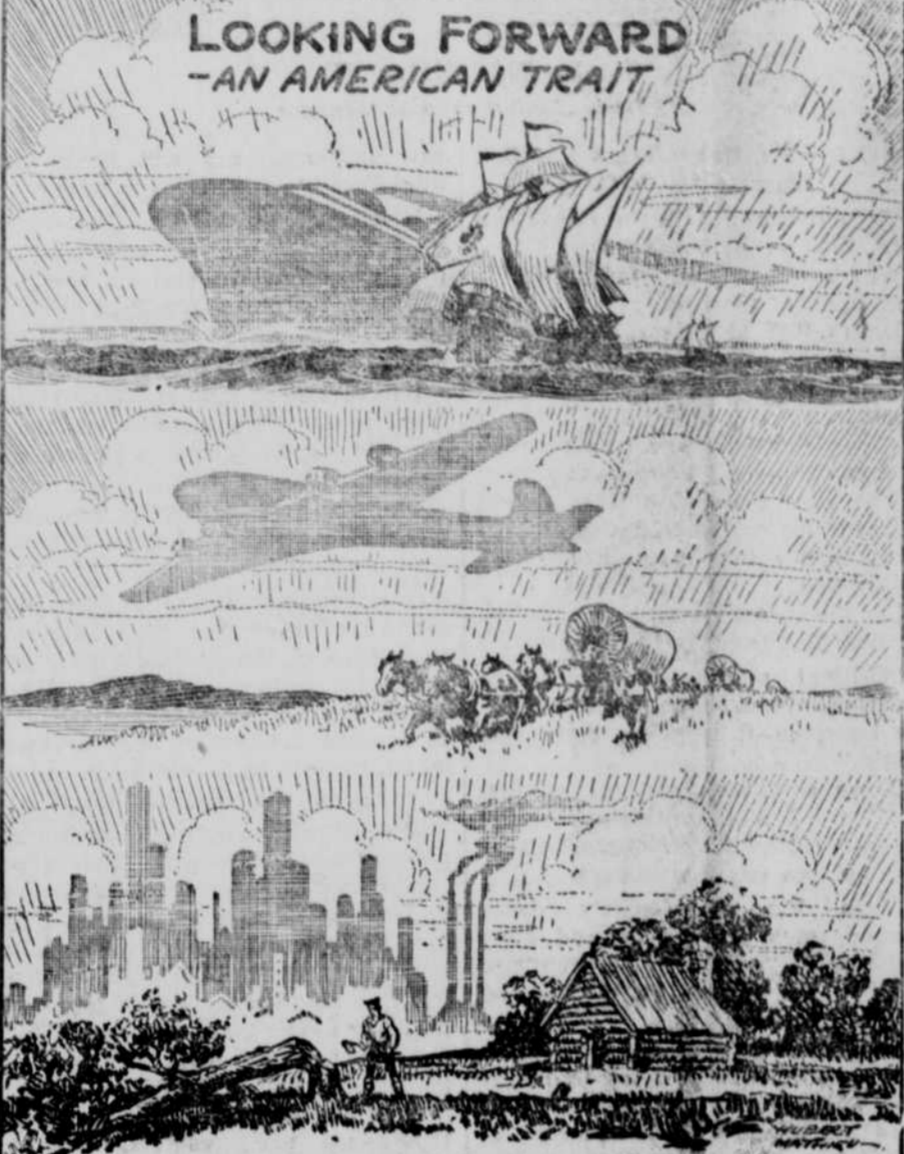
The ghost of Barret Scott would write present day Holt county defrauders down as mere pickers. He made away with it all while he was at it—all but 13 cents. There are plenty of honest and capable men and women in Holt county that could take over the clerk's office with credit. I don't know what the board has done or intends to do about the appointment, but I would favor Mrs. Charley McKema for the place. She was a candidate opposing Gallagher not so long ago, is a native of the county, capable, friendly and would be an additional arrangement to a pretty generally capable court-house force.

Someone eventually gets the credit, their name hitched to a certain thing that gives it popularity. Just now it is a motherly madam known as Sister Kenny. Hydrotherapy was in this country more than a half century before the lady from Australia stepped on the stage. It came out of Battle Creek, Mich., in perfected form. Beyond that, our mothers and grandmothers used a hot baked potato, blissfully ignorant of hydrotherapy principles but got tangible results. It is not important whose name popularizes a method of treating the sick, does that method bring healing to afflicted humanity? Faith healers—mostly fake—at one time were numerous. A former O'Neill citizen, Az Perry, gambler, saloon operator, owner of a 4-horse stage coach line, hotel landlord, railroad promoter and a few other undertakings—when last heard of was reported to have put on the robes and solemn visage of the faith healer, and he probably made a good one. What O'Neill turned out a generation ago, whether genuine or suspicious, was no second-rate stuff.

A forlorn little depot in a

OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat



It's ingrained in American character to look forward with confidence - as a nation and as individuals. We look forward to growth and progress in America - to making our own plans, achieving our own security, putting our savings into war bonds, savings banks and life insurance - to accomplishing ourselves, the things we want to do.

Farm Loan Arrangements for World War II Veterans Explained by Holt FSA

Machinery for government guarantee of farm loans to World War II veterans through GI Bill of Rights provisions was set in motion in this part of the state in a meeting of Farm Security Administration county committeemen and others in Butte on Tuesday, Jan. 23. This meeting was called by FSA to instruct county personnel and the county FSA committees in their new duties connected with administration of the GI Bill. Ray L. Verzal, county FSA supervisor, stated, "The GI-guaranteed loans will be made by banks or other lending sources, and the Veterans Administration will guarantee half the amount of the loan provided the amount guaranteed does not exceed \$2,000. Eligible loans will draw 4 per cent interest. Loans for chattels will run for the reasonable length of life or usefulness of the chattels bought, and in the case of real estate the loan limit is 20 years.

(FSA county committee) certifies a loan, it is then up to the Veterans Administration under which the government guarantees to the lender the repayment of a portion of the loan, or to disapprove the loan and refuse to make the guarantee. Veterans Administration will, of course, proceed largely on the recommendation of the Certifying Committee, since the committee is made up of local men who know local farming conditions and have a good idea as to whether or not the veteran is likely to succeed with the loan. It was pointed out at the meeting that the farm loan phase is only one of several benefits provided through the GI Bill of Rights. Local Service Men's organizations and veterans' groups stand ready to help advise veterans as to ways to obtain full benefits of the Act.

Under arrangements worked out between the Veterans Administration and the Department of Agriculture, the local committee which will certify the loans will consist of the already established county FSA committee. When acting in connection with GI matters, this committee will be known as the Veterans Loan Certifying Committee, and may later be enlarged by one member who will be a veteran of either World War and who will preferably be an abusinessman. Except when performing GI connected duties, this three-farmer committee will continue its normal duties pertaining to the FSA program of rural rehabilitation and farm ownership.

It was explained that FSA's responsibilities in connection with the certifying of GI-guaranteed loans are entirely separate from FSA's regular program of supervised credit which has been in operation for nearly ten years, serving family-type farmers unable to get suitable credit from other sources. These regular FSA services have already been made available to a large number of discharged veterans, and will continue to be available. FSA has already loaned nearly one and a half million dollars to discharged World War II veterans for loans in connection with their plans to get started farming, for such things as feed, seed, livestock, equipment and farm operating costs. In addition, over \$240,000 has been loaned to War II veterans for purchase of nearly 50 farms under the regular Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act administered by FSA. Incidentally, the GI Bill further extends eligibility for loans under the Bankhead-Jones Act to include veterans as though they were tenants.

Returning veterans interested in farm loans under GI Bill provisions, according to the way Mr. Verzal summed it up, will find a lender willing to make a loan, and will then either visit the County Veterans Advisory committee through the county agent's office for further advice, or see the Certifying Committee through the county FSA office. The veteran should have a good idea of what farming he wants to do, what property he wants to buy, and how he wants to conduct his enterprise.

After the Certifying Committee town hits the bottom of lonely dreariness. Of the two hundred and five billion dollars in government war contracts the past four years Nebraskans got over one billion one hundred and twenty-seven million dollars, twenty-seven counties getting in on the divvy Holt didn't get a dime. Have the O'Neill Bourbons disappeared from the picture?

SENATOR WRITES FROM LINCOLN

Lincoln, January 30, 1945. Monday of this week was the last day for the introduction of bills and two sessions of the senate were held that day, so all could get under the wire. Twenty-one bills were introduced at the morning session and 18 at the afternoon session, making a total of 348 for the session, which is about 50 less than were introduced two years ago.

One of the most controversial measures of the session went into the hopper at the afternoon session. It is LB238, introduced by Hubka of Beatrice, and is a 2 per cent sales tax. It is estimated that this will raise \$12,000,000 per annum. The bill is one of the most comprehensive of the many sales tax bills that have been presented to the legislature in recent years. Its principal provisions are that 2 per cent of the revenue, which is estimated at \$12,000,000 a year, would go to the state for administration of the act, 30 per cent to the state assistance department, and the other 68 per cent to the schools of the state. The bill has the backing of the Nebraska State Grange and several school organizations.

If the estimates of the advocates of the bill are correct \$12,000,000 annually, it would mean that \$240,000 would go to the state for administration. The assistance department would receive \$3,528,000, which is twice as much revenue as the department ever received from the 1 cent gas tax and the school fund would receive about \$9,000,000. This would be apportioned out to the schools of the state. The tax if adopted, would become effective July 1, 1945, and would be placed upon the gross receipts from retail sales of tangible property sold at retail. It would not apply, however, to gross receipts for transportation services, to sales not in excess of 15 cents, ticket sales to state and county fairs and other educational and religious functions, motor fuels, sales of goods upon which a state excise tax greater than 2 per cent has been collected, sales of seeds, commercial fertilizers, livestock and poultry, grains, hay, commercial concentrates or mineral feeds. Neither does it apply to sales made by religious and educational institutions.

The administration of the act and collection of the tax is given to the tax commissioner and retailers are to make periodic reports to his office on blanks furnished for that purpose. Another pension bill went into the hopper Monday. It is to provide a retirement system for state employees. Employees are to contribute 4 per cent of their wages to the fund and the state must contribute an amount sufficient to pay the state pension. This is the third retirement bill introduced at this session. One covers all school employees and another covers all municipal employees and those of any political subdivision of the state. They will all have tough sledding. A united effort seems to be on here to eliminate normal training from Nebraska high schools. School officials in the 28 senatorial districts—who wish to retain this in their high schools—should send in their objections to its elimination, so we can present them to the proper committee when the time arrives.

Former Senator Tony Asimus was a legislative visitor last week and was warmly greeted by his many friends in the Senate. We will try and give you a description of some of the other "hot measures" before this session, next week. Respectfully yours, D. H. CRONIN

Hospital Notes
Mrs. Peter Ruda of Bristow, a baby girl born Saturday.
Mrs. Bernard Stewart, dismissed Saturday.
Mrs. Leonard Dusatko, a baby girl born Monday.
Mrs. Marie Summers, Stafford, dismissed Tuesday.
George Spindler, dismissed Tuesday.
Mrs. Bernard Cavanaugh, dismissed Tuesday.
Leland Caskey, Venus, dismissed Saturday.

The Weather

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MARRIAGE LICENSES
To Raymond Junior Hoffman, Bassett and Betty Jane Butler, Stuart, on January 25th. They were married the same day by Rev. Dawson J. Park, pastor of O'Neill Methodist Church.

BRIEFLY STATED

The Alpha Club met January 24th at the home of Mrs. George C. Robertson at which time officers were elected to serve for the present year. Money was advanced to renew subscriptions to magazines being sent to boys in service and a contribution was made to the infantile paralysis fund.

Mrs. P. W. Davenport of Tarkio, Mo., came Wednesday to visit several weeks at the home of Mrs. Lulu Quigg and her mother, Mrs. Pace.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rickly spent Thursday in Fullerton on business.

Mrs. Carl Widfeldt went to Fremont Friday and returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Coil went to Sioux City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas went to Norfolk Sunday and on Tuesday Mr. Thomas submitted to an operation. Latest reports are that he is in a serious condition. He is at Lutheran Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira George in a Sioux City hospital Friday a son. The little one passed away Saturday. Our sympathy is extended to them at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Price were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Martin Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Slattery was very much surprised Monday evening to receive a phone call from New York. It was her brother, Arthur J. Ambrose of the medical corps of the Royal Air Force of England. Mrs. Slattery has not seen her brother for 25 years. Mr. Ambrose could not disclose why he is in the United States but did tell her he would visit her some time this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wrede and son Donny left Wednesday for Rochester, Minn., where they will go in regard to Donny's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Price have received a card signed by their son Stephen Price who is a German prisoner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Curran received a telegram Saturday from their son Joe Curran who has recently returned from a year in Africa. Joe is with the Seabees.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jonas were in Norfolk Monday on business. Word has been received here that Archie L. Sargent, son of Leon Sargent of this city, has received an honorable medical discharge. He has been with the 134th Engineers medical corps and is overseas 34 months. His home is at Seal Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Ralph Voeks has recently heard from her husband who is reportedly with the First Army. Ralph said that one other American soldier and himself recently captured five German soldiers who put up the alibi that they were Poles instead of Germans.

George C. Robertson returned Saturday from Lincoln and Omaha where he had gone on business. He also visited his daughter, Mrs. R. P. Orth of Lincoln, and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Robertson of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jonas of Grand Island spent the week-end here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Herb Russ and daughters, Misses Henrietta and Herberta Russ, have returned to Lincoln, Neb., from Los Angeles, Calif. Miss Herberta was stricken with infantile paralysis while in California and is now in the Orthopedic Hospital in Lincoln where she is being treated by the Sister Kenny method.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McElvain and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker and small daughter returned from Omaha Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Milo Williams of Butte visited Mr. Williams' mother, Mrs. Marguerite Brown at the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hewett and son Gary spent Monday and Tuesday visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Parker.

Miss Kathryn McCarthy returned to Grand Island Monday after visiting here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Jones visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka en route from Redfield, S. D., to Ft. Worth, Tex.

Sunday evening dinner club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Rooney.

Master Sergeant James Holsclaw of Morocco, Calif., came Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holsclaw and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clifton visited Sunday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhany.

Virgie Ott came home Friday after being in the Veterans Hospital in Lincoln for several weeks.

Herb Russ went to Lincoln Saturday and visited with his wife and daughters until Monday.

CACTUS CLUB MEETS

The Cactus Club met at the home of Mrs. Clarence Wrede January 23rd. Most of the members were present.

"Time Savers in Sewing" was the lesson which was well given by Mrs. Rudy Johnson. Different kinds of aprons, button holes, seams, taylor's tacks, plackets and jiffy zippers were shown.

FRED O. ZINK OF STUART, CHOSEN COUNTY CLERK

Wins on Third Ballot, 5 to 2; 16 Applicants on List

Fred O. Zink, 56, of Stuart, a republican, Tuesday was chosen by the county board of supervisors from a list of 16 applicants as county clerk of Holt County. Mr. Zink's election came on the third ballot taken by the board. The vote was 5 to 2, the two votes going to Herman R. Schrader of Atkinson, and R. L. George of O'Neill.

Mr. Zink, a well-known farmer and rancher 12 miles north of Stuart, has long been prominent in township affairs, but has never held county office before, although his sister, Miss Florence Zink, served two terms as county superintendent of schools about 30 years ago. He succeeds William F. Serck who was clerk but 17 days, and John C. Gallagher, who was elected to the office in November, 1942, but who resigned November 14, 1944, after a shortage in his office accounts was found.

Others who applied for the position were: George W. Holcomb, Amelia; Thaine E. Mitchell, Chambers; Mervin H. Butler, Ewing; Mrs. Jennie Callen and Herman R. Schrader, all of Atkinson; Carl Lorenz, Virgil W. Ott, Mae Shoemaker, Harry Clauson, William Becker, Howard M. Perkins, Ernest G. Price, James J. Mullen, Robert P. Parkins and R. L. George, all of O'Neill.

Page Beats Inman to Cop County Basketball Crown

Spectators were treated to some fast, well-played basketball games this week at the high school gymnasium. Page was the winner in the Holt county tournament, but only after battling through tough opposition that twice found them victors by only a few points. In the finals they defeated Inman. St. Joseph's won the consolation game from O'Neill.

In the first game of the tournament Monday evening Page shaded Atkinson 27 to 25. Wednesday afternoon Page outplayed Chambers, 36 to 12. St. Joseph's defeated Ewing 35 to 15, Inman over St. Mary's 27 to 25, and O'Neill outpointed Stuart, 30 to 23. Wednesday evening Page beat St. Joseph's 23 to 20 while Inman defeated O'Neill, 29 to 20. In the finals Page emerged victorious over Inman, 32 to 20, and St. Joseph's beat O'Neill, 32 to 21.

PAGE NEWS ITEMS

PAGE METHODIST CHURCH
Feodor C. Kattner, Minister, Sunday School at 10 a. m. Christian education is necessary for Christian living. Worship services at 11 a. m.

For the children in the church basement with Mrs. Kattner conducting the services. For the adults in the sanctuary with the minister conducting the services.

Youth Fellowship at 8 p. m. This church is entering wholeheartedly into the crusade for Christ as launched by the Methodist church. Every Methodist should join as "Methodism Marches On."

The Page Project Club met with Mrs. Harry Harper on Thursday, January 25th for the lesson on "Time Savers in Sewing." Roll call was answered by fifteen members and three visitors who gave sewing hints. A lap board to use when doing and sewing was demonstrated. Also a wrist pin cushion and a practical method to put zippers in garments. Mrs. Raymond Heiss, reading leader, read an article on "Peacetime Military Conscription." A covered dish luncheon was served at noon. Members will entertain their husbands at the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aughe and family of Orchard, Mrs. Evelyn Gray and Mrs. Ethel Asher were dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matschullat Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell were dinner guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Braddock.

Mrs. C. A. Townsend entertained the Just-a-Mere Club at her home Friday afternoon. Nine members and two guests, Mrs. Geo. Ross and Mrs. O. B. Stuart were present. Rook was played at two tables. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barr of O'Neill were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lloyd Cork.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell of Butte, Neb., have been visiting at the Larabee Kelly home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kennedy and son Bruce and Dean Skinner of Ainsworth, Neb., who had attended a basket ball game at O'Neill Friday evening came to Page and also attended the Card Benefit at the I. O. O. F. hall.

The Pinochle Club met at the (Continued on Page 4)