

# THE FRONTIER

## Mr. Ressel Writes of "Sealed Corn"

In extenuation of the "sealed corn" program and to give the official figures Harry E. Ressel of the local AAA committee sends in the following.

"Holt county has 31,008 bushels of corn under seal to date from the 1944 crop. The maximum loan rate for the county is .88c per bushel providing stored in cribs meeting CCC qualifications and must contain not more than 20.5% moisture content to April 1st and not over 17.5% after April 1st. This proves that CCC is only making loans on good quality corn and not on corn of poor quality, as some are led to believe.

"To those who do not know, these loans are all made through local lending agencies, which in most cases your and my local bank at 3% interest rate.

"To those who think the storage of grain in years of plenty is something new, turn and read Genesis 41:33-39 and Genesis 42:1 to 21.

"If this storage was a good thing in Joseph's time why do some people choose to condemn it now?

"We believe it is a wonderful program and are hoping we can seal much more grain. Who knows whether we will raise a crop in 1945?

"Respectfully submitted,  
HARRY E. RESSEL,  
Chairman Holt County AAA Committee."

Mr. Ressel's reference to the Bible story of storing grain in Egypt is interesting though not a parallel to the AAA program. Prime Minister Joseph made no loans; he reached into Pharaoh's treasure chest for funds and bought up "all the corn." Later he sold it back to the swarthy husbandmen of the Nile at a profit. A typical Jewish transaction.

## SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders

The passing of "Holy Week" too often is followed by unholy conduct.

A Kansas editor tell it: Allow me to present my husband to you. No, thanks. I have one of my own.

Grand Island, like the youth too smart for his pants, is too big for its size. There is neither hotel accommodation, place to park a car, table at a cafe or chance in a store for the accumulated mobs grown out of "war industries."

And now it is learned that a secret pact was entered into by representatives of the three powers at Yalta. Wonder if it was what an O'Neill citizen has disclosed. According to this usually reliable citizen Stalin and Churchill each asked for a slice of Germany. Mr. Roosevelt is reported to have said that he had just got Montgomery Ward's and that would satisfy him.

The prairie land was exchanging the brown of nature's lifeless season for the green of new life. buds opened to the sunlight, meadowlarks warbled as they sat on fence posts, cattle went hunting for the fresh green sprouts, left-over hay stacks stood like grey ghosts in ragged outline, field and meadow invited to the open. And then the first April shower came in the form of a heavy blanket of wet snow. So the prairie land on April 3 lies again in endless miles of white purity.

There is little or no interest in the history of the orderly development of a community but a story of the spectacular, the venturesome heroics, of a character with a touch of that intangible something which puts a mark of distinction on a gent, gets a hearing. Just when the stories of Doc Middleton will become stale is not predictable. I am indebted to James Nightingale of Atkinson for some early north Nebraska history. Probably no one from the Yellow Banks to the Black Hills was feared more than Middleton. He was a combination of open-handed generosity, sympathy for those on whom the hand of misfortune fell, criminal craftiness and a trigger finger that shot to kill. He came from Texas as a night herder into Nebraska and stayed. His real name was Riley, not Middleton, and the title Doc was acquired by his ability to fix up a wounded or injured pard, as stranger and friend alike were considered. From the time he shot a soldier who had insulted and then assaulted him to the end of his spectacular career in the upper Elkhorn valley Middleton was a fugitive. From time to time I may write a paragraph about this somewhat remarkable scalawag.

The chaplain of the penitentiary at Lincoln has mailed me a little printed message entitled "Wit's End Corner. It pulsates with the heart throbs, the mental strain, the hope and faith of a condemned prisoner, Joseph T. MacAvoy, who two weeks ago squared accounts with society with his life in the electric chair. It is to be hoped the faith he expressed in the dark hour of doom was born out of a vital experience. His message is remarkable for what he did express. If it were possible out in the dim unknown for a 16-year-old girl of Sutton, Neb., who struggled, pled and gave her life in defense of virtue and honor to point a finger at a rapist, a murderer and say, "Why didn't you mention what you did to me in that last message of yours; and are you to go through the pearly gates and I to be left out?"—Then what. The one condemned to execution for crime draws much sympathy from the sob sister brigade. The laws of Nebraska and the divine decree are still in force. "At the hand

of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed."

Miss Marjorie Dickson returned to Lincoln Tuesday. She came to the city to attend the funeral of P. J. Biglin.

Word was received in the city Tuesday that the life of Bob Brittel was dispensed of as he lay ill in a hospital in Portland, Ore., where the family had moved from O'Neill.

The two O'Neill banks have something over three million dollars in deposits. Just how much of this sum will the passbook holders have listed on the assessor's schedules.

## Pvt. Wm. Biglin Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin received a telegram Monday that their son, Pvt. William Biglin, had been killed in action in Germany, another in our midst added to a million desolated American homes.

Pvt. William Biglin was born in O'Neill and was about 22 years of age. He was a graduate of the O'Neill schools and was attending Creighton University at the time of his entrance into the army, about two years ago. He had been overseas for about six months and was on the drive into Germany. He was a splendid young man in the bloom of young manhood, with life before him when the avaricious jaws of the war lords clasped him. What a pity that the choicest manhood of our country is being sacrificed because of the ambitions of a bunch of German war lords. Let us hope it ends and soon with a glorious victory, so that some of America's young manhood can be saved.

The many Holt county friends of the family, and they are legion, extend the sorrowing relatives their sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

## Some Poultry Business

A meeting has been scheduled for all persons operating motor trucks used in the transportation of poultry and poultry products from producing areas in Boyd, Holt, and Wheeler counties, to be held at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, April 18, in the basement annex courthouse, O'Neill, Neb., at which time an Area and County Poultry and Poultry Products Industry Transportation Advisory Committee will be elected, ODT District Manager Frank Wampler announced today.

This Committee, when approved by the Office of Defense Transportation, will advise and assist the ODT in directing the movement of motor trucks used in the transportation of poultry and poultry products between producing areas in the District and destination points are entitled to elect their representative on the Committee.

ODT said that for the purpose of this program "destination point" means a farm, processing or packing plant, dehydrating, freezing or storage point, warehouse, rail or water head, wholesale or retail market place and includes such transportation between producing areas and any of the named destination points except from a wholesale or retail market place which distributes such products in what is commonly known as wholesale or retail distribution.

There have been wiped from the mortgage records of the county the past week seven real estate mortgages, the largest \$1800. There were the same number filed, one for \$8,000.

## P. J. Biglin Laid to Rest

Patrick J. Biglin passed away at his home in the northern part of the city last Friday afternoon at 4:50, after an illness of about six months at the age of 82 years, two months and twenty-four days. Funeral services were held from St. Patrick's church last Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and was very largely attended and interment in Calvary cemetery.

On June 27, 1895, Patrick J. Biglin was united in marriage to Miss Catherine M. Dailey, the ceremony being performed in St. Patrick's church in this city, the late Mons. M. F. Cassidy officiating. Mrs. Biglin is the daughter of another pioneer family, who came to O'Neill from Pennsylvania. Two children were born to this union, Miss Marie Biglin, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who arrived here last Thursday evening, being called on account of the serious illness of her father, and Miss Helen Biglin of this city, who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Stanton, Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, and Mrs. Mary E. Quinn, all of Scranton, Pa.

Patrick J. Biglin was born at Dunmore, Pa., on January 13, 1863. He was a resident of his native city and state until 1881 when he came with his father, Timothy Biglin to O'Neill. His father homesteaded about five miles southwest of O'Neill and he assisted his father in farming and cattle raising for 27 years. His father homesteaded about five miles southwest of O'Neill and he assisted his father in farming and cattle raising for 27 years. His father homesteaded about five miles southwest of O'Neill and he assisted his father in farming and cattle raising for 27 years.

He later served as an inspector for the pure food department of the state agricultural department for several years. Following this he operated a coal yard in this city for several years until failing health compelled him to retire from active business.

Pat Biglin was among the best known of the pioneers living in this city and vicinity and he had a host of friends in the city and county. With an agreeable and pleasing personality he loved to visit and discuss with friends the early days of the city of which he had been a resident for sixty-four years. Despite his advanced years he had a very retentive memory and knew the history of the city and county as well as any one here.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends in their hour of sorrow.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the O'Neill Commercial Club will be held in the dining room of the Golden Hotel at 7 p. m., Tuesday evening, April 10. Officers and directors for the year will be elected at this meeting and the treasurer will make his annual report. All members are urged to attend.

## ELECTION RETURNS

John Melvin, Councilman First Ward 22 votes.  
M. J. Wallace, Councilman Second Ward, 13 votes.  
Frank Clements, Councilman Third Ward, 25 votes.  
For Members Board of Education:  
H. J. Birmingham, 1st 21; Second, 13, Third, 22—Total 56.  
Ira H. Moss, 1st 19, Second 13, Third, 21—Total 53.  
For a town of 3,000 that looks like a mighty poor showing at Tuesday's election.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Frank Nelson, of the Meek neighborhood, favored us with a friendly visit the past week.

Miss Rosemary Biglin, of Omaha, spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin.

Bob Tomlinson arrived home Wednesday from Omaha, where he had been for medical treatment.

Mrs. Earl Wrede, of Branson, Mo., arrived in the city Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Judge Mounts and Reporter McElhaney were over at Butte Monday, disposing of a term of district court in a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Eby of Page spent Easter in the city, the guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Gillespie.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Baker, of the Short Horn Ranch just west of Amelia, was in the city a day last week and favored The Frontier with a call.

Andrew Morton arrived home Sunday from Hastings, where he had been the past two months in charge of one of the buildings of the war work program near that city.

The following patient, recently returned from active overseas duty in the Pacific theater, is recuperating from battle wounds Temple, Texas, S. Sgt. Frank J. Dietsch, Infantry, son of Joseph H. Dietsch, O'Neill, Nebr.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin was the scene of a family gathering Easter Sunday, when twenty-three guests sat down to dinner, the occasion being in honor of a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, T. 5. Donald Martin, here on a six week's leave after three years in military service abroad. He expects to return to Italy late in April.

Glenn Saunders of East Greenwich, R. I., sends The Frontier word of Sgt. G. H. Wade, an O'Neill citizen who entered army service from here in December, 1942. He is with the 37th division and was in the campaign from Lingayen Gulf to Manila, received wounds in his hands but apparently continues in the service units. During his residence here of eight years. Mr. Wade represented a Sioux City fruit and vegetable concern. Sgt. Wade recently received a belated and ruined Christmas package.

Governor Dwight Griswold has proclaimed the month of April, 1945, as "GET READY MONTH" for the Seventh War Loan Drive rally to be conducted during May and June. The Governor urges each citizen of this state to take account of his financial ability to support the war effort by investing his money in War Bonds to speed the victory and insure the restoration of normal peacetime living. He particularly urges employers and employees to fully cooperate with the plans for launching this "get ready" period with a special drive for "extra" payroll deduction starting on Monday, April 2. Also urges various service and luncheon clubs of the state and the school principals, teachers and pupils to lend every possible assistance in carrying out their assigned task in this important program to assure its success.

## Employment Service Schedule

The Norfolk Office of the Manpower Commission U. S. Employment service has arranged the following schedule for Holt county for the next three months:  
Atkinson—Monthly on Tuesday 1 to 2 o'clock April 17; May 15; June 12. At the postoffice.  
Ewing—Monthly on Tuesday 2:30 to 3 o'clock April 5; May 1, 29; June 26. At the postoffice.  
O'Neill—Weekly on Monday 2 to 4 o'clock April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21; June 4, 11, 18, 25. At the courthouse.

## Boys Plead Guilty--- Then Try to Escape

It was not technically a jail break. The two kids sentenced to the state industrial school felt the lure of open spaces and made a break for freedom when their cage was opened Wednesday at the court house by the jailer. Boyle made a run for the open. County Treasurer Ed Hancock caught on to the attempt to escape and gave chase while the sheriff corralled young Green. Boyle's energy faded out by the time he reached the vicinity of the Methodist church, when Ed made a melodramatic capture.

Sheriff Hubbard and Patrolman Peterson started for Kearney Thursday morning with the boys wearing the manacles.

Two 16-year-old lads were sentenced Tuesday in district court for commitment to the state industrial school at Kearney until they are 21, unless sooner discharged. Videl Sherman Green and William Boyle got into the law's swift embrace through the act of driving off an automobile not their own. The car belonged to John Conrad of Emmet and was stolen from the streets of O'Neill six weeks ago.

The boys were arrested by F. B. I. agents in North Dakota, taken to Omaha and then brought to O'Neill, where the crime was committed. Holt county had turned the job over to the F. B. I., which in turn handed it back to us, sending the boys here in custody of Deputy United States Marshall Frank Golden and Grant Yates, both of Omaha. County Attorney J. D. Cronin filed an information against the boys in district court. Court convened shortly before noon Tuesday, the boys were brought in by Sheriff Hubbard and Mr. Cronin read the charge. Judge Mounts questioned them at some length and explained their rights to trial by jury and legal counsel. They wanted neither and both entered pleas of guilty.

Ily clad, in need of hair cuts they stood before the court pitiful figures of neglected youth. The Green boy's home was in Atkinson, the other in Wheeler county south of Ewing when they started an experiment. When they took the car young Green said they headed for Canada to join the navy. Within five miles of the Canada line the law caught up with them. They wanted to get into the Allied fighting forces they said and were under age for the U. S. navy. The boys talked freely to the sheriff and The Frontier representative of their exploit, saying they have had enough of unlawful pursuits.

Maybe a handshake as an on-looker bid them goodbye flashed a momentary ray of hope into two drab and cheap young lives.

## CHAMBERS NEWS

Phyllis Carpenter, Reporter

Clair Grimes was on the sick list Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Spath, of Page, spent the week-end at the Charles and Frank Spath homes.

Mrs. Willard Tompson and Gladys Tompson had dental work done in O'Neill Thursday of last week.

Pfc. Frank Spath and sister, Mrs. Geo. Fullerton went to Plainview Sunday to visit relatives.

Mrs. C. M. Eason left Wednesday to report at Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, Col., as Nurses' Aid in the Veteran's Hospital at that place.

Miss Fay Finch came up from Lincoln Sunday to visit at the Pichler home. She will visit her parents at Middlebranch before returning to her work in Lincoln.

Rev. Lawrence Dale left Monday for Detroit, Mich., where he is to be married on Saturday of this week. He and his bride will come back to Chambers after a two weeks honeymoon.

Sgt. Willard Tompson arrived Friday from Camp Livingston, La., for a short furlough with his wife and children and parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tompson. He will return to Camp Livingston Wednesday of next week.

Mrs. Lela Grubb and Ray had as guests for dinner Easter Sunday the following, Mr. and Mrs. Gaus Wintermote and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Elkins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Grubb and daughter.

Company Sunday at the L. O. Lenz home were: Rev. Lawrence Dale, Mrs. E. M. Brooks and Mrs. Vernon Harley and children.

H. A. 2-c Jack Catron has been transferred from the Great Lakes Naval Training station to a corporal's school at San Diego, Cal.

Mrs. Donald Alderson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnett and daughters drove up from Hastings Thursday of last week. Mrs. Alderson visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Alderson. Her son, Donald, Jr., is staying there going to school. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett and children visited at the Alderson home and also at the S. B. Barnett and Glen White homes at Amelia. They returned to Hastings Monday.

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Assessors hit the trails again Monday. The only change in the schedule of valuations for this county made at the state house was to add a dime to wheat, of which there is little or none. Some holders of school land leases in the county feel they have been hit hard as in some instances valuations have been doubled by decree from the state house.

The recent erratic flareup of the weather is said to have wiped out Nebraska's prospects for a fruit crop, which is never murh anyway.

A personal letter from up Columbia river way expressed disappointment with what the writer has seen of the "great northwest."

## Real Estate Transfers

John V. Sullivan to Dominick L. Bohn—Lots 17, and 18, block 43, Riggs' Addition to O'Neill, \$500.

American United Life Ins. Co., to Leo Burival—se 1/4 23-30-112, \$3,200.

James Bartos to Harold A. and Erna E. Melcher—sw 1/4 sw 1/4 6, nw 1/4 nw 1/4 7-29-9, s 1/2 se 1/4 1-27-10, \$5,200.

Clement F. Theobald and wife to Guy Beckwith—s 1/2 10, 29-10, \$1750.

Wilson Smith and wife to Fred D. Smith—ne 1/4 5-25-12, \$4,300.

Joel L. Parker to Ray and Clara L. Arms—r 1/2 N 85 ft. lots 10, 11 and 12, Block K, Fahy's Park add. O'Neill, \$3,000.

Lloyd Lemmerman and wife to Ed L. Asher—All of nw 1/4 13-23-10 lying north of R. R. right of way, \$1.00 quit claim.

Goldie Stauffer et al to Ed L. and Henrietta Asher—All of nw 1/4 13-28-10 lying north of R. R. right of way, \$3,500.

Thomas J. Brennan and wife to Mildred G. Binkerd—Part of lots 7 and 8 block 17, O'Neill, \$2,000.

Bernard Boneberger and wife to Nick Boneberger—E 1/2 33-29-14, se 1/4 ne 1/4 and se 1/4 4-28-14, \$14,000.

## Marriage Licenses

Ernest G. Wedge, 32, Stuart, and Miss Muriel Margaret Murphy, 30, O'Neill.

Earl Schindler, 21, Ewing, and Miss Bernice Mary Tagel, 21, Bliss postoffice.

Dr. Fisher, Dentist. 43-1f

## HOLT County arose to the occasion again.

Asked to contribute a loaf and the whole baking is brought in. Doubling the quota, the following was contributed to the Red Cross by the towns and territory adjacent to them:

O'Neill . . . \$4416.00	Ewing . . . 1356.71
Atkinson . . . 2704.35	Page . . . 1076.63
Stuart . . . 1716.21	Inman . . . 583.35
Chambers . . . 1691.35	Emmet . . . 477.50

Total . . . \$14,042.16

Four hundred dollars more is needed to make an even dollar for every man, woman and child in the county' Who has it?