

## SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

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Today—June 28 at 1:34 p. m., our 1945 summer has run for one week.

Nice large smooth imported potatoes. But that's all that can be said for them. Tasteless as a cottowood chip.

The new Secretary of Agriculture and WFA takes over July 1. I am already a little prejudiced. He parts his hair in the middle.

Among the want ads: "A middle-aged lady for pop corn and confectionary stand. Apply in person." And where will a "middleage" one be found?

A Milwaukee paper wants it understood that one person out of every twelve should not be classed as working for the government but one out of every twelve is paid by the government.

Probably most of those veterans think it is a lot of hoey when they stand up to have a medal stuck on them. The stuff of which heroes are made holds little else than contempt for public display.

According to the top men in catteland, the OPA should be administered a kick in the pants. As the negro asked when he saw the policemen in the automobile with the president, "Now, what's he dont'?"

The old socks that left ghastly bare heels exposed are in the discard. Ten pairs of gent's hose—the best money can buy—were an important portion of the nice things which came my way Fathers' Day.

What a lot of the Washington members of the crew sailing the ship of state need is an acquaintance with the U. S. A. as she is in city and village, on plain and mountain side, lovely valleys and majestic forests.

When clouds of discouragement hung heavy over the aspiring young nation a friend wrote to Ben Franklin: "The sun of liberty has set." The grand old colonial patriot replied: "Then light up the candles." Maybe what America again needs is not blackouts but an inward glow from lighted candles.

So it was the church missionaries that instigated the war, you think. Why lay it at the door of the world's greatest sacrificing group of men and women with the world's greatest message? Why not point the finger at the politicians who under the guise of world guardians compassed land and sea, hunting for trouble?

I may be an ignoramus as pertaining to such things. It is said to have cost \$100,000 to get judicial determination of water rights of the one river flowing the length of Nebraska. Judges are paid a "living wage," court attaches pull a little more out of the public treasury, but to make full settlement for justice having been arrived at in the arid-state controversy, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, must dig up a sizable purse.

Federal Reserve Board, Federal Housing Administration, Office of Economic Stabilization, other federal or semi-official groups are endeavoring to draw up blueprints as to how citizen Jack and Joe are to do their buying. Price, terms, guarantees bills of sale, deeds have always been matters to be determined by the buyer and seller. Is a paternalistic national capitol now wholly taking over?

Drip, drip, drip. The wet weary weeks wore on. At last the prairie land is touched with the pink glow of cloudless sunrise, the glare of midday, the gold of sunset, the lights and shadows of twilight and the moon rises, not "behind the dark crutch tower," but above the long outline of the

## Lt. Neil Brennan Wins Distinguished Service Cross

With the 87th Infantry Division in Europe—First Lieutenant Neil F. Brennan, O'Neill, Nebraska, a member of Company B, 735th Tank Battalion, attached to the 87th "Golden Acorn" Infantry Division has received one of the highest awards in the Army Ground Forces, the Distinguished Service Cross.

The lieutenant won the DSC for leadership during the German break-through near Wiltz, Germany. When Infantry elements his tank platoon was supporting became leaderless and his tanks were stopped by a concentration of mines, Lieutenant Brennan dismounted from his tank, organized the infantry and led a successful assault against the German positions, destroying an enemy machine gun nest single handed.

Lieutenant Brennan also was awarded the Silver Star for action that he directed near Tambach, Germany, when his tank platoon was racing across Germany as a part of the Third Army. Major General Frank L. Culin, Jr., commanding general of the 87th Division pinned the awards on Lt. Brennan at the ceremony.

His mother, Mrs. F. M. Brennan, lives in O'Neill.

grass lands. Prairie roses, deep blue iris, dainty yellow flowers, clusters of snowballs on prairie farms and high in treetops the fragrant bloom of honey locust; trees and bushes banked with a mass of foliage where feathered orchestra and buzzing insect twang the harpstrings of nature.

As the story tells it a young king of Scotland put into rhyme what he thought of the changing moods of men—

Who o'er the herd would wish to reign,  
Fantastic, fickle, fierce and vain?

Thou many-headed monster-thing—  
O, who would wish to be thy king?

Fantastic, fickle, fierce—the ghastly sight brought to us in pictures of the bombastic Italian and his vainglorious paramour hanging by their heels speaks in tongues which all can understand that ambition's pathway, strewn with pomp and glory, has led to a pit of horror. And so bitter was the resentment of a disillusioned people that the battered, desecrated bodies of Mussolini and the poor loyal mistress were thrown into a ditch. Not a teardrop of pity in a frenzied mob who once hailed the fallen idol as the reincarnation of the great Caesar.

"Mmm, a dude outfit!" Is that about the way they would snort, old timers like Mike Calahan, Bill Gorie, Tim Bunnell and other booted, bowleg buckaroos of another generation could they have seen the cow men in town two weeks ago. It was O'Neill's biggest event in recent years and the gents from the cattle herds and stock yards, polished boots, creased trousers and swanky cowboy hats were something to look at. A change in styles from a half century ago when men in that industry wore knee-high boots, silver plated spurs scraping the board walks and an ivory-handled 45 sagging at the hip. The contrast went further. Keen, alert business men now dominate the industry, which once seemed to be a breeder of a type of rowdiness. The scene was saved the soggy day I got up to O'Neill from utter modernistic spoilage by one gent whose long gray hair hung down his back and his florid face was adorned with mustache and Buffalo Bill goatee. He was as much interest to the boys as a circus parade and a reminder that old customs die hard. Probably the glittering togs in which those six beautiful horses were harnessed is worth more than the horses. I asked where there was a barn in O'Neill that stalled six horses and nobody knew.

Seaman Second Class Edward Martin will leave today for Great Lakes, Illinois, after spending his ten day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin and other relatives and friends.

## Lt. Norman Ganderinger Jeanne McCarthy United

Miss Jeanne McCarthy, daughter of M. H. McCarthy, of this city and First Lieutenant Norman Ganderinger, formerly of this city, were united in marriage Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock at St. Patrick's Church, Monsignor McNamara performing the ceremony.

Vases filled with white peonies stood in front of the altar. During the nuptial mass Patti Kaiser sang, "Oh, Lord I Am Not Worthy," Kathleen Flood sang, "Ave Maria," and a quartet composed of Beverly McCarthy, Nadeen McNichols, Patti Kaiser and Kathleen Flood sang, with Betty Flood at the organ.

The bride wore a strett length dress of white lace with a white halo hat of flowers and veiling. She wore an orchid corsage.

The bridesmaid, Miss Helen Biglin, wore a strett length dress of dusky pink mesh, with a pink halo hat of flowers and veiling. Her corsage was of pink roses and delphinium.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Cpl. Gerald Ganderinger, of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, was best man for his brother.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast for twenty-two guests was served at the Golden Hotel. The table was lovely centered with a white three tiered wedding cake, topped by a miniature bride and groom. This was flanked by crystal candelabra holding pink candles, and by low bowls of flowers. Huge baskets of flowers decorated the dining room with a profusion of colors. During the breakfast Miss Rose Taylor, of Lincoln, rendered several piano selections.

Out of town guests here for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy and children, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Miss Kathryn McCarthy, Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ganderinger, Miss Coufal, Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Ganderinger, all of Atkinson; the latter two are grandmothers of the groom; Cpl. and Mrs. Gerald Ganderinger, of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

For her wedding trip to Omaha, the bride wore a lavender print dress with a lavender top coat, white pique hat and white accessories.

Lt. Ganderinger, who was overseas for fourteen months, at the end of his twenty-one day furlough, goes to a new assignment at Sacramento, Cal. His bride will accompany him.

The many friends of this popular young couple wish for them continued success and happiness.

## Miss Ruth Hoffman Holt's New County Clerk

Miss Ruth Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hoffman of the south country, was selected by the County Board last Tuesday as County Clerk of Holt County, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation—on account of illness—of Fred O. Zink.

Miss Hoffman has been serving as deputy county clerk since shortly after the first of the year and is thoroughly familiar with the routine duties of the office. She is a competent and capable young lady and will make an efficient and affable county clerk. Congratulations.

## Friendly Neighbor Club

The Friendly Neighbor Project Club held a picnic at the Park Wednesday afternoon. Some club members were unable to be present, but those who were had an enjoyable time, including several guests who were present. Business was discussed and we plan on doing some Red Cross work during the summer. A delicious lunch, consisting of potato salad, vegetable salad, sandwiches, beans, fruit salad, pickles, fruit, cookies and coffee was enjoyed by all.

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## Words Of Praise From Stock-Growers Officials

Alliance, Nebr., June 20, 1945  
Ted McElhaney, President  
O'Neill Commercial Club  
O'Neill, Nebraska.

Dear Ted: Mr. Irwin Adamson, Mr. Chris Abbott and myself are here in the office visiting and talking about the wonderful time we had in O'Neill and the fine business meeting which you folks provided for us. We don't need to tell you how appreciative we are. We feel that this is perhaps the finest treatment that has ever been accorded our Association.

The stag buffet supper was superbly done and with the "hill-billy" orchestra certainly could have been classed as a main event had it not been for the splendid banquet which Mr. Walling supervised. We were particularly fortunate that we could bring such people as our Governor, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hopley and other less famous people such a great distance at such a time. They not only were pleased, but have also expressed to us that they were never better treated and that they are looking forward to another meeting in O'Neill in the near future.

Will you please express to the O'Neill Commercial Club, the O'Neill High School Band, the entertainment committee, the housing committee, the banquet committee, the ladies in charge of the ladies luncheon and to everyone in your fair city who contributed, the appreciation and thanks of this Association for having given so unstintingly of their time and talent in making our 56th annual meeting a huge success.

Very sincerely yours,  
W. A. Johnson,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Freight Train Caboose Have Gone Stylish

The cupola on cabooses of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway System, on which lines it was first introduced to American railroading 82 years ago, is headed for extinction.

In its stead, the little red car which trails all freight trains will have bay windows, according to L. L. White, vice-president in charge of operations for the railway system. The reason is that the cupola has outlived its usefulness as trainmen's "watchtower" with the increase in height of freight cars. From now on as each Northwestern caboose comes into railway shops for general overhauling, the cupola will be removed and bay windows constructed for visibility along the sides.

The cupola-ed caboose was first introduced in America in 1863 by T. B. Watson, freight conductor of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway. In the summer of that year Watson's caboose through some accident received a hole in its roof. While on a run from Cedar Rapids to Clinton, Iowa, Watson rigged up a seat so that he could sit with head and shoulders above the roof. On reaching Clinton he asked the master mechanic, who was then building two new cabooses, to install elevated glassed-in enclosures.

Watson's idea was accepted and soon became standard in American railroading. So strongly entrenched was his idea that many states had laws making it mandatory for cupolas on all cabooses operated in their jurisdiction.

## NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Holt County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be held on Saturday, June 30, 1945. The meeting will be held at the O'Neill Production Credit Association office in O'Neill. Officers for 1945 will be elected at this meeting. Applications for assistance, from three persons in the county who have had Polio, will be acted on at this meeting. Anyone interested is invited to attend the meeting.

JAMES W. ROONEY,  
Secretary.

Sam Bosen spent Tuesday in Omaha and Lincoln on business.

## Pretty Wedding At St. Patrick's Tuesday A. M.

On Tuesday morning at 9:00 a. m., St. Patrick's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Catherine McNichols became the bride of Gerald Kleinsmith.

The bride given in marriage by her father, was attired in a floor length gown of white satin, with fitted bodice, sweetheart neckline and a long train. Her finger tip veil was of imported Spanish lace. A pearl necklace, gift from the groom, was her only adornment. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and a white prayer book, gift from Msgr. McNamara.

Helen McNichols, sister of the bride, and her only attendant, wore a gown of white net over chertreuse. An illusion veil with sprigs of lily of the valley adorned her head.

The groom was dressed in navy blue pin stripe suit and wore a white carnation.

Al Klinesmith, brother of the groom, acted as best man. He wore a navy blue business suit and a white carnation.

During the ceremony several hymns were rendered by Kathleen Flood and Nadine McNichols, with Betty Flood playing the organ.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served in the blue room of the M and M Cafe, for Msgr. McNamara, Rev. Father Lisco and members of the immediate families. The center piece was a beautifully decorated three tier wedding cake baked by Lucille Hickey, friend of the bride.

In the afternoon a reception was held at the home of the bride's father for their relatives and friends.

The bride is the charming daughter of Joe McNichols of this city. Both she and the groom graduated from St. Mary's Academy with the class of '41. For the past year she has been employed by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kleinsmith, of Murdo, S. D. Since his honorable discharge from the army Air Corps in 1943 he has been employed at the Naval Supply Depot at Seattle, Wash.

For traveling the bride chose a lime green suit with white accessories.

Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kleinsmith and family, Murdo, S. D.; Mrs. Tony Locker and Mrs. Carl Lockman, Yankton, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Donohoe and family, Fremont; Mary Hickey, Lucille Hickey and Delores Johnstone, Sioux City; Mrs. Walter Donohoe, Little Rock, Arkansas.

After July 9th Mr. and Mrs. Kleinsmith will be at home to their many friends at 1514-16 16th Ave, Seattle 22, Washington.

## Father Lisco of Omaha Succeeds Father Brick

Rev. Raymond J. Lisco arrived here last Saturday, replacing Rev. Daniel Brick, who has been transferred to Omaha, and is now the assistant pastor here. Father Lisco has been assistant at the Church of the Assumption, Omaha.

## Page Soldier Wins Combat Infantry Badge

With the 103rd (Cactus) Division of the Seventh Army—Sgt. LaVern Lynch, Route 1, Page, Nebr., has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for outstanding performance of duty with the 103rd Infantry Division in ground combat against the enemy. He is serving with the 410th Regiment of the Cactus Division.

Lawrence Murray, of Battle Creek, spent Saturday and Sunday here, visiting his wife and other relatives at the home of Mrs. Theresa Murray.

Miss Dorothy Wells is spending the week visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wells near Atkinson.

## Former Page Boy Dies Of Wounds Received

Relatives at Page have received word of the death of Pfc. Clark Spar, 25, of Orchard, who died May 13, of wounds received on Okinawa. Pfc. Spar is the only son of Frazie Spar, Orchard, and was born north of Orchard. He was inducted into the army June 24 and received his training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and Fort Ord, Cal. He was sent overseas in December 1944 and was stationed in Hawaii, Leyte and other parts of the Philippines before going to Okinawa with the 77th Division.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys Nolte Spar his father and two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Maynard, Orchard, and Mrs. Mabel Butterfield, Star.

The Frazie Spar family were former residents of the Page community.

## O'Neill Carpenter Right In It In The Philippines

At A Pt. Base in the Philippines—With confidence in the sea worthiness of their craft backed by the skill of squadron carpenters, 7th Fleet PT boats patrol Philippine waters destroying enemy vessals and installations.

Lee E. Osborn, 38, carpenter's mate, third class, USNR, whose wife, Mrs. Florence Osborn, lives in O'Neill, Nebr., is typical of these highly trained craftsmen who, often making emergency repairs under enemy fire, keep the deadly little torpedo boats in trim.

Though unheralded, Osborn and his mates have the satisfaction of knowing that their skill makes possible the sensational feats of the speedy plywood boats.

In the Southwest Pacific for 11 months, Osborn is a veteran of the New Guinea and Philippine campaigns. His most terrifying experience took place shortly after D-Day on Leyte Island, when a tropical typhoon hit his base.

"We had to sit on our gear to secure it and hold on to trees to prevent being blown away," Osborn said. "Everyone prayed."

Osborn was engaged in the general contracting business at his enlistment on December 27, 1943. He has two sons, Wayne Edward, 8, and Norman Elsworth, 7. His brother, Wayland Jorge Osborn, 28, is a private, first class, with the Army Air Force.

## Eagle Creek 4-H Club

The Eagle Creek 4-H Club met at the home of Stanley Benson on Wednesday, June 13.

After a delicious luncheon, served by the mothers of the 4-H members, the afternoon was spent in live stock judging, demonstrations and discussions. W. W. Derrick, connected with the Extension Service College of Agriculture, Lincoln, gave some very helpful instructions in live stock judging.

Miss Della Lewis, Home Demonstration agent for the District, gave instructions to the girls, assisting them with their judging and demonstrations.

Other extension workers who helped at the meeting were Neil Dawes, Holt County Agent, Eugene Newton, County Agent of Rock, Brown and Keya Paha counties; E. M. Brouse, County Agent of Cherry county; Walter G. Sire, County Agent of Boyd county; Miss Shirley Roush, War Food assistant of Boyd county. Visitors were: Mrs. A. Neil Dawes, Miss Lois Reel, Miss Nona Anderson, of Spencer.

A demonstration on Grub Control was put on by Murray Mellor and John O'Neill. One on Making a Rope Halter, by Stanley Benson and Benton Mellor.

The 4-H club experience of the visiting personnel helped to make the meeting a splendid success and of much benefit to all in attendance. Mrs. Arthur O'Neill, Club Leader, took several snap shots of the group.

Plans were made for the Club Camp at Long Pine and a 4th of July picnic to be held at the Walter Sire ranch pasture on Eagle Creek.

M. J. Hynes, News Reporter.

## PAGE NEWS ITEMS

Miss Jeanine Waring spent the week-end with Miss Lora Lee Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson and son, of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. John Sorenson and Norma Jean, Mr. and Mrs. George Chasey and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson Sunday.

Kay Hibbs is spending a week with her cousins, Jacqueline and Carolyn Russell.

The Get-To-Gether Club met with Mrs. Ed Asher Friday afternoon with ten members present. Guests were Mrs. Stella Pegler and Mrs. Getman. The members tied eree quilts which they had pieced for the Red Cross. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Ella Asher received a message Saturday telling of the sudden death of her brother-in-law, Orge West, of Norfolk that afternoon. Mrs. Asher left for Norfolk Saturday night. Funeral services will be held for Mr. West at Norfolk Wednesday afternoon and burial will be in the cemetery at Page.

## KEMPER REUNION

A reunion of the Kemper family, in honor of Melvin Kemper W. T. 3-c who is home on leave, was held at the Orville Kemper home Sunday, June 22. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kemper, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kemper and Delores, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kemper and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Waterman and family, all of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Luddington and son, of Wolbach; Mrs. Ed Callahan and daughter of Omaha; Mrs. Velda Kemper and sons of O'Neill; John Handke, of Clark, S. D. and Melvin Kemper W. T. 3-c.

## PAGE SUNSHINE SISTERS

The Page Sunshine Sisters 4-H Club met at the home of Mildred Haynes June 19th. The meeting was called to order by the president, Lois Heiss with twelve members and their leader, Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, present. Each member told what she made in the 4-H sewing class. The members discussed judging and who are to go to the 4-H Camp in Long Pine June 28 to 30. The next meeting will be with Jo Ann Terrill July 3.

Patti Banta, Reporter.

Dinner guests of Miss Maude Martin Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Cunningham and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cunningham, Dr. and Mrs. Bild, the Misses Effie Stevens, Jeanine Waring, Donald Cunningham and E. E. Stevens.

Mrs. Lois Leah, of Laman, Cal., who had spent a few days visiting at the Roy Waring home, returned to her home Saturday. She was accompanied by Miss Maxine Waring, who will spend some time visiting in California.

## PAGE METHODIST CHURCH

Feodor C. Kattner, Minister Sunday School 10 a. m.

Worship Services 11:00 a. m. For the children in the basement with Mrs. Kattner in charge.

For the Adults in the sanctuary with the Minister in charge.

Youth Fellowship 8:00 p. m. The Minister's family will be on a vacation July 1 and 8th. Mrs. Edward Eby will conduct the adult services and Mrs. John Stauffer, Jr., the children's services on these two Sundays. They will also continue during the absence of the minister's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens and son, of Lincoln, arrived Thursday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stevens. They returned home Monday. Lee left for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Tuesday night for induction into the army.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Copes were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Rost.

Rev. and Mrs. Feodor Kattner left Sunday night for Texas to visit Rev. Kattner's parents and other relatives for three weeks. Mrs. Robert Eby will have charge of services at the Methodist Church during Rev. Kattner's