

## SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

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Countrified—that's the most encouraging thing yet said about President Truman.

See they are getting a little haughty up at Valentine. Hollywood is moving in to film Sam McKelvie's ranch.

The 4-inch spike heels are not for style at all. They are to boost a 5-ft. sister up to speaking distance of her 6-ft. man.

Seen in one of the Congressional mailing rooms by a snooping reporter: A carton of outgoing mail labeled: "Haig & Haig Scotch Whiskey."

It is not understandable to the man at the steering wheel why the state tax commissioner considered his car worth 33 per cent more after another year of wear and tear.

A decree that is as old as the race and still holds: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."

"A least 200 House males," is the way one writer puts it in referring to a group of congressmen. There is plenty of the animal about all of us, congressmen and others, but why so bold an emphasis of an evident fact?

When this issue goes to the readers I expect my son and bride of a few months to be with me, enroute from Long Beach, Cal., to East London, Conn., where Romaine has been assigned to the Naval Academy for officer's training.

Measured in bushels reaching astronomical figures the country's wheat crop is not much consolation to the individual grower who has been hailed out. A friend down in Thayer county sustained the loss of six thousand bushels by hail.

When mother, wife, sister implores Washington for a bar of soap their hand has forgot its cunning. All my mother and her mother needed to provide a year's supply of soap was a little hog fat and the wood ashes from the kitchen stove.

On the way to Moscow, hesitating, advancing, restless, mind a turmoil of conflicting emotions—the urge of ambition and torn by the vanities of it all—Napoleon Bonaparte asked the question, gave the answer: "What is war? A trade of barbarians, the whole art of which consists in being strongest on a given point."

An unidentified news hound is responsible for this: Most of Washington's chattering swarms of government girls are a carefree but resourceful lot of chicks. For instance, the one we spotted on a bus during a violent rain storm. Just as the bus splashed up to her stop she peeled off shoes and stockings, crammed them into her handbag along with her collapsible hat, hiked her skirt diaper fashion, and lit out with a wild shriek that would scare the warpaint off a Commache. The breed will get along.

Pewter spoon and bowl of wood on the door-stone gray and rude, belonged to a bygone day. O for festal dainties spread like my bowl of milk and bread, seems also to be a back number. According to one of those "recent survey" findings one out of four-teen kids in Nebraska are getting their quota of milk, or the quota a paid expert thinks they should have, which is the sizeable assignment of one quart per youngster a day. If all the cows were milked it would float the fleet. Kids just don't want the nasty stuff—they'd swig a bottle of pop and lap up ice cream cones.

In the person of Sam Thompson of O'Neill there is at least one left

## Pfc. John L. Brennan Now Out Of The Army

Pfc. John L. Brennan, son of Mrs. F. M. Brennan of this city, and the late Col. Francis M. Brennan, arrived home Tuesday afternoon from Camp Carson, Col., where he received his honorable discharge from the United States Army.

He was in service nearly two years, going into service July 27, 1943. He was overseas five months and was wounded in the back by a sniper's bullet at Hatten France, on January 13, 1945, and was hospitalized in France and England prior to his return to this country. After spending a thirty day furlough with the home folks he went to Camp Carson, Col., where he has been stationed since. He has received the ETO Combat ribbon, one Bronze Battle Star, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart.

Pfc. Brennan has two brothers in the service, Cadet Bert Brennan, who is attending the West Point Military Academy at West Point, New York; First Lt. Neil Brennan, who holds the Silver Star and who was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism against the armed enemy in Germany.

### Dr. Fisher, Dentist.

of the "first settlers." The Thompson McEvony, Sanford, Hoxie caravan came up the Elkhorn valley in 1873 and cast anchor when they arrived where Dry Creek joins its waters with the Elkhorn. Sam had hardly stepped out of babyhood at that time so hadn't a lot to do with subduing a virgin wilderness. But wasn't long in learning to ride a pony and chase antelope without a permit from the crude state house down at Lincoln. O'Neill and environments has been his home since his parents pitched their tent on the banks of the Elkhorn and he'll tell you today "she's the best town in the state—always has been."

Step into any of them, big or little, where the feed for Yankee gourmands is stacked in bewildering array and one wonders what means this sniffing about "food shortage." From floor to ceiling "processed" stuff for the table, green freshness from gardens, yellow and deep red ripened fruits from orchards, bagged and boxed products from the mills, baked sweetmeats, milk, butter, eggs, fish, flesh of a dead cow and select fish hog—a thousand things to select from or take it all, anything the human gullet fancies with which to "wash it down." Leave all this, go straight down 8,000 miles and get your breakfast, your lunch, your dinner of a dab of rice or gnaw on an ear of parched corn.

The turtle doves' love call is heard at early morning, again late evening. Two notes are touched and no more, though each call is formed of four separate sounds, the introductory—or prelude the musicians say—being in the nature of drawing in air, followed by expelling he air in three "blows," all pitched to one key. The song of the meadow lark has been written out in musical notes. This bird performs best about sundown, as if to mingle his cheering song with the colorful charm of early evening. For a bit of dainty beauty a fleeting glimpse is had of the orange and black oriole, and then a flash of yellow as the refined little lady of the canary group wings into the picture. For feathered elegance none surpasses the gorgeous pheasant cock, and he knows it. The golden eagle, his regal majesty scorned those of feebler wing, has the bearing of nature's monarch of the air silent dignity, consciousness of his strength. The little gray hawk, the somber crow released from Stygian gloom with a bit of hellish impudence seek and devour their prey. But the crowds are more interested in the growing poultry flocks. And what is more to the point than a leg of chicken held aloft to gnaw on?

## Mrs. I. S. Givens Dies In The Stuart Hospital

Mrs. Irwin S. Givens, 61, a resident of this county for twenty years, died Tuesday, July 18, at the hospital in Stuart. She had been in ill health for several months, but her death was hastened by a fractured hip suffered last week when she fell while she attempted to close a window at the home of her son, Harold, where she had been living.

The body was brought to the Seger funeral home in Atkinson, and funeral rites were held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at the Church of the Epiphany in Emmet, Father Kovar, pastor of the Emmet church, conducted the requiem mass.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery, O'Neill, beside the body of her husband, who preceded her death November 19, 1942. The pallbearers were George Pongratz, Joseph Bruder, W. P. Dailey, John Conard, Herbert Jensen and O. A. Kilpatrick.

Anna Christine Givens was a daughter of Nick and Mary Zeig. She was born November 17, 1883, at LeMars, Iowa, and died July 17, 1945, at the hospital in Stuart, Nebr., aged 61 years and eight months.

She was married to Irwin S. Givens at LeMars September 16, 1910.

The family moved to a farm north of O'Neill in 1925, lived there for ten years, and afterward resided on places near Atkinson and Emmet. Mrs. Givens had been living with a son, Harold, six miles southwest of Stuart since last spring.

Surviving relatives who mourn her death are three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Helen (Al F.) Johns, of Omaha, Mrs. Alice (Lawrence) Ziska of Stuart, Mrs. Ethel (Loren) Gustaffson, San Bernardino, Cal., Harold and Arthur Givens, both of Stuart; three brothers, John, Dan and William Zeig, all of LeMars, Iowa; eight grandchildren, other relatives and a great many friends.

Here for the funeral were a sister-in-law, Mrs. C. R. Mullong, Norfolk, and all of the children except Ethel.—Atkinson Graphic.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness, sympathy and helpfulness during the illness and following the death of our beloved mother and sister, and for the many beautiful floral offerings.—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Givens, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Givens, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ziska, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gustaffson, Mr. and Mrs. Dain Zeig, John and William Zeig.

## "Mike" Johnson Passed Away This Morning

Mike Johnson, retired section foreman for the Burlington railroad, and an O'Neill resident for many years, died about 5:30 this morning, after an illness of a few months. Obituary notice next week.

## Annual Group Gathering Next Sunday Morning

The Annual Group gathering of the Holt and Boyd County Sunday Schools is to be held next Sunday, July 29, in the grove on the Ralph Ernst farm about fifteen miles north of O'Neill. A full day program has been planned with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m., followed by an address by Rev. G. M. Hubby, of Spencer. Dinner will be served on the grounds. The afternoon program will consist of special music, a gospel message by Rev. Melvin Grosenbach, of O'Neill, and the closing address of the day by Rev. H. E. Udd, of Omaha, District Superintendent of the American Sunday School Union. Everyone is invited to attend.

George E. Hollingshead,  
Field Missionary A. S. S. U.

### Marriage Licenses

George L. Waddell, 24, of Plainview, and Miss Zelma M. Banks, 18, of O'Neill on July 20.

## What Many Of The Boys Are Now Wearing



The above picture is a reproduction of the Honorable Discharge Button granted to all men who have been given an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

All the daily and weekly newspapers throughout the country are trying to make this emblem known to every American. Some people say it is foolish, that everybody knows what it stands for. So to give you an example I will pass on a story told to me by a member of the United States Army. This soldier, not so very long ago, was standing on the street in a large town in the western part of the United States. Then a middle-aged man and woman began to talk to him. He had pinned on his chest many decorations which he received while he was overseas and he also wore his honorable discharge button, which he had just received. This man then asked him if he thought he would soon be going across. That is just one example, and we are sure that yet there are thousands of people who do not know what the above stands for.

If you see a man or woman with this button on you should have for them your deepest respect and admiration for they have left good homes, some wives, families and all the comforts of civilian life to go to all the far-flung battlefields of the world to keep this country as Abraham Lincoln said years ago "a country of the people, by the people, and for the people that shall not perish from this earth."

Many of the service men who are now being discharged from the armed forces have been serving their country for two, three, four and some of them nearly five years. Since they last saw their old home town the war has brought many changes and when they come back, the home town which they thought they knew so well, seems entirely different to them. Then they meet one of their old friends on the street, and the conversation runs like this: "Why, Hello, Joe, when did you get back? How are you? Sure look fine! How did you like it over there? Where were you? Were you in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany? Were you ever wounded? What did it seem like to sleep in a fox-hole all night? You were not scared, were you?" and on and on. Most of the boys, who have done the fighting over there, want to come home and forget all about the war; they just want to think of the good old times they used to have. They want to forget all about what happened to them while they were over there. They want to forget all the nights that they slept in a foxhole. Want to forget the mud and slush that came clear to their necks and they had to crawl through for days at a time. Want to forget the time they saw their buddy shot down right beside them, right in front of their own eyes. AND WE SHOULD HELP THEM.

Yes, they want to forget all these things, so we should show them the bright side of life, the life that they were used to before some men decided they wanted to conquer the world. And we can help them by showing them a good time, and not asking them about what happened to them overseas.

As Ray L. Royce, who is managing editor of the Douglas County Herald at Ava, Missouri, said: "Maybe we can do the most for them by just letting them alone."

Miss Mildred Cavanaugh arrived Wednesday evening from San Bernardino, Cal., to spend several weeks here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh, Sr.

## O'Neill Legion Juniors Meet Hastings Juniors Next Tuesday Evening

State Chairman Chip Bowley announced Saturday the pairings for the Annual American Legion Tournament, which will be held at Fremont ball park starting July 29th and ending the fifth of August. There are two divisions, the Junior and the Midget.

The O'Neill Junior American Legion team will meet the Hastings Junior team in their first game of the tournament Tuesday evening, July 31, at 6:30. If the O'Neill team wins they will then play the winner of the Fremont-Deshler game, which precedes the O'Neill-Hastings clash.

Two other Holt county American Legion teams are entered in the State Tournament. They are Atkinson and Chambers, which are both in the Midget division. The Atkinson club drew as their opponent the Grand Island Midgets, with this game being played Monday afternoon, July 30 at 1:30. The Chambers team will play the Fremont Midgets, Sunday afternoon, July 29, at 1:30.

One consolation the teams have is that there is almost certain to be two new champions crowned, as the defending champions, the Murphy-Did-Its have only an outside chance of being in the Tourney and the Champion Bozell-Jacobs team of the Midget division have forfeited their chance to try and retain their crown.

## After Fifty Years Comes Back For A Visit

Mrs. Bertha Soetebrer, of Lebo, Kansas, arrived here Friday to visit her cousins, Mrs. Selma Traney, Ed Hagensick, Elmer Hagensick and family and Mrs. Walter Pease and other relatives and friends. This is the first time they had met in 50 years. Her parents were former residents of this county, living on a homestead about en miels northwest of this city, near the old Billy Hagensick farm. The family left here about 50 years ago and since that time she has been a resident of Kansas. Her maiden name was Bertha Bietz and she remembered several old timers that were former residents of that section of the county. She left for her Kansas home Monday.

## American Legion Juniors Practice Game Sunday

Rev. Rammond Lisco announced this morning that the O'Neill American Legion Junior baseball team would play this Sunday, prior to the O'Neill-Tilden clash. The Legion Club will have as their opponents a team of young men about town, who will try to give the Legion boys a real tussel, to help get them in shape for the State Tournament. The Legion game will start at 1:00 o'clock, which will be followed by the O'Neill-Tilden game at 3:00.

No admission will be charged and this will give the citizens of O'Neill and surrounding territory a good chance to see two good ball games.

## Nearly Twelve Years In United States Navy Now Home On Visit

Chief Petty Officer Robert Burke arrived last Tuesday to spend his leave here visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Burke and other relatives. Chief Petty Officer Burke has been in the USN for over twelve years. He was on a ship outside Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the date the Japs will never forget. It has been almost four years since he was back home. Most of the time he has been overseas.

## O'Neill Band Parade Next Saturday Night

The O'Neill Band will parade through the streets on next Saturday evening, July 28, at 8:15. The band members will be treated by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McKenna.

Miss Bonnie Reimers spent the weekend at her home in Inman.

## O'Neill Baseball Club Has Splendid Record

O'Neill won its seventh game in eight starts last Sunday as they were hosts to the St. John's crew who they defeated 10-0.

Helmer started on the mound for O'Neill and fanned eleven men in five innings; then R. Carson took a trip to the mound, and when he retired at the end of the eighth inning he had three strikeouts to his credit. Ed Thorin was the hurler in the last inning and he struck out three which gave O'Neill 17 strikeouts for the game. St. John's got on base only once and that was in the second inning, but when he tried to stretch the hit into a double he was out at second. Duane Carson, O'Neill's regular catcher, was unable to play, so Dick Tomlinson caught and added his batting powers to the locals.

In winning seven out of eight games this year the O'Neill team has been playing excellent baseball. Danny Helmer, O'Neill's ace pitcher, who, until he hurt his arm the Fourth of July, held his opponents to ten hits in five games. O'Neill has hit safely eighty-eight times to nineteen for the opposition. O'Neill has scored 59 runs in eight games while their opponents have scored four, three of these being scored by Tilden when they defeated O'Neill 3-1, O'Neill's only loss of the season. Norfolk is the only other team to score against O'Neill, and O'Neill has had five shutout games.

O'Neill's next game is this Sunday, July 29, when they are hosts to the Tilden team. It should be a good, close game. So come out all you fans, let's go and watch a good game of the popular American sport.

## Safety Patrol Need More Patrolmen

The Nebraska Safety Patrol is now accepting applications for highway patrolmen so that it may properly handle a new state-wide short wave radio system and be better equipped to meet post-war traffic.

Applications must be in the hands of the Nebraska Safety Patrol, State House, Lincoln, by August 8, 1945. Thereafter a number yet to be decided will be called in for competitive examinations. From the tests 60 to 70 candidates will be chosen for the camp, which will be held at the Nebraska State Guard Camp at Ashland.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States, residents of Nebraska, between 21 and 35 years of age, at least 5 feet 10 inches tall, high school graduates, and in good physical condition.

Candidates who go through the 6 weeks school will be paid \$2.50 a day and given their board and room. Those selected for the patrol will be paid \$150.00 monthly during a six months probation period and if permanently assigned will be paid \$165.00 a month.

Nebraska Safety Patrol.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Pvt. Bud Callen arrived Tuesday afternoon from Texas, to spend his furlough here visiting relatives and friends.

Friends here recently received word that Flight Officer Ted Sirek, formerly of this city, had been transferred from Randolph Field, Texas, to Brooks Field, Texas.

Pvt. Owen Cole arrived last Thursday from Camp Fannin, Texas, to spend his furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet, and friends here.

The hot weather of the past week, especially Monday, drove many of our residents into their homes hunting for fans and many old and delapidated ones were brot down town where they could be used, while the men in the various business places were trying to work. But after Monday afternoon and night's excessive heat most of our residents were unable to sleep and Tuesday morning found most of them tired from their lack of sleep.

## Legion Juniors Defeat Plainview Juniors

The O'Neill American Legion baseball team traveled to Plainview Sunday afternoon, where they met and defeated the Plainview Legion by a score of 19-12.

Slim Morrow was on the mound for the O'Neill club and pitched a beautiful game, allowing only nine hits during the seven inning game. Don Wilson was doing the catching and also helping in the batting department, as he made three hits, one of them being a home run. Dewey Schaffer, Edward Campbell and Dick Tibbets also collected three hits during the afternoon. O'Neill made 19 runs on 16 hits and committed four errors. Plainview had 12 runs, on nine hits and made 6 errors.

Rev. Raymond Lisco, manager of the team, announced Monday that entertainment had been provided for the boys by the American Legion Post of Fremont. They have made arrangements for free moving pictures and swimming at the Victory Beach and the YMCA pool. The tumble Inn, an organization for the youths of Fremont, also will be opened for the use of the players while they are there for the tournament. Also on the program are tentative arrangements to have Coach A. J. Lewandowski of the University and other athletic coaches and officials there.

### PAGE NEWS ITEMS

#### PAGE SUNSHINE SISTERS

The Page Sunshine Sisters met with Beverly Kelly with seven members and their leader, Mrs. Edgar Stauffer present. Della Zellers was a guest. The lesson was practicing demonstrating and judging. A lunch was served.

#### PRENUPTIAL SHOWER FOR MISS HILDA HARLEY

Misses Mildred Haynes and Lola Jickes entertained about forty girls of grade and High School age at a pre-nuptial shower for Miss Hilda Harley, at the Harry Snyder home Saturday afternoon. She received a number of lovely gifts. Miss Harley taught in the Page school for two years. She will be married July 29th to Pfc. Victor Snyder who will soon leave for overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Asher and son, Freddie, of Fremont, arrived last Wednesday night to visit at the homes of their mother, Mrs. Ethel Asher and Mrs. Margaret Anderson. They were accompanied by Mrs. Orge West and daughter, Mrs. Glen Clark, of Norfolk, who visited Mrs. West's sister, Mrs. Ethel Asher and brother, Sam Coover. They all returned to their homes Sunday evening.

Mrs. Katherine Boies and daughters, Rosetta, Charlene and Agatha left last Friday to visit relatives at Ewing and Norfolk. Mrs. Boies is taking a vacation from her work as operator at the Page telephone exchange.

Miss Donna Mae Boies returned home last Thursday, after spending three weeks at Ewing and Norfolk. She was accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Rose Fridley, who will stay with Donna Mae during the absence of her mother.

Mrs. Ida Townsend and Mrs. Eva Gray received word from their brother, Gene Farr of Mt. Vernon, Washington, stating that his wife had passed away from a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted there Monday afternoon. Mr. Farr lived in the Page community several years ago.

Sherry Asher is spending a week with her uncle, Walter Asher and family at Fremont.

Mrs. Rollie Snell and Mrs. Dale Asher and son, Jimmie, were dinner guests at the Dorlon Lockman home in O'Neill Monday.

Janice Johnson, of O'Neill is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Hayne.

Mrs. Ivan Turner returned home from the Tilden hospital Saturday. Her condition is reported good.

S. Sgt. and Mrs. Dale Asher and son, Mr. and Mrs. Walter