

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

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The European and Asiatic situations have ramifications too deep for most citizens at home. If all concerned come out of it with not a humiliating loss of national dignity it might be listed as the world's eighth wonder.

You would have to have been up before daylight to have seen it at its brilliant best. There it hung over the treetops—the Morning Star. But if the gems glowing out of the blue of eternity have no fascination for you better stick to the bed.

Some things are sacred, some profane. Some duties are pleasant, others hard to perform. The hardest thing one Holt county citizen ever had to perform was to start legal proceedings to eject from his premises a family of the second generation of the original homesteader. He felt it was either that or sustain irreparable loss.

In raising a voice of protest to peace time military drafting of young men the Nebraska Cattlemen's association speaks for our citizens pretty well as a unit, Nebraskans will defend home and country whenever threatened—and any bully better beware—but they are not carrying a chip on their shoulder to invite a slap in the face.

Printers, usually sensible fellows that will give and take, talk problems over seem to have lost their heads in Chicago and gone out on strike. In place of the regular printed paper that hasn't missed an issue before in 80 years we got the other day just the wrapper on which had been typewritten a message telling about the strike.

The Missouri Valley authority does not concern us a lot out on the prairie and about the only interest is a wish that the industrial and political busybodies would let some things as nature made them. The Elkhorn so far flows on with unmolested freshness as when Col Brennan bathed his weary feet in its limpid waters more than sixty years ago.

"What a power 14,000,000 vets will be some day," says a high ranking army officer. Threat or promise? But why "some day"? The vets were the power behind all planning, all strategy, all the hopes for triumph of an agonized world over the monstrous forces of evil and enslavement. But the general may be throwing out a warning to politicians to tread softly.

Man fundamentally is a gallant. He instinctively respects womanhood and the welter of modernism has left him frustrated, confused, with something of a wistfulness for that indefinable fine thing that has gone out since women have taken to the curling incense and spangling cup. What is the background of the bold freedom, the brazen disregard for the niceties of life that crowned womanhood in the days of feminine modesty? The ballot, business, politics, the necessities of life's industrial struggle? Maybe, so. And man finds the female of the species involved with him in the mad maelstrom of grab and get yours. Then the reaction. Its knocking too many of our women off of the road of decorum, too many hit the bottom of depravity. A few hectic days, months, years, roll over the wreckage of human lives, leaving them morally and materially bankrupt. And then out of the resources of men and women out producing the needful things, workers with lunch pail starting at dawn for another day's grind, office girls, store workers, hard working restaurants, girls, from the elements making possible the whole sweep of industry, will the wreckage of wasted lives have to be sustained. And what of the wrecks? Can for them be echoed the lament of Vendel over Mary Queen of

Robert Deming of the Cleveland 4-H Club north of Stuart, has made an outstanding Forestry Club exhibit which is on display at the office of the county agent at the court house. The young man has mounted on cards leaves of trees showing both the top and under side of the leaf, also small twigs showing buds and bits of larger branches as well as seeds, each of these labeled with the common and botanical names. The collection was gathered from ten or twelve different varieties of trees and is a part of his club work.

Post 93 Elects Officers

Simonson Post No. 93, of the American Legion met Monday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: John Grutsch, commander; George H. Jones, vice commander; Harry Claussen, chaplain; Tim Harrington, sergeant at arms.

Following are the members of the executive committee: P. B. Harty, Leo Carney, H. J. Birmingham, Melvin Ruzicka and F. A. Miles.

Plans were discussed relative to building an American Legion Memorial Home here.

Scots—O Roman rose, cut from her bleeding stem!

"So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor; but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." There it is, perhaps the briefest obituary yet been written. And of whom? The world's greatest law giver. The death of a common rounder today gets more notice. And we write at length of every worthwhile citizen upon whom the grim reaper has laid a pale hand. Maybe the ancients can teach us something of the beauty of brevity and simplicity.

As I opened an old Oxford bible that had belonged to Mrs. Saunders there floated out a bit of paper on which was printed in italics a short poem that had appealed to her mother heart. A reprint may find an emotional response from some other mother.

A MOTHER SPEAKS

I must not interfere with any child, I have been told; To bend his will to mine, or try to shape him through some mold. Naturally as a flower he must unfold. Yet flowers have the discipline of wind and rain, And though I know it gives the gardener pain, I've seen him use his pruning shears to gain More strength and beauty for some blossoms bright, And he would do whatever he thought right, To save his flowers from a deadening blight. I do not know—yet it does seem to me That only weeds unfold just naturally.

A Minneapolis couple plan a trip 20 miles straight up, if they get the financial backing. . . . Local interest in the big ball game was scarcely less marked than on V-J day. . . . A power and irrigation district for Buffalo, Hall and Merrick counties have applied for an eight million dollar federal loan. . . . A single ship docks at home port with a consignment of troops twice the population of O'Neill. . . . Talk of suppressing the atom bomb, but no plan to suppress foreign scientists on trail of its secret. . . . \$200,000 recently added to the assistance fund plundered of a million last winter. . . . If a Nebraska girl has ambitions to engage in the beauty business she must first show a certificate of eighth grade school work completed. . . . A newspaper wit, after all, has come to the conclusion that there is no place like home—if you can find one.

Drillers Say Oil Prospects Good

J. E. Palensky, of Vermillion, S. D., accompanied by a gentleman from Sioux City who desires his name withheld, called at The Frontier last Friday. They are putting down the test well in the north part of the county near the dam on the Niobrara river.

Both expressed enthusiasm over the prospects for the development of an oil field in that locality approximately six miles square as indicated by what the oil men call an "uplift." They are now down 700 feet with the drilling, having been delayed some in operations because of having to truck in equipment from long distances and also because of running into an oil shale that is saturated with oil to the extent that further work that only expert know about is involved.

Work was begun out there something like a year ago and progress has been about all that could be hoped for considering the difficulties and slow movement of equipment. Mr. Palensky says drilling operations were undertaken only after a complete survey of the area by competent oil geologists, who drew up and submitted an irregular diagram of the territory roughly six square miles of land where the presence of oil is indicated by the "uplift."

The gentlemen forecast with the enthusiasm of the true optimist what the development of an oil field will mean to the O'Neill community but threw out the warning that not even the best of experts can guarantee to strike oil. Among the vision are a refinery and 25,000 people for O'Neill. The oil shale the drillers are now encountering mean the presence of an oil pool still there or has been and now drained out, Mr. Palensky says. We may hope it is still there when those long reaches of pipe penetrate to its oily depths—or a dry hole.

Letter 4 Years on Way From Poland

Louis Sojka was up from DeLoit precinct Wednesday when he made The Frontier a call to renew his subscription. He informed us that on September 18 last they received a letter at his home from a sister, whose home at the time of writing the letter was Cheznov, Poland. The letter bore the date of November 13, 1941, and also the ugly marks of German censors, the ravaging hordes at that time had begun the rape of Mr. Sojka's native land and for fear of whom he came to the United States in 1913. What could be made out in the letter his people were suffering and in dire need, asking that something to wear be sent them. His people were in good circumstances when he left Poland. Whether any of them are still alive can only be surmised as this letter is the only word from them. Mr. Sojka plans to make a trip to his former Poland home at the earliest opportunity to get in there.

Mrs. C. J. Tessier, of Long Beach, Cal., arrived last Thursday and will make her home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dempsey, who have just returned from Texas City, Texas, where they have been for the past three years. Her brother, Pfc. Phil Dempsey, arrived that day to spend his furlough visiting relatives and friends. He recently returned from the E. T. O. where he had been for fifteen months. He was wounded in Italy and spent three months in a hospital in Porto Rico. At the expiration of his forty-five day leave he will report to West Palm Beach, Florida.

Alex Head, of the Stuart neighborhood, was brought to O'Neill for incarceration pending a hearing before the insanity board on a complaint filed by Conrad Straka, father of a young woman whom it is alleged has been threatened.

Of the seventy thousand Nebraskans who are said to have yielded to the call of the wild the first day of another open hunting season perhaps R. M. Sauer has the best hunting tale brought to town. He has reported to his friends that he saw an antelope up on the J. B. Ryan ranch west of town. Buck fever or more likely a good citizen's regard for "Law and Order" coupled with a greater admiration for a live creature of beauty than a dead one the antelope still survives as far as Mr. Sauer is concerned.

BRIEFLY STATED

Clyde Harvard, of Tensleep, Wyo., visited friends here last week.

George Abdousch, of Omaha, spent the week-end here on a hunting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson, of Clearwater, spent Wednesday here on business.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Tipton, of Omaha, were week-end guests at the Max Golden home.

I. O. Copes, Jr., and Guy Spielman, of Sioux City, spent Monday here visiting friends.

W. P. Hiltabrandt, of Boston, Mass., arrived Sunday for a visit at the C. F. McKenna home.

Clarence Bergstrom and son, Leonard, of Omaha, spent the week-end here visiting friends.

Miss Helen Biglin returned Sunday from Sioux City, where she had been receiving medical care.

Mrs. Curley Washacek, of Omaha, spent the week-end here visiting her husband and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson, of Lincoln, were week-end guests at the Marvin Johnson home.

L. G. Gillespie was in Fremont early in the week for the Grand Encampment of the I. O. O. F., which was held there on Tuesday.

Mrs. Keith Schwigert, of Dallas, S. D., spent the week-end here visiting her sisters. Mrs. Melvin Margellus and Mrs. M. A. Pettijohn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sauer and son, Donald, spent Sunday in Atkinson visiting Mrs. Sauer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Cleary.

Dale French, who is attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, spent the week-end here visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. W. French.

Mrs. Gene Cromwell and son, Larry, of Creighton, returned to their home Tuesday, after spending a few days here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson.

Charles "Sammy" Regan arrived home Monday from Great Lakes, Ill., where he recently was discharged from the navy, after three years in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter, Seaman 2-c Gene Streeter and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, Jr., and daughter, Patricia, spent Thursday in Brunswick visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter, Mattie Soukup, Seaman 2-c Gene Streeter and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, Jr., and daughter, Patricia, spent Tuesday in Ainsworth visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perkins.

Pfc. Luther Schulz arrived last Thursday from Camp Shelby, Miss., to spend a forty-five day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schulz and other relatives and friends.

Dr. John Gallagher and Dr. J. P. Murphy, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived Saturday and are visiting Mrs. J. P. Gallagher and family and other relatives and friends. Incidentally, while here, the boys will try their hand at bagging some Holt county pheasants and ducks.

O'Neill Boys are Given Citations

With the 37th Infantry Division on Luzon—For "Heroic Achievement" on Luzon, the Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to Sergeant Dominick F. Kubik, O'Neill, Nebr.

"When Kubik and members of a squad evacuating wounded men at night, realized that they were being followed by several Japanese, they set up a defensive position and fought off repeated Japanese attempts to penetrate their perimeter. They killed several of the enemy and successfully evacuated the wounded in the morning without suffering a single casualty," the citation reads.

Doughboys of his outfit, the 37th "Buckeye" Division's 129th Infantry Regiment, saw action on Bougainville in the Solomons and at Fort Stotsenburg, Manila, Baguio, and the Cagayan Valley on Luzon.

With the 31st Infantry Division in Mindanao—(Special)—With the announcement by General MacArthur that the 31st (Dixie) Division will be among the first to return to the states from the Pacific for deactivation, Pfc's. Owen M. Hiatt and Duane J. James, of O'Neill and Ewing, Nebraska, respectively, are anticipating an early return home.

The two Holt county men both came into the service in November, 1942, both were assigned to Company B of the 167th Regiment, and both served together in nineteen months of overseas service, sharing the hardships and perils of four Pacific campaigns.

"It's the best homecoming possible," the two Nebraska soldiers agreed.

Pfc. Hiatt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Hiatt, of O'Neill. Pfc. James' wife, Mrs. Dorothy M. James, lives in Norfolk. His father, Floyd S. James lives in San Diego, Cal.

On the USS Nehanta Bay—Marion D. Peterson, seaman, second class, O'Neill, Nebr., served on this escort aircraft carrier when she took part in the occupation of Ominato Naval Base on the northern tip of Honshu, main Japanese island.

Since the Saipan operation, the Nehanta Bay has participated in every Pacific operation except Iwo Jima.

Seaman 1-c John Protivinsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Protivinsky of this city, has recently been promoted to Radar Man 3-c, somewhere in the Panama Canal Zone.

Mrs. Ann Asher received word from her son, Leon, on Tuesday saying that he had received his discharge from the army at Camp McQuaide, Cal., on Friday and would arrive home sometime next week.

Movement of Cattle

This is cattle moving time for the cow country and it is something like pretruck days to see half mile long stock trains rolling through with a mighty snort of whistles. Cattle are not all going to the block, however, that are taken out of Holt county. Breedstock is being taken as well. The Riley pure bred Short Horn ranch down by Amelia, operating for more than fifty years, has calls this season from Minnesota, Iowa and various counties in Nebraska for young breeding stock. Meat shortages, real or fancied, federal loaning agencies urging citizens to borrow money from them and buy land, are some of the inducements for cattle raisers.

APPRECIATION

To the many friends who so graciously remembered us on our Golden Anniversary we express our sincere appreciation. Your kindness will long be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ellis.

Ambrose Biglin, of Casper, Wyoming, arrived Saturday, for a few weeks visit at the home of his birth.

Dr. Erwin Gallagher, of La Crosse, Wis., arrived Saturday and is visiting Mrs. J. P. Gallagher and other relatives and friends.

Laurence Tenborg arrived Tuesday night from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was recently discharged from the army after five years service, thirty-eight months of that time being spent overseas in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He will be with his wife here and his father, W. R. Tenborg and other relatives and friends in Emmet.

BRIEFLY STATED

Ambrose Biglin left Wednesday for Sioux City, Iowa, to spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. Dewey Schaffer entertained the Women's Club at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perkins, of Ainsworth, spent Wednesday visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Alva Wakefield spent Sunday in Butte visiting her parents and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Milo Jones returned Friday from Rochester, Minn., where she had gone through the Mayo Clinic.

Mrs. Edward Hilderhoff and Mrs. Harold Mlinar returned Friday from Norfolk, where they had been visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Harold Mlinar returned to her home in Clearwater on Wednesday, after spending the past week here visiting Mrs. Edward Hilderhoff and friends.

Pfc. M. A. Pettijohn, of Camp Cooke, Cal., is spending a forty-five day leave with his wife and his parents and other relatives and friends in Stuart.

Mrs. Cassie Kaiser left Friday for Sioux City, where she entered St. Vincent's Hospital for medical care. At the last report her condition is described as fair.

Lt. and Mrs. Charles Chace and daughter, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Chase, of Atkinson.

Seaman 2-c Gene Streeter arrived home Sunday from the Great Lakes Naval Training station, Great Lakes, Ill., to spend his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter and with other relatives and friends.

T. Sgt. Louis Zastrow arrived last Thursday from Tyndall Field, Florida. He received his discharge from the army after four years and four months in service. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Zastrow of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner at their home Wednesday evening, in honor of their nephew, Seaman 2-c Gene Streeter, who is home on leave from the Great Lakes Naval Training station at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Lindholm, daughter and son-in-law of Romaine Saunders, arrived in the city Thursday night from Iron Mountain, Michigan, where they had been on a visit from the west coast, their home the past few years. A visit in Nebraska may determine a permanent residence somewhere in the state.

One of the busiest persons at the court house is Custodian Bowen. His headquarters in the basement is not the least place of interest in the county's store house of records. Tools, gadgets of his own devising, cabinet of chemicals for sanitation and equipment to keep both building and grounds in order, of which he is doing an excellent job. The season brings some release from the exacting lawn work but it also adds a job in the furnace room. Whether as official weather recorder or by other means a flower garden on the lawn has retained its bright bloom while other plant life has crumpled under autumn frosts.

Pioneer of the Eighties Dead

Frank Pribil, one of the old time residents of the south country died suddenly at his home south of this city last Tuesday morning about 9 a.m. He had been up and around as usual that morning doing the chores when he had the attack and quietly passed away. He was 65 years, six months and fifteen day old. The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's Church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and interment in Calvary cemetery.

Frank Pribil was born near Linwood, Saunders county, on March 1, 1880. When he was about a year old his parents came to this county, in 1881, and this had been his home ever since. On June 9, 1908, he was united in marriage to Mary Sobotka, the ceremony being performed in this city. To this union seven children were born, four sons and three daughters, all of whom are expected to be here for the funeral services. The children are: Raymond, Francis, Leonard and Lawrence. Pribil, O'Neill; Mrs. Charles Dennesia, Wayne; Mrs. Steve Sladek, Chambers; Mrs. Russell Knowler, Las Vegas, Nev., who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. He is also survived by four brothers, Fred Vilt, Jake, Casper and John, and three sisters, Mrs. Frances Englehardt, Denver; Mrs. John Shoemaker and Mrs. Walter Shoemaker, O'Neill. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

Frank Pribil was one of our successful farmers and stockmen and had a host of friends in this city and county, who were grieved and shocked when they learned of his sudden death. He will be missed by his many friends in this community for he was a credit to any community.

FLORA BELLE LEWIS
Flora Belle Lewis, a resident of this county for thirty-two years, passed away suddenly at her home in this city, last Thursday evening at 6 p. m., at the age of 87 years, eleven months and twenty-three days. The funeral was held last Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church, Rev. Mullis officiating and burial in the cemetery at Elmwood, Nebr.

Flora Belle Hite was born in Ottawa, Illinois, on October 13, 1857, where she grew to womanhood. On January 16, 1875, she was united in marriage to William R. Lewis. To this union two children were born, Mrs. E. A. Dimmitt, Long Beach, Cal., and Mrs. R. V. Eidenmiller, O'Neill.

In 1880 Mrs. Lewis and her husband moved to Cass county, Nebr., where they remained until 1913 when they moved to this county, where Mrs. Lewis had made her home continuously since.

Mrs. Lewis was a charming lady and had a host of friends in this city and surrounding territory, who will regret her passing. Shortly after coming to O'Neill the family joined the Methodist church and she continued a faithful member to the date of her death.

Under a two-column picture of the group last Friday's Lincoln Journal said: "As Fred L. rkin, executive secretary looks on, Joe W. Seacrest, Nebraska state salvage chairman, congratulates Mrs. Guy Cole of Emmet, who headed up the women's part in the salvage program. Thirty-nine persons from Nebraska were present at a dinner in Lincoln formally closing the program."

Comes in a Flyin'

George Stannard, of San Diego, California, arrived Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. David Stannard and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Stannard came in by increasingly popular air travel to Omaha and Ralph Mellor picked him up there and flew to O'Neill in his recently acquired ship of the air.