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## SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders

Can an indifferent world hold a darker tragedy than that which caught up with a young Nebraskan who was home but three days from three years battle front service and met death in an overturned automobile.

San Francisco's Mayor Roger D. Lapham has had the courage, impudence, affrontage or whatever it took to tell Mr. Bowles of the OPA what the country pretty well has felt but for the most part has merely whispered it here and there. That Mr. Bowles objects to 16 cents a week raise in tram fares in the coast city while President Truman asks for \$7.40 raise for a five-day week for the cio boys makes Mr. Lapham laugh but apparently pretty mad.

That queer combination of childhood innocence and sting of the wasp, Westbrook Pegler, tells Nebraskans, from his lofty pedestal in New York, that there is not a chance that Lincoln would even be thought of as the United Nation capitol. And who cares. But listen to Pegler: "At the moment I can't suppress a suspicion that Hyde Park or Poughkeepsie will be the place. The Roosevelts have a lot of real estate left up there and they are absolutely shameless in their avarice."

The supreme court of the United States has ruled that what the federal government has granted subsidies the federal government can control. Hence the ruling of the high court means, as we view it, that the business, the occupation, of the individual, the corporation, who or which accepts the quarterly subsidy checks are subject to regulation by the federal government—how much their output shall be, the compensation for the same. Conservative England has gone socialistic, and now the im-motional French. The apple cart of practical America was upset by the dizzy New Deal and now we are headed for the socialistic system that can only be checked by an aroused public.

Scientists gave up toying with designs on distant Mars. Earth bound, scientist or shepherd keeping lonely vigil, can look at the mysteries out there in the sky and that is about all. Now comes the word from army men of science that a streak of radar has touched the moon. That is a mere assertion, as the lawyers would say. The plain run of us have no evidence that a mountain top has been blown off the moon by gents down here on earth and probably they have no evidence either. And out this way where we plant potatoes according to the phase of the moon we would rather let the good old lunar orb alone. And no damage has been done. As day approaches the golden crescent glows unmarred in the southeast heavens and innumerable stars dot the blue eternal depths with a merry twinkle, as much as to say, "Want to try it again, little fellows?"

Rev. Isidore Dwyer, C. P., Sacred Heart Retreat, Louisville, Kentucky, writes a word of encouragement and recalls some of his '88 blizzard experiences. He says: "I remember going into our barn, about five miles north-east of O'Neill a little after 9 o'clock on anuary 12, 1888, to get hay for our cattle. The air was clear so you could see for miles. When I came out I could scarce see my hand. The heavily clouded sky came down with a swoop, driven by fierce northwest winds, and the greatest blizzard of all time was roaring and hissing death to beast and man. I traveled a half mile over trackless prairie and brought home some children, one, now a noted lawyer in Butte, Mont., John V. Dwyer, my brother." Before entering the priesthood Father Isidore was known among us here as Richard or Dick Dwyer. He is a brother of Mrs. C. E. Stout of this city.

Tongue hanging out, his long brown hair streaming as he raced against the wind, when every bound left him just a little farther behind the automobile that was carrying the idol of his dog heart away. A momentary slackening of speed as the car turned a corner and the dog saw an advantage. He left the street in a mighty leap and cut across a vacant half-block. Where Shep came up panting and exhausted to that car now motionless was lost to view. A Mrs. Jones dedicates verses to "My Dog." Here are some lines from her poem:

When times were hard and I was broke, And old chums passed me by, You just gazed up with sympathy A-shinin' in your eye. You never seemed to blame me, pal, Because I had no dough, Instead you kissed my empty hands, You somehow seemed to know.

The sands of time have sifted down, Dame fortune smiles once more, The beaten track of old-time friends, Again leads to my door. From all the crowd I chose but one, A loyal friend and true, Who stood by me in calm and storm, Old Pal, that friend is you.

A recent item herein stated that E. A. Wade of Lynch, recently in O'Neill, was a brother of the Kid of vigilante days. Mr. Wade writes to inform us that he is not related to that Wade family and we are glad to make the correction.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. H. J. Lohaus entertained the Marez Club last Tuesday evening with a dinner at the M and M. Later cards were played at the Lohaus home. Mrs. C. F. McKenna and Mrs. Homer Mullen won high sco. es.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen are spending the week in Chicago on business and paying a visit to their son in the navy stationed there.

Ernest Durre was up from southern Holt Tuesday. They are enjoying a visit at his home from Miss Martha Bates, who arrived from Denver a few days ago.

Remember when you got your examination paper from teacher with the amazing word written in an upper corner, "Excellent." It sure gave the kid a lift. Some such a thrill ran through the force at the postoffice when the report came back from a recent inspection of the office here marked with that enchanting word, "Excellent." Mrs. Sullivan, head of the postoffice force as postmaster informs us.

Billowing smoke, streams of water hissing through the nozzles of firemen's hose, a sprinkling of citizens drawn to Third and Douglas streets at the call of the shrieking fire alarm a little after midday Tuesday—the Shelhamer Produce company was the scene of a fire that caught in a shed at the west of the main building. The south end of this structure and entire interior were badly burned as was also a truck parked in the building. The firemen responded early and stuck to the heat and smoke and dirt until the fire was subdued. When seen Tuesday Mr. Shelhamer would make no estimate of the loss.

Montana Jack Sullivan arrived in the city Monday evening from Butte, Mont., and has been greeting old friends here during the week. Widely traveled, fully informed, an eye for nature's loveliness and an ear to her throbbing tunes, with the charm of the thoroughbred it is a profitable hour spent with him. Mr. Sullivan has become the mountaineer by long residence in Montana but retains contact with the prairie-land where he finds an individual charm in the land itself transcended only by the warmth of human friendship in the old home community. The family still retain real estate interest here, the parental homstead a short distance northeast of town.

Clearance Sale at Toy's.

## Youths Stage an Abortive Holdup

Three young fellows, all minors and all O'Neill youth, have become involved in the criminal aspects of a "hold up" without having reaped the emoluments. John R. Donohoe, Lester and Eugene Strong drove west last Thursday night, got some liquid refreshments in Atkinson, went on toward Stuart where they stopped at the Newman filling station.

As a joke, make believe, in dead earnest, or whatever it is that gives a boy a hunch to pull something spectacular, young Donohoe ordered the station attendant, the young Mr. Newman, to "Put 'em up—this is a hold up." This was emphasized by a make believe pistol in the boy's coat pocket, which was merely his empty fist. The senior Mr. Newman in the station caught what was going on, picked up a shot gun and stepped out, upon sight of him with the gun the boys whisked away.

They were arrested at Long Pine by the sheriff of Rock county, brought to O'Neill and put away for judicial review.

Lester Strong is out on parole from the Industrial school at Kearney and will be returned there. Two agents from the Nebraska Liquor Commission are investigating taverns at Atkinson and Long Pine which are said to have sold the boys beer.

The Donohoe boy will have a hearing in juvenile court February 5.

## R. E. A. Shaping Up

At an R. E. A. meeting of precinct representatives held at O'Neill January 23, information was presented by Earl J. Smith, U. S. R. E. A. representative and by Mr. Dawes, county agent. The meeting was turned over then to D. F. Scott, temporary chairman, who explained what organization might be effected. There were a total of eleven persons elected from the various parts of the county and three additional ones appointed. This group will act as sign-up captains in the county. They are as follows:

Carroll O'Neill, O'Neill; Alfred Drayton, O'Neill; Mrs. Mabel Hammerberg, Atkinson; William Welfso, Stuart; George Syffe, O'Neill; Henry Vequist, O'Neill; John Shald, Stuart; Vern Sageser, Amelia; L. W. Ullrich, Atkinson; Earl Houts, Emmet; Rudy Bartak, Ewing; Bob Clifford, Atkinson; Harry Ressel, Chambers; Carl Lambert, Ewing.

From this group, four were elected to serve on the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation as directors. They are Vern Sageser, Amelia; Harry Welfso, Stuart; Carroll O'Neill, O'Neill.

A series of educational meetings are planned and will be held in the following places at the designated time. Anyone wishing electricity or information on REA should attend the closest meeting where he or she may make application for REA service. If we are to get electricity, we must get entire areas signed and not just scattered individuals. It is important that we act soon.

February 1 Martha school, McClure and Lake, 2:00 p.m.

February 1 Chambers in town hall, 8:00 p. m.

February 2 Amelia School house, 2:00 p. m.

February 4 Phoenix, 2:00 p. m.

February 4 Meek School No. 27, 8:00 p. m.

February 5 Grattan, Assembly Room in court house, 2:00 p. m.

February 5 C. and N. W. Depot, 2:00 p. m.

February 7, Cleveland, church, 2:00 p. m.

February 7 Stuart, Legion Hall, 8:00 p. m.

February 8 Atkinson, Memorial Hall, 2:00 p. m.

February 8 West half Willowdale, School House District No. 96, 8:00 p. m.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Oscar Newman is in Omaha with a badly fractured bone in the right thigh. The accident that caused the break occurred at his home in the northeast part of town Tuesday. He was putting hay on his yard from a hayrack when the wagon reached broke and excited the horses. Mr. Newman clung to the lines and was dragged off the wagon, receiving a hard fall. H. W. Tomlinson took him to the doctors' office where X-ray was taken and they were advised to take him to Omaha. Mr. Newman's son of Berwell, Will Newman, and a daughter Lucille of Ainsworth came to O'Neill and took their father to Omaha.

The supervisors met Tuesday but owing to weather conditions Wednesday no enough members rived in town to function as an official body. Those interested in setting up in this county a permanent paid head of organized ex-service men to look after their interests appeared before the board to urge an appropriation for such a setup out of county funds. The budget having been made out for county expenses last July, about all the board could do was to promise cooperation so far as it can but no funds at present.

The undertakers of the O'Neill district held a meeting in the Biglin's Bros. office Tuesday. Harold Jessen of Ainsworth, Robert Houston and wife of Bassett, Norris Coats of Stuart, Leo Segeser and wife of Atkinson, D. B. Raymer of Butte and Bob Jones of Spencer were here from out of town. W. O. Samuelson of Omaha, state inspector attended the meeting.

Allen Connell, of the federal employment office, returned Saturday from a three-day meeting of district managers held in Lincoln. Mr. Connell reports an average of fifty a week or returned service men applying at the employment office for placement either in employment or to resume school and college work.

Sgt. Alvin L. Bausch arrived home January 20, from Los Angeles, Cal., with his honorable discharge from the army Air Force. He served two years and seven months in the service, seventeen months of which were spent in the Pacific theater. Mrs. Alvin Bausch met her husband at Grand Island Saturday evening.

The following, all republicans, have filed for the primary the past week: A. B. Hubbard for sheriff; L. G. Glielispie for assessor; H. W. Hubbard Supervisor district No. 5; J. D. Cronin for delegate to state convention.

Mrs. C. E. Stout, Mrs. W. J. Froelich and Mrs. Ed Campbell were in Omaha early in the week on a visit to Mrs. Birmingham, who is in a hospital.

Frank Davidson, of Salem, Oregon, has been spending a week at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard.

Word comes from Omaha that Mrs. Hugh Birmingham is recovering from surgical treatment in St. Catherine's hospital.

Mrs. Allen P. Jaskowskiak is in St. Vincent hospital in Sioux City, where she underwent surgery Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Phalin is spending several weeks visiting at the home of her son, Gerald, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Miss Elizabeth O'Malley is taking treatments at St. Joseph's hospital in Sioux City.

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## Marriage Licenses

Myron K. Laudenslager and Mrs. Bertha May Bradstreet, both of Spencer.

Bernard A. Kramer of Stuart and Miss Margaret H. Determan of Atkinson.

Ralph Socka of Primrose, Nebr., and Miss Dorothy Sobotka of Inman.

Adolph G. Wetzler of O'Neill and Miss Ina Mary Worth of Inman.

Val L. Pichler of Grand Island and Fay N. Finch of Middlebranch.

Irvin L. Shereffs of Meadow Grove and Miss Esther Louise Melcher of Gage.

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## Interest in 4H Speaking Meet

The judges awarded first place to Twila Whaley, one of the three girls in the contest, and Bill McDonough, one of the five boys in the 4-H Club speaking meet at the court house Saturday afternoon. Both are of O'Neill. Mrs. Clay Johnson of O'Neill, Mrs. O. A. Hammerburg and Rev. Mr. Graff of Atkinson acted as judges.

The eight who took part with their subjects, follows: Ardeth Ruroede—"4-H Work and Its Value."

Twila Whaley—"The Four Freedoms and 4-H."

Jennie Beth Mellor—"What Becomes of 4-Hers?"

Gene Closson—"4-H Boys and Girls in War and Peace."

Bill McDonough—"Soil Conservation and its Relation to the Welfare of the Nation."

Murray Mellor—"Juvenile Delinquency."

John O'Neill—"Citizenship Through 4-H."

Junior Graver—"Fire and Accident Prevention."

To the parents and friends who sat in the assembly room it was more than a contest to determine who should represent the county at the District meeting. It was a living picture of eight clean, upstanding young boys and girls who early in life sense responsibility and are thinking about them with clear heads. More-over they could stand before a critical group with poise and dignity becoming mature minds and present good homely philosophies that has ever been the American polestar of hope. The four H's—head, heart, hand, health—educational, spiritual, industrial, habits of life. Young America building on that foundation is the hope of us all.

Twila and Bill will represent Holt county in the district contest to be held in the near future at Bassett. The winning boy and girl in the state contest will be awarded at Club Week a \$200 university scholarship.

County Agent Dawes is very gratified with the keen interest these young people have shown in public speaking and he hopes next year that many more of our 4-H boys and girls will participate.

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## Brought Here for Burial

Ulysses G. Shipman, 81 years and twelve days of age, died at a hospital in Norfolk last Saturday. The body was brought to this city and the funeral was held in the Biglin mortuary and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery at the side of his wife, who passed away in June, 1943. Rev. Melvin Gosenbach conducted the funeral services.

Ulysses Grant Shipman was born June 14, 1864, in Posa county, Indiana. When he was 9 years of age the family moved to Creighton, Nebr., where they lived until about 1910 when the family moved to this county where they made their home until after the death of his wife, since which time he had made his home with his children.

He was united in marriage to Miss Frances Forsyth on March 15, 1894, the ceremony being performed in Pierce county. To this union seven children were born. Mrs. Bessie Stevens, Auburn, Wash.; Marion Shoman, Orchard, Neb.; Mrs. Gladys Ellickson, Cole-rille, Nebr.; Wayne Shipman, Payavillup, Wash.; Eugene Shipman, Frazee, Minn.; Mrs. Anna-May Maxwell, Salmon, Idaho. One child preceded him in death. He was a man that was always kind to his wife and family, friends and neighbors. After Mrs. Shipman's passing he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Stevens in this city and later at Auburn, Washington. He leaned to the Baptist church and loved to read his bible.

Leo Moore and Hug Ray took in the convention of lumber dealers held in Omaha this week.

Frank Biglin had business in Omaha a day this week.

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Emmet Revill of Star, chairman, and Louis Bernholtz of Page, secretary, together with three other district supervisors, Dave Bowen of Page, Walter Sire of Butte, and F. E. Keyes of Inman, met with the general supervisor, Mr. Bredemeier, last Friday in the interests of soil conservation. They will bring a tractor in to use this season for tree planting, ditching and other jobs on the land and have also provided a special grass seeder and a treader. The meeting was held at Mr. Bredemeier's office in the court house annex.

## Died in Chair at Hotel

George W. Koster, Niobrara, Nebr., died while sitting in a chair at the Golden Hotel about noon today. Mr. Koster was one of the prominent democrats of the state and had served in various positions of trust. He served with Will O'Brien when the latter had charge of the hatcheries and served also as game warden and represented the Niobrara district in the state senate a few years ago. He was about 67 years of age.

## SOBOTKA-SOCHA

At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, January 26, St. Patrick's church in O'Neill was the scene of a beautiful wedding when Miss Dorothy Sobotka of Inman, Nebr., became the bride of Rudolph Soca of Primrose, Nebr.

The double ring ceremony followed with a nuptial high mass, was solemnized by Father Lisco before an altar graced with seven branched candelabra. Music and solos for the wedding were furnished by St. Mary's school choir. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a white gown of lace, satin and net. The fitted bodice of chantilly lace over satin was ornamented with seed pearls in lines of a sweetheart neckline filled with illusion net and the long lace sleeves tapered to a point at the wrists. The back was buttoned to the waistline with tiny satin covered buttons. The full double skirt of illusion net over satin ended in a two-yard train. Her fingertip veil, also of illusion net trimmed with chantilly lace, was caught to her hair with a cap of beaded pearls. Her only ornament was a gold cross, an heirloom of the family. She carried a white prayer book covered with white rose buds and matching ribbon streamers.

The maid of honor, Miss Margaret Sobotka, a sister, wore a gown of pink marquisette over taffeta. The sweetheart neckline edged in tiny ruffles set off the fitted bodice and shot puffed sleeves. The full floor-length skirt was ornamented by hand stitching. She wore a tiara of pink roses and a double strand of pearls, a gift of the bride. Her bouquet was a white rosebud tied with satin.

Laddie Socha, brother of the groom, was best man. Both groom and best man wore a white rose in the lapel of their suit.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served to the immediate members of both families and Father Lisco at the blue room of the M and M in O'Neill. A three tier wedding cake surmounted with a miniature bride and groom graced the center table. After the dinner a dectption followed at the home of the bride's parents at Inman.

After a trip to Omaha the young couple will reside at Primrose, where the groom is manager of the T. B. Hord grain company. He formerly served thirty-eight months in the Pacific area.

For traveling the bride chose a black suit of wool broadcloth with gold accessories. Mrs. Socha, who graduated from the Inman High School, has been a successful teacher in Holt county, having attended Wayne State teachers college. For the past two years she has been employed in civil service in Lincoln.

Among the out-of-town guests attending the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rozmus of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fischer and daughter of Albion; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Christo of Albion; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Socha of Wolbach; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Socha, Sr. and sons, Joe and James, Father Renner and Miss Eva Pickett, all of Primrose.

## Get Your Clothing Gifts Ready

Grand Clean-up Drive set for VICTORY CLOTHING DRIVE Saturday, February 2, 1946.

Arrangements have been made to have trucks and the Boy Scouts meet at the Court House at 9:30, February 2, to make a canvass of the town for clothing, shoes and bedding for the war victims in Europe, China and the Philippines.

The fire whistle will blow when the drive starts from there and we are asking every citizen to cooperate with us in making this drive a success by having their gift on the porch or ready when the Boy Scout calls. We also have stations at the following places of business:

Brown-McDonald Store, J. C. Penney Store, Rikky's Store, A. E. Bowen Store, Kersenbrock's Market, R. H. Shriner Office, Post Office Lobby.

There are millions of destitute and ragged war victims still in desperate need of clothing, shoes and bedding. The parents have not even rags to share, the sick are without bed clothes, babies are wrapped in paper and harsh burlap. They all need clothes for courage, protection, for health and self respect. These contributions are intended only for the people who are liberated by the Armys of the United Nations and will be given free to those in direct need without discrimination of any kind.

Each of you who contribute to this worthy cause are invited to enclose a message of good will with your clothing gift. Attach it to the clothing or put it in the pocket of any garment you give. Every little gift helps a lot so look in your old trunks and closets.

R. H. SHRINER, Local Chairman.

## Vets Want a County Agent

Under legislation enacted by the 1945 Nebraska Legislature, the Holt County Veterans Service Committee, the American Legion, and Holt County Veterans will appear before the County Board, to request that the County finance the establishment of a County Veterans Service Office, and assisting all War Veterans Officer for the purpose of advising and assisting all War Veterans and their dependents in securing the benefits now available to them from the government of the United States.

Holt County now has approximately 2800 Veterans of the World Wars, together with all of their families and dependents, who are eligible to receive various benefits under the multitude of laws which have been established for their welfare by the Government. The matter of securing such benefits has become so complex that it now requires more time and skill than the American Legion and other Veterans organization will be able to furnish through their voluntary workers.

Fifty-seven counties in the State have taken advantage of this opportunity for the establishment of County Service Offices and are now receiving assistance to the Veterans and their families covering the subjects of Disability Allowances and Pensions, Widow and Orphan Pensions, G. I. Loans, Unemployment Compensation, Scholarship, On-the-Job training, Child Welfare, Family Allowances, Hospitalization and Out Patient Treatment Vocational Rehabilitation, Insurance and many other matters.

Experience in other counties which have adopted this service show that the monetary benefits received for the Veterans and their dependents, more than justifies the expense of maintaining the office.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many old friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness extended us while here attending the funeral of our beloved father and for the many and beautiful floral offerings.

The Shipman Sons and Daughters.