

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

By Romaine Saunders

That Hereford aristocrat said to have brought \$51,000 down in Oklahoma doesn't mean just that Tricks in all trades, you know. One breeder says to another, "you buy mine; I buy yours." Round the circle it goes. Some fancy trades are made, by checks exchanged and no money spent.

An American soldier of Japanese ancestry says the war isn't over at home. He says it in an illuminating story in a great little publication. And we feel rather honored that he is a Nebraska lad, humiliated at some things he ran into when he joined the army. But his closing paragraph breathes the breath of the prairie: "Back in high school in Nebraska one of the things they taught me was that America is a land where it isn't race or religion that makes free men. That's why I went to Tokyo. I went to fight for my country, where freedom isn't color but a way of life, and all men are created equal until they prove otherwise. That's an old idea we have in Hershey, Nebraska, just down the highway from North Platte."

Down at the little town of Edgar a small group of Nebraska agriculture workers have started something that the nation has cocked an ear to hear. Embattled behind an organization they have chosen to designate The American Farmers' Vigilante Committee, this segment of producers has laid down the gauntlet in a battle to end labor strikes. From present indications there are a hundred million Americans ready to join the movement. Great movements have humble beginnings. From the sod houses out across Nebraska grass lands there arose like a swarm of grasshoppers a political movement in the 1890 decade that swept the country and left a permanent impress. And now a new force, a mighty force with a mighty weapon when welded into effectual organization, can maybe accomplish what "fact finders" have failed to bring about.

The letter lay in her lap. Tears started from deep blue eyes as she read at the bottom, "why don't you write—why don't you write?" O, she thought, they don't know, they must never know, I do not have two cents to mail a letter. You may name any one of many pioneer women facing it all bravely on Holt county prairies until such a letter came from home "back east." Then the poverty, the privation, the bitterness of it all overwhelmed her for a moment. But fortitude, courage, determination revived and she stirred up the cornmeal for another "johnny cake" that would bake over a hay fire. Just a little reminder of the price our mothers paid to contribute their share to the splendid heritage of this generation. A gentleman returned from Europe says families are allotted 400 pounds of coal for the winter. Women and children suffer the most. "Give me neither poverty nor riches," declared King Solomon. Greater characters have sprung from the roots of poverty than from the treasure chests of luxury.

"Is not this the fact that I have chosen? —To loose the bands of wickedness, to unloose the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry and . . . when thou seest the naked that thou cover him." A message from a great prophet to which we have another opportunity, probably the most urgent of all time, to "deal our bread to the hungry" and clothe the ragamuffins. Our armies have broken the yoke, undone the heavy burdens, set the oppressed free. Closets have recently been emptied in America that cargoes of clothing might move out to sea. Now the need of hungry millions bows at the feet of the Statute of Liberty,

And Americans will share their bread. I believe with Herbert Hoover we have enough to do so without returning to the rationing program, tightening belts or impoverishing our overstuffed citizens. Food stores in city and village are stacked from basement concrete to plastered ceiling, cellars and locker plants hold uncounted stores, cribs and granaries and mills are heaped with "raw material," livestock fill the grass lands and crowd the feed lots, Holt county has come forward with tons of clothing to "cover the naked," How many carloads of food stuff are we willing to part with that the hungry may be fed?

Martin-Chase

Rev. E. B. Maxcy of Inman, performed a double ring ceremony at the home of Evelyn F. Gray on February 12 at one o'clock p. m., at which time Miss Grace Martin of Dallas, Texas, became the bride of Virgil J. Chase of Page, Nebr.

The lovely bride was attired in an aqua suit with black accessories with a corsage of pink carnations. The groom wore a grey pin-striped suit with a white carnation boutonier. The only attendants at the ceremony were the immediate family of the groom.

Both wedding dinner and reception were held immediately after the ceremony. The bride and groom returned to Omaha, where the groom is attending the university.

O'Neill Boy Seeing Lots Of The Far East

On the USS Vincennes (Delayed)—George Murray Mellor, seaman, first class, of O'Neill, Nebr., spent part of Christmas Day sight-seeing in Apia, Upolu Island, British Samoa.

Some of the sailors who rated liberty went into Apia to witness a colorful Kava ceremony and dance, traditional native welcoming ceremony to high personages; others climbed the long hill at one edge of town to see the grave of Robert Louis Stevenson. Christmas night the townspeople gave a dance for the enlisted men of the ship.

Two weeks earlier the ship was at the French port of Noumea, New Caledonia, where many of the men went ashore to sample French cooking and to buy souvenirs. Others wandered through the town gazing at quaint old houses—and pretty French girls.

Then the Vincennes moved to Suva on the island of Viti Levu in the British Crown Colony of the Fiji Islands, where the men got a rare treat, fresh milk. Some trooped to the museum to look at the century-and-a-half old remains of the rudder of HMS BOUNTY, famed in the novel "Mutiny on the Bounty."



DISCHARGED

Registrants discharged since February 6, 1946:
Edwin H. Hubbard, Chambers
Benjamin W. Heigh, Stuart
Herbert E. Pfeil, O'Neill
Walter A. Smith, Stuart
Francis J. Hickey, O'Neill
Farmer W. Withers, Atkinson
Joseph K. Rotherham, Ewing
Walter A. Huston, Page
John N. Schmitz, Atkinson
Edward G. Winkler, Emmet
Robert N. Sholes, Inman
Robert L. Wood, Page
Wesley R. Slaymaker, Atkinson
Wayne W. Hickok, Atkinson
James A. Arbutnot, O'Neill
Charles E. Ridgeway, Dorsey
Willard E. Thomson, Chambers
Delbert P. Baum, Stuart
Elvin O. Neal, Dorsey
Lester L. Green, Chambers
Orville M. Seger, Atkinson

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pilger, of Portland, Oregon, have been visiting friends and relatives here the past few days. They came to see Mr. Pilger's mother, who lives at Plainview.

Inman Pioneer Passes Away

Funeral services were held for one of Inman's oldest pioneers Wednesday, February 13 from the Methodist church at Inman for Idilla Ann Brumbaugh, who died at her pioneer home February 9, 1946.

Idilla Ann, daughter of John and Mary Ann Auten, was born in Valparaiso, Pastur county, Ind., July 17, 1858. When thirteen years of age went with her parents in a covered wagon to southwestern Missouri where Joplin is now located. After one year in Missouri they returned again by covered wagon over the Ozark mountains, through mud, fording small streams, ferrying across rivers to Valparaiso. At the age of sixteen years she united with the Christian church.

June 19, 1876, she was married to Elias Brumbaugh, who was called December 7, 1936, to his heavenly home. Two children were born to this union, Ezra, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Maysie Beatrice of Inman. She moved with her husband and children to Saunders county, Nebr., in 1881, and the following year to Inman. Took up a government homestead three miles southwest of Inman in 1882, and has since resided at that place.

In 1895 she was baptized by Hyrum O. Smith into the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and developed a strong Christian character.

She was a faithful wife, a noble devoted mother. Yet her great love reached beyond the bounds of home and family, encompassing all those whom she could reach. When doctors were scarce and hospitals and nurses there were none, she was called near and far to minister to the sick. No day was too hot, no night too cold, nor storm too severe for her to answer a call for help. An angel of mercy she was freely giving her strength and skill that others might enjoy health restored, that new lives might be safely ushered into the world, while those called to their eternal home might find the way smoothed by her gentle care.

In love she gave asking only love in return. She shared with her husband the hardships and unceasing toil of pioneering. But was ever cheerful and happy in her work. The Lord blessed their land and for every planting there was harvest. Sometimes bountiful sometimes scanty, but always a harvest. And no hungry soul was ever turned from her door unfed. Always understanding and sympathetic her timely, kindly council helped solve many discouraging problems and her words of comfort soothed many an aching heart.

Those who knew her best loved her most. She passed away at her pioneer home south of Inman February 9 1946 at 12:30 p. m., after a lingering illness. For the past twelve years she has made her home with her grandson, James Kelley and family.

Those who mourn her passing are two children, Ezra of Los Angeles, Cal., and Maysie Kelley of Inman. One half sister, Mrs. Disa Coleman of Sexsmith, Alberta, Canada; fifteen grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, 2 great, great grandchildren, besides a host of friends and other relatives. She was preceded in death by two brothers, two half brothers and one half sister.

Like the Apostle of old she could say: "I have fought the good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. From henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have sustained an immeasurable loss. Yet their sorrowing hearts are comforted or their loved one now rests in the Paradise of God.

Pallbearers were Herbert Rouse, Cal Geary, Earl Watson, Earl Miller, John Gallagher, Harry Harts. The beautiful music was furnished by Mrs. Elwin Smith Mrs. Ira Watson, Mrs. Grace Gannon, Mrs. Eva Murten, Kenneth Smith and Harvey Tompkins,

with Mrs. Harvey Tompkins as accompanist.

Those attending from out of town were: Ezra Brumbaugh, Los Angeles, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelley, Fairbury, Nebr., Mrs. Lyle Knapp, St. Paul, Minn.; Chas E. Kelley, St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Comstock, St. Paul, Minn.; Theral and Marsette Comstock, St. Paul, Minn.

LT. GONDERINGER BACK FROM OVERSEAS

McClellan Field, Calif.—Lt. Charles N. Gonderinger of O'Neill, Nebraska, is a civilian again today following his discharge at this army separation point after three years of service with the Army Air Forces.

He was overseas in the African and Middle-Eastern theater as an assistant State Judge Advocate from May, 1944, to June, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Gonderinger arrived in O'Neill last Saturday and we understand he intends to reopen his law office here.

O'Neill To Be Hosts To Two Basketball Tournaments Soon

The O'Neill High School and community will be host to two basketball tournaments in the next few weeks. These two tournaments will be the "B" and "C" classes of this district.

The Class "C" tournament dates are set for February 27 through March 1. Representatives of the twelve schools that will compete in this tournament will meet at the O'Neill Public School on Saturday, February 16 at 2:00 p. m. to make all necessary arrangements.

The twelve teams that will compete in this contest are as follows:
1. St. Joseph (Atkinson)
2. Butte
3. Chambers
4. Ewing
5. Naper
6. St. Mary's (O'Neill)
7. Orchard
8. Spalding Academy
9. Springfield
10. Stuart
11. Tilden

The Class "B" tournament will start on March 6 and continue through March 9. On Saturday, February 23, a representative from each of the competing schools will meet at the O'Neill Public School to make all necessary arrangements. Nine schools will be represented in this tournament. All of these schools have fair teams and it should be a very interesting contest.

The nine teams in class "B" are:
1. Ainsworth
2. Atkinson
3. Bassett
4. Burwell
5. Creighton
6. Neligh
7. O'Neill
8. Ord
9. Valentine

The Delegate Assembly, at their December 7th meeting of last year, approved a new plan of classifying schools for participation in district basketball tournaments. Under the new plan, schools are classified by the total number of male enrollment from grades 9 through 12. In this system the classes range as follows:
Class A—Over 190 boys.
Class B—81-190 boys.
Class C—36 to 80 boys.
Class D—Less than 36 boys.
The city and High School of O'Neill welcomes you.

Legion Auxiliary Meets February 21

The regular February meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Simonson Unit No. 93, has been postponed until Thursday, February 21. On that date the Unit will meet at 8:00 p. m., at the Golden Hotel dining room for the regular business session. Initiation ceremonies will be conducted or a number of new members. A magical program of entertainment will be presented and refreshments will be served, becoming members of the Unit All eligible ladies interested in are invited to attend.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will be hosts to all ex-service men of both War I and War II and also service men home on furlough, at a Dutch Lunch at the K. C. Hall Thursday evening, February 21, at 9:00 p. m. The V. F. W. will hold their business meeting at 7:30 p. m., at the K. C. Hall that same evening before the Dutch lunch.

Merrill Hicks, Post Quartermaster.

John K. Boyer Dies Suddenly At Home Here Friday, Feb. 8

John K. Boyer was found dead in bed at his home last Friday morning, having passed away during the night from a heart attack, at the age of 76 years, six months and 27 days. The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. Mullis officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Deceased was born at Cascade, Iowa, on July 11, 1869. In February, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Daisy Beeks, the ceremony being performed in Wisconsin. Ten children were born to this union, five sons and five daughters, nine of whom are living and are left, with their mother, to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are: Benjamin, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Luella Lieb, Page; Mrs. Ida Wilcox, Norfolk; Mrs. Daisy Ring, Norfolk; Mrs. Mable Elder, Norfolk; Chester, Portland, Oregon; Harry, Portland, Oregon; Everett, Hollywood, Oregon; Mrs. Opal Fulda, Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Boyer had been a resident of this county since 1910, living for many years in the Page neighborhood where he had many friends. He had been ill for only one week.

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Traffic Accidents Show Increasing Death Toll

Traffic accidents killed 23 persons on Nebraska's streets and highways in January. This is the highest total for the month of January since 1938.

Capt. C. J. Sanders, Nebraska Safety Patrol, reports that the 23 fatalities is a 64% increase over the fatalities for January 1945.

Greater care really is needed this year than ever before, Capt. Sanders emphasized, because national traffic experts predict that this year may set an all time high in traffic accidents. This is due to the greater number of cars on the road, the greater number of miles traveled per car since ending of gas rationing, and the added hazards of snow, ice and poor visibility.

Wary of war time restraints, many drivers are inclined to take greater chances. This is particularly true in his overconfident estimate of the distance in which he can stop safely when driving fast.

Three cardinal rules for winter drivers, Captain Sanders said, are (1) don't get too close to the car in front, (2) drive according to weather and road conditions, and (3) keep your windshield clear and put on chains when needed.

Local Farm Loan Ass'n. Pays A Dividend

Checks totaling \$5,209.00 will be mailed to 612 farmers and ranchers in Boyd, Holt and Wheeler counties within the next few days it was announced last week by Harry E. Ressel, president of the Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan Association. The farmers and ranchers who will receive the checks are mem-

bers of the Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan Association. The checks represent a dividend of 5% on the stock they own in the Elkhorn Valley association.

Ressel's announcement was made following a meeting of the association's board of directors, which voted to pay a dividend to all stockholders of the association as of September 30, 1945.

"The Federal Land Bank of Omaha," said Ressel, "recently declared a dividend on its stock, which is owned by National Farm Loan Associations in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. This dividend to the associations enables us to also pay a dividend to our association members on their stock."

Ressel also pointed out that the dividend paid by the Omaha Land bank was made possible by continued excellent agricultural conditions and a reduction of bank and association expenses.

The Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan Association has loans totaling \$2,083,600 outstanding to farmers and ranchers of Boyd, Holt and Wheeler counties. Lyle P. Dierks is secretary-treasurer of the association. Directors, in addition to Mr. Ressel are L. W. Barthel, C. C. Jacobsen, J. Victor Johnson, John J. Bauer, and E. J. Revell.

Mr. Ressel announced that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan Association will be held in O'Neill, Nebr., on March 21, 1946.

Eagle Creek 4-H Club

The Eagle Creek 4-H Club met at the J. B. Mellor home February 3, with all members present. While dinner was being prepared, some of the members took advantage of the weather and went skating. After dinner all members answered roll call by giving the flag salute.

The leader handed out the material for the coming year. The nine different projects in the club are, Stocker Feeder, Baby Beef, Yard Beautification, Forestry II, Learning to be a Homemaker, Girls Rooms, Food Preservation, Tractor and soil conservation.

Imogene Lanman was voted in as a new member.

At the next meeting roll call clippers will respond by giving "A First Step" in the new project. The coming meeting will be held at the L. U. Lloyd Hull home on February 24.

CHAMBERS ITEMS

Pfc. Merle Hansen of Camp Carson, Col., came home Tuesday of last week on a short furlough. He and Mrs. Hansen and son, Davy, left Monday for Boise, Idaho, to visit his mother and other relatives before reporting back to duty at Camp Polk, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gillette are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby son, born Thursday, February 7, at the Norfolk hospital.

Evelyn Cavanaugh underwent a major operation at the Norfolk hospital Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rothchild and family moved last week onto the Neinand place north of town.

Chauncey Wood received a discharge from the army and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Wood.

Mrs. Nevin Ickes and sons of Page, and Mrs. Rawlings Paul of Brunswick, spent Monday at the E. R. Carpenter home. Mr. Paul brought them up and drove on to Newport on business returning for them that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mitchell drove to Hastings Monday on business.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met Thursday in the basement of the Methodist church.

Pfc. Norman Reninger of Fort Meyers, Va., is spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Reninger.

Gerald Young is spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young, while his parents are away.

Albert Neimand of Bassett, is spending a five day leave with his parents at Chambers.

Mrs. Lela Crandall left Sunday for San Diego, Cal., where she plans to work.

Frank D. Howard Passes Away At His Home Here Sunday

Frank D. Howard, one of the pioneer residents of this city, passed away at his home here last Sunday morning at 9.15, after an illness of several months at the age of 66 years, nine months and two days.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Patrick's church, Rev. Raymond Lisco officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Frank D. Howard was born in Omaha, Nebr., on May 8, 1879, in Omaha, Nebr., and came to and lived in O'Neill in 1884, with his parents, coming here from Wahoo, Nebr., and this city had been his home ever since.

On October 7, 1901, he was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Warner, the ceremony being performed at Bassett, Nebr. Five children were born to this couple, two sons and three daughters, all of whom survive and with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and loving husband and father. The children are: Mrs. G. F. Davison, Salem, Oregon; Francis W., Margaret, Mrs. William Brown and Lynus Howard, all of O'Neill.

Frank learned the blacksmith trade and operated a shop here for many years. He was a good workman and had a host of friends in this city and community who will mourn his passing.

St. Joe Again Trims St. Mary's Cardinals

St. Mary's traveled to Atkinson Friday to lose to a powerful St. Joseph team 34 to 22. It was a hard fought game with both fighting on even terms until the last quarter, when St. Joe's widened the margin to 12 points. The first quarter was a toss up with neither team having an advantage. This quarter ended with the score tied at 5 all.

The second quarter found St. Joe picking up a little. They were quite lucky during this quarter, having several partially blocked shots drop through the hoop. The score at the half was 17 to 9 in favor of St. Joe.

St. Joe started the second half off with a bang by pushing four baskets in before St. Mary's scored. The end of the third quarter found St. Joe still in the lead 27 to 18.

The final quarter was hard fought with little or no advantage being held by either team. The final tabulation was 34 to 22.

Froelich and Condon were high for St. Mary's with 6 points each, while Scott with 14 points was high for St. Joe. St. Mary's held Pat Miller to the grand total of 4 points. This was achieved through the stellar work of Merriman and Wallace, St. Mary's hard working guards.

St. Mary's Reserves lost to St. Joe Reserves 18 to 9.

moved the first of the week into the Genevieve Bell house in the north part of town.

Word was received from Jim Newhouse that he had been promoted to T-4. Jim is stationed on Okinawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeHart and son, F. Ederick, left Thursday for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will visit his sister. They plan also to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth DeHart, also in California and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramington and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner received word from their son, Robert saying that he had been promoted to S. Sgt. He is located at Heidelberg, Germany, with the Hdqrs. of the Seventh Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thomson left Sunday for Omaha on business.

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner and Mrs. Mildred Thomson and Judy drove to Orchard Friday on business.

Cleo Alderson arrived home (Continued on page four)