

GAME FISH OUTPUT BACK TO NORMAL

1946 Figures Show 100 Percent Increase Over 1945

With increasing availability of men and materials, the Nebraska state game commission has returned to full production of game fish for stocking state waters. The 1946 figures show almost a 100 percent increase in production over 1945.

Over 2,184,000 fish were produced and stocked in 1946 as compared with 1,483,000 in 1945. These figures include both trout and warm-water fish for both years. The fish were produced in game commission hatcheries at Gretna, Parks, Valentine, and North Platte.

The rescue and salvage crew, under supervision of Paul Todd, of North Platte, rescued nearly seven times as many game fish in 1946 as in 1945. During 1945, handicapped by lack of manpower and equipment, the salvage crew netted and transferred 357,000 game fish from lowered canals

and receding flood waters, while in 1946 2,412,000 were rescued and transplanted to more suitable waters. The crew took 49,000 pounds of rough fish from state waters in 1945 and 130,000 pounds in 1946. During the past year 106,000 pounds of rough fish were sold on the open market to buyers for a total of \$7,997.79.

Rescue Stranded Fish

Besides rescuing stranded game fish and disposing of rough fish, the crew trapped catfish in the Missouri river to stock in inland streams. A "poor" run last Spring produced 10,000 catfish as compared with 22,000 the previous year. Commercial fishermen reported a corresponding poor catfish run last year.

Upland game bird production showed a spectacular uptrend with 14,453 pheasants raised and released in 1946, and only 7,893 released this year.

Past Oracles of RNA Entertain

PAGE—The past oracles of the Royal Neighbors entertained the other members of the camp at the IOOF hall February 5. After the business meeting, a lunch was served by the past oracles. Table decorations were carried out in Valentine day colors.

Following the refreshments entertainment was provided in the form of "Tom Brehman's Breakfast in Hollywood," Rachel Ickes acting as "Tom" and Vivian Steinberg as "Uncle Corny." Each member provided a hat which they exchanged with others until each had one "different" from the one they brought and they were worn during the entertainment.

There were 28 in attendance.

Patricia Banta Honored Sunday

PAGE—Margaret Prill, Helen Rayburn, Naomi Steinberg, Harriet Simmons, Barbra Trowbridge, Lois Heiss, LaVonne Albright and Mildred Haynes attended a party at the Harold Banta home Sunday honoring the birthday anniversary of Patricia Banta. Games were played and a dinner was served at six o'clock. The honored guest received many gifts.

Paty received a telephone call from her brother, Duane, from Reno, Nev., extending birthday greetings.

Mrs. Kloppenborg Feted in Postnuptial Shower

PAGE—Mrs. Erwin Kloppenborg was honored at a postnuptial shower February 6 afternoon at the Methodist church parlors. About 60 guests attended and the guest-of-honor received many gifts.

Mrs. Kloppenborg was Miss Vera Stuart before her marriage.

WSCS Meets

PAGE—The WSCS met last Thursday afternoon in the Methodist church parlors with a large group present. Mrs. Nevan Ickes led the devotions. Mrs. Ralph Prill and Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge were on the serving committee.

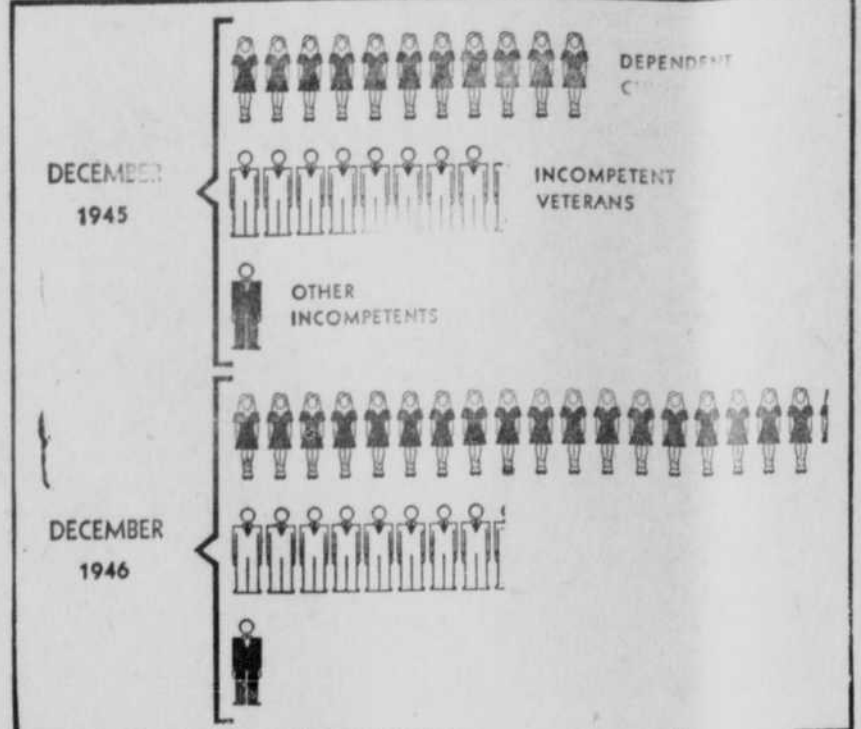
Just-a-Mere Plays Rook

PAGE—Mrs. J. D. Gray was hostess to the Just-a-Mere club February 8. The hours were spent playing rook.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Schelkopf had Mr. and Mrs. Peter VanDyke, of Portland, Ore., as their guests for the weekend. Mrs. VanDyke is Mr. Schelkopf's cousin.

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DEPENDENT CHILDREN INCREASE

The number of dependent children that are becoming wards of the Veterans Administration has shown a steady increase during 1946. This total jumped from 55,296 in December, 1945, to 90,716 in December, 1946. During the same time the number of incompetent veterans increased only from 41,022 to 41,806, and the number of other incompetents from 4,656 to 5,206.

CHURCHES

METHODIST (O'Neill)

Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, pastor
Church school, 9:55 a.m. Classes for all the family, Lorenz Bredemeier, general superintendent.

Worship, 11 a. m. The guest is Kenneth Freese, of the Spencer Methodist church. The men will have charge of the service. The pamphlet for this Sunday is "Trustees of God's Goods," by Richard L. Owenby.

Methodist Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p. m. The young people will observe a Quaker service, based entirely upon meditation and silence. All young people are invited to this service.

Young adult fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Petersen.

Stewardship class, Wednesday, 8 p. m., chapter 6: "Large Outlooks and Local Loyalties."

Choir practice, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

The world day of prayer is February 21. Union services will be held at the Methodist church at 8 p. m. Women will participate from three churches—the Assembly of God, the Presbyterian church, and the Methodist church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN (O'Neill)

Rev. Kenneth J. Scott, pastor
Sunday-school, 10 a. m., John Harbottle, superintendent.
Worship, 11 a. m., sermon title: "The Nature of Grace."
Junior Westminster Fellowship, 5:30 p. m.

Senior Westminster Fellowship, 7 p. m.
Midweek devotional service, Tuesday, 8 p. m.

On next Thursday, at 7 p. m., a fellowship dinner will be held by the whole church. This is to be a covered dish luncheon. Rev. Ralph Chamberlain, our Sunday-school missionary in Nebraska, will show moving pictures of his work throughout the state. Herbert Price and Delores DeBolt will play instrumental numbers and the men's quartet will sing gospel songs. Plan to attend and join in this evening of fellowship.

METHODIST (Inman)

Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, pastor
Worship, 9:55 a.m. Laymen's Sunday. The layman speaker will be Lorenz F. Bredemeier, from the O'Neill Methodist church. Topic: "Stewardship of the Land." The pamphlet for this Sunday is "Trustees of God's Goods," by Richard L. Owenby. Church school, 10:55 a.m., Harvey Tompkins, general superintendent.

Methodist Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p. m. Worship service and recreation.

STEWARDSHIP CLASS

Stewardship class, next Thursday, February 27, 8:15 p.m., chapter 6: "Large Outlooks and Local Loyalties."

HOLINESS (O'Neill)

Rev. Melvin Grosenbach, pastor
Sunday will be the closing day of our special revival campaign with Rev. and Mrs. Marion Hill. Our usual Sunday-school will be at 10 a. m., followed by the morning worship service at 11. At 7:30 p. m., Rev. Hill will continue his account of the Holy Land. At 8:15 will be the regular evangelistic service.

Everyone is welcome to attend our services.

FIRST BAPTIST (Chambers)

Rev. Lawrence McElheran, pastor
Sunday-school, 10 a.m. Leo Adams, superintendent. Worship, 11 a.m. Young peoples' meeting, 7 p. m. Worship, 8 p. m.



NOTICE:

Dr. Edw. J. Norwood, O. D., Optometrist, from Crawford, Neb., will be in O'Neill on February 28 at the Golden Hotel, 39-41
Eyes Exam'd-Glasses Fitted

CENTER UNION

Rev. Melvin Grosenbach, pastor
Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Hill will continue his account of his trip to the Holy Land. At 11 a. m., will be the usual Sunday-school. At 8 p. m., will be the regular young peoples' hour, and also Bible study.

Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD (O'Neill)

Rev. J. M. Cummings, pastor
Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; evangelistic service, 8 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, 8 p.m.

METHODIST (Chambers)

James Jackman, pastor
Sunday-school, 10:30 a.m., Clair Grimes, superintendent. Worship, 11:30 a.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.

METHODIST (Page)

Rev. Carl B. Rayburn, pastor
Sunday-school, 10 a.m., Edgar Stauffer, superintendent. Worship, 11 a.m.

LUTHERAN (Chambers)

Rev. Leonard Dale, pastor
Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m., Joe Serck, superintendent. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Savings Bond Sale Records Shattered

January broke all records for sales of U. S. savings bonds in Nebraska with a total sales for the month of series E, F, and G bonds amounting to \$15,770,295.

This amount tops all monthly sales, except for war bond drives, according to Leland R. Hall, state director of the Treasury, U. S. savings bond division.

Series E sales for January totalled \$9,391,451, or 59 1/2 percent of total sales.

"January bond sales were almost as large as any two month sales in 1946," said Hall. "Part of the increase was probably due to limit buying of large investors, who purchased their full year's allotment during the past month."

Hall said that Nebraska ranked third among all states in 1946 for bond sales, as compared to redemptions, with sales exceeding redemptions by 129.10 percent.

Holt county was not included among the 10 leading counties in January sales.

RIDGEWAY ON GOODRICH DORSEY

Donald W. Ridgeway, seaman, first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ridgeway of Dorsey, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Goodrich. He entered the Naval service January 25, 1947, and received his recruit training at the Naval training center, at San Diego, Calif.

MRS. JENSEN EXPIRES ORCHARD

Mrs. W. D. Jensen was buried at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Orchard cemetery. She died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Harmon, of Orchard. Survivors: two daughters, Mrs. Harmon and Mrs. Ruth King, of Lincoln; one son, William Sampson, of New York; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Rev. P. J. Wirth, of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, officiated.

RECEIVES DIPLOMA

Word has been received that Pfc. Derald Smith, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike A. Smith, has received a diploma after having completed a course in airplane and engine mechanics at Keesler Field, Miss. His rating was "excellent." He expects to attend a C-54 school at the same field and then be assigned. Pfc. Smith entered the service in June, 1946.

Attend Elgin KC Initiation

Matt Beha, Frank Clements, Clyde Wilson, Stephen Price and James Mullen attended an initiation of Knights of Columbus members at Elgin Sunday.

Dr. J. L. Sherbahn left Sunday for a two-weeks' business trip in Omaha.

OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA —

Business Was Once a Get-Rich-Quick Proposition

If a Nebraskan of the 1850s wanted to get in on the ground floor of what was considered a sure thing, he invested in a newly organized ferry company. For a man with money to invest, there were plenty of opportunities. The first territorial legislature alone issued 37 bridge and ferry charters, and subsequent territorial sessions added to the number.

Many of the early ferries were crude and awkward, says James C. Olsen, superintendent of the State Historical society. Often they were propelled simply by the force of the current flowing against a keel, and were moved back-and-forth on a cable to which they were fastened by a rope and pulley. Later, steam ferries replaced these early contrivances.

Big Muddy a Fertile Field

The Missouri river, quite naturally, was the scene of much of the early Nebraska ferry business. Of the 37 charters issued by the first legislature, 22 were for ferries across the Missouri. The Big Muddy was one of the great water barriers to overland travel West, and helping emigrants across it had definite possibilities for profits.

Then, too, any Missouri river town which had visions of greatness—and try to find one that did not—simply had to have a ferry. It goes without saying, therefore, that the relationship between the ferry company and the town company frequently was quite close. In the case of Omaha, destined to become the most important point on the upper Missouri, the town and ferry companies were one and the same.

The townsite of Omaha was laid out by a Council Bluffs ferry company. Town lots were offered free to anyone who would improve them, and to give the place some of the appearance of a city a brick-

ferry! Hurrah for Nebraska! Ferry Co., June 23, 1854."

Omaha was not the only Nebraska town boasting a steam ferry in 1854. Bellevue, its bitter rival for the territorial capital, was served by Peter Sarpy's new steam ferryboat, the "Nebraska." The Iowa terminal was the now extinct town of St. Mary.

Advent of Steam

The installation of steam ferry in the summer of 1854, the same year in which the town was platted, was announced with this enthusiastic advertisement: "Attention! Settlers in Nebraska: The General Marion runs regularly between Council Bluffs and Omaha City. There need be no fear of detention as the boat is in constant readiness for stock, teams, or foot passengers, with steam up and ready crew. Come on, emigrants, this is the great central

Although, as has been mentioned, the Missouri was the most important center of the Nebraska ferry boat business, ferries were established on many other Nebraska streams. One of the most important of the early inland ferries was Shinn's, which crossed the Platte just north of the present town of David City.

This ferry was in service from 1859 to 1862, and provided the only crossing of the Platte, except by fording, between Omaha and Denver.

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