

TAX FIELDMAN AT WORK HERE

Motz Says Reception 'Nice'; Expects to Finish Saturday

Jacob Motz, fieldman for the Nebraska state tax commissioner's office, said today (Thursday) that his reception "with few exceptions has been very nice" in Holt county. Mr. Motz is here working on the state's new experimental tax assessing procedure set up by Tax Commissioner Robert Armstrong.

Mr. Motz is one of six fieldmen sent out from Lincoln to call on county assessors. His territory includes Holt, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Wheeler, Rock, Keya Paha, Garfield, Knox, Antelope and Loup counties. He has already completed work in three counties.

Mr. Motz is primarily concerned with business schedules but has, when incidents occur, gone to the country to confer with taxpayers and assessors.

Some Indifference

Generalizing on the entire assessing program, he said that "county assessors have been giving good cooperation, but precinct assessors have been found to be indifferent."

When Armstrong sent the fieldmen to their respective districts the first of the month their job was to hold general conferences with county assessors and later return to each county to process so-called "bad returns" where the assessor is doubtful.

In Lincoln Wednesday Armstrong issued a press statement to the effect that personal property assessed at more than \$1,500,000 had been added to the tax rolls in the first 10 days of activity by the fieldmen. The increase was divided, \$900,000 in tangible property, and \$600,000 in intangibles.

In Holt county Mr. Motz is working with County Assessor L. C. Gillespie. He expects to finish the job here this weekend, he told The Frontier.

'Tag Day' Here Nets Cancer Cause \$246.85

"Tag day" in O'Neill, sponsored by representatives of the American Cancer society, netted \$246.85, it was announced this week by Mrs. Ralph Rickly, chairman.

Mrs. Rickly said Saturday's drive "exceeded all expectations." Forty girls donated their services as a part of the nationwide fund-raising drive to combat cancer.

Mrs. Rickly stated that the canvas netted \$243.05, the Alpha club contributed \$5 and an anonymous \$5 gift was received, totaling \$253.05. Expenses were listed at \$6.50.

Mrs. Rickly said the drive would continue through the month of May. Containers are placed in stores for the convenience of donors.

Mrs. Vernon Carder, Husband Injured in Auto Accident

PAGE—Mrs. Vernon Carder, the former Evelyn Suzama, and her husband were seriously injured in an automobile accident while traveling from Hastings to their home at Plainview.

Mr. Carder is in a hospital at Central City. He suffered a crushed chest. Mrs. Carder was taken to a Grand Island hospital where she was placed in a cast for several weeks.

Mrs. Carder resided in Page before moving to Plainview.

'Men of Tomorrow' at Royal Theater

"Men of Tomorrow," an interesting motion picture "short" filmed in behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, is currently showing at the Royal theater here.

The "short" coincides with a fund-raising drive now in progress. It is expected to help provide for a full-time Boy Scout field executive in this area.

J. E. Davis, of the Midwest Motor company here, is heading the drive in O'Neill.

GO TO CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Allendorfer and Phillip Allendorfer departed late Wednesday for Chicago, Ill., to attend funeral services Friday for Mrs. Marion Allendorfer, who died there Wednesday. The deceased is a sister-in-law of Phillip Allendorfer.

Leaves for Omaha

Miss Kathryn McCarthy returned today (Thursday) after visiting relatives in Omaha for a week.

For Donna Mae... a Diploma and a Tribute

Until today (Thursday) there had been only two really exciting moments in the life of 14-year-old Donna Mae Fuhrer, an O'Neill farm girl who has been completely paralyzed since 1940. Afflicted by a succession of appendicitis, osteomyelitis, and infantile paralysis, life has been grim for the blue-eyed Donna Mae, unable to move even a finger.

Her first big moment came July 10, 1943 while she was at the Children's Orthopedic hospital at Lincoln. Word reached her that a little sister had arrived to live at her house. That was nearly four years ago—when Donna Mae was 10. She lay in a huge steel cast and counted the days until she could join her little sister, Carolyn Jean, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar "Ed" Fuhrer, who live two miles south of O'Neill.

The second big moment came on September 18, 1945. That was the day she was rewarded for her fight against the odds that had been stacked against her. The doctors said she could go home. She wasn't through by any means. The wounds through which infected bones had been taken from her body were finally healed. The cast could now be put aside and a body-length brace used instead. The doctors thought they had done all they could do for her at the time. Going home was a big thrill in itself; meeting a little sister, a made-to-order companion, was wonderful.

Loves Watching Trains

In the unpretentious four-room farm home Donna Mae has spent the intervening months watching the trains and automobiles speed by her window, her father's cattle wading in the Elkhorn river that flows through the pasture, and occasionally catching a glimpse of her Dad in the field. The rest of the time she sleeps, reads and studies.

Thanks to Mrs. Phyllis Loy and Miss Twila Hicks, the teachers in rural school district number 5, Donna Mae resumed her studies where they were interrupted and is now completing the eighth grade course of study. Her teachers came semi-weekly to her bedside and read and lectured to her, and told of the activities at school. All the recitation was oral and in arithmetic and spelling she excelled. She received 100 percent in the final spelling examination—the only perfect score in the county!



Completely paralyzed, Donna Mae Fuhrer, 14, smiles for her teacher, Miss Twila Hicks.

Donna Mae has learned to read very well, but her Mother or Little Carolyn have to be on hand to turn the pages. Her favorite reading is "about animals with an occasional adventure story."

Donna Mae once had a dog named Pal. A rat terrier, he was a faithful dog. Before he was two-years-old, however, he began to lose interest. He preferred to romp and scoot with the neighbor's children.

Rarely the helpless little girl gets to O'Neill. On those occasions she is carried to the car where a bed is made. Her mother always attends her.

One of Donna Mae's chief sources of entertainment is the railroad that passes the house a stone's throw away. The Chicago & Northwestern trains, bound to and from Omaha, cause the dishes to rattle in the kitchen cupboard. She counts the cars on the long freight trains by day, and can accurately estimate their length by night.

This Spring, while her playmates in early childhood advance well into their high school careers, Donna Mae thinks about them and recounts her first two years in the district 5 schoolhouse down the road where she ranked with the best playing

Bonnie Bernholtz Takes Post at Yale 'U'

PAGE—Miss Bonnie Bernholtz left last Thursday for Lincoln, where she will be employed as administrative dietitian in the University of Nebraska college of agriculture cafeteria during the summer months.

The first of September she will go to Yale university at New Haven, Conn., where she will be assistant administrative dietitian in the university dining halls.

AINSWORTH TOPS ROCKETS 11-1

O'Neill Manages Only 4 Bingles Off Greene and Kudnick

Stock in the O'Neill Rockets nosedived Sunday as Ainsworth coasted to a 11-1 victory before a fair-sized O'Neill crowd. The game was played at the O'Neill high school field with threatening skies overhead.

The Rockets could manage only four hits compared to Ainsworth's 16. Greene and Kudnick did the hurling for the winners; Helmer and Graham for O'Neill. O'Neill plays Verdigre at Verdigre Sunday.

O'Neill (1)	AB R H
Tomjack, c. lf	4 1 2
Tibbett, 2nd	4 0 0
Tibbetts, ss	4 0 0
Ellingson, rf	3 0 0
Calkins, 3rd	4 0 0
Morrow, 1st	4 0 1
Hungerford, lf	2 0 0
Hungerford, cf, c	3 0 1
Helmer, rf	2 0 0
Sipes, p	1 0 0
Wolf, lf	2 0 0
Graham, p	2 0 0
Totals	35 1 4

Ainsworth (11)	AB R H
C. Richardson, rf	5 2 2
G. Richardson, lf	5 2 3
B. Schissler, ss	5 0 1
Nelson, 2nd	5 1 4
E. Clark, 2	5 0 1
Richardson, rf	5 3 2

baseball. Most of them have long since forgotten those two precious years that Donna Mae remembers so well.

Another Big Moment

At 10:45 today (Thursday), Donna Mae experienced another big moment. Ted Malone, America's human interest radio reporter-philosopher, told her story to a nationwide American Broadcasting Company audience, heard here



Ted Malone (above) . . . radio's human-interest reporter-philosopher . . . tells story of Donna Mae Fuhrer to nationwide audience . . . "just one sweet girl . . . the only one in her class."

First Big Catches of Season Reported

REDBIRD—Lee Wells landed two "nice" catfish in the Niobrara river near the large bridge last Thursday evening. One tipped the beam at nine pounds, and the other weighed seven and one-half pounds.

In addition, Mr. Wells caught several others in the four- and five-pound class. Mr. Wells' report is the first "big fish" catch of the season.

Leaving for California

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Elkins and family attended a dinner in Chambers Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith. Miss Barbara Jean Wilcox, who was guest-of-honor, is leaving soon for California.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Storjohann visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Edward Loomis, and Mr. Loomis, mother's day in Spencer.

Seimer, 3rd	4 2 3
Urban, p	3 0 0
Kudnick, p	2 0 0
Greene, p	1 0 0
Totals	40 11 16



ST. MARY'S ALUMNI HOLD BANQUET

The photograph snapped this informal picture during the annual St. Mary's academy alumni banquet held Sunday at the academy. Seated left-to-right are: Miss Helen Biglin, Quinten Cavanaugh, Miss Mary Ann Janousek, Robert Parkins (master of ceremonies),

over WNAX at Yankton, S. D. "There's one commencement I'd like to attend," Malone said. "No big auditorium . . . just one sweet girl . . . the only one in her class . . . in a four-room farm house near O'Neill, in Holt county, Nebraska. The story of Donna Mae Fuhrer is the kind of a story that strengthens the heart."

Ted Malone's broadcast originated in New York City. Tears came to the eyes of many of his listeners. "She is a symbol of the power of the spirit over adversity," he said. On Friday she will receive her eighth grade graduation diploma. The WNAX special events staff will make a transcription of the event as Miss Elja McCullough, Holt county superintendent of schools, and Teacher Hicks present the diploma.

About the future Donna Mae weighs the possibility of acquiring a high school education.

"I think I'll try to take an extension course," she says. "I don't think I'll be very good, though, in high school subjects."

Meanwhile, Donna Mae has a generous smile for all her visitors. Today, however, she had a special smile when the radio voice of Ted Malone mentioned her name.

Bang's Disease Topic at Cattle Meeting

Dr. W. F. Christ, of Arcadia, Federal animal industry inspector, discussed brucellosis (or Bang's disease) with members of the Holt County Breeders' Association in a meeting here Saturday night. He was introduced to the group by County Agent A. Neil Dawes.

D. E. Bowen, of Page, is chairman of the organization; James W. Rooney, of O'Neill, secretary.

Arrives from Washington

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich are expecting the arrival Friday of the latter's sister, Miss Kay Kerwin, of Washington, D. C., and brother, A. J. Kerwin, and Mrs. Kerwin, of Norfolk. They will attend the graduation of the Froelich twins, Jane and Jean, at St. Mary's academy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Schroeder of Fresno, Calif., arrived Tuesday to spend about six days with relatives including Mrs. M. Bel Gatz, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz and Mrs. J. Vincent. Mrs. Schroeder is a sister of Mr. Gatz and Mrs. Vincent.

No News Good News; Stork Intervenes

The Frontier went to press today (Thursday) without news from its Emmet correspondent—the first time in many months that the Emmet-otians have been slighted.

The reason is adequately explained, however, in the letter that follows:

Emmet, Nebr.
May 20, 1947

Dear Editor:

There will be no Emmet news this week as I am unable to write it.

The stork left us on Monday, May 19, an eight-pound boy, Patrick Henry.

I'll try to get the news in next week.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Henry Benze

ESTIMATE 25% CORN PLANTED

Holt Lags the Nebraska Average; Hail Near Inman Wednesday

Warm weather and moisture during the past week enabled good progress in corn planting in the O'Neill region. It is estimated that 25 percent of the corn has been planted as compared with a 34 percent official figure for the state.

The small grain outlook is "good," according to County Agent A. Neil Dawes. Soil conditions are favorable in almost every way. On the livestock front, reports indicate an ample supply of pasture for cattle.

Meanwhile, farmers on the Niobrara river north of here are recovering from losses suffered during a flash-flood on May 13. Small pigs were washed away and small chickens were drowned on the August Storjahn place. There were numerous reports of soil erosion damage.

The Redbird vicinity received a quarter-inch of rain Sunday and on Wednesday afternoon a short-lived hail storm visited the Inman vicinity, but the stones were small and no damage was reported.

The week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily, follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist.
May 16	69	41	.02
May 17	65	49	.03
May 18	75	53	.03
May 19	80	47	T
May 20	66	44	.05
May 21	67	38	.00
May 22	79	46	.10

UNIT HERE FOR YOUNG WOMAN

Mrs. Walter B. Pharris, 28, Dies at Gregory After Short Illness

Mrs. Walter B. Pharris, 28, of Gregory, S. D., a former O'Neill resident, was buried Wednesday afternoon at Neligh following funeral services at the Methodist church here. Mrs. Pharris died Sunday in Gregory following a recent illness.

Veramae Gertrude Landis was born October 9, 1918, at Neligh. She spent her childhood in Neligh and Brunswick. In 1935 she graduated at the Royal high school, and later moved to O'Neill where she worked as a beautician for several years.

Married in 1943

On January 23, 1943, Miss Landis was married to Mr. Pharris of the United States Naval Reserve, at Charleston, S. C. Following their marriage they resided in Inglewood, Calif. When Mr. Pharris went overseas she returned to O'Neill. When her husband was separated from the service they took up residence in Gregory.

Survivors include the widow's mother, Mrs. May Landis; sister, Mrs. Harrison Bridge; O'Neill, and two brothers, Cecil of Pavette, Ida., and DeWayne, of O'Neill.

pallbearers were William W. Griffin, Herbert Peterson, Robert E. Evans, Howard Manson, W. B. Gillespie and John Witt, all of O'Neill. Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis officiated and interment in the Laurel Hill cemetery at Neligh.

AMELIA WSCS to Ship Clothing Abroad

AMELIA — The chapter of the Women's Society for Christian Service here plans to send clothing to the Philippine Islands at a future date. Mrs. George Fullerton is collecting the clothing.

REV. O'BRIEN TO BE SPEAKER HERE

Emmet Pastor Engaged for Memorial Address; Parade Planned

Rev. John J. O'Brien, pastor of the Catholic Church of the Epiphany at Emmet, will deliver the Memorial day address in O'Neill, it was announced this week by the American Legion, sponsors of the program.

The Memorial day activity will begin at 9:30 a. m. when those that will take part in the parade will form at the site of the new Legion hall, near the Grattan township library. In the parade will be the Municipal band, ex-servicemen, and others. Legion officials said that all ex-servicemen are urged to join in the parade.

The parade will leave the Legion building site at 10 a. m. and reach the O'Neill public school auditorium at about 10:15 a. m. after a circuitous routing through the business district.

Besides delivering the address, Rev. O'Brien will also pronounce the invocation and benediction. Both O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy will furnish talent for special selections, and the band will play the national anthem.

The American Legion will carry the colors to the cemeteries for a brief ceremony there.

Miss Hilda Gallagher and Miss Loretta Enright will be in charge of decorating the graves at the cemetery.

As is customary, O'Neill business firms will be closed.

There will be a Memorial service at Paddock Union church at 2 p. m. A special invitation has been extended to war veterans residing in the Paddock vicinity.

NEW PLAN WILL IMPROVE TRAINING

Karl O. Bathke, chief of the Veterans' Administration education and training unit at Norfolk, has urged employers in this area to help speed inauguration of a new plan to improve on-the-job training for ex-GIs by promptly returning VA forms used in outlining each veteran's training course.

Under the new plan, the veterans themselves will be required to report their progress in on-the-job training courses. This move, Bathke said, is expected to give the veterans a better supervised course of training. Before this improved reporting system can be put in operation, however, employers offering training are being asked to develop and furnish an individual training program for the GI trainee to follow.

"Employers can help materially," Bathke said, "if they will map their training program quickly on the forms the VA sends to them and return the forms promptly to the VA's education and training unit at Norfolk."

The VA training unit at Norfolk serves these counties: Madison, Pierce, Knox, Antelope, Holt, Boyd, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Boone, Platte, Stanton, Wayne, Dakota, Dixon and Cedar.

'Poppy Girls' Chosen for Saturday Selling

The "poppy girls" selected for canvassing the city Saturday are Catharin Judge, Marie Houchin, Barbara Streeter, Kathryn Golden, Verle Ralya, Marjorie Hungerford.

The proceeds from the poppy day sales, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary here, will go to disabled veterans of World War I and II. Mrs. De-n Streeter is chairman of the Auxiliary's poppy sale committee.

The artificial flowers, replicas of the poppies that bloom in France and the Low Countries where numerous American military battles have been fought, were fashioned by hand at the Veterans' hospital at Lincoln. More than 1,500 flowers are expected to be sold here.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry D. Leas, of Omaha and Bernadine M. Venteicher, of Orchard, May 17, 1947.

William W. Watson and Geneva Pribil, both of O'Neill, May 16, 1947.

Tommy J. Dunn, jr., and Alice E. Mohr, both of Atkinson, May 17, 1947.

Donald Raymond Rossmeyer, of Lynch, and Betty Jane Christensen, of Monowi, May 20, 1947.

Here from Boys Town — Gene Wolfe, of Boys Town, spent the weekend here with his wife and infant son, Daniel Eugene.