

Teen Tattler —

Tagging Nicknames on Other Teeners Popular Pastime; Anybody Know 'Slug'?

By PAT BRENNAN

Hi! Now that the music contest is in full swing, and everyone is getting their thrills, and heartbeats a k s over the ratings they are getting, I suppose you are pretty busy. What ever rating you do get, don't let it keep you from having that wonderful time you had already planned. Anyway, I hope all of you do real good.

Pat Brennan

Yesterday the people of O'Neill celebrated Army day by staging a beautiful parade. There were many comments from the bystanders, about the new cherry-red plumes worn on the band hats. The "new" two-year-old uniforms are still being complimented on as being the best looking band uniforms in the state.

The teen-agers in the band would like to take this opportunity to thank, once again, the citizens of O'Neill for the very handsome uniforms.

The teen-agers, of O'Neill, who have gone to the teen-age dances held last year have over \$100 to their name. Half of this money is going into teen-age books for the public library, the other half is going into an orchestra for a big teen-age dance that is to be held on the Friday following Easter.

Marge Birmingham, Jim White, Loraine Simonson and Doug Rossman seem to be having a pretty good time together lately.

Tagging nicknames on other teeners are the latest pastime around here. Anybody here know "Slugg?"

Wherever there is music you'll find me, so now you'll know where to see me. I'll see you at the music contest, most likely near the bulletinboards.

Girl Scouts Meet —

ATKINSON — Girl Scout troop 4, will meet at the home of Marjorie Mack today (Thursday).

DELOIT NEWS

Harold Savage took Miss Johnson, the teacher, to her home on Saturday by plane. Mrs. Fred Harper called at the G. A. Bauer home on Tuesday, March 29.

Real Estate Transfers

(Editor's note: A glossary of the abbreviations follows: WD—warranty deeds; QCD—quit claim deed. The instruments filed at the Holt county courthouse are listed from whom to whom, date, consideration, le-
WD—Lena Tomjack to Robert L. Pruden 3-29-49 \$2750- Lot 8 Blk 14- Ewing.
WD—Iola Lowery et al to Joe & Ina Stoecker 9-17-48 \$13,066.- 67- SW 1/4- N 1/2 SE 1/4- SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 33-27-14.
QCD—City of Atkinson to Ernest K. Porter 11-8-46 \$60- Lots 15 & 16 Blk 2- Collins Add- Atk.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

EAGER BEAVER

We met at the home of Carol Seger on Tuesday, March 29, with 18 members present. We had a discussion on birds. The girls talked about sewing. The new members are Ardis Grenier, Carol Grenier, Harlene Sawyer, Carol Leidy, Marvell Gaskill and Terry Strong. After our meeting a lunch was served. The next meeting will be held at the Verne Beckwith home.—By Wayne E. Osborne, reporter.

CLOVER CLUB

ATKINSON — The Clover 4-H club held an organization meeting at the home of the leader, Helen Martens, on Sunday, March 20. Officers elected were: Murry Mellor, president; Benton Mellor, vice-president; Shirley Roth, secretary; and Margaret Rohrs, news reporter. George Mellor is the assistant leader. There will be projects for both boys and girls, namely: gardening, stocker feeder and girls' room. A meeting to have been held Friday, April 1, at the Walter Ries home, was postponed, due to bad roads.

Walters Entertain — CHAMBERS — Sunday, March 27, dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walter were: Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Walter, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Walter, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brion and boys, of Neligh; Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Dale and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Walter and Vivian.

ATKINSON NEWS
Miss Helen Martens, who teaches at Emmet, spent the weekend with Raydean Slaymaker.

Pat Miller and Robert Mack, who attended Wayne State Teacher's college, were home over the weekend.

Mrs. Leo Hienowski returned the first of the week from Omaha, where she had spent two weeks visiting her parents.

Mrs. Chris Judge and son, Linus, visited in O'Neill Sunday. Mrs. Herbert Jensen returned home with them for a visit. Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Judge are sisters.

Mrs. Will Ulrich, of Stuart, is visiting at the Mabelle Bauman home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ziska and daughter, Doris, were snowbound in Atkinson from Tuesday, until Saturday. Miss Doris teaches school North of Atkinson, but was unable to return to her work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Buzard and two children, Pamela and Douglas, came from Omaha Sunday to visit at the home of Mrs. Buzard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Schultz.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McDowell are doing considerable remodeling on the apartments in the East wing of their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Galligan, of Stuart, have moved to their farm home South of Atkinson.

Dr. W. J. Douglas has moved his offices to a new location. Doctor is now located in the West half of the building recently remodeled by Margaret Horten, owner. The East half of the building houses the offices of Charles E. Chace, attorney.

Claire Brooke is remodeling his building located on State and Main sts. The Davis's, Clyde and Howard, will have a barber shop in the West half of this building. The Leroy Richards insurance offices are located in the East half.

Mrs. Blanche Gibson, of Denver, Colo., came Monday morning to visit her mother, Mrs. Flora Kilgore, who is a patient at the Ethel Brown home in Atkinson. Mrs. Gibson was flown from Bartlett, to Atkinson by Pilot Don Fletcher, of Bartlett.

Pete Morgan, of O'Neill, was an Atkinson visitor Monday.

George Henderson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henderson, in Atkinson Monday. George reports the roads north from Atkinson are as bad as he ever saw them.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jonas and Mr. and Mrs. Al Kline attended the "People are Funny" radio broadcast in Omaha Tuesday, March 29.

Mrs. Lizzie McKim, of Clearwater, left March 25 after visiting her son, Orville McKim, and family for three days. She went on to Scottsbluff where she will visit her two daughters.

Pat Boyle, sr., is visiting at the home of his son, James, and family. Mr. Boyle has been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. John Hynes returned Thursday, March 31, from Kansas City, Mo., where she had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wickland.

Mrs. John Rotherham is spending a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Langan, of Stuart.

A square inch of skin may have 3,000 sweat glands.

OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The fame of Mark Twain's Mississippi river steamboat pilots has tended to obscure somewhat the equally exciting exploits of their counterparts on the Missouri. Indeed, in many respects, the job of a pilot on the Missouri was more dangerous and called for greater skill and judgement than did the same work on the father of waters.

For the muddy Missouri, tumbling past eastern Nebraska, was as changeable as it was treacherous. Snags and sandbars met on one trip could not be depended upon to be in the same place on the next. The ever-shifting condition of the channel presented new problems on every excursion.

As an early Sioux City editor wrote, "Of all the variable things in creation the most uncertain are the action of a jury, the feelings of woman's mind, and the condition of the Missouri River."

The shifting sandbars provided a particularly ominous threat to river navigation. The pilot avoided them whenever possible. All too frequently, however, that was impossible and the pilot had to get the boat across as best as he could.

With luck and skill he could jump or "grasshopper" the boat over the bar. Occasionally, though, the craft would become mired to deeply that his only recourse was to unload the freight and drag the boat from its moorings by sheer human force. Now and then even the passengers had to man the tow-lines.

Particularly dangerous were fallen trees lodged in the channel. To strike a large one head-on meant certain disaster because the frail bottoms of the river steamers were easily pierced.

It is little wonder, then, that a pilot skilled and responsible enough to guide a boat along the Missouri commanded top pay for his time as well as being a man of high standing on the river. After all, men's lives as well as their property were entrusted to his care.

Although the name "Nebraska" itself is adapted from an Ojibwa word descriptive of the Platte river, and Omaha, the state's metropolis, is named in commemoration of an Indian tribe, the Indian influence in Nebraska's place names is not as marked as one ordinarily would think it to be.

This is particularly true with regard to the names of counties and towns. Of Nebraska's 93 counties, only five are named after Indian tribes: Cheyenne, Dakota, Otoe, Pawnee and Sioux. Three others Loup, Red Willow, and Nemaha are named for streams whose names, in turn, have original derivations.

Nebraska's towns show a similarly small proportion of Indian names. A few chief Indians are recognized in such names as Red Cloud, Yutan, Osceola and Tecumseh. Omaha has been mentioned as commemorative of a tribe. Among other towns similarly named are Arapahoe, Kiowa, Ogallala, Pawnee City and Ponca.

As is true of the counties, certain Nebraska towns are named after streams which in turn bear Indian names. In this group are such towns as Niobrara, Wahoo and Weeping Water.

If Nebraskans were not prone to give Indians names to their towns and counties, they retained similar names for several of their rivers, and if you look on a map of the states you will observe that a number of the important streams carry names adapted from the aboriginal.

Among these, the Missouri stands out particularly. Opinions vary regarding the origin of the word as applied to the river, although probably it was named after the Indian tribe bearing the same designation.

The French who were among the earliest map-makers of this region, left their imprint firmly on the names of our streams. Loup is a French translation of the Pawnee word "skidi", signifying wolf. Platte, mentioned earlier, is similarly derived.

One French designation

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which didn't stick was L'eau qui Court, "running water." We have applied Niobrara, an approximation of the designation by several Indian tribes, name given the county embracing the mouth of the river also was L'eau qui Court, but a more prosaic generation to the stream. The original changed it to Knox.

A highly controversial figure in Nebraska territorial politics was Mark W. Izard, governor of the territory during the years 1855-'57.

Governor Izard was born in Kentucky and reared in Alabama. At the age of 23 he married the daughter of George Shackleford, a prominent resident of Charlestown, S. C., and moved to Mount Vernon, Ark., on the edge of wilderness. He acquired considerable property, including a rather large number of slaves and rose to prominence in Arkansas politics, serving both as speaker of the house and president of the Senate in the Arkansas legislature.

He was appointed United States marshal for Nebraska territory in October, 1854, and about two months later won appointment as the second governor of Nebraska from a long list of applicants. The new governor's oath was administered in Washington, and after a long and arduous trip he arrived in Nebraska, February 20, 1855, to take over the reins of territorial government for Secretary Thomas B. Cuming, who had served as acting governor since the death of Governor Burt.

Governor Izard encountered serious opposition from the very beginning. In the first place, he was looked upon as a "carpetbagger" by many disappointed applicants for his job—including Cuming—who had lived in the territory all of a few months. In the second place, he was accused of forming an alliance with Omaha interests to the detriment of the rest of the territory.

This charge was levied against virtually every territorial executive (Acting Governor Cuming, you will recall, had been bitterly assailed on the same grounds) but Governor Izard gave substance to the charge by his failure to travel about the territory as much as his constituents thought he should and by his veto of a bill removing the capital from Omaha.

Governor Izard's capacity for the job of chief executive frequently was called into question by his contemporaries, and the territorial press often referred to him contemptuously as "Governor Lizard." Weary of this sort of criticism, he resigned in



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1857 and returned to Arkansas, where he died in August, 1866.

Although never achieving the brilliance exhibited by men like Cuming, Richardson, and Morton, it is evident from the record that Governor Izard made a conscientious effort to effect an efficient administration of the territory's affairs.

His chance for a permanent place on the map of Nebraska was removed when the county originally named after him was named Stanton in honor of Lincoln's Secretary of War.

When Nebraska was admitted to the union—just 82 years ago on March 1st—its basic law was the constitution adopted in 1866. This anniversary period seems like a good occasion for examining that early document.

The citizens of Nebraska territory were far from agreed that statehood would be desirable. Aside from political considerations, there was a general fear that a state government would cost more than the people could afford.

Those who favored statehood realized that if their proposition was to pass, a majority of the people would have to be convinced that a state government could be operated cheaply on the taxpayers. The colony and without an undue burden of debt to guarantee the kind of government, and with little thought being given to

others considerations.

Illustrative of the spirit of the document were the salaries provided for state officers. The governor was to be paid \$1,000 a year; the secretary of state, \$600; the treasurer, \$400; and the auditor, \$800.

The constitution was drafted in haste and adopted by the people after very little consideration. It was drawn, not by a constitutional convention, but by the legislature. So quickly was it adopted that it was signed by the governor only five days after it was introduced.

Indeed, there was a great deal of complaint regarding the manner in which the document was pushed through the legislature. No amendments were permitted. The lower house held no committee hear-

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ings whatever on it, and the members of neither house had printed copies for study.

It is little wonder, then, that the instrument was hardly adapted before a clamor arose for a new constitution. A convention met in 1871, but the voters rejected the document submitted by that body.

The need for a new constitution was so apparent, however, that another convention was convened in 1875. The work of this body was approved by the voters.

The constitution of 1875 has undergone numerous amendments, although it still is the basic law of the state of Nebraska.

ATKINSON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Trecker and family moved Monday to Broken Bow, where Mr. Trecker was recently transferred as supervisor for the Standard Oil Co. district.

Mrs. Ed. Desieve can soon be boasting of early fries. In spite of the storm last week, resulting in a cold, electrically-operated brooder, "the chicks are thriving," reports Mrs. Desieve.

Mrs. N.P. McKee left Tuesday, for Lincoln, to visit her son Neal, a student at the University of Neb.

Mrs. H. L. Lindberg returned Wednesday from Omaha where she spent a few days visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Jaskowiak attended the Ice Capades in Omaha last week.

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