



REVIEW SCOUTING TRIP... Eddie Tomlinson and Darrell Weingartner point out a part of their itinerary on their August canoe trip into Canada with other Nebraska Boy Scouts Hans Haun, chief Scout executive of Nebraska, was one of the leaders accompanying the boys.—The Frontier Photo by Ellen Landon.

## Scouts Enjoy Canadian Trip

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Two O'Neill high school boys, who are now spending much of their spare time practicing football, started getting in condition for this sport in August when they went on an 80-mile canoe trip from Winton, Minn., into Canada under the auspices of the Covered Wagon Council on a Canadian canoe trip.

They are Darrell Weingartner, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Weingartner, and Eddie Tomlinson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson. Both are first class Scouts in Troop 210.

Not only did they learn how to paddle a canoe all day without getting blistered hands, but they also developed the fine art of getting an extra portion of food at lunch time through the practice of "hosengoggling" (which the boys thought was the way to spell the word.)

And to be certain it takes plenty of food to keep teenage boys going when they are paddling or portaging a canoe all day. In fact Darrell and Eddie agree that if they go another year, they will most certainly tuck away a carton of candy bars somewhere in their gear.

Their unusual scouting experience which provided both a vacation and a means of earning extra merit badges started August 16 when with 20 other Nebraska boys and an adequate number of leaders they set out for the Northland from Fremont by truck.

The first day's journey took them to Redwood Falls, Minn., where they camped out all night in the city park before going on to Grand Rapids, Minn., for stop number one and thence to Winton, Minn., the starting point of a chain of lakes which make canoe trips, as the one enjoyed by the local boys, practical.

On their fourth day from home and their first day of canoeing they went almost 20 miles crossing into Canada in mid-afternoon. They were paddling rented canoes of which there were in the group. "We got lost the first day," remarked Eddie, "and that put us behind our schedule a little."

"We turned left when we should have turned right," Darrell explained. In due time, however, they arrived back at Jack Fish Bay, the main lake, and went on from there to portage eight times that day, coming at last to their canoe base, Cecil which weighed about 80 pounds, but the other two boys occupying this particular canoe carried his gear. The longest portage was one and one quarter miles.

On the first night at the canoe base the party was drenched because the tents did not turn out to be waterproof, and so the next day was spent drying out belongings as well as earning merit badges for swimming and canoeing. At this point the two local boys split up for a couple of days.

"The party I went with paddled on North where we expected the fishing would be better," Darrell recalled. He estimated they went approximately 20 miles on North, and the fishing, while not spectacular was much improved. Darrell, who is calm about almost everything, told in a matter-of-fact manner of his catch of a 23-inch Northern pike in the farther North waters and of the 29-inch fish another boy in the party caught.

During these three days Eddie and the group he remained with, put in their time swimming and lazily drifting down toward Basswood Falls where the two continued rendezvoused to start the return trip via Duluth and Red Cloud, Minn., and Lake Okoboji, Ia. No merit badges were involved, of course, but the boys, particularly Eddie, won't soon forget the little electric cars

which are a feature of the rides at Arnolds Park adjacent to Lake Okoboji.

Food taken on the trip was of the concentrated variety so there would be as little bulk to carry as possible. There were tinned meats, bacon, powdered milk and eggs, dehydrated soups and vegetables, koolaid to flavor the lake water, dried fruit, oatmeal, chocolate bars and pancakes.

A big breakfast was always prepared over the open fire built with wood chopped by the boys, but sometimes the lunch of two sandwiches and a chocolate bar was not quite so sustained.

That's where "hosengoggle" comes in! It's a complicated game, but boiled down it involves an extra quantity of food such as a candy bar which goes to the boy who holds up the right numbers of fingers while the leader counts around. Eddie won marshmallows this way but Darrell never happened to be lucky.

The entire trip cost \$65, and both boys had spent the earlier part of their Summer earning at least part of the money—Eddie working for his dad in the hay fields and Darrell doing odd jobs.

Neither boy forgot that his primary purpose in making the trip had to do with his "hoped for" advancement in scouting, and that is one reason why in the not too distant future both Darrell and Eddie will have earned the merit badges necessary to advance from first class to star scouts.

Darrell, a senior at the public school, plays tackle on the football team, and Eddie, a sophomore at St. Mary's Academy, plays an end position on that club.

## College Trek Continues

Among the scores of students returning to their studies are many Holt county youths. The Frontier continues its interviews with several O'Neill college-bound students:

Miss Betty Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, has transferred from Rosary college, River Forest, Ill., to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Miss Gallagher, who will enter as a junior, has been pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. While a Rosary High she was active in Glee Club. Her parents drove her to Lincoln Friday, September 2, for "rush week." She returned home and left on Sunday to begin the school term.

Mrs. Gayl Widfeldt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Widfeldt, left Sunday for Sioux City, where she will enter her sophomore year at Briar Cliff college. She is majoring in art education. Gayl plays a flute in the orchestra and is active in the St. Cecilia music club. She graduated from O'Neill high school in 1948, where she took an active part in the band and Thespian club.

Gene McKenna, son of Mrs. Mable McKenna, is entering his junior year in business administration at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He is affiliated with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Miss Donna Whaley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whaley, who is a junior at Clarkson memorial hospital school of nursing, in Omaha, plans to specialize in surgery. Donna is a former Holt county rural school teacher.

## Highway Drainage Structures to Be Built

A contract for the construction of drainage structures between O'Neill and Inman on U. S. Highway 20 were announced Saturday by the state highway department in Lincoln.

The contract was awarded to the Platte Valley construction company of Grand Island for \$17,657.60.

## C of C Discusses Farmer-Rancher Day

At the regular meeting of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce Henry Lohaus gave a report of two recent highway 281 road meetings, according to president Melvin Ruzicka.

Lohaus reported on the national 281 association meeting at Red Cloud and the outcome of the Spencer-Butte-O'Neill conference on the same road. (See national 281 report on this page.) Plans were laid for the annual farmer rancher day to be held in the near future. However, Ruzicka said, no date was set for the affair.

A Chamber of Commerce float for the Diamond Jubilee - Fall Festival celebration was discussed.

## PCA Secretary Leads Discussion

Nebraska Production Credit association discussed farm and livestock problems in a meeting held at Lincoln Monday and Tuesday.

James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer of the O'Neill PCA, led the panel discussion on loan servicing and inspection.

Others from the O'Neill PCA who attended the two day session were: D. C. Schaffer, of O'Neill; Ray Siders, of O'Neill; Ott Krupicka, of Spencer, and Ott Oberg, of Ericson.

## EAGLES OPEN WITH PLAINVIEW

### Coach Miller's Squad Has 10 Vets in Lineup

The O'Neill high school Eagles will open the 1949 football season at Plainview Friday night, September 16.

Tonight (Thursday) Coach Marvin Miller will send the squad through signal practice under the lights at Carney park with the team suited up in new uniforms.

The O'Neill team will leave O'Neill at 5:30 p. m. Friday from the public school for Plainview with a traveling squad of 33 men.

In preparation for the opener, this week the Eagle camp has kindled enthusiasm for the work they have been doing.

A grueling one hour and 15 minute scrimmage was held on the baseball field North of town Tuesday, with the White squad tromping over the Green's, 25-0. The White squad includes some of the boys that will be in the starting lineup for the Plainview tussle.

Miller commented that block



EAGLE HEAD COACH... Marvin Miller (above) will send his charges through the initial test Friday night at Plainview.

ing was ragged and the backfield men were running too "high" during the first lengthy scrimmage.

However, the Eagle mentor said, the defensive play of Assistant Coach Howard Dean's linemen was outstanding.

Wednesday the squad toiled through a rugged blocking and tackling session and a 30-minute scrimmage.

The Eagles will wind up the preparation for the initial 1949 contest with the signal practice at Carney park.

Probable starting lineup for the Plainview game will be: End—Kloonenberg, Shaw. Tackles—Weingartner, R. Resel.

Guards—T. Resel, DeGross. Center—Porter. Wingback—Wagnon. Tailback—Calkins. Fullback—Layh. Blockingback—Pearson.

## NATIONAL 281 MEET IS HELD

### J. D. Cronin Elected to Association's Board of Directors

The highway 281 association elected national officers and took first step toward incorporation in a meeting held at Red Cloud September 7.

Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attorney, was named a member of the board of directors. Earl W. Carpenter, of Red Cloud, president of the Nebraska association, was unanimously elected president of the national organization.

The meeting was attended by delegates from Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota and Texas, according to Henry Lohaus, O'Neill representative.

Lohaus said that by-laws were adopted and a constitution drafted and an attorney was instructed to draw up incorporation proceedings.

The national 281 association was formed to obtain systematic improvements for the North-South route which runs from North Dakota to Texas, through South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Spokesmen from the Nebraska state highway department, who attended the one-day session, said the six mile stretch of highway 281 South of Red Cloud to the Northern Kansas border would be paved "very soon."

Other unimproved Nebraska segments of the route were not mentioned for immediate improvement, Lohaus related.

Meanwhile, Friday evening representatives of Butte, Spencer and O'Neill conferred at Spencer to decide where improvements on the graveled stretch of road North of O'Neill was needed most.

Gov. Val Peterson, in a recent meeting with the Nebraska 281 association members, said if the three towns, (O'Neill, Butte and Spencer) could get together and designate where the route in the three-town area was the worst, he would attempt to get appropriations to improve it.

## Cool Weather, Rain Hit Holt Region

Heavy downpours of rain and abnormally cool weather predominated this week in the O'Neill region.

Accompanying the rain were severe electrical storms that started fires throughout the area, destroying considerable amounts of property.

Most loss was the Inman hay barn fire (see story column several pages back) whose loss was estimated at \$12,000.

Damage in the Chambers, Watson and Inman areas reported destroyed by fires resulting from being struck by lightning.

Heavy downpour of rain from the Inman-Page-Ewing area Saturday and Saturday night.

Water received 3.34 inches of rain at Inman, 3.30; Orchard, 4.43, and Page, 5.

Results from the heaviest hit area, Page, said that Dry creek in both the East and West part of town could not carry off the water and many lots and basements were flooded with water.

Water ran over the county road 108 in the Southwest part of Page also covered some of the town's streets.

Meanwhile, O'Neill received 3.35 inches of rain Saturday afternoon and evening. A brief but heavy mid-afternoon downpour brought the O'Neill volunteer fire department to soon debris away from drain gutters on Douglas street to allow water to run off properly.

With the rain and electrical storms over the region, abnormally cool weather followed.

The temperature dipped to the freezing point early Tuesday morning with the high for the week marked on Saturday and Monday at 73 degrees.

Low temperature for the same period a year ago was recorded on September 8 at 48 degrees.

State weathermen predicted that North-Central Nebraska would receive a light frost Tuesday night.

However, Wednesday area reports failed to list the frost.

Weather summary for 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily:

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
September 8	65	50	
September 9	72	48	
September 10	73	54	
September 11	65	54	1.35
September 12	73	50	.01
September 13	50	32	.22
September 14	66	39	



INMAN HAY AND BARN BURNS... Shown above are the smoldering ruins of 560 tons of hay and a half-block long barn that was ignited by a lightning bolt about 4 o'clock Saturday

afternoon. The loss was estimated by the owner, the Watson Hay company, to be at \$12,000.—Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## Lightning Ignites Barn, 560 of Tons Hay at Inman

INMAN—Amid a downpour of timely rain, lightning struck and destroyed by fire a frame hay barn and its contents, 560 tons of stored hay, here Saturday. The bolt of lightning struck the barn at 4 p. m., observers said.

I. L. Watson, owner of the barn, estimated the damage at 12 thousand-dollars. The loss, the owner said, was partially covered by insurance.

The barn, located in the heart of town, a part of the Watson Hay company here, was enveloped in flames 10 to 15 minutes after the lightning struck the North end of the half-block long structure, according to Watson.

Hilda Harkins, who lives one-half block West of the barn, looked out immediately after the lightning crashed, to see if it had struck nearby.

She related to The Frontier that she saw nothing at the time.

Minutes later, her mother, Mrs. M. L. Harkins, stepped to the front porch and saw smoke rolling from the North end of the hay barn.

The Harkins, according to observers, were the first to discover the fire.

However, the Harkins were unable to spread an alarm because of downpouring rain and no telephone facilities.

As the smoke billowed out of the North end of the barn, spectators gathered and at the same time, flames had reached nearby electrical power lines causing them to break.

When the lightning struck, it caused a short and blew out the fuses in the main telephone switchboard.

With the replacement of the fuses, Tom Watson, nephew of the owner, turned the alarm in to the O'Neill volunteer fire department.

The fire department was unable to render services because of the lack of a public water supply here.

Meanwhile, the downpour of rain continued, and according to some resident spectators, it was timely in protecting the houses directly South of the burning inferno.

Some of the observers said they had never seen anything go up in flame as fast as did the barn.

Watson speculated as to the envelopment of the building by the flames in such a short time.

He gave this view: After the lightning struck the North end of the barn it followed the ridge row along both the East and West sides to the South end. And with the aid of a sudden gust of wind the hay inside burst into a mass of flames.

The West half of the roof of the burning structure collapsed approximately half an hour after the barn started burning. The East wall and roof lasted about an hour before it too gave way to the raging flames.

Watson said fire resistant roofing was on the East side.

Sunday the debris was smoldering and flaming, as a continuous stream of spectators from nearby towns stopped to view the remains.

In 1943, Mr. Watson related to The Frontier, a similar incident occurred to another company barn causing \$4,500 damage.

Meanwhile, lightning also struck a haystack Saturday afternoon 3 1/2 miles North of Inman causing it to burn also.

## 80 Business Firms To Have Floats

Approximately 80 O'Neill business firms have been contacted by the parade committee of the Diamond Jubilee-Fall Festival and have agreed to sponsor a float in the parade. Chairman M. E. Jacobson said late Wednesday.

A complete list of the firms that will have floats in the parade will be published next week.

## P-TA HEARS ACTIVITY REPORT

### Committees Selected For 1949-50 School Year

The Parent-Teachers association Monday evening held the first meeting of the 1949-'50 school year at the public high school auditorium.

Raymond Eby reported on Summer activities of the association.

The faculty of the school were introduced and presented with small gifts of appreciation from the group.

Committees were selected for the 1949-'50 school year. They are as follows: membership—Mrs. Homer Asher, chairman; Mrs. Robert Nicholas, and Mrs. Theodore Strong; publicity—A. Neil Dawes, chairman, Mrs. Robert Kurtz, E. C. Terry; program—Mrs. Ralph Gerber, chairman, Mrs. Alfred Carroll, Rev. V. R. Bell; refreshments—Mrs. Art Dexter, chairman, Mrs. Virgil Laursen, Mrs. Paul Fetrow.

The program for the evening was in charge of Mrs. Ralph Gerber.

## Scout Troop Hears Safety First Talk

At the regular meeting of Boy Scout troop 210 Wednesday evening at the American Legion auditorium Robert Kurtz, of O'Neill, talked to the Scouts on all phases of safety first.

Kurtz pointed out the meaning and the necessity of safety in the lives of Scouts and why they should use the accepted safety rules.

## 4 Sales Listed on Frontier Calendar

Four public farm sales are listed in the Frontier's sale calendar. They are:

Tuesday, September 20—Wm. A. Anderson, of Page, will sell his personal property, including 34 head of cattle and a complete line of farm and haying machinery. Wallace O'Connell will be the auctioneer and O'Neill National bank will clerk. (For complete details see advertisement on page 7.)

Friday, September 23—Lester Oetter, who lives 25 miles South of O'Neill on highway 281 and 1 1/4 miles East, will hold a sale of his personal property, which includes 18 head of cattle, a full line of farm and haying machinery, all 32 volt electrical equipment, a 1939 Ford automobile, some household goods and miscellaneous tools. (See advertisement on page 10 of this issue.) Ed Thorin, of Chambers, will be the auctioneer and the Chambers State bank will clerk.

Friday, September 30—Floyd Dye, who lives 25 miles South of O'Neill on highway 281 and then two miles East and a half mile South will have a public sale of his personal property, which includes 136 head of cattle, six head of horses, complete set of household goods, a full line of farming and haying machinery and other miscellaneous items. (Complete details will be found in a later issue.) Ed Thorin will be the auctioneer, and the Chambers State bank will clerk.

Monday, October 3—Charley Fleming, who lives 5 miles Northeast of O'Neill on the Opportunity road, will hold a sale of his personal property, which includes a big line of farm machinery. (Complete details will be found in a later issue.) Wallace O'Connell and James G. Fredrickson are the auctioneers. First National bank will clerk.

The Frontier's auction service includes newspaper advertising, radio advertising and handbills—a three-way plan that assures maximum results.

## HOLT YOUTHS WIN RIBBONS

### County 4-H Members Take Many Prizes at State Fair

Many Holt county 4-H club members were among the ribbon winners at the Nebraska state fair held at Lincoln, September 4 through 10.

Holt county projects and winners are:

Agricultural demonstration: red—Tom Kelly, of Page.

Girls' cooking team: red—Darlene Tassler and Raydine Cearns, of Amelia.

Dress review: purple—Maxine Peterson, of Amelia; red—Judith Trowbridge, of Page.

Team clothing judging: red—Maxine Peterson and Beverly Small, of Amelia.

Dress exhibit: blue—Maxine Peterson.

Judging livestock: 10th—Tom Kelly, Lawrence and Laverne Engler, of Stuart.

Homemaking, canning team: white—Mary and Jacqueline Taggart, of Chambers.

Other placings were Ila June Coon, of Inman, who gave demonstration on canning food budget, and Mary L. Osborn, of Dorsey, and Jean Farrier, of Chambers, in a cooking team.

## TEAMS SOLICIT RURAL PRECINCTS

Fourteen head of cattle and 15 head of hogs have thus far been contributed for the call auction that is to be held as part of the Diamond Jubilee-Fall Festival celebration September 30 for the benefit of St. Anthony's hospital building fund, according to Mrs. Glenn Tomlinson, secretary of the hospital building fund committee.

Teams of men and women volunteer rural solicitors have been systematically covering precincts in Holt county seeking calf and monetary donations, and selling tickets to the \$5-per-plate banquet that is to be held October 3 at the American Legion auditorium.

Not all of the teams have reported, the secretary said, and there could be more donations outstanding.

Teams were unable to get into the rural areas during the first part of the week because weekend rain storms had made some of the roads impassable.

Saturday, Harry Ressel, Holt County Agent A. Neil Dawes and L. D. Putnam will pick out a calf from the Ray Siders prize herd for the sale.

Ticket sales to the benefit banquet are reportedly lagging. Friday afternoon, September 16, 23 ladies will go into the residential and business districts here in O'Neill in an attempt to sell tickets to the affair. In charge of the banquet ticket sales is Mrs. E. M. Gallagher.

The building fund now stands at 93-thousand dollars, six thousand dollars short of the 100-thousand dollar goal for the people's part of the hospital.