

Lynch News

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Burbach and sons of Wynot and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barta and daughters spent Sunday, April 13, at the Albert Kalkowski home.

Miss Eva Barnes of Butte accompanied Mrs. Nellie Nelson to visit the practice teachers, who were teaching last week in the rural schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vonasek and daughters of Verdell visited relatives here Sunday, April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kollund and family were Sunday, April 13, visitors at the parental Charles Courtney home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hajek attended the funeral of Mike Vesely, 94, at Pishelville Wednesday, April 16.

Ern Wilson is spending several days this past week with his sister in Holt county.

Robert Courtney was in Omaha Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Stewart visited at the Wayne Blair home in Spencer Sunday, April 13.

Emil Kovacek and family spent the weekend here with his mother. He returned to his school work in Lincoln Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Seastone of Spencer stayed with Mrs. Bernice Row while her husband was a patient in the Lynch hospital.

Mr. Seastone died Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Courtney and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kollund and family, Mr. and Mrs. Faye Courtney and Mrs. Hannah Streit were Sunday, April 13, dinner guests at the Glenn Rihaneck home south of Monowi. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heiser and family called there that evening.

Charles Novak of Spencer and Louis Novak called at the Albert Kalkowski home Sunday, April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barta of Verdell were Lynch visitors Sunday, April 20.

The Boyd County Knights of Columbus held a regular meeting at the American Legion hall Thursday evening. Ray Kayl of Spencer presided in the absence of Don Allen.

Carl Weeder is assisting this week at the E. F. Soukup home north of Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Buss Greene visited at the Pat Osborne home near Dorsey Thursday.

A large number of the Knights of Columbus dance at Spencer Tuesday, April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Rohde were business visitors in O'Neill Wednesday, April 16.

The members of the Adventist church held a monthly social hour at the church Sunday evening, April 20. Mrs. Edmund Rohde was chairman of the games and Floyd Kaasa showed moving pictures slides.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kalkowski and Kevin and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kalkowski were Thursday evening callers at the George Kalkowski home.

Mrs. Allan Koscan and family of Butte and Mrs. Eunice Teadke of Bristow visited Mrs. Wallace Courtney Saturday afternoon.

Eva Barnes of Butte was a luncheon guest at the Guy Barnes home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thayer visited at the Guy Barnes home Tuesday evening, April 15.

Sidney Barta's sister is here visiting him this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weeder and Johnnie and George Barta attended the major league ball game in Omaha last week.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bradstreet of Bellowater, Calif., was a recent visitor here. She visited Mrs. Bertha Bare also the Lee Brady, jr., home in O'Neill and relatives in Orchard, Spencer and Winner, S.D., while here. She was accompanied here by her husband and they returned to their home in California last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Heiser returned to their home in California the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mulhair were O'Neill visitors Tuesday, April 15.

Mrs. Mary Zach called on Mrs. G. L. Mulhair Wednesday, April 16.

Thursday evening the third Wesleyan quarterly district conference was held in the Wesleyan church. Rev. Paul Meyers conducted the business meeting.

Mrs. Eunice Teadke and family of Bristow visited with her sister, Mrs. Wallace Courtney, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. John Rossmeyer returned to the LeLand Moody home Sunday after visiting at the Lumir Cizek home in Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loock and family visited at the Pat Cassidy here Sunday, April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pischel and family of Verdell were recent visitors at the E. V. Mulhair home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Lueken were Spencer visitors Tuesday evening, April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halva visited at the Junior Liska home in Niobrara last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kocian of Spencer were business callers here last week.

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Dora Townsend's Story—

Diphtheria Took Toll
in Hunt Family

By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR.,
Special Correspondent.

PAGE — Mrs. Dora Townsend celebrated her 80th birthday anniversary last month very quietly.

Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Carrie Townsend, who spent several weeks in her home while her own home was readied for occupancy after a winter in Columbus and Norfolk, took her to the Page cafe for dinner by way of celebration.

Dora Etta Hunt, daughter of Duran and Clara Rutherford Hunt, was born March 27, 1878, in a dug-out near Bennett. A daughter of a prominent pioneer family, she recalls many incidents of the early days of this section of Nebraska.

Her parents came to Creighton to the home of Mr. Hunt's brother-in-law, Dan McMillan, where the women were to live while the men built accommodations for man and livestock on the homestead taken by Mr. Hunt 1 1/2 miles south of Page in 1883 (now the property of Mrs. Henry Fleming).

Spring operations had only begun (the weather was extremely rainy) when they were called home by illness of the children of the family. They all had the measles which were followed by diphtheria—the dread disease of that era. The Hunts lost three little girls—Cora, 10-years-old; Rena, 8, and baby Etta, 2. Dora was five-years-old at that time.

Dan McMillan also lost three eight-year-old daughters, Stella, Two of the Hunt children shared a common grave.

Dora remembers how she was commissioned to "run up" a tea towel on a stick to signal her father, who could see it and come in to try and comfort the exhausted mother.

Lived in Dugout
The home here was also a dug-out built into the hill and framed at the front. The frame of the kitchen was added to the south with a storm and storage cellar to the back in walk-in fashion behind the kitchen.

In 1897, Dan McMillan brought a pine tree, later to be known far and wide as the lone pine. The tree was brought in from Chadron where they had visited Hiram McMillan. They made a ceremony of planting it. It still is a stately tree on the north slope of the farmyard.

Dora attended the old soddy school along with John Gray and Susie Reed Haynes. Mrs. Hunt was the proud possessor of an organ and it was in great demand wherever a celebration was in progress.

Mrs. Hunt permitted it to be borrowed and it was taken by the lumber wagon all over the country to furnish music for dances or for Sunday-school and church services. Dora still has the organ, which is in good repair.

On Christmas day, 1900, Dora was united in marriage with E. Roy Townsend.

The Townsends spent seven years at Spearfish, S. D., and 14 years at their ranch at Newcastle, Wyo. Some leased land



Mrs. Townsend . . . hospitable.

became oil land and is a source of income still.
"It is erroneously believed that those who have an income from oil wells are among the fabulously wealthy."
"Quite to the contrary" says Mrs. Townsend. "The income parallels a farmer's cream check."

Their holdings have dwindled to two wells that do not yield as well as they used to do. Mrs. Townsend is among the spry and healthy octogenarians. She still drives her car and made a trip to Wyoming last fall, doing her own driving.

Dora has driven a car since 1909. They owned a two-cylinder Jackson at that time.

Dora is county president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She is a member of the Methodist church.

Stopping Place
The home she lives in was her parents' home in their retirement days.

Travelers aimed to make it to the Hunt home for overnight or over Sunday stays. News that the Hunts were hospitable folk spread.

One time a family stayed all winter until travel was considered safe in the spring.

Mrs. Townsend inherited her family's love for company and her home is open for many. It's less trouble for Dora to entertain a group than to go away. Thus when she is at home at Page her dwelling is open to all.

Mrs. Townsend is the mother of a son, Donald of Wyoming, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Weir of Hartington, who is county superintendent of public instruction in Cedar county.

CENTER UNION (O'Neill)
C. P. Turner, minister
Sunday, April 27: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; preaching service, 11 a.m.; young people's meeting, 7:30 p.m.; preaching service following Y. P. meeting.
Prayer meeting will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernst Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Deloit News

Robert and Mary Miller of Omaha arrived Friday evening to spend the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, and James. Robert is attending a commercial college and Mary is employed in an insurance office in Omaha.

Mrs. Frank Bohn accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Gail Boies to Omaha on Wednesday, April 16, where she visited the Jim Bartak home.

Farm Bureau met at the Bud Bartak home on Tuesday, April 15, and Mrs. Bartak gave a report on her recent trip to Washington, D.C.

Gravel is being put on the road south of Deloit which leads to highway 80. This will be a great improvement.

Flower art shows attended the flower making lesson at the Ralph Tomjack home on Tuesday, April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Reimer spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Spahn and Doris Anne.

The community received about .30 of an inch of rain on Friday evening. It was needed to start the oats, gardens, etc.

A birthday anniversary party was held at the Don Spahn home on Thursday evening in honor of Henry Spahn's eighty-sixth birthday anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Spahn and Doris Anne and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spahn and son and Mrs. Verhune and son were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lange arrived in Germany and are having a fine time visiting relatives.

The Wheeler County extension club met Wednesday, April 16, at the Charles Bartak home.

Several from here attended the school music festival at Bartlett on Friday afternoon. Pupils, teachers and many parents were in attendance.

Kneivels store in this community is being remodeled and given a "face lifting".

The telephone company has men in this community installing telephones and surveying for location of the poles.

Several teachers and pupils attended the spelling contest in O'Neill on Saturday afternoon.

The past week has been very warm and spring like. Temperatures encouraged the planting of gardens, oats, etc.

Mrs. Lina Smith and Mrs. Elmer Greene of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. H. Reimer and Elayne were Sunday visitors at the Larson home in Verdell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Tomjack and sons of Hastings spent Sunday at the Ralph Tomjack home.

O'NEILL LOCALS
Mrs. Earl Hunt entertained at a birthday party for her daughter, Sally Ann, on Saturday. She was five-years-old. Guests were a few friends and their mothers.

Mrs. C. J. Gatz was hostess to Delta Dek and Martez club Thursday with dinner at the Town House. Winners were Mrs. Homer Mullen and Evelyn Stanard.

A party was held Sunday night in honor of Mrs. J. P. Ryan of Springfield, Mass., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Murray in Spencer. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rohde, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rohde, Mrs. John Harrington and Marlene, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stanton.

State Capitol News—

Vic Hopes to Chop
Real Estate Levy

LINCOLN—The tax dollar, budgets and government spending are coming into the limelight once again in the capitol.

The reason is twofold: The state property tax levy will be set in August, and there is a primary election May 13.

Gov. Victor Anderson, seeking a third term on the republican ticket, broached the subject with a statement that he hopes to chop the state property tax levy by 23 cents for every \$100 valuation.

That would put the tab at \$8 per \$100. The governor said he would like to reduce the tax to below \$8 but he doesn't know if he can cut it that much, or even 23 cents but that he is going to try.

Anderson is the chairman of the state board of equalization which sets the property tax levy.

Percentage-wise as an average, state property taxes account for only about 15 per cent of the total paid by a property owner.

The governor reckons that tightening of the economy belt in the capitol can be accomplished without reducing the level of services, and bring about enough savings to realize a property tax cut.

The governor also has urged that a state comptroller be established to control state spending.

Anderson had made the proposal before a committee of the legislative council studying the problem of budgeting.

He said that cash funds are not spent as wisely as tax funds but he added he did not have a simple solution to the problem. However, he told the committee, headed by Sen. Willard Waldo of De Witt, that the way to control the state is with a comptroller who has authority over all state agencies.

State Auditor Ray Johnson also appeared before the group. He recommended cash funds be put in the general fund and then amounts to agencies which collect the money.

Another high state official, Tax Commissioner Fred Herrington, told the committee that the legislature should spell out in more detail exactly what cash funds can be used for to eliminate problems.

In many cases the tax commissioner is called upon to approve expenditures from non-tax funds and he has nothing to go by as to whether such an expenditure can be authorized.

Nebraska Roads—
The record Nebraska road building program for the next fiscal year has been given a shot in the arm by the federal government.

A bonus program of \$6.6 million for the regular road network and \$2.9 million for the interstate will be immediately available to the state.

That will put the amount on hand for the 1939 fiscal year which begins July 1 at \$52.4 million.

State Engineer L. N. Ress said the bonus program, enacted by congress as an anti-recession measure, will cause some difficulties in his already heavily burdened staff.

But, he said he feels the department can handle expenditure of the extra money which, under the federal law, must be under contract and work completed in a year.

Ress is slated to attend a meeting of state highway officials in Chicago later this month to find out details of the program, especially whether the funds should be made available to cities.

Labor Free
There were more workers receiving unemployment checks in March of this year than for the same month in 1937.

That is the report from the state division of employment security.

The division said a weekly average of 13,091 got the paychecks in March of this year, as against 10,025 for the same month a year earlier. Payments this March totaled \$1.3 million, compared with \$991,321 in March, 1937.

However, non-farm job openings increased by 23 per cent over February, the division said. It noted that much of the hike was for temporary employment, such as snow removal.

New applications for work in March totaled 4,443, a substantial drop from the 5,154 total for February.

Population Markers—
State Engineer L. N. Ress said the highway department has developed a new policy on a matter sensitive and close to most Nebraska communities.

That is the problem of listing population of a city on a state highway marker at the city limits.

Ress said the department was criticized for not changing one city's marker and so he is changing the policy.

Signs were revamped, as a courtesy, for Lincoln, Omaha, Kimball and Sidney before the change. The towns submitted a large amount of data which the department compiled, then it changed the 1930 census figure to the newer one.

In the future, Ress said, only the official census figure will be listed.

The department, the engineer said, is far too busy trying to build roads to be "saddled" with the job of keeping track of the growth of a community, often than once every 10 years.

Pollution Council—
The state water pollution council has taken steps to urge cities to file plans for sewage treatment plants with the state health department.

The council, newly created adopted a policy requiring cities to submit complete plans and

Pattersons Back
from West Coast

EMMET—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson returned Saturday from Yucaipa, Calif., where they had spent the winter in their West coast home.

The Pattersons left Yucaipa Monday, April 14, and made a "leisurely" trip home. They are now at their ranch south of town.

The Pattersons last fall celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and left immediately afterwards for California.

Miss Marlene Harrington left Monday to spend several days in Omaha.



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Perhaps that beacon is best symbolized by the torch of freedom in the hand of the Statue of Liberty, for that torch seems to burn brighter when one reads these words inscribed in a tablet at her feet . . .

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