

Dorsey News

By Mrs. Harold Osborn

Schools in this community have all closed. Some teachers are making preparations to go to summer school, others are going to work, while still others are taking the venturous matrimonial step.

The baccalaureate services for the Lynch graduating class was held Sunday, May 17. Several from this community attended. Reverend Lloyd gave the address.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marston left on May 16 for the Yellowstone park where they will be employed for the summer.

Mrs. Leta Miles and Linda visited over the weekend with friends and returned to Lincoln Sunday.

On Monday, May 18 Mrs. Gordon Barta, Mrs. Joe Cihlar and Mrs. Rudy Cihlar spent the afternoon at the Wilbur Mitchell home attending a party.

Miss June Carson was a guest at the Junior Wilson home in Veddel the first of the week. When she returned home little Chad Wilson came with her for a visit at the Albert Carson home.

Mrs. Vernon Oleson and son returned home Monday, May 17 from Geddes, S. D., where they had attended the baccalaureate services of her brother-in-law.

Ray Noble was a business caller at the Otto Ruzicka and Harold Osborn homes Tuesday evening, May 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Faye Pinkerman, Mrs. Anna Carson and Mrs. Guy Hull attended the funeral of Dick Wilson at Rapid City, S. D., on May 18.

The Lucky Clover 4-H club held their meeting May 8 at the Howard Graham home. Their next meeting is planned June 5 at the Harvey Krugman home.

On May 7 the mothers and pupils of district 3 surprised their teacher, Miss Claraanna Carson by giving her a pantry shower.

Miss June Carson entertained twelve girls at her home on May 7 with a supper and slumber party. A swell time was reported by the guests.

Mrs. Beverly Carson spent the weekend of May 17 with her parents returning to Lincoln on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Buss Greene of Lynch were Sunday, May 17 dinner guests at the Edward Carson home.

Mrs. Rex Carson and Miss Claraanna Carson gave their pupils a wiener and marshmallow roast on May 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barta and Evelyn and Mr. Mrs. Rudy Cihlar were O'Neill shoppers Thursday, May 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alder and Jay B. were callers at the Harold Osborn home Friday, May 22.

David Oleson of Geddes, S. D., was a dinner guest at the Osborn home Friday, Mrs. Vernon Oleson and Neil and Ruth Osborn returned to Geddes with him to attend graduation exercises on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Spangler and family stopped at the Osborn home on Wednesday on their way home from Lynch.

Mr. Harry Johnson visited at the Lee Braay sr. home Friday afternoon.

Janice Derickson spent a few days with her grandparents before going to her home, the Lester Dericksons. They are now living in the old Marston house and Mr. Derickson is employed at the Drobnick farm.

Naper Mother Tells Of Long Fight To Save Boy's Life From Polio

The following article has been written exclusively for the Frontier by Mrs. Arthur Martin of Naper, whose boy, Douglas, has recently undergone the rigors of polio. Because the story and the fight against the boy's disease at the Lynch hospital is inspiring, it is being printed here.

By Mrs. Arthur Martin

Our story begins on our farm nine miles southwest of Naper where we lived.

Our only child, Douglas, was a healthy, happy, chubby five-year old who weighed 44 pounds and was 44 inches tall on August 29, 1932, when he became ill.

We took Douglas to the hospital at Lynch where I remained with him over night and by 7 a.m. the next morning, he could not stand on his legs. He was later taken to Children's Memorial hospital in Omaha.

Douglas's father came at once, prepared to fly with us to Omaha. In Omaha the physician told us that Douglas had all three types of polio and that his diaphragm had collapsed.

The doctor advised us that he might need to put him in and iron lung and had one ready for him. Douglas asked us to remain close by.

The next morning we called our doctor, at which time he informed us that Douglas was put in the lung that night. We were unable to see Douglas for seven days because he was then put in isolation.

After the seven days, he was moved into a room with other lung patients and we could see him through a window but he couldn't see us.

It was another three weeks before we were able to see Douglas and visit with him when he was in the iron lung. Please believe me when I say you can't imagine the horror of seeing your loved-one encased all but his little head, so completely paralyzed from head to feet. He could not move a finger or turn his head. His voice was so weak we had to listen closely to hear above the bellows of the four iron lungs that were going in the same room.

From this time on, I was allowed to visit Douglas two nights a week, an hour each of these nights.

Douglas suffered the pains of spasms which caused him much discomfort in the next few weeks. By this time our doctor and the social worker had been trying to prepare me for a long seige.

On October 9, I went to work as a nurse aide on the second floor of the hospital. I was grateful because I have benefited with my experiences in helping to care for my son.

Later Douglas was able to breathe a little with the lung turned off. In December he developed a cold and the doctors discovered that he had pneumonia. His condition was considered critical again. One of his lungs had collapsed.

Douglas had his heart set on an electric train for Christmas and Santa brought the train.



This is Douglas in the lung at Children's Memorial Hospital in Omaha in 1932, the start of a long road to rehabilitation. The Frontier Engraving.

By this time his arms and hands had returned with some control, although this Christmas day was not a happy one for us. I read books to him. Four months had now passed since Douglas came to the hospital.

One day in January our doctor was waiting for me and said Douglas was not doing too well and was calling on a throat specialist. An operation on his throat followed.

Finally he was getting better and the doctor advised kindergarten classes for him.

Vacation time brought slow but steady recovery in different ways.

When I was released from the hospital, the doctors advised me to take a complete rest. It was hard to leave Douglas, knowing he wasn't too well and that his little heart would break when he heard I was going home for a while, for he had always said, "When I get well, Mother, we will all go home together."

I realized how much I was needed but the sensible thing to do was to take care of myself because I needed the rest.

In September the halls were filled with joy and laughter. Douglas was now a first grader with the same teacher coming to his room each day.

There was talk among the doctors of Douglas not getting out of the lung permanently now. We then made arrangements to leave our farm and move to Omaha.

Douglas then turned for the better in the next Christmas he could be up in a wheel chair.

Soon it was vacation time again; Douglas was making good progress and was using a rocking bed and was in a wheel chair much of the time. And then he was ready for therapy.

The month of May was special because the doctor was thinking in terms of getting Douglas home. On May 23rd, he was transferred to the rehabilitation center at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha.

During the stay at the center, doctors were concerned again with a spinal disease that had troubled him before. Again our morale dropped, and then again a turn for the better.

On December 7th, we were allowed to move into an apartment with Douglas. We have no steps, all wheel chair doors, an open area in the center of the house which makes it easy for Douglas



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Martin and Douglas, 12, in their home. The photo was taken at Christmas 1938 in the Martins' home, Naper, The Frontier Engraving.

to get to and from any room in the house. Soon he was doing better in every way. August 15 came and with it his fever for Douglas.

The allergy kept Douglas from going to school and he was now 11 years old.

Douglas is now a ray of sunshine in our home. He has such a happy, cheerful disposition that it has been a pleasure to work with and care for him. He now goes to bed each night smiling and awakens each morning smiling ready to start the day.

Although we have a lot of surgery ahead of us to help correct some of his disability, we will carry on as we have done, determined to one day lead a normal life.

We wish to add a special thanks to the National Foundation for without their services, we could never have fought such a battle against polio.

I would like to close with a favorite verse of ours:

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine,
I have two ears, the world is mine,
Two legs to take me where I go,
Two eyes to see the sunset's glow,
Two ears to hear all I should know,
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine,
I'm blessed indeed, the world is mine.

Mr. Edwin Paulsen and children left Tuesday to spend two days in Tilden with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peacock and Mrs. Neil Daves entertained Mrs. V. R. Bell, who is here from Blair, Friday evening at the Daves home.

Guests Sunday at the William Schmoor home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Krugman and Mr. and Mrs. George Hartford.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Sierbahn returned Sunday evening from a week's business and pleasure trip to Big Pine Lake, Minn.

Miss Frances Reynoldson of Albion was here last week at the Brock, Leigh and Verne Reynoldson homes.

At the Eugene Schmeichel home Thursday evening after graduation exercises were Mrs. Millie Clark of Springview, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCormick of Valentine, Mrs. Glenn Schmeichel of Johnstown and Mr. and Mrs. Chet Case of Ainsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rohde and Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pasieuk and Ruby, Mrs. Marvin Green and children and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zakrzewski and family were Sunday guests at the Cletus Weiberger home in Columbus.

Guests at the Grant Peacock home for a back yard barbecue were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harber and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Walker of Wayne and Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Kennicot.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Christensen of Monowi were guests Wednesday at the Reginald Pinkerman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wilson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowles of Stuart Saturday evening in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Peterson of Broken Bow are staying at the Harry Peterson home this week while attending the Sandhills Cattle Association meetings.

Miss Betty Schultz, daughter of Mrs. John Kersenbrock, will leave Saturday for Hastings for the home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Todd, in Lewisburg, Penn., where she will spend the summer.

Mrs. Verne Reynoldson was in Cedar Rapids (Nebraska) Saturday to attend a bridal shower for her niece, Deanna Weisler.

Mrs. Richard McLean and Mrs. Orville Siederer were in Norfolk Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sullivan and Timmy, Beth Ann and Mary Kay, Norfolk, were Sunday callers at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sullivan.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Switzer were their daughter-in-law and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ford from California.

Sunday callers in the C. H. Switzer home were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Asher and family, Page, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mullen.

Dean Mosher, Creighton, was a Thursday morning guest in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Gordon Watson. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mosher, and Mrs. Dale Burk and daughters, Ewing, were guests of the Watsons on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Watson and children were Sunday morning callers in the Gordon Watson home.

Gordon Watson went to Plainview Monday on business.

Miss Lorene Wetzler and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells visited Sunday in the Burr Haut home in Lucas, S.D.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Byers, Omaha, were guests for the weekend at the C. E. Yantzi home. Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Yantzi are sisters.

Friday lunch guests in the home of Mrs. Rodney Tomlinson and son Larry, were Mr. and Mrs. George Calkins, Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Pinkerman and Mrs. Faye Pinkerman, all of Lynch, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes, O'Neill.

Dinner guests Sunday in the Dick Tomlinson home were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dexter and son, Roger Dexter, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Collins, all of Burwell; Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Dexter and daughter, Herman and Ralph Pokorny, Ericson, Vernon Roth-

child, Atkinson and Pvt. 1-c Jim Tomlinson. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rothelid and family, Atkinson, were Sunday afternoon guests.

Jerry Dexter left Sunday night for Bartlett where he will work this summer for Warren Olson.

Home on a 10-day leave is Sgt. Harold Dexter, USMC, son of Mrs. Dick Tomlinson. His wife and baby will go with him when he returns to Camp Lejeune, N. C., at the end of his leave.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sierbahn returned Sunday evening from a 30-day leave from Germany in Pvt. 1-c James Tomlinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson. At the end of his leave he will return to Germany.

Most Custer Co. Land Is Hilly and Rough

BROKEN BOW—Most Custer county land is hilly and rough, and the average size farm or ranch is 700 acres, Pete Parr, Broken Bow seed dealer told the Nebraska Irrigation Distributor's Association.

In spite of this, irrigation has been making good progress in the county, Parr added.

"Much more could be done if ranch and large farm owners would only realize that there are spots of 40 to 80 acres in each farm that could be profitably irrigated," Parr said.

"We have a good underground water supply," Parr said. "Some times we have to drill only 90 to 100 feet to hit the 50 feet of gravel. In other places a depth of 200 to 250 feet is necessary, and the average depth of Custer county wells is about 200 feet."

In proof of the fertility of Custer county land, Parr proudly exhibited a certificate of achievement given by the state agricultural department in 1937 showing he had harvested corn yielding 139 bushels to the acre.

Cheese Spoon Bread Will Make Big Hit

Like to try different recipes in your kitchen occasionally? Then put your culinary efforts toward making this Cheese Spoon Bread given to us by Joe Sivesind, wholesale salesman of the local Meadow Gold plant. It's unusually good served with grilled ham, bacon or Canadian bacon for a simple, wholesome meal, he says.

Beatrice Cooke, who developed the recipe in the company's Chicago test kitchens compares it to dumplings or souffle, in case you have never attempted this old-fashioned treat. Buttermilk gives it lightness and Cheddar cheese lends flavor.

- Cheese Spoon Bread (Six Servings)
- 2 cups boiling water
 - 2 cups yellow cornmeal
 - 3/4 cups buttermilk
 - 3 tablespoons melted butter
 - 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 - 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - 1 teaspoon onion powder
 - 1 cup grated natural Cheddar Cheese

Add cornmeal to boiling water and stir until smooth. Combine buttermilk with remaining ingredients, except the cheese. Add to cornmeal mixture and mix well. Fold in cheese. Pour mixture into buttered 1 1/2 quart casserole and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Serve immediately.

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Former Butte Resident In Strategic Army Corps

YAKIMA FIRING CENTER, WASH.—Army Sergeant First Class Edward L. Kimball, 35, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kimball, Butte, is participating with the 4th Infantry Division, a major Strategic Army Corps (STRAC) unit, in Exercise Dry Hills at the Yakima Firing Center in Washington. The exercise will end May 25.

Regularly assigned to the division's 4th Aviation Company at Fort Lewis, Sergeant Kimball entered the Army in January 1943. The sergeant is a helicopter mechanic in the company.

His wife, Mary, lives in Tacoma, Wash.

O'Neill Locals

Guests at the Neil Daves home Thursday evening honoring Perry Daves who graduated from high school and Kenny Peacock who graduated from eighth grade were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tompkins of Inman, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morsbach and Mary of Inman and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peacock.

Mrs. Lon Adams and Sharon and Mrs. Loretta Jacobson and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Loquest of Stuart were guests at the Verne Reynoldson home Thursday to Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Philbrick spent Sunday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lottie Loquest of Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Loquest of Stuart were also there.

Mr. and Mrs. Deverne Christensen of Nickerson were weekend guests at the Vigo Christensen home at Monowi. Sunday dinner guests besides the Deverne Christensons were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Christensen of Monowi, Mrs. Guy Pinkerman and boys of Redbird and Mrs. Reginald Pinkerman and boys.

Dinner guests Friday at the Andy Ramold home following commencement at St. Mary's were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schneider, Mrs. Albert Anderson of Neligh and Mrs. Kenny Johnson and daughter of Clearwater.

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