

Meek News

Mrs. Fred Lindberg
Dewayne Anson returned home Friday evening from Mason City, Ia., where he has completed his two weeks training at Reich Aucto-neering college.
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Haynes left Thursday for their home at Part-melee, S. D. Grandma Hull being much improved at this time. Mrs. Elsie Eppenbach will continue to care for her.
Senator Nelson is scheduled to hold meetings at Ainsworth the 23rd, Alliance at the 24th and Kearney the 25th of this month.
Dewayne Devall who is attending college at Lincoln spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Devall.

District No. 16 had a vacation all week. On arriving at the school house Monday morning they discovered some uninvited little creatures had been there and had taken over the premises under the floor. However this did not inter-fered with their P. T. A. meeting which was held Friday evening at the Elmer Devall home. Patrolmen Shorney and Hastreiter were present and presented a very inter-esting program on safe driving precautions. The meeting was opened for discussion. The crowd at- tending reported a very interesting meeting. Sandwiches, pie and coffee were served by the ladies of the district.
Mrs. Lawrence Johnson is the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and Norma Jean were Thursday dinner guests at the Bennie Johring home.
Paddock Missionary meeting was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Devall. A nice crowd was in attendance. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Laurence Rouse.
Mrs. Lawrence Dobrovolsky and Larry spent the week at Atkinson with relatives.
Mrs. John Schmitz went to Omaha Friday to visit her son, James and his family who are being transferred to IBM school at

Pulaski, N. Y. Mrs. Schmitz re- turned home Saturday.
A birthday party was held Tues- day evening for Charlene Johring and Nancy Anderson at the Johring home. Henry Walters, Allen Wal- ters and Meril Andersons families were all present.
Naomi Nelson spent the weekend vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nelson. Naomi is work- ing for the Hallmark Card Corpora- tion in Kansas City. Since she finished her college work in ac- counting at the Commercial Ex- tension School of Commerce in Omaha.
Sunday March 27, Brother Turner will be at the Paddock Union church to conduct the morning ser- vice.

Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gunter
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jensen and the Duane Jensen family, all of Newman Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Z.H. Fry, the Wayne Fry and Richard Napier families were guests Sun- day at the Dale Napier home in honor of Jerry Jensen's birthday.
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pollock vis- ited at the Kenneth Pollock and Art Busshardt homes in Neligh Sunday.
Wendell Switzer, Bob McDaniel, Deke Lorenzen and Z.H. Fry helped Friday at the Richard Napier home. Richard started last fall building an addition onto the west side of his house. He had to quit when bad weather came. Now that the weather has warmed a bit he is continuing with the building.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bame and Diane of Bellingham, Wash. came Thursday evening for a few days visit at the Archie Johnston home. The Bames had visited relatives in North Dakota. They plan to leave Tuesday morning for their home.
Susan Napier visited at the Dale Napier home.
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Napier called at the R.A. Hord home Thurs- day evening and Leroy, Glenda

and Dennis returned home with them after spending the fore part of the week at the Hord's home so they could attend the Ewing school.
Mrs. Mildred Wright visited Fri- day evening at the Lucille Biddle- come home.
The Lynn Fry family visited at the Floyd Napier home Tuesday evening, Mar. 15.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Loquest, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mc Daniel, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Larson visited Saturday evening at the Wendell Switzer home.
Leroy, Glenda and Dennis Napier and Clayton Hoke stayed the first part of the week at the R.A. Hord home and attended school.
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fry and children visited Wednesday evening at the Dewitt Hoke home.
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Loquest and family and Mr. and Mrs. Z.H. Fry visited Thursday evening at the Wayne Fry home.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller and family had a lunch of ice cream and cake Thursday night at the Dave Pollock home.
The Lynn Fry family were din- ner guests Sunday at the Kitty Fry home.
Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ahlers vis- ited Friday evening, March 11 at the Frank Schmidt home on the Schmidt's 37th wedding anniver- sary.
The Harold Bennett family of Crawford came Friday and were weekend guests at the Wilbur Ben- nett home. Harold left Sunday for his work at Crawford. His wife, Shirley and children stayed for a longer visit.
The Riverside Missionary Soci- ety met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Vera Miller.
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Switzer and family were guests Wednesday night at the Ora Switzer home.
The Ed Walters family of Cham- bers visited Friday eve. at the John Napier home.
The Alfred Napier family visited Friday evening at the Charles Roth- erham home.
The Fred Ritter family of Til- den were guests Sunday at the Rudy Ahler's home.

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By Melvin Paul Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association
LINCOLN—A six-year-old State Board is again the center of con- troversy.
It is the State Board of Edu- cation, whose members were first elected in 1954. There are six of them, who run on non-political tickets.
The question at hand again is whether the State Board of Edu- cation should be abolished and the Commissioner of Education ap- pointed.
Now, the board names the com- missioner and sets his salary. Dr. F.B. Decker holds the post, which pays \$11,500 per year.
Prime mover in a petition drive to put the issue on the November ballot is the Nebraska School Im- provement Association, which says it represents 600 rural and small high school districts.
Openly opposing the petition drive is the Nebraska State Education Association, Nebraska Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the Ne- braska State School Boards As- sociation. They say they represent 80 per cent of the school children in Nebraska.
Two years ago the School Im- provement Association tried unsuc-

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cessfully to put the issue on the ballot.
It needs 42,107 valid names to get the matter before the voters this fall.
The group has had many differ- ences with Decker, the State De- partment of Education which De- cker supervises and individual mem- bers of the Board of Education.
S.H. Brauer Jr., of Stuart, field representative for the School Im- provement group, says his organ- ization's principle position is that "one person should have executive power in the state for formation of policy. It's alien to our system of administrative government to have an executive board."
The three major organizations, on the other hand, claim "repea- tedly trying to revive a question so decisively settled in 1934 is a mistake, as well as a burdensome expense to the state."
They say the board system is "democratic and brings control of the State Department of Education closer to the people".

Statistics

Agricultural statistics were gathered in Nebraska by the federal government as early as 1866.
In 1898 Nebraska provided for col- lecting of these facts through as- sessors and in 1914 the state and federal governments signed an agreement—still in force—to jointly pursue the work.
Nearly a report a day comes

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out of the State-Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics today.
Probably the best known and the most frequent, is the weekly an- alysis of crop conditions. The big- gest is the farm census.
The division gets its information through personal visits and from correspondents, either by telephone or mail.
Mailings from the division year- ly run close to the one million mark.
The office reports it has nearly 70,000 correspondents on its mail- ing list.
Closely watched by farmers and city folks alike, is the crop report—a weekly barometer of the prob- able condition of Nebraska's num- ber one industry.

Delegates

There are a lot more persons seeking a seat at the national party conventions this year.
One of the reasons for the boost in interest in Nebraska is revival of the two-party system thus creat- ing more interest in the Democratic party.
Another is the ease with which a delegate could file this year.
In the past, it was necessary to circulate petitions and then file the petitions with the Secretary of State. This year, all that was required was a \$25 filing fee.
There are 131 Democrats filed either for delegate or alternate and 92 Republicans. The Republican to-

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tal is roughly the same but the Democratic figure is up.
An added reason for the boost in the Democratic side is that the party is having half votes at the convention, thus doubling the num- ber who can be elected.
Running for party convention traditionally has been a place that would-be office seekers could "test their wings," and get their names familiar to Nebraskans.
It also is sought after by party workers who have a chance to be in an important position once ev- ery four years—casting a ballot for a possible president.
In all there are 223 persons seek- ing seats in both parties.
This list, plus interest in other state races is expected to slow counting of the primary by elec- tion workers.
The primary balloting is May 10.

Flooding

Anxious officials are eyeing snow-choked streams and gullies, especially in the eastern third of Nebraska, for possible spring flood- ing.
The state is taking steps to or- ganize volunteer and other state and federal agencies to combat the problem when it arises.
As of now, officials anticipate some heavy flooding, especially with a fast thaw.
It is expected the Army En- gineers, Civil Defense and volun- teer agencies like the Red Cross will carry a heavy share of the load in handling any high water problems.

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Venus News
By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser
The Work and Fun club which was to be held at the home of Vlasta Pospeshil on Tuesday, March 8 was not held, on account of the snow storm and drifted roads. Miss Viola Pospeshil will have the April meeting.
The mail carrier was unable to make his route on Tuesday, March 15 and only parts of the route was covered on Wednesday due to drifts.
A/3c Marion Cederburg spent a three day furlough with his par- ents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ceder- burg of Orchard enroute from Montgomery, Ala., to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he now is stationed.
The Adolph Janak family have moved from the Jelen community to the former Wilbert Widholm farm which they purchased last fall.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kinnison were O'Neill shoppers Monday, March 14.
Walt Ozenbrun returned from a trip to the west coast on Thursday.
Mrs. Cecil Moser was an Or- chard visitor Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tyler were Monday, March 14 supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Raff and Robert.
Norfolk visitors Monday, Mar. 14 were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brook- houser where they were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brookhouser.
Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey and twins, were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Porter of Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. Verlyn Gibbs and sons of Clearwater.

AT AUCTION
Sale Of Dwelling House And Personal Property
I will sell at Public Auction on the premises the dwelling house and personal property located on 1st street in O'Neill. The residence is known as the Hanabery residence, on—
SATURDAY, MARCH 26th
SALE STARTS AT 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: 325 South 1st Street in O'Neill.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 9 and 10 in block 43, Riggs addition to O- Neill, Nebraska.
THE HOUSE: This is a semi-modern two story structure located on two lots in a desirable residential district. This is a five room dwelling house with bath including three bedrooms. Property also includes a garage with new cement floor.
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For Inspection: Contact John R. Gallagher Atty, 111 North 4th Street O'Neill.
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