

# THE FRONTIER

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## THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

### Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Frontier, Dec. 7, 1886  
 I. R. Smith received another new cutter last week.  
 The skating rink opened for the first time Thanksgiving evening.  
 The Frontier, Dec. 9, 1886  
 The new bank building is about completed and business will open up about the first of the week.  
 On account of an epidemic of Diphtheria school was closed last Monday for the week. Six children died in one week, three of them being members of one family.  
 The Frontier, Dec. 16, 1886  
 John O'Neill and Co., have formerly opened up their new drug store and are now ready for business.  
 The Elkhorn Valley bank opened up for business on Monday in their new building just east of the Wilcox Lumber Company. McClure and Gardner are the owners and operators.

### Fifty Years Ago

The Frontier, Dec. 3, 1891  
 Otto Miltz and Grant Dish have bought the J. C. Smoot cigar factory and are carrying on business under the firm name of O. H. Miltz & Co.  
 The Frontier, Dec. 17, 1891  
 Hugh Meehan severs his connection with the First National bank of this city Saturday night and Monday morning starts for Chicago where he will enter a large banking establishment.  
 A. L. Warrick has received the appointment of official stenographer for Judge Alfred Bartow of the west end of the district.  
 The Item, Dec. 3, 1891  
 The City has ordered a hook and ladder truck for the Fire Department, which is expected on every train. Anticipating its arrival the company had a meeting Tuesday evening and organized the following team for its operation: Forman, Jim Triggs; assistant, Clyde King. The other members are: Tim Hanley, Otto Miltz, Ed Grady, Maylon Price, Henry Schroer, Joe Hershiser, Fred Swingley, Paul Barshov.

### Forty Years Ago

The Frontier, Dec. 5, 1901  
 R. D. Saunders left for Omaha yesterday morning where he goes to purchase a new dress for the Frontier.  
 The Frontier, Dec. 12, 1901  
 "For the past week we have been experiencing the real thing in the way of winter weather. Snow has fallen at intervals and the ground remains covered, providing good places to slide for those who have sleds."  
 The board of supervisors was called together in a special session Tuesday for the purpose of appointing a county judge to fill the unexpired term of Clarence Selah. Judge-elect Morgan of Atkinson was appointed and took over the duties of the office yesterday.  
 The Frontier, Dec. 19, 1901  
 Lloyd Gillespie, who has been with the Alaskan party the past two years, arrived home last week.  
 The recent severe cold snap caused those at work putting in the local telephone exchange to cease work temporarily, but the officials say the exchange will be in operation by January 1.

### Thirty Years Ago

The Frontier, Dec. 7, 1911  
 John Hopkins, who is attending Creighton University, came up from Omaha to spend Thanks-

giving at the home of his mother.  
 H. R. Henry, for many years a highly respected resident of this county, died at his home in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, last Saturday after an illness of five days of heart failure, brought on by pneumonia. He was a little over 62 years of age at the time of his death.  
 Thomas H. Tierney, one of the real pioneers of the City, died at his home here last Friday morning, at the age of 52 years.  
 The Frontier, Dec. 14, 1911  
 Mrs. Emma Walker, for many years a resident of this City, died at Seattle, Washington last week. She left here for the west coast about eight years ago.

### Twenty Years Ago

The Frontier, Dec. 1, 1921  
 The O'Neill Electric Light and Power Company and the Hartford Produce Company is burning corn under its immense boilers. Corn can be purchased for a little less than \$7.00 per ton laid down at the plant, while coal costs a little better than \$9.00 per ton at the plant.  
 Miss Lillian Lusher and Erwin Peterson were united in marriage by the Rev. George Longstaff Tuesday. They will make their home in this City.  
 Miss Bessie McCloud returned to her school at Inman Monday, after spending Thanksgiving at home.  
 The Frontier, Dec. 8, 1921  
 There ought to be a lot of kick in the current furnished by the O'Neill Power Plant, which is run on corn—Omaha Bee.  
 Garry Benson, for nineteen years editor and publisher of the People's Advocate at Ewing, has retired from the newspaper game for a time at least. Garry has been appointed postmaster there and he sold his paper to Ray Crellin, formerly of Plainview.  
 At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ohmart on Dec. 5 at 12 noon Miss Emma and Charles N. Hansen, son of George E. Hansen of Blackbird, were united in wedlock.  
 The Frontier, Dec. 15, 1921  
 Noah G. Gwin, one of the very early settlers of the County, passed away at the Burkett Soldiers Home near Grand Island on December 6, at the age of 86 years and 8 months.

### Ten Years Ago

The Frontier, Dec. 3, 1931  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chapman and Miss Geraldine Cronin were up from Omaha over Thanksgiving.  
 The finest honest-to-goodness sleighing in many a season have been enjoyed by a few the past fortnight.  
 The Frontier, Dec. 17, 1931  
 The Christmas tree was installed Monday on Fourth and Douglas streets and plans are complete for the Christmas event.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kain of Verdigris, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dostal and children of Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson of Gayville, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Carney and son Jackie, of O'Neill, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mullen Sunday.  
 The S. O. S. club had a Christmas party at the A. Cowperthwaite home Monday. A 1:30 Turkey dinner was served in the Rumpus room and gifts exchanged.  
 The first of the week word was received here by relatives that Ernie Nelson, who is employed by the Omaha Cold Storage Co., had been transferred to Holdrege, going there Tuesday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McElvain returned Monday evening from Omaha, where they had been since last Wednesday visiting friends.  
 Mrs. D. F. Murphy, Mrs. T. D. Harrington and Lloyd Whaley returned last Thursday evening from Omaha, where they had taken Mr. Whaley's mother, Mrs. M. A. Whaley, for medical treatment.  
 Dr. W. F. Finley left Wednesday morning for Chicago, Ill., where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Stevenson.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Emory Peterson spent Sunday in Neligh with Mr. Peterson's father, M. A. Peterson.  
 L. Smith and C. B. Yarnell went to Grand Island Sunday, where they bought their new line of spring shoes.  
 Don Enright and daughter, Janet, and Mrs. Roy Bearce, were in Sioux City Tuesday.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Ed Campbell, Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, Mrs. C. E. Stout and Mrs. W. J. Froelich spent Wednesday in Sioux City  
 Rev. Father Flynn of Battle Creek, was calling on his many friends in O'Neill Wednesday.  
 Mrs. Jack Davidson will entertain the D. D. club at an Xmas party at her home tonight. The exchange of gifts and cards will be the evenings entertainment.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wrede and son, Donnie, returned to Omaha Sunday, after a week's vacation spent in O'Neill and Redbird, visiting relatives and friends.  
 Robert Moore and Bill Ryan went to Norfolk Tuesday to enlist in the Naval Reserve. They were accompanied by Robert Early.  
 Mrs. L. A. Burgess entertained the contract club at her home Monday evening. Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek and Mrs. L. A. Burgess had high score.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saunto and daughter, Mary Virginia, and son, John Joseph, arrived Tuesday from Bridgeport and will spend their two weeks vacation with Mrs. Hoffman's mother, Mrs. William Welch.  
 Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson entertained the "Last Minute" bridge club at her home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Art Barnes won high score, Mrs. George Mitchell traveling and Mrs. Robert Brittell low.  
 Don Martin will return to Camp Knox, Kentucky, Friday after a ten day furlough, spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin and other relatives.  
 The M. M. Bridge Club had their Xmas party Tuesday evening. A 7:00 o'clock dinner was served at the Western Hotel Tea room and then they went to the home of Mrs. H. G. Kruse, where they exchanged gifts and played bridge. Mrs. Esther Harris had high score, Mrs. John Kersensbrock average and Mrs. H. G. Kruse low.

Mrs. Herbert Peterson and Mrs. Bennett Gillespie entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club at a 1:30 luncheon at the home of Mrs. Patterson Tuesday. Mrs. Harrison Bridge won high score, Mrs. J. W. Knight second high and Mrs. Dwight Harder low.  
 Mrs. C. E. Lundgren and Mrs. Jack Vincent will entertain Circle II of the Presbyterian church at an Xmas party tonight at the home of Mrs. Lundgren.  
 Mrs. C. W. Porter entertained the Merrimex Bridge Club at a 1:30 dessert and Xmas party at her home Tuesday afternoon.  
 Mrs. Fred Enquist of Wausau arrived here Sunday, being called here by the serious illness of her father, T. A. Lindberg.  
 Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Fenderson and son, Dickie, spent Sunday

in David City and Osceola, visiting relatives.

The Catholic Daughters held their annual Xmas party at the Golden Hotel Tuesday evening. Gifts were exchanged and auction and contract bridge played. Mrs. Dierks of Ewing won high score in contract, Mrs. Jack Spittler of Ewing low, Mrs. Mary Shoemaker high score in auction and Mrs. John Hickey low, Mrs. Mary Zastrow all out.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lindberg and daughters, Kathleen and Edith Louise, arrived Tuesday from Los Angeles, Cal., to be at the bedside of Mr. Lindberg's father, T. A. Lindberg, who is seriously ill.

### DIVORCE CASES FILED

Gertrude M. Dailey, Plaintiff vs. John W. Dailey, Defendant, filed on December 13th.  
 James H. Gibson, Plaintiff vs. Elise Marie Gibson, Defendant, filed on December 15.

### Presbyterian Church

Dr. J. E. Spencer, pastor  
 Special Christmas services at 11:00 a. m. Christmas sermon, God's Unspeakable Gift. The special music will be: Solo The Virgin's Slumber by Seyer, Ruth Burge. Solo Swing Afar, by Mac Breswter, Roy Lundgren.  
 In the evening at 7:30, the young people will present a Christmas Cande Light Service, which will be as follows: Orchestra Selection Christmas Melodies. The story of the "Inn That Misses Chance."  
 Reader, Miss Chickie Iler. Prayer.  
 Piano, Christmas Carol Silent Night  
 Reading, The Christmas Spirit by Miss Leone Korab  
 Scripture Reading and Christmas Carols.  
 Reading, The Beauty of the Gospel of Luke. Miss Ruth Burge  
 Carol, It came on a Midnight Clear (All sing)  
 Story, The Abess of the Glowing Light. Miss Ruth Osenbaugh.  
 Carol, Hark the Herald Angels Sing (All Sing)  
 Poem, The Quest of the Wise Men. Miss Betty Williams.  
 Candle Light Service.  
 Closing Song, Follow the Gleam.

The public is most cordially invited to come and enjoy all of these Christmas services with us.

**O'Neill Boy At Ordnance Center In Maryland**  
 The Ordnance Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where Victor H. Bredeholz from O'Neill who was recently inducted into service was assigned to the Ordnance Training Center, many readers will ask: "What is the Ordnance Department?" or "What is an Ordnance soldier?"  
 The Frontier in line with its policy of following the Army careers of our local men has made a special study of the Ordnance Department and summarizes it briefly as follows.  
 The Ordnance Department procures, stores, issues and maintains the tools of our fighting forces. Scientists and engineers are working hard to perfect new ammunition, artillery, small arms and tanks and the Ordnance soldier is being taught to supply and maintain these items which are the literal life-blood of our fighting forces in the field.  
 We compared the duties of the present day Ordnance soldier with those of a comparative recent date as World War I. During the period of stabilized trench fighting in the St. Mihiel sector 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition were used in four days. This was considered a tremendous problem but can be considered child's play to present day tactics when battle lines may change as much as a 100 miles in a single day; when machine guns are firing 650 rounds of ammunition a minute; 37-millimeter anti-aircraft artillery using 120 pounds in the same period.  
 The 75-millimeter gun was accepted as a sufficiently powerful weapon for field artillery use and today is almost in the discard with the development of 105-millimeter artillery.  
 Regardless of the speed with which modern armies move, this ammunition must be constantly supplied. Artillery is kept in fighting condition and the highly specialized Ordnance soldier with his splendid background and technical equipment must do the job. Bally or sputtering engines of our tanks must be brought back to life—not tomorrow or the next day but immediately and here again the Army depends on the Ordnance Soldier, we found only one thought in mind, which is: "A gun or tank repaired in the field and returned to

immediate duty may at times be worth more than a 100 coming off the production line a thousand miles away."

The Ordnance Training Center, which is commanded by Brig. Gen. Julian S. Hatcher has been given the important assignment of supplying our entire Army with this trained personnel.

The newly-arrived selectees enters the Ordnance Replacement Training Center where for the first four weeks he receives his school-of-the-soldier training. Then he is started on basic Ordnance training. He is taught the principles of operation of guns and tanks, storage and supply of ammunition and then to the highly technical field of their maintenance. He may be chosen to specialize in one particular field such as; machinist, carpenter, welder, instrument repairman, small arms mechanic or electrician. Selected men are sent to the Ordnance School, one of the components of the Training Center, to take advantage of what may be aptly termed a post-graduate course in his particular specialty. Here perfection in a trade is obtained which is not only of value to the Army at the present time but will serve the man in later life. Graduates of both the Replacement Center and the Ordnance School are now ready to take their places in the field.

Only two percent of the men in our army can hope to become Ordnance soldiers and the man selected may consider himself as an outstanding and fortunate soldier.

The lesson on toys was very well given by Mrs Hendrick and Mrs. Carey.

The Christmas party is to be held at the Mrs. Don Wertz home on Dec. 18.  
 A delicious covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

### O'Neill High School Notes

The O'Neill High School Junior class won the annual inter-class basketball tournament by downing the Seniors 24-13, in the finals at the gymnasium on December 3. The victors went on to defend their title successfully, defeating the faculty five 14-12 the next day.  
 In the hard fought Junior Senior grudge game the lead changed hands many times in the first half. Early in the third period, the Juniors went ahead to pull. The Faculty five threatened to stay that game from the fire with less than a half minute left, but time ran out.  
 First-round games found the Seniors scoring at will to trounce the Freshman, while the Juniors went wild to bury the Sophomores under a fifty-odd point barrage.  
 This is the second successive year to see the members of the percent Junior class victorious.

**The Methodist Church**  
 V. C. Wright, Minister  
 Church School 10.00 a. m., H. B. Burch, director.  
 Public Worship 11.00 a. m., Special music by the choir and sermon by the pastor.  
 The Church School Christmas program will be given at 7:30 p. m. A special offering is being taken for children's work.  
 Beginning with next Sunday evening services will be held for the public Dec. 28, following for a limited time.  
 The Chambers Methodist choir will give their Cantata Sunday January 4, at 7:30 p. m. Then follow with a week of Prayer.

### Ash Grove Project Club

The members of the Ash Grove Project Club met at the home of Mrs. Ben Miller, Thursday Dec. 4, with eight members present and one visitor, Mrs. Rolly Miller  
 The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. F. Hendrix; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. Faulhaber; Leader, Mrs. Don Wertz; Reading leader, Mrs. Bob Lucas; News Reporter, Mrs. Robert Tomlinson.

**ATTENTION Readers!**  
 Here is a **REAL BARGAIN**

Settlement time is getting near and we must raise some money during the month of December and for that reason are offering the following Bargain:

During the month of December all Readers who are paid up to Jan. 1, 1942, we will give them a two-year subscription for the sum of \$3.00, or \$1.50 per year, when paid two years in advance. If you are in arrears one year or more you pay the amount due at \$2.00 and then pay \$3.00 more and your subscription will be extended for two years, to January 1, 1944. New subscribers who pay \$3.00 will also receive a paid up two-year subscription

Many of our readers are in arrears and we would kindly ask that they Call and We Will Get the account settled, so that WE CAN START on a Cash In Advance Basis.

During the Depression Years We Have Been Very Lenient With Our Readers and Now That We Must Raise a Large Sum of Money During the Month of December, We Know That You Will Respond to OUR CALL. Holt County has been blessed with fairly good crops this year and Prices Are Good, So Remember the Printer Who Has Furnished Your Reading Matter, and WE KNOW YOU WILL.

Everything that goes into the Production of a Newspaper is constantly Advancing and While WE HAVE NOT Reduced the Subscription price of The Frontier; which still remains at \$2.00 per year, We Are Making this Concession To Our Readers Who PAY TWO YEARS IN ADVANCE.

This only Applies to Readers Living in the State of Nebraska.

# THE FRONTIER

O'Neill, Nebraska

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