

FOREMAN AT NEW GENERATING PLANT SEVERELY BURNED

O. H. Johnson Comes In Contact With A Buss Bar Carrying 22 Thousand Volts.

O. H. Johnson, 36, of Wausa, Nebraska, construction foreman for the Interstate Power company for this division, suffered severe burns on his feet and left arm last Monday afternoon as the result of an electric shock. Mr. Johnson was helping in the installation of the new reserve generating plant of the company north of this city. He was at once given first aid by Robert Kurtz, an employee of the company who was assisting him on the job, and it took three minutes for Mr. Kurtz to bring him to after the shock. A physician was at once summoned and Mr. Johnson was taken to the hospital. Reports this morning are to the effect that he is getting along fine.

Shortly after 1 o'clock Monday afternoon Mr. Johnson picked up a ladder and was carrying it to a place he was going to work. He did not pay particular attention to the ladder and did not know that it was steel enforced, as they do not use that kind of a ladder in their line of work. While carrying the ladder it came in contact with the operating buss bar carrying 22,000 volts of electricity. The contact threw him to the ground and then Mr. Kurtz commenced his first aid work and brought him to. Interstate officials say that 3,200 volts went through his body. When the reader realizes that they use only from 1,800 to 2,300 volts in the electric chairs, in which condemned criminals are put to death, they can have some idea of the power of the shock that Mr. Johnson received.

Employees of the Interstate are of the opinion that the prompt first aid rendered by Mr. Kurtz is responsible for the recovery of Mr. Johnson from the terrific shock. The Interstate Power company, like practically all other major companies dealing in electricity, have monthly meetings all over their districts and divisions in which employees are taught first aid to the injured, from electric shock, gas suffocation or other forms of accidents and these instructions can be credited with the saving of many lives of employees of the various companies during the past several years.

Mrs. Johnson, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson of this city, arrived from her home in Wausa last Monday afternoon and will remain here until her husband is out of the hospital.

Last Rites Are Held At Chambers Saturday For Mrs. Louisa Ann Ermer

Mrs. Louisa Ann Ermer died at her home about fourteen miles south of this city last Thursday afternoon at the age of 79 years, 9 months and 6 days. The funeral was held last Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church in Chambers, Rev. Britton officiating and burial in the Chambers cemetery.

Louisa Ann Kierig was born in Germany on April 7, 1858. When a young woman she came to the United States and was united in marriage to Fredrick William Ermer in Omaha, Nebr. Six children were born of this union, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are living and left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: Mrs. C. C. Jones and Mrs. W. E. Jones of Chambers, Fred, Charles and William of Chambers, and Mrs. A. E. Elver, Juliaetta, Idaho.

The family came to this county in the spring of 1885 and located south of this city about fourteen miles where Mrs. Ermer had since made her home. They came to this county from Seward county, Nebraska. Mrs. Ermer was a charming woman and had a host of friends in the southern part of the county who will regret to learn of her passing.

ALPHA CLUB

The Alpha club met at the home of Lillian Drayton on Wednesday, Jan. 12, with eleven members answering roll call. Mrs. Clarence Wayman was a guest. This was

the annual business meeting and new officers were elected as follows: Nellie Boshart, president; Mary Widfeldt, vice president; La Vern Robertson, secretary; Lillian Drayton, treasurer, and Minnie Boshart, news reporter. Names were drawn for new capsule friends for the coming year.

After the meeting a delicious luncheon of toasted cheese and ham sandwiches, coffee and cocoa, was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Art Auker Feb. 9.

Cardinals Take Their Fifth Victory By 32 To 17 From Orchard Five

St. Mary's Cardinals won their fifth victory of the season by defeating Orchard's quintet for the second time this season. The game was played on the local floor last Tuesday. The Cardinals took a five point lead early in the game and it increased as the game progressed, the final score being 32 to 17. St. Mary's pivot man, Francis Connolly found the hoop for 18 points. Shoemaker followed with nine counters.

The Cardinals zone defense limited Orchard to five field goals. This was one of the cleanest games played by the Cardinals this season. Orchard can be admired for their sportsmanship during this fast game.

St. Mary's second team won from the Orchard seconds mainly by good teamwork and accurate shooting by a score of 24 to 9.

St. Mary box score:

| | pf | fg | ft | tp |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| B. Kubitschek f | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R. Shoemaker f | 1 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Connolly c | 1 | 8 | 2 | 18 |
| Quinn g | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Valla (c) g | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Biglin f | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| W. Kubitschek f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stein c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Price g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Shoemaker g | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Referee, Hurst, Atkinson. | | | | |

After a three weeks layoff, the St. Mary's Cardinals went back into action following the holiday season by defeating Chambers with a 27 to 24 score. The long layoff showed its effect, the Cardinals not playing their usual game. The game was marred by many fouls on both sides, with Connolly and Valla retiring from the game on too many fouls. At times the game was close, but St. Mary's always could pull ahead under pressure.

St. Mary's seconds also won with a close score of 16 to 15 from the Chambers reserves. This was an interesting game to watch as the lead changed several times.

Former Resident of Holt County Sends Greetings

This office is in receipt of a remittance from Mrs. O. F. Herring, of Eugene, Oregon, for her subscription to The Frontier for the year 1938. Mrs. Herring says "we always receive The Frontier on Monday and as the old saying goes 'Blue Monday' is made more cheerful as I always look forward to the arrival of The Frontier. The weather here has been very mild, although we have had valley fogs most all fall and Oregon people feel it more than rain. There have been very few clear days. Best wishes to all Holt county friends and happy and prosperous New Year."

Mrs. Herring was born and raised in the southern part of the county and has a very warm spot in her heart for this section of the country. In her letter she enclosed a couple of clippings from the January 9th edition of the Eugene Register Guard, which will give our readers an idea of the climate last fall and this winter in that section of the country:

"They keep coming in! "Latest entries in the mild weather 'contest' include some straw-berries grown by Mrs. Joe Lopez at Noti, entered from the famous Route F section, some blackberries picked near the Eugene Sand and Gravel pit by Billy Price, and some raspberries from the F. H. Haley farm on route 4." "Chamber of commerce booster literature in the intensive promotion work of years ago always mentioned that roses bloom in the Willamette valley up to Christmas

time. This is not always the case as every resident of the valley knows, but it happens occasionally and this is one of the winters that prove the partial truth of the statement.

"Saturday there appeared on the desk of Miss Maurine Scherer, assistant in the office of O. S. Fletcher, county agricultural agent, a bouquet of beautiful roses picked at the Woodruff nursery north of Eugene Jan. 7—two weeks after Christmas. They were brought in by C. E. Stewart, county horticultural inspector. There are a large number of blooms in the rose section of the nursery, Mr. Stewart said.

"When it is noted that the lowest temperature this winter has been but 30 degrees it is easily seen why roses and other flowers continue to blossom."

Eugene O'Hern and Mildred Agnes Are Married In Omaha

O'Neill friends received announcement cards last Sunday announcing the marriage of Miss Mildred Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Agnes of Petersburg, formerly of this city, and Eugene Joseph O'Hern, formerly of this city but now of Neligh. They were married last Saturday morning at St. Mary Magdalene's church in Omaha. The cards stated that they would be at home after February 1, 1938, at Neligh, Nebr.

Miss Agnes was a resident of this city for many years and went to Sioux City when the family moved there a little over two years ago. For the past year she has filled an important position in Chicago. She is a charming young lady and has many friends in this city and vicinity.

The groom is a graduate of the Creighton college of law and after his graduation entered the employ of the International Harvester company and was sent to this territory and made his headquarters in this city, where he lived for over three years until his transfer to the eastern territory with headquarters in Neligh some two and a half months ago. He has been very successful with his company and is rated as one of the best men they have in the state and we predict that he will go far in the company he selected after leaving his alma mater. He is a genial companionable man and has a host of friends in this city and county.

The Frontier joins the many friends of this estimable young couple in wishing them many years of wedded happiness and prosperity.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

The Frontier received a letter from its old friend, O. E. Root of Hale, Iowa, the first of the week enclosing a renewal of his subscription to this family necessity for another year. O. E. was a resident of this county for many years, living in Inman precinct about six miles southeast of this city. In 1910 he disposed of his real estate holdings here and moved to Iowa and was a resident of Valley Junction for many years, moving last summer to Hale, Iowa. He has been a reader of The Frontier for forty-eight years and is numbered among the oldest readers of this paper on our lists. We hope that he lives to enjoy many more years of its weekly visits. He has been gone from this county for twenty-eight years, but he still looks upon Holt county as his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Noble returned last Saturday from a three weeks business and pleasure trip to Carthage, S. D. Mr. Noble was looking after business interests there while Mrs. Noble visited friends in that section of the state. Mr. Noble says crops were very poor in that section of South Dakota last year, but notwithstanding that business was better than a year ago.

H. E. Coyne, chairman of the water committee of the city council, informs us that he sent a sample of the city water to the State University for analysis a few weeks ago and that he received a report the latter part of the week that the water is OK. The samples sent in were from both the old and the new well. This will be gratifying news to the people of the city.

CONGRESS AN BEER BY KARL STEFAN

Hanson Was President Under Articles of Confederation

A lot of Americans have come back from Sweden recently where they attended the tercentary of the first Swedish settlements in America. With their return some of these voyagers point to the technical fact that John Hansson, a Swede, and not George Washington, was the first President of the United States. John Hanson, a son of Maryland, was an American patriot and he was chosen president by our continental congress on Nov. 5, 1781. However, this event took place in the days of the confederation, during the loose union of our thirteen colonies which was to become after the constitutional convention in Philadelphia, the United States of America. So Washington, after all, was its first president. However, the Swedes people have had a great celebration and they have paid great respect to the memory of John Hanson.

Why Weren't Laws Enforced

Monopolies are again in the foreground in political discussion. The speeches here about trusts and monopolies sound much like the days of long ago when our granddads were young and an "anti-monopoly party" was in bloom. In July, 1890, after months of debate and strong lobbying, in opposition to its enactment, the Sherman anti-trust law was put into the federal statutes. Within two years most of the states followed with similar enactments which should have torn all the trusts into shreds. Simple and rigid enforcement of lady and federal laws would have made "combinations in restraint" of trade obsolete.

Since 1890 trusts have been more bold and more aggressive than ever. But the anti-trust law has been there all of this time. Many trusts have been prosecuted. Some were dissolved. And today it is alleged that the price-fixing by monopolies has contributed to causing the new depression. New laws to curb trusts are being planned. Some are already before congress. And at the same time the old Sherman law is on the books, with many other laws to aid its enforcement, all alive and ready for application.

The power of big combinations has been known under all administrations for more than half a century. Now at the end of that time it is proposed that we shall "pass a law," but—ask some old-time members, "why pass new laws which will cure nothing, curb nothing and do nothing without enforcement?"

No Willingness To Pay The Treasury Debt Statement

The Treasury debt statement shows that foreign countries still owe Uncle Sam \$12,017,075,933.60. Very few of them are showing any willingness to start paying.

It Takes A Half A Million Dollars To Support The Presidency

What does it cost to run the White House? This question is settled in the first appropriation bill which the House is disposing of this week. For the executive office and the executive mansion and grounds in 1939, it will cost the taxpayers very close to half a million dollars. This includes the \$75,000 a year salary for the President; includes the \$135,000 for his secretaries; the \$50,000 for contingent expenses of the President; the \$25,000 for entertainment expenses of the executive; and the \$145,750 for executive mansion and grounds upkeep, etc. Total executive office expense for the next year will be \$449,910.00.

If the independent offices appropriation bill passes both houses as introduced in the House, it will call for expenditures in 1939 of \$1,414,233 in the 1938 appropriation for \$18,515 as compared to \$1,454,590—the same purpose. The committee in trying to economize in this first appropriation bill cut \$125,000 from the CCC which would eliminate about 300 camps. The cut in the CCC item is the principal cut in the entire appropriation bill to supply a large number of independent offices and emergency activities of the government.

Members who say they favor a start toward economy feel that the

CCC and the federal highways, the latter prospectively to be cut about \$2,220,000,000 this year will be penalized in order to boost the big navy appropriation bill which comes into the House next week. This may call for about six hundred million dollars which will be the biggest peace time appropriation since the World War.

When and Where to Cut is Problem

The statement of the public debt of the United States came to each member along with the President's budget message. The statement shows our debt is over \$37,000,000,000 and the budget message indicates that because of the new depression there is no chance to balance our budget this year. Receipts are still far below expenditures. (Continued on page 4, column 1.)

D. C. Schaffer of Emmet, Will Head O'Neill P.C.A. During The Next Year

More than 300 stockholders and friends of the O'Neill Production Credit association attended the association's annual meeting Wednesday, Jan. 12, at O'Neill. A number of farmers and stockmen from this locality were present.

The members elected Otto E. Oberg of Ericson, and C. F. Clark of Burwell, to serve on the board of directors. Other directors elected previously are D. C. Schaffer of Emmet, M. F. Gribble of O'Neill, and A. U. Dix of Butte.

During 1937 the association made 454 loans to farmers and stockmen in Boyd, Holt, Wheeler and Garfield counties, the annual report showed. Organized in 1934, it has made loans totaling more than \$1,262,000 and has built up a substantial reserve to protect the capital stock of the members, the report revealed. Stock owned by the members now has a book value of well above par, the president pointed out.

In presenting the financial statement, Mr. Rooney, secretary-treasurer, said that the amount of association stock owned by the members has steadily increased until they now own \$17,970 of stock, or 13.02 per cent of the total capital.

Visitors at the meeting included Fred V. Portz, field supervisor of the Production Credit corporation; L. J. Richling, secretary-treasurer; Miss Alice M. Marburger, assistant secretary-treasurer; J. C. Coupland, inspector, and W. A. Monson, president of the Norfolk Production Credit association.

In an organization meeting immediately following the stockholders meeting, directors selected D. C. Schaffer as president, A. U. Dix as vice president, James W. Rooney as secretary-treasurer, and Edith J. Davidson as assistant secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

"Slogum House" Is Barred From Libraries

The daily press has carried the information the past few days that Slogum House, the new novel by Mari Sandz, author of Old Jules, had been banned by the library board of the city of McCook the middle of last week and by Mayor Butler of Omaha on Monday of their respective cities. Neither of the cities have anything on O'Neill. It was banned from the O'Neill public library nearly a week before the officials of Red Willow county thought of banning it, on the ground that it was not fit to read. The banning of the book will probably cause increased interest in the volume which will bring in greater financial returns to the author and its publishers.

GRATTAN PROJECT CLUB

The Grattan Project club met at the home of Mrs. Howard Marcus Tuesday for an all day meeting. The lesson was given on one dish meals, and was very interesting. Thirteen members were present, and four visitors. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Vitt.

John Melvin Is Ill With Pneumonia

John Melvin was taken to the hospital last Sunday about noon suffering from an attack of pneumonia. He was some better Wednesday but the physician was of the opinion that the crisis would not be passed until Saturday or Sunday.

His many friends here hope for his speedy recovery.

John was at Council Bluffs, Ia., last week at the bedside of his father, Michael Melvin, who was in a hospital there suffering from pneumonia. Mr. Melvin is 79 years of age and his condition was critical. John had not been feeling very good before his departure for Council Bluffs and it is thought that he acquired a cold while there which brought on the attack. He returned home Saturday night and on Sunday was taken to the hospital.

William McKenney Held In County Jail Here On Charge Of Cattle Theft

William McKenney, about 45, was arrested last Saturday night charged with cattle stealing and is now confined in the county jail. McKenney is charged with having taken four head of calves, valued at \$65, the property of Harry Van Fleet living north of Atkinson, the middle of last week. McKenney denies all knowledge of the crime.

The cattle were traced to Loup City, Nebr., where they were sold last Saturday to the manager of the sales pavilion. After the cattle were located warrant was issued for McKenney and he was placed under arrest. Sheriff Duffy went to Loup City last Monday afternoon and he was joined there on Tuesday by Mr. Van Fleet and the cattle were replevined and are again in the possession of Mr. Van Fleet.

Ruth Harris To Make Tour With Morningside College Chapel Choir

Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, register of deeds, received a letter from her daughter, Ruth, who is a student at Morningside college, Sioux City, that the Chapel Choir of the college, of which Miss Ruth is a member, leaves on an extended tour Jan. 27, that will take them to several southern states and clear to the Gulf.

The choir has fifty members and they will be accompanied by the business manager and the director and his wife, a party of fifty-three in all. On their trip they will give twenty-three concerts, starting at Auburn, Nebr., Jan. 27, then on thru Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, including all the principal cities in the respective states, concluding their southern tour at New Orleans.

On their return trip they will visit Mississippi, Arkansas, Little Rock, Ark., then to Springfield, Mo., and closing their tour at Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 10.

This will be a splendid trip for the members of the choir and O'Neill friends of Miss Ruth congratulate her upon possessing the ability to become a member of the choir, making this trip possible.

Miss Hazel McDonald and Helmar Widfeldt invited thirty-nine guests to the McDonald home to help them celebrate their birthdays Jan. 15, with a 7:30 buffet dinner. In the center of the table was a snow man guarding two large birthday cakes, which were decorated with pink rosebuds and candles. The menu consisted of roast beef, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, tea rolls, green beans, white salad, pickles, celery jello and coffee. The evening was spent playing cards. At midnight the birthday cakes and coffee were served. The guests departed at a late hour wishing Hazel and Helmar many more happy birthdays.

A party of twenty friends tendered Mrs. Vic Halva a surprise party at her home last Friday evening to help her properly celebrate her birthday anniversary. The guests arrived at the Halva home early in the evening and each carried a basket filled with table delicacies. Cards were enjoyed by the guests and about midnight a delicious lunch was served. One of the features of the evening was the fact that one of the guests, James Oppen, was also celebrating his birthday anniversary on the same date. All present report having had a splendid time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Phillips of Tilden, Nebr., arrived in the city last Tuesday for a weeks visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Martin and family.

F.M. REECE RESIGNS AS AGRICULTURAL AGENT OF COUNTY

Head of Farm Activities Here Will Enter Employ of the Federal Land Bank February 1.

F. M. Reece, who has been the Holt County Agricultural agent the past four years with headquarters in this city, has tendered his resignation to be effective on January 31, 1938. In addition to his duties as farm agent he was also secretary of the Holt County Farm Bureau.

On February 1, 1938, Mr. Reece enters the employ of the Federal Land bank of Omaha. He will be employed in the farm service division of the Omaha district and for a time at least he will retain his headquarters in this city.

Mr. Reece has made a success of his work in this county during the years of his service as agricultural agent and has made many friends in this city and county who regret to see him leave his field of service with the farm bureau but will rejoice that he will be able to maintain his headquarters in this city.

Brisk Demand For All Stocker-Feeder Cattle At Atkinson Market

Atkinson, Jan. 18.—Slightly over 400 head of cattle were offered for sale at Tuesday's auction. Buyers were plentiful for all classes and kinds, resulting in a strong to higher market. All stockers and feeders looked anywhere from 25 to 35 cents up from a week ago. Forty head of 500 pound short yearling steers topped the sale at 7.40 a hundred while fair to good yearling steers brought from 5.50 to 6.50.

Demand was very good for both heifer and steer calves with the former selling in a range of 5.50 to 6.50 while the steer end cashed mainly at 6.00 to 7.50. Yearling and two year old heifers were fully steady with a week ago at 5.00 to 6.25. Cows of the canner and cutter variety were firm with better kinds wanted by local butchers and order buyers at fully steady prices.

The hog market is most instances was equal to or slightly higher than Omaha or Sioux City for the same day. Top was 8.30 paid for several droves of the lighter swine, now in popular favor. Price spread between lightweights and heavies and medium weights continued to widen this week, the latter showing losses of 35 to 50 cents a hundred from a week ago. Hog receipts, of which 85 per cent were fats, totaled 505 head. Representative hog sales: 140 to 160 lb. averages...7.75 to 8.20 160 to 200 lb. averages...8.00 to 8.30 205 to 220 lb. averages...7.85 to 8.00 225 to 250 lb. averages...7.35 to 7.75 250 to 300 lb. averages...7.00 to 7.50 Packing Sows...5.75 to 6.50 Feeder pigs 100 to 125 lbs...7.75 to 8.50 Lightweight pigs...8.00 to 11.30

Twenty head of horses were sold and while buyers were plentiful they were reluctant to pay any strong prices stating that eastern and southern markets did not justify a bullish attitude. Prices obtained looked about steady with those of last spring but materially lower than those in force two years ago.

Next auction Tuesday, January 25, at 12:30 p. m.

Nearly Six Thousand Trees Are Ordered

Holt county farmers have ordered 5,700 trees up to this week and applications are still coming in. Those who are thinking of planting trees this spring should get their applications in as soon as possible if they want the seedlings obtainable thru the Clarke-McNary act. Blanks are still available at the Agricultural Agent's office, but supplies of some varieties may be exhausted before long.

JUNIOR PROJECT CLUB

The Junior Project club met at the home of Mrs. L. A. Carter Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. John L. Quig as assisting hostess. A lunch was served at 1:30 after which Mrs. A. J. May and Mrs. W. P. Curtis demonstrated the lesson.

Dennis Criss, the Stuart banker, was looking after business matters in this city Tuesday and visiting many old time friends.