

# THE FRONTIER

## Fatal Accident On Highway No. 20 Last Sunday Night

One of the most tragic automobile accidents in this section of the state for years, about 11:45 last Saturday night, cost the life of Elmer "Red" Ernst and the crippling of Charles Novak and the injuring of Mrs. Novak, with slight injuries to Francis Tenborg, of Emmet.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Novak and their son, 25, had been visiting at Inman and were on their way home. About half way between the north cemetery corner and Danceland Mr. Novak thought he had a flat tire and he drove to the side of the road, stopped the car and got out to examine the tires. He looked them over on the east side and started around the car to the other side when a car driven by Francis Tenborg smashed into him and the car.

The impact of the collision drove the Novak car ahead 91 feet, so the other car must have been traveling mighty fast. Ernst who was riding in Tenborg's car, was killed, and Mrs. Novak, who was in the rear seat of their car, was severely injured in the back. Her son, who was in the front seat escaped injury. Mr. Novak had his right leg badly smashed at the ankle and above, the bone being ground to pieces. A passing car was stopped and he and Mrs. Novak were taken to the hospitable and the authorities were notified and went out after the body of Ernst.

In the box on the rear of the Novak car were four 100 pound sacks of potatoes and to this fact Mrs. Novak probably owes her life. The potatoes took a lot of the shock of the crash, they being ground into pulp. Both cars were badly wrecked.

County Attorney Cronin, who by virtue of his office is also coroner, impaneled a jury Monday afternoon to hold an inquest on the remains of Elmer Ernst. The jury was composed of the following citizens: S. J. Weekes, C. E. Stout, Dr. H. L. Bennett, Gerald Miles, John Kersenbrock and R. E. Calvert. The jury heard the evidence of several witnesses that afternoon and then adjourned until next Monday, as Mr. Novak was in no condition to appear before the jury. It had been the intention of Mr. Novak's folks to take him to Omaha Tuesday night to see if a specialist could probably save his leg. The matter was discussed over the phone with a specialist in Omaha and the injury explained and the local physicians were informed that they could do nothing except amputate the leg and in his condition the operation had better be performed here. So Wednesday forenoon Dr. French and Dr. Ira, of Lynch, performed the operation and took off the leg a little below the knee. Mr. Novak came out of the operation nicely and is doing as well as could be expected.

When the coroner discovered it was the intention to take Mr. Novak to Omaha the coroners jury were taken out to the hospital and he was interviewed there, as well as Mr. Tenborg, who was the driver of the car. They then adjourned until next week.

Mrs. Novak is getting along nicely and is now the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lod Janousek, old time friends, at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Novak are prominent residents of Boyd county, having resided there for about a quarter of a century. They have visited in this city several times during the past few years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lod Janousek and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Halva and their many friends here hope that Mr. Novak will rapidly recover from his injuries.

## Elmer B. Ernst

Elmer B. Ernst, who was killed in an auto collision north of this city last Sunday night, was born north of this city on August 1, 1900, being 38 years, two months and twenty-two days old at the time of his death. He had been a resident of this county practically all his life.

On June 4, 1924, he was united in marriage at Winner, S. D., to Miss Mary Schemper. To this union three children were born, all girls, who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind

and affectionate husband and father. The daughters are, Yvonne, Betty Jane and Mary Lou. In addition he leaves his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Ernst, one brother, Freddie and one sister, Mrs. Bernice Vitt, besides a large number of cousins and other relatives.

Elmer had been an employee of the state highway department for a number of years and had a host of friends in this city and throughout the county, who were shocked at his tragic death.

The funeral was held last Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating and was one of the largest held in this city for many years testifying to the high esteem in which the deceased was held in this city and community. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The bereaved family and other relatives have the sincere sympathy of the people of this city and county in their hour of sorrow.

## Attend Convention W. C. T. U. at Hastings

Mrs. Elsie Johnson, Mrs. Mary Uttley and Miss Meta Martin of O'Neill, Mrs. Goldie Stauffer, Mrs. Mary West and Mrs. Carpenter of Page, delegates to the W. C. T. U. State Convention held in the First Methodist church of Hastings, Nebraska, returned Friday afternoon and report this as one of the most outstanding conventions held for many years.

Large delegations from all over the State were present and the attitude of every one pointed toward a condemnation of the system now employed in the control of the liquor traffic; also of the proposed amendment for legalization of the slot machine in the State of Nebraska.

## Attend Funeral of Uncle

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Mr. and Mrs. Faye Miles drove to Randolph last Tuesday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Joe Shipman, who passed away there Sunday evening at the age of 72 years. He had been a resident of the Randolph vicinity for the past twenty-five years.

Mrs. Clara B. Miles, Mr. Shipman's sister, who had been visiting at the home of her daughter in Denver, arrived here last Thursday night and was taken to Randolph Friday and she was at the bedside of her brother when he passed away. Funeral services were held at Randolph.

## Power Company Has District Meet

The Inter-State Power Company held their semi-annual staff meeting and dinner dance in O'Neill on Saturday night, about 75 being present. The staff meeting which was presided over by L. C. Walling, Division Manager at O'Neill, and which was attended by J. B. Miller, General Operation Superintendent and E. R. Lehman, Safety Director, both of Dubuque, Iowa, and by the following district managers and their staffs: J. C. Wolfe, Winner; Paul Mintken, Ainsworth; W. T. Kincaid, Valentine; L. C. Hoffman, Neligh; Carl Oppen, Creighton, and L. A. Walker, Hartington, began at ten in the morning and lasted until three in the afternoon.

At seven a dinner was served at the Golden Hotel and short talks were given by Mr. Walling, Mr. Miller and Mr. Lehman, and also by L. C. Cain, Division Accountant at O'Neill, who has been transferred to the main office at Dubuque. A Gladstone bag was presented to Mr. Cain by those present.

## Hallowe'en Party For Children Saturday

There will be a Children's Hallowe'en party, Saturday, October 29, at 2:00 p. m. Contests, games, stories, fun for all, come in costume. Every boy and girl in O'Neill is invited to the Hallowe'en party to be held at the Recreation Center. There will be contests, stunts, singing, games, bobbing for apples, peanut treasure hunt, and fortunes are special features of the party. There is no charge for admission. So get your girl friends or boy friends and join the fun.

## State Husking Contest At Madison, October 31

Madison, Nebr.—When the crowd of more than 30,000 persons comes to Madison, Monday, October 31, to witness the annual state battle of bangboards in which the best cornhuskers of every corn producing county in the state will compete for the title of champion of Nebraska they will be greeted by entertainment furnished by two radio stations, one of which will broadcast over the air the actual play by play account of the state's biggest sports event.

Scheduled to start at 10:30 a. m., the contest will be the first feature of the program and for 80 minutes the best huskers in the state will follow the rows of hybrid corn yielding about 60 bushels to the acre.

Throughout the state those who are unable to attend the contest may follow the progress of their favorite husker through the radio broadcast over station WJAG at Norfolk. Over this station will be broadcast the full 80 minutes of husking.

At 1:15 radio station KFAB at Lincoln will go on the air with a full program of entertainment broadcast from the field. This will include the KFAB Man on the Street, Jiggs Miller, and a group of 12 other star entertainers well known throughout Nebraska. The broadcast will continue for more than an hour with a regular program, the second of the season to be broadcast from Madison.

The cornhusking contest itself is sponsored by the Nebraska Farmer which has cooperated with the business men of Madison and the Madison county farm bureau in handling the event. Hybrid seed corn for the field was furnished by the J. C. Robinson seed firm of Waterloo, Nebraska.

## Agricultural News

Another successful 4-H club year is drawing to a close in Holt county as 4-H members are completing their final reports for 1938. Now they are looking forward to a greater year in 1939 with some clubs already reorganized and many others making plans to do so.

Four-H clubs have been highly popular especially with Holt county boys and girls. During 1938 Holt county 4-H clubs have enrolled 215 boys and girls in constructive agricultural projects.

The 4-H clubs are sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service which is a part of the Agricultural College of the University of Nebraska, and is directed within Holt county by the county agent, Lynde R. Stout.

Highlights in the Holt county 4-H program started when Donna Shellhase and Helen Wilkinson of Atkinson each won \$5 prizes in the International Harvester contest for keeping farm account records on their home farms.

Holt county sent nine 4-H members and one leader to the State Fair where Marvina and Dale Stauffer won a blue ribbon in demonstrating poultry housing equipment. Stanley Lambert turned in the best score at the Fair for judging horses and the livestock judging team consisting of Stanley Lambert, Jack Ressel and Jack Walter of Chambers placed high in State-wide competition. Bill and Bob Rees of Amelia received a white ribbon for third prize in competition with 38 teams giving livestock loss prevention demonstrations.

One hundred 4-H club members exhibited their projects at the Holt County Fair in Chambers and fifty boys and girls exhibited calves in the Holt County Stocker-Feeder Show in O'Neill recently.

In line with the greater interest in 4-H clubs in this county, enrollment in the Nebraska 4-H clubs has doubled in recent years.

Through 4-H club work the boys and girls learn about improved farm and home practices and are given practical training in home and farm management. Many of our former 4-H club members today are among the more prominent farmers and scores of them are attending our State University and Colleges.

Miss Marie Wind and Miss Jean Gist left Wednesday afternoon for Norfolk and Lincoln, where they will attend teachers' conventions.

## Decided that O'Neill Won Creighton Game Defeats Ewing 12 to 0

The following letter was received from Superintendent Jordan and pertains to the protest entered by Captain Randall of the O'Neill team, when he was not officially notified that the ball was in play at the beginning of the fourth quarter. The game under protest is the Creighton-O'Neill game. Following is the letter:

PAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Page, Nebraska  
October 24, 1938.

Supt. F. E. Alder,  
O'Neill, Nebraska.  
Dear Mr. Alder:

In the recent Creighton-O'Neill football game on October 14th at the beginning of the fourth quarter Captain William Randall of O'Neill protested the first play of the quarter on the grounds that he had not been notified that time was in play. Not finding the definite rule, the game was played for the remainder of the quarter under protest with the agreement between coaches, captains and officials that the final outcome of the play would be decided upon the legality of the play.

Mr. O. L. Webb, Secretary of the Nebraska High School Activities Association, in reply to the situation quoted the following rule:

Rule 10, Section 2, Article 3 was quoted covering the point which reads: "Prior to the beginning of each half and in every instance when playing has been suspended the Referee shall: a. Ascertain from the officials and each Captain that they are ready; b. Blow his whistle to indicate that the ball may be put in play."

I believe these facts point the way in question to be illegal and the corrected score to be Creighton 0, O'Neill 6.

Very truly yours,  
L. JORDEN.

A fast game was played Friday, October 21, between O'Neill and Ewing, at Ewing. The final score was 12-0 with O'Neill on the long end.

Two touchdowns are credited to O'Neill, one in the first quarter by Harold Hunt and Ralph Brown scoring again in the third quarter. The local lads missed the extra point on both tries.

Both teams played a hard contest. The game was well fought, and while the score indicates a one-sided battle, Ewing made it interesting for the O'Neill boys to the final whistle.

O'Neill will play at Burwell on November 4th and the next home game is November 15th with Bassett.

Tuesday's daily papers carried the information that the President had approved an appropriation from the works progress administration for O'Neill of \$20,000 to improve and construct parks.

A complaint was filed in district court Wednesday against Charlie Snowdard for desertion and non-support of his four children. The complaint alleges that he has failed to provide proper food, clothing and shelter for them since on or about September 4, 1936.

A fire alarm brought out the fire department last Monday about 12:04, when smoke was seen coming from the roof of the Barnhart store building. The chimney had settled and the building caught fire between the roof of the store room and the roof of the building. The fire department soon extinguished the fire without much damage.

Rev. Thomas Walsh, 76, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Battle Creek for the past thirty years, died at 1 o'clock last Tuesday morning at the rectory following a heart attack. He had been in the priesthood for fifty-two years. Father Walsh was well known in this city and had many friends here who were sorry to learn of his passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Oursland and children left Saturday night for Yankton, South Dakota, after having received word that Mrs. Oursland's sister, Mrs. Eldon Clark had been killed in an automobile accident.

## O'Neill National Buys School District Bonds

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the O'Neill School district held in the school building Monday evening the \$30,000.00 worth of bonds voted by the district a few weeks ago, were sold to the O'Neill National bank on their bid of 2 1/2 per cent and a bonus on the bonds of \$400. This bonus brings the bonds down so that the interest rate is about 2 1/4 per cent. This is a lower rate of interest than the federal government has been paying on bonds and speaks volumes for the financial condition of the O'Neill School district.

At the meeting, which was held for the sale of the bonds six outstanding bonding houses were bidders for the bonds, as well as the First National bank and the O'Neill National of this city. The following out of town bonding houses had representatives at the meeting: Wacob-Bender, Burns & Potter, Greenway & Co., Kilpatrick & Pettis and Raynor & Company, of Omaha, and the First Trust Company, of Lincoln.

The bonds will be dated November 1, 1938, and will mature in 15 years, the payment on all the bonds being optional after five years.

Another thing that speaks well for this section of the state is the fact that the O'Neill banks were bidders for the bonds and secured the same against the bidding of some of the largest bond houses in the state. O'Neill banks have the money and they have faith in the ultimate recovery of this section of the state from the drought ravages of the past half dozen years.

## Family Reunion at Milo Benson Home

A big family reunion was held at the Milo Benson home Sunday, October 16, near Opportunity, Nebraska. This being the first time the family had all been together in 10 years.

A lovely Buffet dinner was served with plenty of roast turkey that didn't seem to last very long.

And it seemed very nice to all to be able to be around the family table again. The afternoon was well spent with family creating their own musical entertainment, and taking pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson have nine daughters and two sons living and 15 grandchildren living.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Butts and family, of Morcroft, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burrell and family, of Competition, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Peterson and family, of Plainview, Nebraska; Mrs. Clara McCoy, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Broamer and family, of Hudson, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens and family, of Omaha, Nebraska; Gretchen Lint, of Sioux City, Iowa; Jack Lint, of Gordon, Nebraska; a nd Mary, Ruth, and Dwayne, all of whom are away attending high school. There being 31 present in all.

Some of them remained for an extended visit with the folks and friends, others returned home feeling they had enjoyed a very joyful day and hoping that not so many years will lapse before they are all together again.

## Elmer Stolte to Become Benedict Fri.

Elmer Stolte, and Leonard Bergstrom left Wednesday for Memphis, Mo., where on Friday morning Mr. Stolte will be married to Miss Mary Haffner at eleven o'clock in the morning. Miss Haffner, who has been engaged in radio work in New York City for the past few years, is a former resident of this city, having lived here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haffner for a number of years, before moving to Missouri. Leonard Bergstrom will serve as best man.

## May Soon Become An Oil Magnate

Henry Schacht has visions of being an oil magnate in the very near future. Henry owns sixteen acres of land near McAllen, Texas, which he offered to sell a little over a year ago for \$5,000. Last March he made a trip down there, intending to dispose of the land before returning home, but when he received an offer of the price he asked for the land he turned it down and came home without disposing of the land.

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## Manslaughter Charge Filed Against Francis Tenborg. Pleads Guilty

County Attorney Cronin filed a complaint in district court Wednesday morning charging Francis Tenborg with manslaughter in the death of Elmer Ernst, while a passenger in his car last Sunday night when the car ran into another car on the highway north of the cemetery.

Tenborg appeared before Judge Dickson Wednesday morning and plead guilty to the charge filed by the county attorney. The Court postponed passing sentence until November 9, 1938, and Tenborg was released on a bond of \$1,000 to appear for sentence on that date. The penalty under the charge to which he plead guilty is from one to ten years in the state penitentiary.

Following is the charge to which he plead guilty:

"State of Nebraska vs. Francis Tenborg: That Francis Tenborg did on the 23rd day of October, 1938, in the county of Holt and state of Nebraska being then and there driving an automobile upon the public highway in Holt county, Nebraska, without first having obtained a Nebraska Motor Vehicle Operators license and while driving in an unlawful, careless, reckless and negligent manner and at a speed greater than was reasonable and prudent under conditions then existing, and being in a state of intoxication, did cause the automobile he was driving to collide with another automobile being lawfully operated upon said highway by one Charles Novak, thereby injuring one Elmer Ernst, from the effects of which the said Elmer Ernst died; that by reason of the facts aforesaid, the said Francis Tenborg unintentionally and while in the commission of unlawful acts did unlawfully and feloniously kill Elmer Ernst."

## New Officers for County Agricultural Com.

For the past couple of weeks the members of the county agricultural program have been electing their township committeemen and these committeemen met in convention in this city last week and elected the following county committee: Fred F. Beckwith, Emmet, chairman; Delbert F. Scott, Atkinson, vice chairman; George L. Fink, Page, regular member; Floyd D. Anderson, Chambers, first alternate; Ora R. Yarges, Stuart, second alternate.

## The Weather

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Oct. 20	67	33
Oct. 21	73	35
Oct. 22	68	30
Oct. 23	46	14
Oct. 24	65	23
Oct. 25	74	34
Oct. 26	68	36

## Specifications for Cribs

Following are the specifications for a crib in which corn may be sealed in 1938, according to officers of the Holt County Agricultural Conservation Program.

The crib should not be over eight feet wide, floor should be off the ground high enough for ventilation underneath, sides should be open enough to allow plenty of ventilation, roof should be tight and substantial to withstand the strong winds. The whole crib should be built to store the corn at least two years.

Miss Anna Joyce left Sunday for Omaha where she will visit her sister, Miss Margaret for a short time before going on to California to join her other sisters and brother.

## MRS. CORA E. MURPHY

Mrs. Cora E. Murphy died at her home southeast of Page about 10 o'clock last evening, October 26, 1938, of a paralytic stroke, at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 8 days. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m., from the Methodist church in Page, Rev. L. Carpenter officiating and burial in the Page cemetery.

Cora Ellen Stone was born at Muscatine, Iowa, on November 26, 1861. On March 12, 1890, she was united in marriage to J. L. Murphy at Crab Orchard, Nebraska. Four children were born of this union all of whom survive and with their father are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate wife and mother. The children are: Mrs. Stanley Stauffer, O'Neill; Mrs. Evelyn French, Stromberg; Mrs. Anna L. Thompson, Stromberg; J. Lowell Murphy, Page.

The family moved to this county in the spring of 1909 coming here from Johnson county, Nebraska, and since that time have made their home near Page. Mrs. Murphy was always active in civic affairs in that section of the county and she had a host of friends over the county who will regret to learn of her passing.

Phil Hughes of Omaha spent Thursday and Friday as a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McCarthy of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ryan, of Sioux City, Iowa, were here last week visiting relatives and looking after business matters.

Mrs. Harry Anderson, who has been visiting her father, John A. Robertson, of Joy returned to her home in Omaha Wednesday.

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