

An Old Pioneer Passes Away At Creighton

Mrs. Wilhelmina Thierolf, who came to Nebraska 22 years before its admission to the union and lived 83 of her 84 years in the Cornhusker state, passed away at her home here about 11 o'clock Saturday night. She had been ill for some time. Death was attributed to hardening of the arteries and degenerative arthritis, with a fall suffered several weeks ago being a contributory cause. She was 84 years, four months, and 22 days old at the time of her passing.

Mrs. Thierolf lived here 28 years. She was born at Ashland, Ohio, July 18, 1854, and came to Nebraska with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoll, the following year.

On March 9, 1875, she was married at Plattsmouth to Henry Thierolf. Six of seven children born to them survive her. They are: George, of Arnold, Mich.; Albert, of Lincoln; Mrs. Rosa Weber, Creighton; Ona, Niobrara; Mrs. Victoria Hansen, Star; and Mrs. Sophronia Gableman, Beatrice. Another daughter, Matie, passed away in 1915, and Mr. Thierolf died the following year. Besides the surviving children, there are 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Eighty-three years continuous residence in Nebraska, a state whose history hardly goes back that far, made Mrs. Thierolf one of its earlier residents. When her parents and she left Ohio in 1855 and settled on a claim along the Platte river, about two miles from Plattsmouth, they qualified without reservations as a pioneer family. The trip to Nebraska was made by steamboat, down the Ohio river to St. Louis, then up the Missouri to Plattsmouth. At Plattsmouth Mr. and Mrs. Stoll reared a family of 12 children.

For 25 years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Thierolf lived at Plattsmouth, but in 1900 they moved with their family to near Star, in Holt county. Ten years later they moved to Creighton, which remained Mrs. Thierolf's home until her passing.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Thierolf Tuesday afternoon—at 1 o'clock at the home and at 1:30 at the Federated church—with the pastor, Rev. George B. Anderson, officiating. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.—Creighton News.

Another Old Pioneer Passes Away Wed.

Mrs. Bee Merzig passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter O'Malley northwest of this city Wednesday evening about 8 p. m., after an illness of several months, at the age of 79 years, 9 months and 18 days.

Mrs. Merzig was a native of Scranton, Pa., coming to Holt county with her parents in the fall of 1878 and they located northeast of this city. On October 5, 1882, she was united in marriage to Peter H. Merzig, the ceremony being performed at Fort Niobrara. Five children were born of this union, two of whom survive and are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. They are, Mrs. Walter O'Malley, O'Neill, and Miss Elizabeth Merzig, Philadelphia, Penn., and one sister, Mrs. James Brennan, O'Neill, and one brother, Christopher Casey, of Omaha.

Mrs. Merzig and family were residents of this county for about a year while her husband, who was in the regular army, was in the Philippines. After the war the family moved to Pennsylvania where she made her home until June, 1934, when she came back to Holt county and since that time made her home with her daughter, Mrs. O'Malley.

Funeral arrangements had not been made at the time of going to press, pending word from her daughter in Pennsylvania.

The Puppet Show

On December 31 the O'Neill Recreation center will present a free puppet show entitled "The Jewel Tree" and will be held at the K. of C. Hall.

The local puppet group have been working day and night to present this sensational play with an all star cast to the public. They have

been repairing the entire cast consisting of: Petrovitch, the Hero; Tanya, the heroine; Ba Ba Ya Ga, the witch. Taming and training horses for the necessary roles. The stage is being redesigned for this play.

Petrovitch: "I'm the terrible Petrovitch . . . the strongest, the bravest and the most handsome man in Russia. I'm the hero of the play. . . I rescue the heroine. . . The only trouble is she's too fat. . . I don't like fat girls they're a nuisance."

Wood Craft

The craft shop at the Recreation center is being opened each Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock for adult craft work. Our craft instructor is an expert craftsman and a large supply of interesting patterns to choose from.

Those attending craft shop are asked to furnish their wood and similar materials. The craft shop is well equipped with the necessary tools.

Mrs. Clara Kiplinger

Mrs. Clara Martha Kiplinger died at the University Hospital in Omaha last Tuesday after an illness of many months, at the age of 21 years, 9 months and 8 days. The body was shipped to this city Wednesday night and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. Wright officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Deceased was born at Page, Nebraska, on March 12, 1917, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Sterner. She was married at Bartlett, Nebr., to Gerald Kiplinger, who with a son, Bruce, are left to mourn her passing. She also leaves her parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Goldie Fontaine

Mrs. Goldie Fontaine died at her home in this city last Sunday morning at 1:50 A. M., after an illness of several months of Bright's disease, at the age of 38 years, 10 months and 20 days. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating and burial in Pleasant Valley cemetery at Meek, Nebr.

Goldie Fontaine was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Millard Putman, for many years pioneer residents of the Eagle, northwest of this city. She was born on the old homestead on January 28, 1900, and lived practically all her life in this county. On November 3, 1923, she was united in marriage to Charles H. Fontaine at Yankton, S. D. To this union one daughter was born, Mabel Darlene, who with her father are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate wife and mother. She also leaves one brother, Louis and four sisters to mourn her passing. They are Mrs. Ed Hood, Spencer; Mrs. Geo. Thavenett, O'Neill; Mrs. E. F. Bents, Laughton, Iowa, and Mary Putman, of O'Neill.

Mrs. Fontaine was a resident of the northern part of the county until about three years ago when they moved to this city and had since resided here. She was a charming woman with a pleasant personality and had a host of friends in this city and county who will regret to learn of her passing in the prime of life.

Shelterbelt Personnel

Don Harmon, who has been in charge of field work for shelterbelt plantings in the vicinity of Page, has left the Government's employ for other work. Russel C. Brownfield, of O'Neill will henceforth be in charge of the work for the north two thirds of Holt County, and anyone desiring information concerning new plantings in that area should get in touch with Mr. Brownfield.

The Neligh District, consisting of Antelope, Holt, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Boone, Nance and Knox counties is now under the direction of Carl A. Taylor. Mr. Taylor has been with the Shelterbelt project since its start in the spring of 1935; and has covered various assignments in five of the states in which the cooperative farm shelterbelts are growing, but considers this district one of the most promising of fine results from the planting of tree shelterbelts for crop protection.



The Frontier extends to all its readers a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Lawrence Chapman Transferred to New York

Lawrence Chapman came up from Omaha last Thursday and visited friends in this city. Lawrence has been in Omaha for sixteen years where he has filled a position for the Phoenix and London Guarantee company of New York, having charge of Nebraska and western Iowa. He informed us that he was leaving Nebraska the end of this week, moving to New York city, where he had accepted an appointment as an executive officer in the home office of the company. This is a deserved promotion and carries with it a substantial increase in salary. Chappies O'Neill friends wish him continued happiness and prosperity in his new home.

Will We Have New and Higher Taxes

More and more news is beginning to leak out concerning the Administration's vast rearmament plan. It seems certain that hundreds of millions will be spent next year for battleships, planes and expansion of all the arms of the military service. This forthcoming "war budget" will doubtless be the largest, for peace time, in our history.

In the meantime, there is considerable talk about possible ways of financing it. The President has said that he does not want to do that by adding to the debt—that he favors a pay-as-we-go plan so far as possible. At the same time, sentiment generally in Congress seems to be against new taxes.

One suggested solution is for the Administration to liquidate some of the tremendous assets held by the RFC. This bureau is a big partner in American industry, and its holdings run into the billions. They are, however, difficult to realize on—no one believes the RFC would dump securities on the open market, as that would be certain to cause a sharp break in values.

So, even though Congress is unwilling, it may become necessary to pay for rearmament with new taxes, or higher old ones. If the latter course is chosen, it is likely that the income tax on all or most brackets will be increased one or two per cent.

Don't For A Merry Christmas

A Merry Christmas to you and yours! And remember—it can't be merry unless it's safe.

Fire is the great hazard of the holiday season. It has turned many gladsome celebration into a horrible tragedy; for the victims of holiday fires are usually children.

So—here are some don'ts for the holidays that will pay you tremendous dividends in the coin of happiness and safety:

Don't use candles on your Christmas tree—the tree itself is highly inflammable and it, to-

gether with tinsel decorations placed near flame, may cause a holocaust in your home. Electric light sets are inexpensive, safe and satisfactory.

Don't permit children dressed in flimsy cloth or paper holiday costumes to be in a room with open flame of any kind. Fatal burns can be suffered in an incredibly brief period of time.

Don't give children gifts that require the use of explosive chemicals fire, steam or other hazardous elements.

Don't allow a mess of discarded Christmas package wrappings to accumulate. A carelessly disposed match or cigarette may cause them to burst into fire that will swiftly get out of control.

Dry Christmas trees present a major hazard—dispose of yours as soon as the holidays are over.

And—last but not least—don't take a chance of any kind. Be constantly alert. Have your fun safely.

GREETINGS FROM ST. JOHN'S

With grateful memories and sincere appreciation of your kindness and friendship towards us during the past year—the Priest and people of St. John's extend to their many friends of O'Neill and vicinity the greetings of the season, and wish you one and all,—a holy and a happy Christmas and an abundance of good things during 1939.

C. A. BEYERSDOFER.

Communications Must Be Signed By Writer

The Frontier has repeatedly stated in its news columns that it would not print anonymous communications. During the past month we have received several such items. Some of them had real news value, while in others it was apparent that some one was trying to get even with some one else. Correspondents should remember that we will print nothing in The Frontier unless we know the author. The name is not necessary for publication, but we must know who the author is or the matter will not appear in the columns of The Frontier.

CARD OF THANKS

Permit us to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the local head officials of the WPA in this city, Howard Perkins and Dan Sullivan and father and all other fellow workers and to our many kind friends and neighbors for assistance rendered following the death of our beloved wife and mother.—Charles H. Fontaine and daughter.

J. B. Ryan and son, Bobbie will leave on Friday for Chicago, where they will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Doyle, and with Joe Ryan. J. B. will return after the holidays but Bobbie will remain in Chicago, and will attend either North-western University or the University of Loyola.

New Deal Foes Are Active

Some political commentators have expressed the opinion that the recent election which admittedly turned out as a rebuke to the New Dealers, would serve to pull the democrats together rather than to divide them further. Yet the soundness of this prediction may be seriously doubted unless we are to expect that the New Dealers themselves will change their unsound policies for some which are more in keeping with budget balancing and federal expenditure. Certainly it cannot be expected that statesmen like Harry Byrd, Carter Glass and Pat Harrison will be pulled any closer to the New Deal by the election results. We have a line on Senator Byrd's impressions in a caustic speech which he delivered recently before the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers' Association.

Senator Byrd advocated the reorganization of the federal government for simplification, retrenchment and economy; cancellation of the existing authority of thirty federal borrowing corporations; reducing the activities of the "Greenbelts, and tree belts"; transfer of part of the relief burden to local and state governments and conduct of the government within the ability of our people to pay.

Senator Byrd declared that we are just emerging from nine years of fiscal insanity, and added: "We are facing a perilous situation and what can be done about it? Can we expect any leadership from the present administration for economy and retrenchment? As one who has fought for five years for prudent spending in Washington, I say no."

Senator Byrd was caustic in a lengthy attack upon the Roosevelt administration. Good government, he said, would be "vastly promoted if the brain-trusters from Tugwell to Corcoran would go home, and if Congress resumed its constitutional duty."

"A modern liberal," he asserted, "is tested and judged in proportion as to how liberal he is willing to be with other people's money." Not long ago Senator Byrns, of South Carolina, long looked upon as an administration wheel horse, delivered a speech in New York in which he declared that policies at Washington would have to be changed if we are going to return to sound business prosperity in the United States. As did Senator Byrd, he made caustic reference to those who pose as liberals because they are liberal with other people's money.

It may be that the New Deal and the Jeffersonians in Washington are going to move closer together because of the Republican gains in the recent election. But developments so far would seem to indicate that if there is to be a narrowing of the gap the New Dealers themselves will have to do most of the narrowing.

After all, if anybody should be sobered by the election results it ought to be the New Dealers. They were the ones who lost caste. If you don't believe this, just compare the election returns affecting Senators Tydings and Clark with those which eliminated such New Deal wheelhorses as Senator Buckley, Governor Murphy and Senatorial Candidate Earle.

SOUTHEAST BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

About the only thing in men's clothing not encroached upon by modern feminine attire is the uniform of a letter carrier.

Texas weather has worked up this way along with large shipments of oranges. No frost some days preceding the week of Christmas.

Sheep-lined white boots with bare legs have made their appearance as a style of winter foot wear for the swanky young dames parading O street.

On a bulletin board in front of a downtown church is a suggestion for a job for those not otherwise employed.—"Hunt for the good in the other fellow."

If Doc Townsend's two hundred-a-month pension is a problem in spending, what is the thirty-thousand-a-month that the young Dodge widow asks from the estate?

I recently listened to an absorbing discourse by a man of world-wide travel who employed neither the term "sky-scraper," teeming millions" nor the "mighty Amazon."

There are around one thousand languages on the human tongue. Then we haven't done so much if we acquire one or two. Somebody tells us the Greek word for boiled water is "zoop."

These large red apples imported from the Pacific northwest have a strong competitor for popular favor in the Nebraska Jonathan. Like the valorous son of King Saul, they have a quality of their own. The southeast counties of the state produce thousands of bushels of this delectable fruit each season.

Amusing things may happen in a place set apart for sacred things. The blind man was conducted to a pew well to the front and left to his own devices as to where in the pew he would sit. With the extreme end next to the wall his apparent goal he edged along and when he sat down it was on the lap of one of the brethren. There were none of the sisters seated in that pew.

An Italian-American of long acquaintance says there is some merit in dictatorship as developed in his native country. In his boyhood days in Italy the racketeer flourished with a high hand. They made their demands on people with money and it was either comply with the demand or have your head taken off. Mussalini has put a stop to all this, according to my Italian friend and he says we are not free from the racketeer right here in Lincoln. But I haven't heard of any heads being taken off.

A stranger, a little worse because of the frequent use of the corkscrew, yet foxy enough to work the ruse of making a pretense of an errand, found his way to a basement room of a church a few blocks south of the capitol where a meeting was being held. When his presence was discovered by the church custodian he inquired for an individual, real or fictitious, not connected with the church group and being told there was no such person there he made his departure. Ten minutes later it was discovered that the overcoats belonging to some in the meeting had been stolen. It is said rads on the cloak rooms at various churches throughout the city has become a racket.

L. H. Edwards, one of the prosperous farmers and stockmen of the southern part of the county, was a pleasant caller last Monday while in the city on business and extended his subscription to this household necessity.

New Books Received At Grattan Library

Following is a list of new books recently received at the O'Neill Public Library, in both the Juvenile and Adult departments:

Juvenile Books

Cattle Ranch to College, Doubleday; Davy Jones Locker, Fulton; Haunted Air Ways, Burtis; Jim of the Press, Dean; Jinx Ship, Pease; Lardy The Great, Fulton; Living Forest, Heming; Son of the White Man, Best; American Boy Sports, Griffith; American Boy's Adventure Stories, Griffith; Betty Lou of Log Mountain, Justus; Disappearance of Ann Shaw, Seaman; Up Stairs and Down Stairs, Sherman; Susannah of the Yukon, Dennison.

Big Miss Liberty, Rogers; Girls of Glen Hazard, Chokman; Daughter of the Coast Guard, Baxter; Jane, Stewardess of the Air Lines, Wheeler; Kitten Kat, Dearborn; Chinky Joins the Circus, Quosey; Heidi Grows Up, Tritten; Adventures in a Big City, Reardon; Betty Lou in Paris, Criss; Bibi, Kairn; The Hurdy Gurdy Man, Bianco; Timothy, Garbutt; Turkey Tale, Bacon.

Adult Books

The Wall, Rinehart; Heart Broken Melody, Norris; Rebecca, DeMaurier; Dark Riven, Hall; Madam Curie, Curie; Wolcott Reader, Wolcott; O'Henry Memorial Award, Prize Stories of 1938, Hansen; Master Quiz Book, Haskins; Way of the Transgressor, Farson; Little Known Facts About Well Known People, Carnegie; The Mortal Storm, Bottome; Night Must End, Price; Nobody's In Town, Ferber; 40,000 Quotations, Douglas; Book Nobody Knows, Barton; America's Sixty Families, Lundburg; Young Doctor Galahad, Seifert.

Wisdoms Gate, Baines; Raiders of Spanish Peaks, Grey; What Do You Want for \$1.98, Austin; Crippled Splendor, Evans; Trail to Yesterday, Seltzer; Honor of the Big Snows, Curwood; Model Memoirs, Leacock; Trial of Helen McLoad, Parsons; Golden Empire, Richardson; You Haven't Changed, Banning; 13 Vol. Smithsonian Scientific Series, also 1938-1939, Who's Who in America.

The Weather

Following is the weekly weather chart.

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Alpha Club

The Alpha club held their annual seven o'clock Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Whitfield on Wednesday evening, December 14.

The club members and their husbands were present.

The out side guests were Mrs. Aneta Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Knapp.

The room and tables were decorated in red and white, the club colors. The place cards were white and red and made lovely decorations for the tables.

Our club president, Nellie Boshart was toastmaster. The word chosen for their toasts was Mary.

Mother, Louise Robertson; Arise and seek the Christ Child, Maud Auken; Review of the club years, Ruby Morton; Yuletide, Pearl Whitfield.

The menu consisted of Tomato Juice Cocktail, Roast Chicken, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Creamed Cauliflower Salad, Pickles, Olives, Celery, Cranberry sauce, Rolls, Jelly, Date Pudding with whipped cream and Coffee.

The remainder of the evening was spent playing bridge.

Before returning home each person received a lovely gift.

The club members received their gifts from their friends.

All reported a very enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Melvin Ord and daughter, Sandra, arrived Saturday night from Hastings, Iowa, and will visit here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith sr., until after the holidays. Mr. Ord will come later in the week to spend Christmas.