

# THE FRONTIER



## Bid For Business

Foreign Minister Aranha of Brazil is in town. So are a lot of other South and Central American statesmen. But Aranha is the most important one of them. His picture is in every paper in town nearly every day and the social columns are filled with stories about how he is being wined and dined by every official and social set. There are so many parties given for him that tongues are starting to wag. If he keeps his feet on the ground he may go back home with millions of American dollars because he is said to be here for a loan of fifty million. One reason why the people here are playing up to him is that Brazil is a great market for automobiles, airplanes, tractors, machinery of all kinds and recently the American industrialists have been worried because they hear Germany, Italy, Japan and some of the other countries are getting that business. So Aranha and these other Latin-Americans know they "have something to barter" and they are certainly talking business. There have been a lot of meetings in South America with our own statesmen following which there have been great orations about preserving the Monroe Doctrine and developing our trade there. Brazil raises a lot of coffee. We buy a lot of it. But Brazil also raises a lot of cotton, wheat, beef and wool. That's what makes the farm district congressmen suspicious of all these swell parties for this Brazilian statesman. Nobody has yet forgotten that Brazil has millions of dollars worth of defaulted bonds held by American investors. And although there will be much said these days about getting back our trade in Brazil—there will be many members who will have their fingers crossed when helpful legislation for Brazil comes up for action. Just what will Brazil want to trade us for new loans of American dollars?

## Two Billion—Used For What?

Talking about our 2 billion dollar stabilization fund which congress must decide upon ending or continuing—nobody in congress really knows what is being done with it. Some members used to think that the Treasury used it to stabilize the American dollar, but that is denied now. So, before permission is given the Chief Executive and the Treasury to play with it much longer, members will ask a lot of questions. They have been told a lot of this money is used to play with French francs. One member told his colleagues he learned when French francs go down, our treasury buys them with stabilization fund money. Whether we sell the francs and make a profit when the franc goes up, is not known, but congressmen are going to be inquisitive and are going to ask a lot of questions before they say "yes" to any demands which come to the Hill from the Treasury Department this year.

## "Building Their Fences"

The English embassy is the most popular these days. Nearly every society-mad woman and man in town are calling and "leaving their cards." There is a reason—the English King and Queen are coming here in June. Statesmen believe that this visit has many significant angles.

## Fish Scraps

American fish industries want an excise tax on imported fish scraps that go into fertilizer and fish meal. They say the Americans have a hundred million dollars invested in this business and that the Japanese supply 75% of the fish meal and fish scraps. They tell congressmen that a Japanese lobby is here fighting against any American plan to put on an excise tax.

## Lyons Man in Geodetic Survey

Donald Karo, of Lyons, Nebraska, has been in Washington on government business. He has been transferred from the western coast to Norfolk, Virginia with the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Mr. Karo is a descendant of Nebraska pioneers and has been with the Coast

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## O'NEILL STUDENTS TAKE HONORS IN DISTRICT CONTEST

Junior Harris, a senior in O'Neill high school, won a superior rating, which is the highest rating for a dramatic contestant, in the District III Dramatic Contest, Class A Division, at Wayne, Nebr., March 25, 1939. Junior Harris won this honor in the oratorical division with the oration "Ropes." The only other superior rating given in the Class A Division was received by the Norfolk contestant.

This is the first time that O'Neill has received a superior rating in a District Dramatic Contest, therefore much commendation is due the parties concerned with obtaining this honor. This award entitles Junior to participate in the State Contest which will be held April 11 and 12.

Bob Hanley, a sophomore in the O'Neill high school, won a rating of good in the district contest in the humorous division. This is the first experience as a speaker that this student has ever had, and much credit is due his efforts.

These contestants were coached by Miss Jean Gist, English and dramatics instructor of O'Neill high school.

The ratings in the humorous division of the contest were: Pierce—average; Wayne City—good; Wisner—excellent; Tilden—good; Norfolk—superior; Bloomfield—excellent; Madison—superior; St. Edward—average; Albion—good; Valentine—good; O'Neill—good; West Point—good.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Ira George spent the week-end in Omaha visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Max Golden returned Tuesday night from a short visit with relatives and friends in Omaha.

Miss Mayme Cullen, of Omaha, arrived in O'Neill Wednesday, and is here visiting friends.

Mrs. W. P. Dailey, of Emmet, and Miss Marie Biglin drove to Omaha on Monday, where they visited relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McNally, of Norfolk, arrived Saturday and will make this city their home for the present.

Rev. B. F. Leahy, of Genoa, and Rev. C. A. Byersdorfer, of St. John's Deloit, were in O'Neill on Tuesday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Simonson, Delta Gunn and Murriel Burge made a business trip to Norfolk Wednesday afternoon.

Judge Dickson and Reporter McElhane were in Bassett last Monday holding a short term of district court.

Ralph Mellor and Robert Mains will leave Sunday for Denver, where they will make their home in the future.

Ambrose Rohde left Thursday for Norfolk, where he will attend a meeting of the managers of the Council Oak stores in this district.

Mrs. A. N. Gunn, whose birthday occurred last Sunday, reports that she was greeted early on that morning by her son, Robert, from Portland, Oregon, via telephone.

Gus Cadwell, of Huron, S. D., in O'Neill on Sunday on his way to Grand Island, where he had been called by the serious illness of his father.

Mrs. Grant White, of Bristow, was in O'Neill on Thursday on business connected with the selling of her house in the southeast part of town.

Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mrs. C. E. Lundgren, Mrs. F. Crandall, and Mrs. D. K. Stuart, of Stuart, drove to Sioux City last Friday, where they spent the day visiting.

Mrs. Morris Morton and son, of McGrew, Nebraska, arrived in O'Neill last Thursday and is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Harmon, and her brother, Emmet Harmon, who is seriously ill.

## Fred McNally Escapes Serious Injury When Truck Overturns

Monday afternoon on his way to Bartlett to deliver a load of gasoline, Fred McNally, driving in a heavy snow storm, skidded and overturned his truck about four miles south of O'Neill. The truck was turned completely over, and Mr. McNally experienced great difficulty in getting out of the cab, which was badly damaged, and the entire load of gas, about six hundred gallons, was lost. Mr. McNally suffered several gasburns about the head, and numerous bruises, but was not badly hurt. The truck was quite badly damaged.

## ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES FOR DEFAMATION

D. Jay Rhodes, an Omaha real estate dealer, has filed suit in the district court of this county asking \$25,000 damages from Charles Prusa, of Atkinson, for defamation of character. The suit grew out of statements made by Prusa in objecting to Rhoades serving as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. John Kazda, formerly a resident of Omaha. In her will she named Rhoades as the executor of the estate. Prior to the filing of the suit here Prusa and others had filed objections in the Douglas county court, objecting to Rhoades as executor. The case will come up for trial in the fall term of district court.

## Old Time Resident Passes Away in Omaha

Michael P. Brennan died at Omaha last week and his funeral was held last Saturday. He was 71 years of age. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and three children, a sister, Miss Anna, of Omaha, and James A. Brennan, living northeast of this city. Mr. Brennan was a son of a pioneer settler in this section of the state, living northeast of this city. He left here fifty-one years ago, moving to Omaha, where he had since made his home. He had a host of friends among the old timers in this city and vicinity, who learned, with regret, of his death.

## HIGHWAY PATROL APPREHENDING MORE VIOLATORS

D. L. Snyder was before Judge Malone in county court last Friday to answer a complaint filed by Patrolman Brt, who alleged in the complaint that he was driving recklessly on the highways of the county on March 25. He pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$15.00 and costs, amounting to \$3.10.

## Jolly Stars Project Club

The March meeting of the Jolly Star's was held at the home of Mrs. Charles V. Cole the 22nd of this month with seven members and one visitor present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. F. P. Hunter. Secretary's report was read and approved. Our leader, Mrs. Hansen, distributed the circulars "Business Facts Homemakers Should Know." Leader B being absent, Mrs. Hunter taking her place.

This was a very interesting lesson with much discussion, questions and answers.

Our president gave a short talk on each lesson for the coming club year. Plans were made for the Achievement Day in O'Neill, April 20th. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, Mrs. F. P. Hunter, president; Mrs. L. A. Hansen, leader "A"; Mrs. Robert Miller, leader "B"; Mrs. John A. Carson, reading leader; Mrs. Charles V. Cole, song leader; Mrs. Albert Carson, news reporter, and Mrs. Margaret Hunter, social leader.

Tea was served at five o'clock by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hartly and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Moore drove to Sioux City Thursday morning on business, returning in the afternoon.

## HIGH SCHOOL BAND ENTERTAINS EWINGITES

The band went to Ewing last Friday, March 24, and proved themselves worthy of their fine band leader, Ira George. The band was also directed by band masters from Page and Valentine and Ewing and the skill that they demonstrated showed that under Mr. George's able leadership they are able to cope skillfully with situations under different circumstances.

Several other things on the program proved of much interest also. The Ewing primary band, Page's brass sextet and the speaker of the evening, Mr. Bream, of Casper, Wyoming, were very interesting.

The O'Neill public school faculty was well represented at the program. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. George, Mr. and Mrs. Alder, Mr. and Mrs. Grill, Mr. and Mrs. Stolte, Miss Enright, Miss Gallagher, Miss Miller, Miss Kvam, Miss Jones, Miss Gist and Miss Henry.

## MRS. M. A. BIGLIN, O'NEILL'S OLDEST RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Margaret Ann Biglin passed away at her home in this city Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 after an illness of several years of ailments incident to advancing years, at the age of 80 years, one month and nine days. Funeral services will be held Friday morning, from the Catholic church of which deceased had been a life-long member, Rev. Monsignor McNamara officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Margaret Ann McCann was born at Seranton, Pa., on February 21, 1859. When she was twenty years of age she came to this city with her father, John W. McCann, and O'Neill has been her home for over 60 years. Her father engaged in business in this city and for several years Miss McCann was one of O'Neill's most charming young ladies and took part in all the festivities of the young people in this section in the early days. On February 14, 1884, she was united in marriage to Owen F. Biglin, the ceremony being performed in this city. To this union eight children were born, all of whom are living and all of whom have visited their mother several times during her serious illness of the past three months and all but her son, John, were at her bedside when she passed away. John was here last week, but had returned to his home. They are all here now for the funeral services. The children are: John Biglin, Hastings, Neb.; Frank J. Biglin, O'Neill; Sister M. Eugene, Sioux City, Iowa; W. J. Biglin, O'Neill; Mrs. F. N. Cronin, O'Neill; Miss Genevieve and Ambrose Biglin, O'Neill; Sister Calixta, Jackson, Nebr., who are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. She also leaves several grandchildren and six great grandchildren, who will miss the kindly advice and assistance of their beloved grandmother.

With the death of Mrs. Biglin the oldest resident of this city has passed. She had been a resident of O'Neill for over sixty years. When she came here, O'Neill City, as it was called then, was a little hamlet with but three buildings and she lived to see it grow into a city that is classed as one of the best in the north central part of the state. The old timers endured many hardships and privations during the early days but like all the old pioneers, they endured the hardships that their loved ones might be happy and contented. Surrounded by her loved ones her last years were spent in peaceful contentment.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathies to them in the hour of their bereavement.

## Stanley John Stevens

Stanley John Stevens died at the home of his aunt in Page at 7:45 Wednesday night after an illness of several months at the age of 49 years, 10 months and 6 days. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the M. E. church in Page, Rev. Carpenter officiating and burial in the Page cemetery.

Deceased was born in Oseola, Nebr., on May 23, 1889, and came to this county with his parents when he was ten years of age and had made his home in this county since that time, living in Page and vicinity. He was never married and is survived by four brothers and four sisters. They are: Wm. Stevens, O'Neill; Fred B. Stevens, Center; Leslie G., Oakland; H. J. Page; Mrs. Eva Cunningham and Mrs. Laura Cunningham, Page; Mrs. Elsie Ames, Elm Creek; Effie Stevens, Page.

A letter from home, The Frontier

## O'NEILL BOXERS WIN MEET FROM CREIGHTON

The O'Neill High School punched out a victory over the Creighton team in the gymnasium the evening of March 23.

The decisions were: Junior Jarjeske, O'Neill, lost to Eddie Blair, Creighton. William Perry, O'Neill, beat Jimmie Burt, Creighton. Charles Jeffrey, O'Neill, beat Myron Fidler, Creighton. Bill Ry, O'Neill, beat Oswald Hobson, Creighton. Martin Van Every, O'Neill, lost to Bill Burt, Creighton. Ralph Brown, O'Neill, beat Frederick Wegner, Creighton. Richard Loy, O'Neill, lost to Jan Youel, Creighton. Howard Jeffrey, O'Neill, fought to a draw Joe George, Creighton. Andy Schaacht, fought to a draw Leonard Hansen, Creighton.

The O'Neill team with a few more to be added, will meet the Creighton team at Creighton on March 28.

## John J. Harrington Is Recovering From Serious Operation

Mrs. J. Murray, of Spencer, left here last Friday morning for Washington, D. C., to be at the bedside of her brother, John J. Harrington, who was dangerously ill at a hospital there after an operation for a ruptured appendix. Word received from there on Wednesday morning was to the effect that John is now on the road to rapid recovery, which will be gratifying news to his many friends in this city and county.

## LOCAL ATTORNEYS ATTEND FUNERAL OF BUTTE LAWYER

Judge C. J. Malone, J. D. Cronin, W. J. Hammond, Judge Harrington, James P. Marron, Norman Gonderinger and Ira H. Moss of this city drove over to Butte last Monday, where they attended the funeral of W. T. Wills, one of the pioneer attorneys of this section of the state. He is survived by four sons and four daughters.

For forty-seven years, Mr. Wills had practiced law in Boyd county. He was well known in this city, appearing frequently in the district and county courts here for several years and had many friends here who regretted his passing.

## The Weather

This section of Nebraska was treated to some moisture the past week. Snow started falling here about 10:00 a.m., Monday morning and continued until late that night, the estimated fall being ten and one-half inches, which contained .56 hundredths of an inch of moisture. Snow again started falling early Wednesday morning and continued until late in the afternoon. The snow fall Wednesday contained a lot of moisture and the snow melted as it fell. The snow fall Wednesday added .16 hundredths of an inch of moisture to the precipitation for the week which amounted to .72 hundredths of an inch.

No winds accompanied the last snow and it did not drift and the moisture all went into the ground which should put it in splendid shape for spring work. Monday's snow was heavier here than in any other portion of this section of the state. There was a light fall at Ewing and east of there but a trace, but on Wednesday the snow fall was general from here across the state and over into Iowa. Nebraska was deficient in moisture up to this week but it is believed that the snow and rain of the past week will bring the precipitation up to normal. Following is the weather chart for the week:

	H	L	M
March 23	.83	.50	
March 24	.78	.46	
March 25	.83	.43	
March 26	.81	.53	
March 27	.58	.25	.36
March 28	.30	.18	.20
March 29	.36	.22	.16

Precipitation for March, 99 of an inch. Total precipitation since January 1, 1939, 2.32 inches.

## NOTICE

The next meeting of the Holt County Project Club Chorus will be held on Saturday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m. at the M. E. Church in O'Neill.

Harry Reardon went to Omaha last Friday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Ernie Nelson and her infant daughter, returning home Saturday.

Shoveling snow was the principal occupation of many O'Neill residents on Tuesday morning following the heavy snow of Monday and Monday night. Everyone was very cheerful about it, however, as the moisture in the snow will be of great benefit to the soil and businessmen were more cheerful on Tuesday than they had been for the past three months. One old timer remarked: "A little like snows of the olden days."

## SENIOR CLASS PLAY O'NEILL HIGH SUCCESSFUL

Wednesday, March 22, the Senior class of O'Neill high school presented their class play "Galahad Jones" at the K. C. hall. The cast for the play included Charles Yarnall, Ethel Bennett, Bill Randall, Martha Switzer, Junior Harris, Jane Jeffrey, Hugh McKenna, Dorothy Ross, Bob Clift, Miriam Kubichek, Woodrow Melena, Veva Alm, Don Mitchell, and Hazel Rouse.

Performances ranking as near-professional were given by Charles Yarnall, Ethel Bennett, Bill Randall, Hugh McKenna and Junior Harris.

This play was directed by Miss Jean Gist, English and dramatics instructor of O'Neill high school.

Much credit is due Warren Thompson, sponsor of the Senior class, for the success of the play. He handled all ticket sales and finances concerned with the play and also directed the "In-between act" which consisted of a tap-dance routine given by two members of the fourth grade, Bonnie Morton and Connie Lou Williams, who are to be congratulated on their splendid performance.

The able assistance of Ralph Porter, Arthur Stouffer, Fred Halva, and Alvin Bausch made the stage set and advertising posters possible.

Our thank you's also go to Miss Mary G. Horiskey, Mr. and Mrs. Ira George, and Warren Thompson for the use of their furniture for the play.

## Donald Ray Myer

Donald Ray Myer died at the O'Neill hospital last Tuesday afternoon, following an operation for a ruptured appendix which was performed last Friday. He was forty-two years, eleven months and eight days old at the time of his death. The funeral was held at 10:30 this morning from the Methodist church, Rev. Wright officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Donald Ray was born in O'Neill on April 20, 1924, and lived in this county all of his life. The family formerly lived northwest of this city but now live south of town. He is survived by his parents and three brothers and eight sisters. They are Melvin, Charles and Robert; Mrs. Floyd DeLong; Mrs. Merle DeLong; Mrs. Ben Cunningham, Middle Branch; Mrs. Gilbert Noring; O'Neill; Mrs. Pete Weber, Atkinson; Mrs. Ralph Burival, O'Neill; Helen and Donna Fae, O'Neill.

## Petty Thieves Caught And Plunder Recovered

Three men, who gave Lexington, Nebr., as their home plundered the Wunner store at Ewing of about \$15.00 worth of merchandise last Tuesday and came to this city. After they left Mr. Wunner discovered his loss and a customer had noticed the license number on the car and he at once called O'Neill Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom apprehended the men here and secured the return of the stolen property. As the value of the property taken was not sufficient to give them a good jolt no complaint was filed against them but they were ordered to get out of the county and stay out. It is needless to say they got out of town at once. They were men of about 35 years of age and old enough to know better.

## METHODISTS TO GIVE FIRST EASTER CANTATA

The Methodist choir will render "The First Easter" at the church Sunday evening, at 8:00 o'clock. The choir has been weeks in preparing this splendid musical treat for the community. All who love good music are invited. This choir of twenty voices takes pride in their work and will furnish an excellent program. The text for this cantata has been prepared by Tilton and the music by Wilson.