

THE FRONTIER

MAN FROM ARID REGIONS OF THIS SECTION COMMANDS U. S. ICE BREAKER

Former O'Neill Boy, A Commander in The U. S. Coast Guard Service Tells of Experience on Ice-Breaker Clearing Hudson River Ship Lanes

The following article is taken from the New York Times of its January 28th issue...

The talk was of ice—how the Hudson River is choked with it and how docks in New York City are embraced and hemmed by it.

Lieut. Comdr. Frank M. Meals, a kindly and modest officer grown pleasantly gray in the Coast Guard service, explained ice-breaker technique.

The skipper said, "Ice-breakers do not cut solid ice as a cake knife goes through frosting."

Dappled sunlight danced and quivered on the cabin ceiling. Hurrying footsteps padded and clumped on the decks as the Comanche's crew of five officers and fifty men prepared the 165-footer for dry-dock.

The skipper turned on the amplifier. He spoke quietly into the microphone and his clear voice carried out over the water.

He said, "If we cut right through the ice without warning, some of those children and men would have to travel 100 miles or more to get back to their own side of the river."

Sometimes, Skipper Meals said, his men talk with farmer folk far up in the hills of the Hudson.

"My man went to the amplifier," the skipper said, "and he said to her, 'Get back in the house, ma'am, you'll catch your death of cold.'"

River buoys are taken up in early December. Ice usually sets in just before Christmas. To keep to the ship channel the ice-breakers judge their position from the echo of their ship's whistle, returning from the cliffs, or from the walls of houses or smokestacks.

Some landmarks on which ice-breakers take range, as an aid to navigation, are amusing. The chart is marked for example, with ink notations like these: "Use bushy tree and red-roof barn below Kingston"; "Use hot-dog stand for bend above Saugerties."

Skipper Meals, who served on the ice-breaker Bear in the Arctic, said you can judge the thickness of river ice by the boat's speed.

the ice is at least one foot thick. Freeing ships at narrow points in the Hudson, as at Sopus Meadows, is rather tricky for the breakers.

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Native Son and Daughter Married At North Platte

Cecil Griffith and Miss Lucille Jones were united in marriage Sunday noon, January 28, 1940, by Rev. Johansen, of the First Methodist church of North Platte, at North Platte.

The bridegroom was attired in a dark blue suit. The bride wore a silk crepe dress of royal blue, trimmed in gold, with a blue hat to match.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Griffith pioneer settlers of the Meek community. He was born in the northeast part of the county and spent most of his life there.

The bride was also born and raised in the Meek community, but had been a resident of O'Neill for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have many friends in this city and the northeastern part of the county who wish for them many years of happiness and joy in their matrimonial journey.

An Early Resident Passes Away at Home in Omaha

Patrick O'Donnell died at his home in Omaha last Saturday morning. The body was brought to this city Sunday night and the funeral was held from the Catholic church on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, interment in Calvary cemetery. Mr. O'Donnell was a little over 78 years of age at the time of his death.

Pat O'Donnell belonged to the old home-loving type of Irishmen. When he was working, if he had a few hours, he would rather spend it at home with his family than in the presence of Kings, queens or emperors.

Judge Louis W. Reimer Files For Election

County Judge Louis W. Reimer, who was appointed to the position last May following the death of the late Clarence J. Malone, has filed for renomination subject to the will of the voters of the county at the primary election next April.

Cardinals Defeat Inman On Wednesday Night

St. Mary's overwhelmed Inman Wednesday night winning easily 49 to 12. The Cardinals took a 10 to 1 lead at the first quarter and led 31 to 3 at the half.

Table with columns: Player, FG, FT, PF. Includes St. Mary's players like B. Biglin, B. Kubitschek, J. Shoemaker.

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St. Mary's reserves won from Inman reserves 26 to 14 with Bob Parkins tallying 10 points for the winners.

St. Mary's plays again Friday night, a home game with Long Pine. There will be two games which promise to be fast and interesting.

The Weather

The weather has finally moderated in Nebraska, after about five weeks of sub zero. Last Thursday it got to 14 below zero; Friday 7 below and Saturday it dropped again to 13 below.

Table showing High and Low temperatures for Thursday through Wednesday.

Lyle Johnson made a business trip to Omaha last Saturday.

THE FRONTIER BARGAIN PERIOD IS EXTENDED FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Come in During the Next Month, Pay Arrearages and Get the Best Newspaper in the County For Two Years Ahead For Only \$3.00

On account of the condition of the roads since Christmas day, making it almost impossible for people living over a half mile from a main highway to get to town, they therefore have been unable to take advantage of our subscription offer...

Another Pioneer of Holt County Passes Away at Home of Daughter

Mrs. Anna Kubichek died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Winkler, Herald, So. Dak., January 20, 1940, at the age of 101 years, 10 months and 22 days.

The Kubichek's left Vienna and came to America in the late 70s. They homesteaded at David City, Nebraska. They came to O'Neill three years later and made their home here until Mr. Kubichek's death in the spring of 1891.

Mrs. Kubichek moved then to South Dakota with her daughter, where she has since made her home. She leaves to mourn, one daughter, 12 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church at Blunt, So. Dak., January 23, 1940, Rev. J. C. Kopperman of Herald S. D., officiating.

Supervisors Walter K. Smith and Wm. Wulf File For Primaries

Walter K. Smith, of Stuart filed on January 29th for the republican nomination for Supervisor from the 6th district.

W. E. Wulf, of Deloit, filed on January 25th for the democratic nomination for County Supervisor from the 4th district.

P. C. A. Stockholders To Meet Here February 14

According to an announcement made by James W. Rooney, Secretary-Treasurer, the Sixth Annual stockholders meeting of the O'Neill Production Credit Association, which was postponed because of the weather and road conditions, will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 1940, at the K. C. Hall in O'Neill, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

This association concluding its sixth year as a cooperative lending association supplied over \$525,000.00 to its members during 1939 for financing their livestock operations.

Denny Criss, of Stuart, was in O'Neill on business Thursday.

SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

What do you think of the spelling of a university trained gentleman who starts the word "holes" with the letter "w"?

I have endeavored to be law-abiding but were I in the road patrol service the governor would have my resignation the first time I was expected to arrest a drouth-starved and frost-bitten farmer for hauling live stock for a neighbor.

A horse and saddle with boots and a big hat was once the lure of the west to youth; now it is Hollywood.

There are worthy citizens ready to shoot at sunrise anyone who lays impious hands on the sacred primary, but they will have to scratch their heads to show any improvement in Nebraska or the world since the induction of the primary system of naming candidates for office.

The young bookkeeper came in from his morning walk of eight blocks with the end of his nose one shining white spot. He was wholly unconscious of a frozen nose and would have experienced unpleasant results had not others saw and acted at once with the application of snow to draw the frost out.

I stood idly viewing the street scene. The one nearest me demanded notice from the sheer animal vigor which stood out all over him. Manifestly a man of the outdoors attested not only by attire but the muscular force of an ox.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bellar

Mrs. Elizabeth Bellar died at her home in the southeastern part of this city Tuesday morning at 7:00 o'clock, after an illness of several months or anterior celerosis at the age of 75 years, five months and thirty days.

Elizabeth Kennell was born at Wesley, Ontario, Canada, on August 15, 1864. She grew to womanhood in her native city and there in 1882 she was united in marriage to John Bellar.

Mrs. Bellar was one of the pioneers of this county, coming here with her husband in the spring of 1883 and for nearly fifty-seven years had been a resident of this county.

O'NEILL BLUE JAYS WIN ONE GAME AND LOSE ONE IN WEEK'S BASKETBALL

O'Neill High School Cleans Creighton, But Goes Down to Defeat Tuesday, Bloomfield Winning By Two Points In An Overtime Game

O'Neill High School lost to Bloomfield in an overtime basketball game here Tuesday 21-19. Bloomfield opened the scoring on Schmoldt's field goal.

O'Neill Seconda lost their first game of the season when Bloomfield's reserves put on a last quarter rally to win 16-15.

The next home game will be on Tuesday, February 6, when Atkinson plays here. Atkinson is the Holt county champion for this year and has lost only one game during the season, that in an overtime period at Ainsworth.

Summary table for O'Neill (19) basketball team with columns for FG, FT, P.

Summary table for Bloomfield (21) basketball team with columns for FG, FT, P.

O'Neill High won its eighth basketball victory of the season in an easy win over Creighton 43-11 last Friday in the local gym.

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Summary table for O'Neill (43) basketball team with columns for FG, FT, P.

Summary table for Creighton (11) basketball team with columns for FG, FT, P.

A Real Pioneer Passed Away Last Sunday

Jud W. Cronk passed away at his home near Page last Sunday, following a stroke he suffered about three weeks ago. He was 60 years, eight months and four days old at the time of his death.

Jud W. Cronk was born at Mainard, Iowa, on May 24, 1879. That year his parents moved to this county and located on a homestead near Page, where he grew to manhood and lived practically all his life.

Jud Cronk had spent practically his entire life in Verdigris township and was one of the most prominent citizens in that section of the county. A giant in stature he always commanded the attention of people when he attended public gatherings.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness to us and ours during the long illness and following the death of our beloved mother and grandmother.

we desire to extend our heart felt thanks to our many friends and relatives who so kindly assisted during the death of our beloved husband and father, and for the beautiful flowers. Your kindness will never be forgotten.—Mrs. P. C. Peterson and children.