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**Weather and Politics**

The fortunate people of this city and county and other similarly located localities of the state enjoyed the rare privilege this year of seeing Nebraska at its best during the month of July. That month has now passed and the month of August has begun. What August has in store in the line of weather, of course, remains to be seen, but July will not soon be forgotten.

July was an unusual month. Instead of being the hot, dry, dusty month it proverbially is in the midwest, it was unusually cool and occasional light showers kept vegetation fresh and green. Day after day the radio commentators, reading the weather reports, announced the minimum temperature as in the 60s or low 70s.

That is unusual for July in Nebraska, as anyone who has lived in the state for any length of time will recall. July is generally a torrid month—a month of hot days and hot nights—and one can recall Summers like 1936 when not a drop of rain fell; but not so this year. Moderate temperatures were conducive to comfort most of the time day and night.

July this year, in respect to weather, was a continuation of June. June was a beautiful month in accordance with tradition—a month of green fields, beautiful flowers and singing birds—and July was the same kind of a month. And both months, strange as it may seem, were a striking contrast to May, which was not only unseasonably hot, but also very dry. In fact, the agricultural outlook in May was rather gloomy.

The thought has occurred that if the national conventions of the Republicans and the Democrats had been staged in Nebraska instead of in Philadelphia, both parties would have made an issue of the weather. Instead of sweltering in the excessive heat of a crowded eastern city, they would have been conducting their business in the comfortable temperature of the wide, open spaces and the politicians would probably have claimed the credit.

But to return to our subject. The people of this town and county and of other sections of the state saw Nebraska at its best in July. Instead of being hot and dry, as it quite frequently is, the weather was cool and delightful and occasional showers kept the landscape green. As The Frontier recalls, this was a contrast even to July of last year. That was not nearly as hot and dry as some previous years, but there were a number of days with an approximate 100-degree maximum temperature and there were several weeks of drouth which did a lot of damage to lawns, gardens and some crops.

This is one of the most interesting and important seasons of the year. It is also a critical season as far as certain crops are concerned. The hay crop has been harvested, most of the small grain has been cut and the corn has been laid by. The prospect for a good corn crop at the present time is quite bright, but that crop still has a long way to go.

People who have lived in this state for some time can recall years when August brought extreme heat and destructive drouth which wrought extensive damage. However, it may be truthfully said that there is no indication of that as yet.

Yes, the fortunate people of this community and of adjacent localities saw Nebraska at its best in July. The green fields, the luxurious foliage, the blue sky, flecked by white, fleecy clouds, the gardens, flowers and birds and, especially, the hum of harvesting activities made it a month long to be remembered.

Some people living in other sections of the country have a distorted impression of Nebraska. They have heard about its blizzards, its floods, its drouths and other unfavorable features and don't know what a great state it really is. What they should do is to come here and live a while. They would never want to go back.

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**Another Tragedy**

The county, it seems, has paid heavily in loss of life in tragic ways during the past few months. F. E. ("Kelly") Saindon, 31, O'Neill high school principal and athletic coach, and J. Francis ("Fritz") Kelly, an O'Neill plumber and well driller, are the latest victims—dying as a result of an aircraft crash near the city limits on Friday, July 23.

The chasm of death in these instances leaves 5 small children fatherless and 2 young women as widows. Words are inadequate in expressing the community's feeling towards the 5 youngsters and the 2 widows, the parents, the brothers and sisters in their sorrow.

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Some of our astute politicians claim credit for the increased income of people and, at the same time, blame the opposition for the high cost of living. We always naively supposed that the two were interrelated.

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What puzzles us is how, if some of the men in public life are as bad as they are painted by their political opponents, they can go on associating with them in private life?

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The present Summer with its sunshine and occasional rains has been favorable for lawns. O'Neill citizens take a commendable pride in their lawns.

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The 1948 national campaign will be exciting, to say the least.

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Have you noticed it? The days are growing shorter.



**NEW JET FIGHTER COMES OFF PRODUCTION LINE . . .** The airplanes of tomorrow are a reality today. These new jet fighters Lockheed F-80 Shooting Stars, which give the United States the most modern operational jet fighter planes in the world, are coming off the assembly line at the Lockheed plant in Van Nuys, Calif. It has been announced by the air force that 6 of the nation's 8 jet fighter groups have been equipped with F-80s and assigned to the defense of certain vital areas in this country and overseas.

**Prairie Land Talk —**

**Terrible Terry: 'If You Don't Like That Don't Vote for Me'; Many Patriots Won't**

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — The ghost of the last year of the Hoover administration lingers in the minds of a few. If there was ever a victim of political jockeying to discredit a great and honorable patriot pulled off in Washington, Mr. Hoover was such a victim.

Crop failures as the result of rainless months, unknown collapse of values on the New York stock market, factories closed and sinister signs confronting depositors hung on closed bank doors, and a Democratic congress that took fiendish advantage of all this to make Mr. Hoover the goat responsible for the drouth and resultant stagnation.

That congress, with a top-heavy Democratic majority, blocked every move of the administration to try out remedies because they saw a chance to put one of their party gods in the White House. It was done and their beloved Franklin tried a hundred moves and got us nowhere industrially until the administration's interference in the Far East brought to us Pearl Harbor and we were ushered into a bloody conflict overnight. The ghost may linger, but in other minds there is the memory of that night they sat beside the radio and listened to the alarm of war on the wings of the story from Pearl Harbor.

After voting for 16 years for America's No. 1 exponent of rule by executive order, cotton states Democrats express alarm in their rump platform because "the executive department is promg in fUo,ato Mil-cinhal 21 promoting gradual but certain growth of a totalitarian state by domination and control of a politically minded supreme court." And listen to them again: "Racial and religious minorities should be protected; selfish appeals to such groups for the sake of political power forges the chains of slavery." In view of the solid, unbroken Democratic vote year-after-year, rolled up in the cotton states, they get pretty shabby treatment from their political kindred north of the Mason and Dixon line. Come over, aroused colonels, and have a part in electing Dewey and Warren.

Terry Carpenter, candidate extraordinary in pursuit of Senator Wherry's toga, says he believes in spending every last dollar we've got to put other countries on their feet and be prepared for war with Russia. "If you don't like that don't vote for me," declares the Terrible Terry. A lot of Nebraska patriots don't like that.

Can so beautiful a thing as a butterfly come from an ugly crawling worm? Wings of gauze adorned with geometrical design in yellow and black, the fairy elves of Summer now hunt bush and bloom and grass blade, giving us a glimpse of the delicate winged beauty as eggs are deposited to turn to worm and then another fairy brood refulgent in nameless colors mixed in the laboratory of nature. It is for the naturalist to classify these dainty things of fairyland but all with the appreciation of the beautiful may wander for an hour in the open where are seen these fluttering specimens of frail elegance.

Among the numerous "basin" projects brewing over the country one smolders in the vicinity of Valentine, Ainsworth and O'Neill. The chief obstacle, as related to the Niobrara river, is the volume of water—about sufficient for a garden patch. A half-century ago O'Neill enthusiasts were going to divert the Niobrara trickle down across the uplands but gave it up when nature took over and confirmed the community in the belief that as a dairy and beef growing country it could not be improved upon very much.

"The death of an employe automatically ends his employment." Is that so? Must be as that's the way the federal personal manual has of firing a government employe.

One United States dollar is worth 1 million over in China.

Mr. Truman has called congress together to attempt the impossible, but makes no mention of curtailing the huge federal expenditures. In 1932 Mr. Roosevelt made an election issue of government spending and was not in the White House a minute until federal expenses were multiplied to encompass a greater volume of money than all the presidents before him had asked the congress to appropriate. The present congress has made some worthwhile reductions in appropriations, disregarding the pleas of special interests that have come with a hand-out for an allotment. It might be devoutly wished that Mr. Truman and congress could control buying and selling prices, but how long would it be before a howl went up across the land condemning such interference with the fundamental law of barter and trade.

It is sweet corn and ripe tomato time in Nebraska. The rich, red fruit of tomato vines with the Nebraska flavor are so far superior to the imported varieties that comparison would be needless. Sweet corn is selling high, but with the mature grain \$2 a bushel "roasting ears" must command a similar ransom. The season's young fries from the chicken yards are available without limit—if you have the price. This stuff we call money is a barrier to household happiness and the only way to beat it is to raise your own culinary needs.

Secretary of State Frank Marsh gives legal notice of the bonus amendment to be voted on in November. Constitutional amendments have never been popular in Nebraska. The present proposal calls for 3½ mills levy to be added to top heavy taxation and it will be interesting to see how Nebraska taxpayers take to it.

Harvest is over out on the plantations and his excellency, the plowman, is making the rounds in stubble fields leaving a trail of furrows which prepares the land for another seeding. Tall corn stalks are bringing to maturity 2 ears on one stalk. From the gardens come fine tomatoes and potatoes. A city dweller tells me his potato patch has produced one-pounder spuds and he attributes the good yield to the fact of having planted the seed a foot deep.

President Truman's stature as a statesman has materially shrunk with his speech of acceptance and the call of congress in special session. Is the office of the president of the United States to become the pawn of name-calling candidates and ward heelers political methods?

Mr. Wallace plays to the multitude his utopian harp. Minimum wage per hour of what was a day's pay in much happier days and slice living costs by half. Probably labor costs are responsible in a larger measure than anything else in determining retail prices.

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**REGIS HOTEL**  
All Rooms with Bath  
OMAHA  
Home of the Popular  
White Horse Inn and Cafe Regis

**Cuban Missionary Shows Colored Slides**

CHAMBERS — Rev. Patrick Arnold, a missionary from Cuba, conducted services at the Baptist church Sunday, August 1. On Monday evening he showed colored pictures of missionary work in the West Indies.

**Other Chambers News**  
Mr. and Mrs. George DeKay, of LaFayette, Ind., came Sunday and are visiting in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Robertson, until Tuesday. They are enroute to California on a vacation trip.

Arthur Johnson, of Stockton, Calif., came Thursday to visit his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Martin and family on a vacation trip.

About 18 friends gathered at the C. E. Tibbets home on Monday evening with a picnic supper to surprise Mr. Tibbets on his birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson and daughter, Marilyn, returned Friday from a 3-months' visit with relatives at Burlington, Sedro Wooley, Arlington and Chehalis, Wash. They are visiting at the homes of their sons, Vernon, Gene and Stanley, at Amelia, for a short time before going to Gering, where they have purchased property and plan to locate for the winter.

Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Dale returned Friday from a 2-weeks' vacation with relatives at Hiawatha, Kans., and Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wink and family drove to Neligh on Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Houston. They returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wyant and mother, Mrs. Mary Wyant, drove to Burwell Sunday to attend the funeral of Frank Thomas. Mrs. Mary Wyant remained for a visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lowery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, of Lincoln, arrived Friday for a 2-weeks' vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Robertson and son, Jerry, were supper guests in the Charles Spann home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stevens and children drove to Page on Sunday to visit his grandmother, Mrs. P. T. Stevens.

Roy Hoerle and 2 small sons, Larry Lee and Bobby, of Gila Bend, Ariz., came Saturday to spend a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hoerle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dankert were Sunday afternoon callers in the R. K. Platt home.

Try Frontier Want Ads!

**To Make Extended Visit in California —**

STAR —Mrs. Throckmorton left O'Neill Thursday night, July 29, for Omaha. From there she went by train to Inglewood, Calif., for an extended visit with her son, Albert, and family.

**Other Star News**

Threshing is well under way in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stewart and family, of Page, were visitors at the Paul Krugman home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hibbs and Kay spent Saturday evening at the William Derickson, jr., home.

Verna Miller spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Miller.

Barbara Miller called on Judy Juracek last Monday, July 26.

Mrs. Ewalt Miller, Arnold and Barbara called at the Ray Noble home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller, of Laurel, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Miller and family. From there they went to Lynch to visit Mrs. Miller's cousin, Mrs. Leo Baker, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Miller and family called at the home of Mrs. Art Boelter Sunday evening.

Bill Derickson, sr., called on Ewart Miller Sunday.

**Meek and O'Neill Congregations Meet at Worths —**

The C. E. Worth home was the scene of a prayer meeting followed by a social Friday evening. The guests were members of the Assembly of God churches in Meek and O'Neill.

**Try Frontier Want Ads.**

**ANNUAL SOCIAL**  
at the  
**Church of The Epiphany**  
at  
**Emmet, Nebraska**  
on  
**Sunday, August 15**  
Starting at 7:30 PM  
★ Games will be played and Lunch will be served.

**Public Dance**  
**AMERICAN LEGION BALLROOM**  
— O'Neill —  
**AL HUDSON**  
and His Orchestra  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 19**  
Adm.: \$1 Per Person, Including Tax

**Thank-You!**  
**O'Neill and Vicinity**  
WE'RE GRATEFUL, indeed, for the magnificent interest you have shown in our new store since our doors were opened on Thursday, July 29. Thousands of you toured our store, many of you purchased, and many of you have told us kind things regarding our store.  
OUR NEW 45 x 125-ft. store is the product of many years of growth and planning. It is the answer to our dreams of a modern variety store—one that is up-to-date in every detail and one that would do credit to a city many times the size of O'Neill.  
AGAIN WE SAY "thanks . . . O'Neill and vicinity!"  
Watch for Our Big  
**BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE CIRCULAR**  
To Be in the Mail Soon  
**BEN FRANKLIN**  
LOCALLY OWNED - NATIONALLY KNOWN  
A. E. BOWEN, Owner  
O'Neill