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FRED W. CRONK, 79, RITES WEDNESDAY

Holt Resident 69 Years Succumbs Suddenly At Farm Home

PAGE—Fred W. Cronk, 79, a Holt county resident since April, 1880, died at 10:40 a. m. Friday at his farm home 5 miles North-east of Page. He died suddenly. Death was attributed to a heart ailment. Mr. Cronk was one of Holt county's best-known farm-ers.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Methodist church at Page. Burial was in the Page cemetery with Rev. T. O. Bownfield officiating.

The late Mr. Cronk was born April 30, 1870, at Magnolia, Rock county, Wis., a son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cronk. His mother's maiden name was Adelaide Van Gilder.

With his parents and five brothers and sisters, Mr. Cronk was among the first people coming to this part of Nebraska for the purpose of making a home. The family went from Wisconsin to Colorado, then went to Iowa. In October, 1879, the Cronks came to Antelope county in a prairie schooner—requiring 18 days to make the trip.

On April 16, 1880, the family came to Holt county, settling on a homestead East of Page, the present home of Charles Cronk.

Deer were plentiful and supplied the family with meat. They hauled their grain to a mill at Neligh, which was 35 miles away. At the age of 10, Mr. Cronk planted 35 acres of sod corn with a hatchet, following behind his father, who broke the sod.

He attended school at Ewing and taught country school for two years. He later was a member of the board of education for 20 years in the district where he lived until his death.

Mr. Cronk held a record for having lived in this community the greatest length of time and having voted in Verdigris precinct more times than any other person. He began voting in 1891 and served on more than 30 election boards.

He was a lifelong Republican and a member of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges.

At the time of O'Neill's recent Diamond Jubilee celebration the late Mr. Cronk was a strong contender for the title of "king." The honor was determined by longest continuous residence in the county.

Mr. Cronk's family ordered a subscription from The Frontier the week the paper was born and was considered a charter subscriber—a distinction he often mentioned.

On March 16, 1907, he married Carrie Finch at Inman. They became the parents of two sons and three daughters.

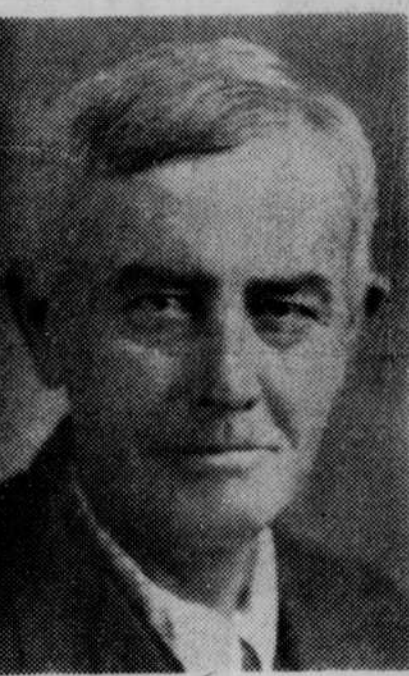
Mrs. Cronk died on September 18, 1937.

Survivors include: Sons—Frank and Warren Cronk, both of Page; daughter—Mrs. Dale (Mae) Fetrow, of O'Neill; Mrs. Melvin (Hazel) Lorenz, of O'Neill.

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Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan, of the Omaha Roman Catholic diocese (center, facing altar), officiated in a pontifical solemn high Mass here Monday in funeral rites for Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, 77, pastor of St. Patrick's church here. Seventy-six Catholic clergy were in attendance. (Casket may be seen in aisle in center of photo.)—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.



Fred W. Cronk . . . spent first years in Holt county in a sodhouse. (See story at left.)

JOHN ALBERS, 59, DIES SUDDENLY

Gun Shot Wound Fatal To Retired Farmer; Burial Tuesday

CHAMBERS — Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Methodist church here for John Albers, 59, retired Chambers farmer. He died between 3 and 4 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, November 3, as a result of a gun shot wound.

He had been ill for several years. The body was discovered in an upstairs hall at the Albers home. A coroner's inquest was held Friday in O'Neill. Dr. J. W. Gill was the attending physician.

Rev. V. R. Bell, of O'Neill, officiated in the funeral rites and burial was in the Chambers cemetery. The church could not accommodate all who came to the funeral.

The late Mr. Albers was born on March 6, 1890, in Platte county, near Platte Center, a son of Peter Henry Albers and Katherine Reese Albers, who were German immigrants.

On May 17, 1920, he married Anna Rippen. They came to Holt county in 1936 from Platte county.

Survivors include: Widow; son—John D. Albers, of Lincoln; daughters—Mrs. Ruth Walters and Mrs. Dolores Harley, both of Chambers; brothers—Henry and Walter Albers, of Costamesa, Calif.; William Albers, of Fremont; sisters—Mrs. Thomas Thomazin, of Genoa; Mrs. Frank Baltz, of Fremont; Mrs. William Lloyd, of Lindsay; Mrs. Dave Perry and Mrs. Owen Perry, of Monroe; and Mrs. William Bleszen, of Platte Center.

He also leaves three grandchildren.

One son, Richard Albers, died during World War II and his remains were returned to Chambers for final burial on July 26, 1948.

Pallbearers were A. B. Hubbard, John Honeywell, Steve Shavlik, Joseph Daas, Lyman Covey and Lewis Harley.

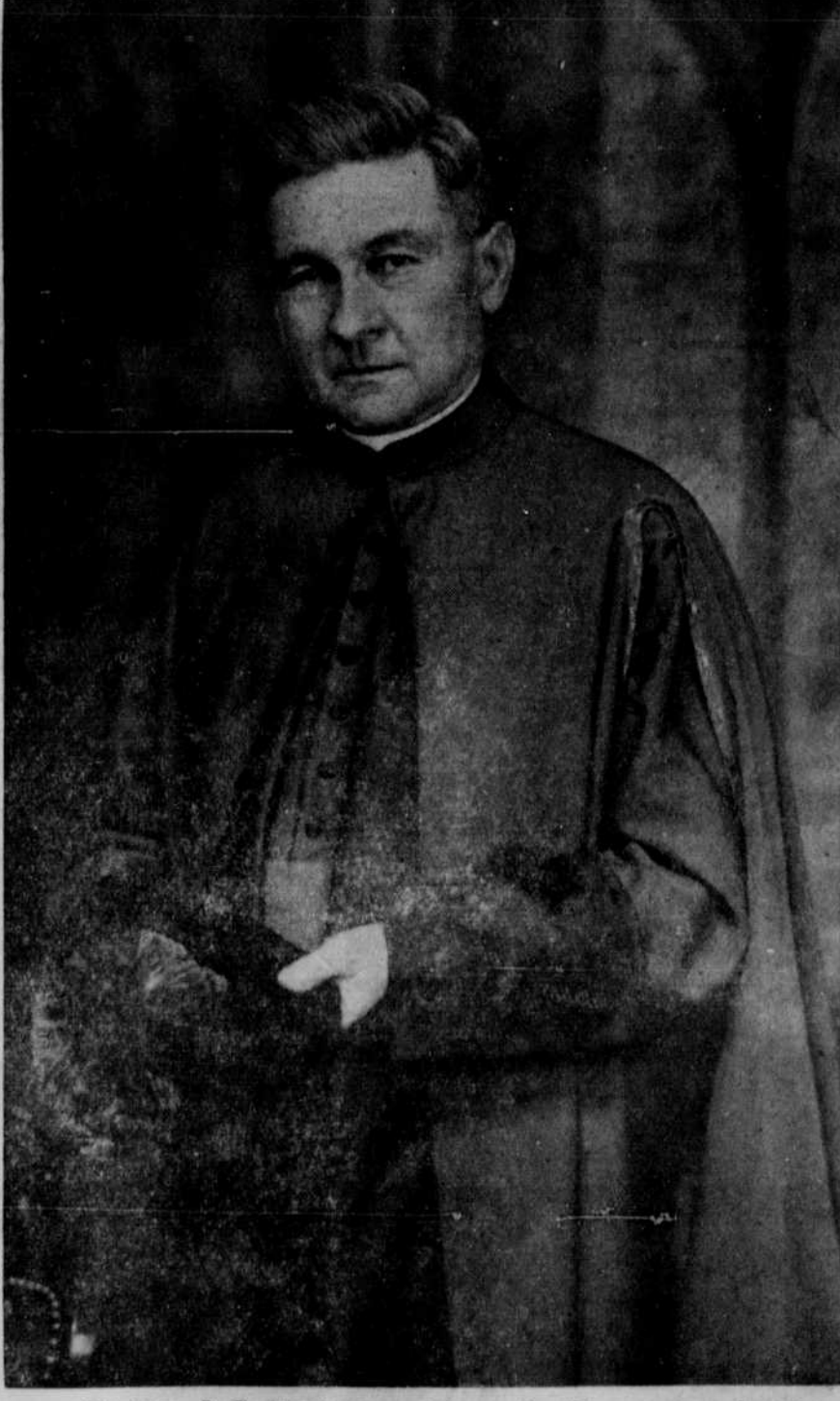
Mr. Albers had farmed on the Wheeler-Holt county line Southeast of Chambers for a number of years before retiring. Since then the family resided in town.

JOINS NAVY

INMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Heck have received word that their son, Delmont, has joined the navy and is taking his basic training in San Diego, Calif.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Loren D. Ulrich and Betty Lou Dorr, both of Lincoln, November 7.
Mary Alice Biglin and James F. Early, both of O'Neill, November 9.



Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, 77 . . . for 52 years a priest in a half-dozen Nebraska communities—O'Neill Photo Co.



MOTHER ATTENDS SON'S GOLDEN WEDDING . . . Ninety-four-year-old "Grandma" Sarah Hull takes her natural position in the center of this group as she poses with her son and his wife on their golden wedding anniversary and with their children. Directly behind the elderly Mrs. Hull is the honored couple, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull. The observance took place Wednesday, November 2, at the Niobrara state park dining hall. Their children, left to right, are Doyle, of Alliance; Glen D., of Lynch; Guy L., also of Lynch; and to the right of Mrs. Hull, Claude, Niobrara; Mrs. Mary Ellen Bolter, Venus; and Harold, Harlan, Ia.—The Frontier Photo by Ellen Landon.

Msgr. McNamara, Priest 52 Years, Dies in Hospital

Archbishop Bergan Officiates in Pontifical Mass for St. Patrick's Pastor

Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, 77, Nebraska's first native son ordained into the Roman Catholic priesthood, died at 10:30 p. m. Wednesday, November 2, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch. The veteran clergyman, who last Spring completed 52 years in the priesthood, had been ill three weeks. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

He had been active until this illness, which proved fatal. Earlier on the day that he died Rev. C. J. Werner, his assistant at St. Patrick's, had been summoned to Sacred Heart hospital to administer the church's sacrament.

With Monsignor McNamara when he died were Rev. John Wiczorik and Dr. Wyzens, both of Lynch, and the Monsignor's brother, George McNamara, of Beemer.

Monsignor McNamara was born at Wisner on March 1, 1872, a son of the late James and Margaret McNamara, who were among the earliest settlers in Northeast Nebraska. For sev-

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Ewing Accident Hospitalizes 2

EWING—One person was injured and another suffered from shock following an accident that occurred three miles West of Ewing on highways 275 and 20 about 6 p. m. Monday.

Nona Schneider, 2½-years-old, suffered a broken right leg, bruises about the face and a small cut on the forehead. She was given first aid treatment at a doctor's office at O'Neill and then rushed to the Orthopedic hospital in Lincoln in a Seger ambulance.

Lloyd Schneider, of Ewing, father of the little girl, was suffering from shock and a back injury. He was taken to Veterans' hospital at Lincoln. Schneider's wife and small boy, who were also occupants of the vehicle at the time of the accident, were uninjured.

According to Patrolman Fay Robeson, the Eastbound Schneider car was traveling on highway 275 and 20 when the car hit some "rough" road. Schneider lost control of the car rolling over twice and ending up in the South ditch.

Reserve Corps Meeting Slated

There will be a meeting of all army, air force and naval reserve corps members and other interested veterans at the American Legion auditorium here Wednesday, November 16. Meeting will begin at 8 p. m.

Plans for the formation of a round force reserve unit will be outlined. It is intended that reserve personnel from all branches may participate.

Collins-Kennedy Plan Big \$50,000 Machinery Auction

Two new sales are listed this week on The Frontier's auction calendar. They are:

Friday, November 18.—Loran M. Kruse farm sale at the place located 17 miles South of O'Neill on highway 281 and 11 mile East Kruse will sell 116 head of cattle, 35 head of hogs, 5 head of horses, a big run of farm and haying machinery, some household goods and miscellaneous equipment. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, will be the auctioneer and the Chambers State bank will clerk. (See advertisement on page 12.)
Saturday, November 19.—Lloyd Collins Implements, of O'Neill, and Kennedy Equipment Co., of Ainsworth, will "pool" excess farm machinery and equipment, including at least 11 new tractors of popular makes, in a gigantic \$50,000 auction. The sale will take place at the East outskirts of O'Neill on highways 275 and 20, regardless of rain, snow or shine. This auction is billed as the biggest of its kind ever held in North-Nebraska or Southern South Dakota. Auctioneers: Ed Thorin, of Chambers; Harry Cooper, of Winner, S. D.; Clifford Nelson, of Oakland. O'Neill National bank will clerk. (See big double-page advertisement on pages 10 and 11, section 2.)

Farmers-Ranchers To Be C of C Guests

A record throng is expected to attend the sixth annual farmer-rancher stag party Monday, November 14, at the American Legion auditorium here.

The "for men only" affair, sponsored by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled to get started at 8 p. m., with the doors slated to open at 7 p. m. L. M. Deihlman and F. E. Parkins are cochairmen in charge of the event.

Fred Harris, emcee of the entertainment troupe, will present a variety of "fast moving wit and wisdom of the modern times."

Also on the program will be Johnny Gunier and Dale Hammond.

James W. Rooney, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday that all farmers and ranchers in the O'Neill trade territory are invited to be guests of the Chamber for the entire evening. Following the entertainment a dutch lunch and coffee will be served.

WM. PICKERING, 80, BURIAL AT DORSEY

DORSEY — Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. on Thursday, November 3, at the Dorsey church for William Pickering, 80, a longtime resident of the Dorsey community.

Rev. Chester Anderson, of Butte, officiated with songs by the male quartet of the Butte Full Gospel church.

Pallbearers were George Barbra, Ed Carson, H. V. Rosentrans, Erwin Armfield, Jess Veich and Walter Wells.

William Charles Pickering son of Syrena and Milo Pickering, was born September 24, 1869, at Newell, Ia., in Bunevesta county. He died at his home at Redbird on Monday, October 31.

When a young man, he came to Nebraska with his parents, settling in the Dorsey community where he continuously made his home except for a short time spent in Iowa soon after his marriage.

On August 19, 1894, he was united in marriage to Myrtle Connelly. To this union five children were born: three sons and two daughters. One son, Harold Dean, passed away in infancy.

While health and eyesight permitted he was a faithful church attendant and in 1935 was converted during a Full Gospel revival meeting at the Dorsey church. Thereafter he was a member of the Full Gospel church of Butte.

In the Fall of 1939 he received an injury to his right eye, causing him to lose his sight in it and so weakening the other that he became virtually blind.

Survivors include: Widow; daughters—Wilma Churchill, of Keswick, Ia., and Vera Johnson, of Spencer; sons—Oral, of Lynch, and Claude, of Redbird; 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.