

THE FRONTIER

UNSEASONAL COLD INFLICTS DAMAGE

Below-Freezing Weather a Blow to Farmers and Ranchers

MERCURY GOES TO 23

An unseasonal cold wave moving in from the northwest struck this region early Saturday and inflicted considerable damage on all classes of crops and vegetation. The mercury dropped to 23 degrees here—the lowest official reading for the day in the north half of Nebraska.

The cold wave was accompanied by rain, snow, sleet and wind. Leaves on trees and on tender garden vegetation turned black, and they were frequently covered with ice.

"Everything suffered a setback," commented Holt County Agent A. Neal Dawes.

Alfalfa was severely damaged and numerous instances were reported where farmers were obliged to mow their alfalfa immediately. Blue grass suffered, but it was not headed-out generally, and some of it may be expected to recover.

The greatest permanent damage was inflicted on gardens and young trees, particularly ash, locust, maple and mulberry. Dawes suggested that many trees were weakened by the freeze, and, therefore, would be more susceptible to insects and diseases.

The 23-degree mark was reached before 7 a. m. Saturday, according to Weather Observer Elmer R. Bowen. The state weather bureau relayed the report of an unofficial 20-degree reading Saturday on the Niobrara river in eastern Boyd county.

The ground here was white with snow by 8 a. m. Saturday, but the snow melted quickly, and the mercury climbed to 43 by midday. The region was held in the grip of the cold wave throughout the weekend.

A. E. Anderson, State-Federal Agricultural Statistician, summarized the affect on Nebraska's wheat by saying that the freeze "did some damage," but added, "I wouldn't be too pessimistic."

The week's summary:

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May 9	72	47	T
May 10	64	30	.20
May 11	43	23	.04
May 12	62	28	
May 13	73	41	
May 14	75	55	
May 15	65	35	
May 16	62	40	

Exercises to Mark Close of St. Mary's Elementary School

The term-end exercises for the elementary school of St. Mary's Academy will be held Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium. Each grade will present a number.

The program:

"Skip to My Loo" and "Five Little Drums," action songs, by kindergarten and grade one; "Wynken, Plynken and Nod," "Lullabye and Goodnight" and "Little Hans," songs, by grades two and three; "Call of the Sea," and "My Fiddle," vocal selections, by grade four; "The Hornpipe Dance," by grades five and six; boys' octette, by boys of grades seven and eight; girls orchestra, vocal by girls of grades seven and eight; "Viennese Refrain," a French horn solo, by Kathryn Golden; "Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair," instrumental duet, by Patty White and Patricia Brennan; "Mexicali Rose," clarinet solo, by Mary Musil; "Burial of the Books," a skit, by grade eight; awarding of honors; "Dear Old School," by grade eight.

Holt County ARC Drive Goes 'Over the Top'

Holt county's annual American Red Cross fund-raising campaign, which began April 1st and ended Friday night, exceeded its quota again this year, netting \$5,700.79, according to R. H. Shriener, county ARC chairman. In reporting to state ARC headquarters, Shriener completed his third year as the head of the Holt county chapter.

The Holt drive, originally intended to close on April 31st, was arbitrarily extended ten days.

The collections by communities follow: O'Neill, \$1,986.09; Atkinson, \$998.14; Stuart, \$903.42; Chambers, \$498.84; Page, \$362.00; Ewing, \$325.00; Emmet, \$320.00.

Methodist Flock Varnishes the Pews

Twenty-five men and women parishioners of the Methodist church here gathered Tuesday evening for a two-hour session in the pews—with varnish and brushes.

The varnishing bee was preceded by a covered dish supper. Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, church pastor, guarantees that the varnish will be dry by 11 a. m., Sunday.

TRAINING ATTRACTS VETS

Forty-four business firms have been approved in Holt and Boyd counties for on-the-job training for ex-service personnel, according to Allen B. Connell, manager of the sub-office of the U. S. Employment Service here. These firms have provided openings for 83 veterans.

Employers interested in this program may contact Connell in the Holt county courthouse annex.

37 TO GRADUATE AT O'NEILL HIGH

Baccalaureate to Be Held Sunday; Commencement Next Thursday

Thirty-seven seniors will be graduated from O'Neill high school at commencement exercises in the school auditorium at 8 p. m., Thursday, May 23rd, it has been announced by Supt. Ira George. They are:

Kenneth Berglund, Marie Boelter, Joan Brady, Joann Burgess, Donna Clements, Delta Cole, Lois Cole, Wayne Harmon, Gordon Hiett, Marvin Holtsclaw, Edwina Jones, Max Kipple, Imogene Lanman, Glenna Lee McClellan, Marjorie McElhaney.

Jennie Beth Mellor, Naydene Murray, Iren Nekolite, Ardis Newman, Bonnie Noble, Fred Osenbaugh, Donald Persons, Eugene Porter, Polly Rikly, Luella Rohe, Shirley Schaffer, Leah June Schultz, Irene Searles, Helen Shaw, Derald Smith, Helen Sojka, Wiley Vogt, Alvin Vorce, Lavone Walters, LeRoy Wert, Betty Wyant, and Mrs. F. A. Schultz.

The presentation of scholarships will be made by Principal F. E. Saindon, and Dr. L. A. Burgess, president of the board of education, will present the diplomas.

Peterson to Speak

Val Peterson, Elgin publisher, will deliver the commencement address, entitled, "What Is Education?"

The motto for the class of 1946 is "Esse Quod Videris"; the colors are blue and white.

Other events on the program include: Processional "Tannhauser," (Bach), by the O'Neill high school band; invocation, by Rev. Melvin Grosenbach, pastor of Holiness Chapel; saxophone solo, selected, by Donna Clements; presentation of eighth grade diplomas, by Prof. Marvin Miller, eighth grade teacher; trombone solo, selected, by Marjorie McElhaney; presentation of the class, by Principal Saindon; benediction by J. M. Cummings, pastor of the Assembly of God church; recessional, "Tannhauser," by the band.

Sermon by Rev. Mullis

At the baccalaureate services to be held at 8 p. m., Sunday in the school auditorium, Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, pastor of the Methodist church, will deliver the sermon entitled "Why Is Prayer a Serious Thing?"

The program includes: Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," (Elgar), by Miss Esther Kinnier and Mrs. Elizabeth Harbottle; invocation, by Rev. Kenneth W. Scott, pastor of the First Presbyterian church; girls' choir, "Sanctus," (Gaunod); Scripture reading Daniel VI, 1-10, by Rev. Scott, vocal solo, selected, by Derald Smith; girls' choir, "Beautiful Savior"; benediction, by Rev. Scott, recessional, "Pomp and Circumstance," by Miss Kinnier and Mrs. Harbottle.

Nebraska Cattlemen to Omaha June 13-15

The Nebraska Stock Growers' Association, the official representative of the state's range cattle industry, will meet in Omaha June 13-15. Last year's convention was held in O'Neill and was described by officials as one of the most successful meetings on record. Dewey Schaffer of O'Neill is a member of the association's executive committee.



Exit: The Old . . . Enter: The New

Dennis H. Cronin, editor and legislator . . . he guided The Frontier for more than a half-century.

Editor Cronin's 'Goodbye'

To The Frontier readers wherever they may be located: Goodbye.

It is with deep regret that I pen the above words. For 55 years I have been engaged in the newspaper business in this city; 54 with The Frontier. Part of this time was spent with a partner, but for the past 50 years, lacking a few months, I was alone as editor and owner.

How well I have performed my duty, you—the readers—know, and it is not for me to say. But I will say that at all times I tried to be fair in news dealings and never knowingly injured anyone through the columns of The Frontier. During these years I have made many friends and some enemies, for it is impossible to be in this business without making enemies, when you publicize the shortcomings of delinquent officials or of citizens who try to take the short road to wealth by crooked transactions that finally get into the courts.

Sadness in Reporting

We have enjoyed our newspaper career in the empire of Holt, where we have lived most of our life. We have chronicled in the columns of The Frontier the births of many of our present leading citizens as well as the marriages of their parents, many of whom we knew long before their marriages.

One of the saddest things in the life of a newspaperman is that of recording the passing from this earthly sphere of many of the closest friends and chums of his youth. It has been our sad duty during the past eight years to record the passing of nearly all of a group of young men with whom I traveled as a young man 50 and 60 years ago. This makes us realize that time takes its toll.

Advancing years and a shortage of competent help forced us to get out of the business. Had competent help been available we would have ended our life in the harness. That being impossible, we sold out, and on Monday morning turned over the office to Carroll W. ("Cal") Stewart, a young man just out of the service, and a Nebraska boy who was born and grew to manhood in Cedar county, Nebraska. Mr. Stewart is young and has the ability and the energy to make The Frontier one of the outstanding newspapers in the state of Nebraska. Prior to the war, he was manager of The Cedar County News, rated as one of the best country newspapers in the state, and the record he made for himself there is convincing proof to me that he will give the people of Holt county a real live newspaper—one that will be a distinct credit to the city, county and state. We hope that all friends of The Frontier in the city and county will give him the same loyal support that you have given me in the years that have gone.

Will 'Haunt' The Office

As to the future I know not. I have been here so long that I am aware of the fact that I will be like a duck out of water for some time to come. You can't break off the habits of a lifetime in hours or days, and for sometime to come I will probably be haunting The Frontier office, hoping that I won't be a pest.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere appreciation to the people of Holt county for their confidence in me and mine during the past years, both politically and in business. I expect to continue to make my home in O'Neill and will be seeing you as the days roll by. You, my friends and enemies (if I have any), have my best wishes for a long life, full of prosperity and happiness, for you certainly deserve it, for no county in any state of the Union has a finer, more intelligent or loveable class of people. May God bless you all.

DENNIS H. CRONIN.

Rail 'Business As Usual' Here Despite Strikers

While John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers were partially paralyzing the Nation's railroads with their current coal strike, the railroads serving O'Neill carried on "business as usual."

The "save coal" order from the Office of Defense Transportation didn't apply to the Northwestern, because virtually all locomotives on the line are oil-burners.

"We may have been indirectly affected," reported Northwestern Agent R. M. Sauer, "because some of our connecting service out of Omaha eastward was reduced. All trains through O'Neill were operating on their normal schedules."

Meanwhile, the Burlington officials didn't find it necessary to curtail the erstwhile coal-burning freight train on the Sioux City-O'Neill branch, although Burlington was obliged to take trains off other lines in the state. Burlington operates out of O'Neill on a thrice-weekly schedule.

Both Sauer and Burlington Agent H. A. Yocum reported that the "on-again-off-again" national shipping embargo over the weekend hardly had time to noticeably affect shipping.



Carrol W. Stewart . . . he is new to O'Neill.

DENNIS H. CRONIN SELLS FRONTIER

Editor and Owner for 55 Years Will Retire from Public Life

(See Editorial on Page 4)

Dennis H. Cronin, 76, editor and owner of The Frontier since August 13, 1896, announced this week the sale of the newspaper to Carroll W. Stewart, 28, of Hartington. Mr. Cronin, who is also a state senator, will retire from active public life.

Mr. Cronin entered the newspaper field in 1891 as a coeditor of The Item, which was one of four newspapers operating in O'Neill at that time. The following year he became a part-owner of The Frontier and in 1896 he purchased its complete ownership. Under Editor Cronin's guidance the paper was one of the first in northeast and northcentral Nebraska to emerge from the era of typesetting by hand. A typesetting machine was installed on January 8, 1914. The Frontier developed into one of the most widely-circulated countyseat weekly newspapers in this section.

Throughout the more than half a century in which he edited The

SAUNDERS TO HOSPITAL

Romaine Saunders, 74, who writes "Small Doses" in the Frontier, entered an Omaha hospital Wednesday where he submitted to an operation involving the removal of his left eye. This week's "Small Doses," written from Lincoln, may be found on page 4.

Frontier, Mr. Cronin participated actively in politics. He was a Republican member of the state House of Representatives for four terms, and he served in the state Senate for two terms. For nearly 11 years he held the post of United States marshal for Nebraska. He is currently completing a term as state senator from the 28th Unicameral legislative district, which comprises Holt, Boyd, Keya Paha and Rock counties.

Frontier Begins 66th Year

The sale of The Frontier marks the end of its 65th year, the new owner beginning Volume 66, Number 1.

Mr. Cronin will continue to reside at his home here with his wife. He is the father of four sons and four daughters. They are: Julius D. Cronin, Francis N. Cronin, and Richard Cronin, all of O'Neill; Clinton E. Cronin, of Grand Island; Mrs. P. B. Hardy, of O'Neill; Miss Geraldine Cronin, of San Francisco, Calif.; and Miss Marjorie Cronin, of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Stewart, who has been recently released from the Army Air Forces, was a member of The Cedar County News staff between 1938 and 1942, serving for a time as managing editor. He spent 40 months in the European theater. His wife, the former Margaret ("Peggy") O'Mara, served 18 months in Europe with the American Red Cross. They returned to the United States in December, 1945, and were married at Millburn, N. J., Mrs. Stewart's hometown, where she is now teaching. She will come to O'Neill in June.

GOLF TOURNEY HERE JUNE 16-18

O'Neill Country Club to Revive Prewar Sport Event

The O'Neill Country Club will revive its popular prewar golf tournament, which was traditionally one of the highlights of the summer in social and sport circles. The tourney dates are June 16-18.

Plans for the event were made at the annual meeting of the stockholders Friday night, when Dr. L. A. Burgess was elected president; E. M. Gallagher, treasurer, and F. N. Cronin, secretary.

Other plans include a new roof for the club house and new fences. It was decided to increase the dues for stockholders and associate members to \$20 per year each. There would be no increase in the dues of out-of-town members.

The officials have pointed out that all citizens of O'Neill are invited to join the club, which is a center of entertainment during the summer months. Increased activity over wartime seasons is expected this year. Ladies' bridge parties and Sunday night dinners will again be featured.

HERE FROM CHICAGO

W. J. Froelich returned to Chicago Sunday after a visit with his family here.

DELEGATION TO NIORARA RIVER BASIN MEETING

9-County Niobrara River Development Group Is Formed

GEN. PICK SPEAKS

A delegation from the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, headed by Mayor Frank J. Dishner and President C. E. Lundgren, participated in the organizational meeting of the Niobrara River Basin Development Association at Ainsworth Monday. The meeting, held in the Ainsworth city auditorium, was attended by 150 leader-delegates from 45 cities and towns, representing seven Nebraska and two South Dakota counties.

The purpose of the newly-formed association is to promote coordinated development of flood control, irrigation, hydroelectric power, soil conservation, and wildlife and recreation benefits.

Included in the O'Neill delegation were Julius D. Cronin, James Rooney, Tony Asimus, Robert Armbruster, Dr. L. A. Carter, Leo P. Moors, C. J. Gatz, Lloyd Collins, H. L. Lindberg, Neal Dawes, Lorenz Bredemeier, Harry Ressel, and James Corke.

Hear Governors

Highlight of the session was a talk by Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, the Missouri river division engineer. He discussed the long-range plans and possibilities for developing the Missouri river under the Pick-Sloan plan. The Niobrara, one of the Missouri's most important tributaries, could be harnessed along similar lines, he explained. Other speakers included Gov. Dwight Griswold of Nebraska and Gov. M. Q. Sharpe of South Dakota, both of whom were enthusiastic over Niobrara development. Gen. Pick and the two governors shared the opinion that considerable time and concentrated effort would be required to get action.

John Forsyth, of Niobrara, was temporary chairman of the Ainsworth gathering. He told the delegates that there are 800,000 irrigable acres in the 400-mile-long Niobrara basin, according to preliminary surveys conducted several years ago by the Nebraska Department of Roads and Irrigation. Forsyth pointed out that the Verdigris creek, a tributary of the Niobrara, has been charged with \$40,000,000 worth of flood damage during the past 40 years.

Army Engineers at Work

Most of the discussion was confined to generalities, and nothing specific was brought out regarding the extent of the development that may take place in Holt or any other county. U. S. Army engineers are now conducting further surveys and these are attracting attention of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Dr. R. R. Brady, of Ainsworth, was elected president of the Association; Joe Leedom, of Gordon, vice-president, and Paul Schneider, of Ainsworth, secretary-treasurer.

An executive committee was established with three representatives from each county. The committeemen from Holt and adjoining counties follow: Holt—Tony Asimus, O'Neill, chairman; Ed Matousek, Atkinson; Lyle Jerks, O'Neill, Keya Paha—H. G. Thorley, Springview, chairman; K. Duane Cook, Burton; Ross Williams, Rock—John Jamerson, Bassett, chairman; D. H. Haller, Bassett; Amos Hart, Bassett. Knox—G. Eichberger, Verdigris, chairman; John Forsyth, Niobrara; David Johnson, Walnut.

Murray Mellor Is Judging Champion

Murray Mellor, O'Neill youth, grabbed first place with a perfect score of 500 in a 4-H club judging contest at Valentine in connection with Feeders' day activity there. Gloria Hambeck, of Spencer, placed second with 467 points.

Over 150 feeders from the Sandhills' region witnessed the judging and studied feeder tests.

4 MORE DISCHARGES

Four more discharges of Holt county service personnel have been reported during the week ending May 9th by the Selective Service office here. They are: Emil J. Prochop, of Page; Norman E. Snyder, of O'Neill; William E. Sorenson, of Page; and Vernon J. Thielke, of Stuart.

DRIVERS' EXAMS SATURDAY

A state highway patrolman will be at the Holt county courthouse here Saturday to conduct drivers' examinations between 1 and 4 p. m.