

# THE FRONTIER

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### Editor Cronin

"By our acts ye shall know us." With these words, Dennis H. Cronin (in partnership with Clyde N. King) announced to the world that he had entered into the newspaper business as coeditor of The Item, which was one of four O'Neill newspapers. This event took place on February 5, 1891. Times have changed since then, as reflected through the years in the columns of The Frontier. Mr. Cronin's basic philosophy, however, has never changed.

On January 28, 1892, he became one of the editors and co-owners (with Mr. King and W. D. Mathews as partners) of The Frontier, which, in the meantime, had absorbed The Item. Later, when The Record passed out of existence, The Frontier became the oldest established newspaper in Holt county and one of the oldest in the Elkhorn river valley. This distinction The Frontier has enjoyed since. But a greater distinction it lost. This week, after 55 years at the helm, Mr. Cronin has announced the sale of The Frontier.

Mr. Cronin's remarkably long and colorful career as a country editor has been characterized by his tireless and vigorous crusading for causes he believed to be right. Most of these causes were hewn close to the Grand Old Party line. As The Frontier grew up and prospered (after 1896 under Mr. Cronin's sole ownership), its editor's influence and prestige spread throughout Holt

county, northcentral Nebraska, and ultimately throughout the state. The statewide recognition came indirectly through The Frontier by virtue of his appointment to the office of United States marshal for Nebraska, and with his election to the state House of Representatives, the state Senate, and currently the state Unicameral legislature.

During these 55 years The Frontier has been his chief concern, although not exclusive, for politics have consistently run a close second. He has weathered every political storm, whether of local or national character, since the turbulent 'nineties when the handset Item and Frontier were 'put to bed' on a handpress.

Mr. Cronin was born at Eagle Harbor, Mich., on January 10, 1869, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cronin, who moved to O'Neill from northern Michigan in 1877. Married twice, Mr. Cronin reared a family of four sons and three daughters in O'Neill.

He served four terms, 1911-'13, 1915-'17, in the Nebraska House of Representatives where he won recognition as the author of the state aid bridge law. He served two terms, 1919-'21, in the Nebraska Senate, and is now completing a term as senator from the 28th Unicameral district. (He is not a candidate for reelection.) He was United States marshal for Nebraska during 1921-'32; he was president of the O'Neill city council for eight years; he was postmaster at O'Neill for eight years; he served one term as president of the Nebraska Press Association; and his lesser appointive and elective jobs in government have been numerous.

When his work as a public servant took him away from The Frontier and O'Neill, Mr. Cronin usually left behind him competent helpers to carry on. But even when he was a thousand miles away each issue of The Frontier carried the indelible Cronin mark: his homespun writing with flavor and bias that folks enjoyed reading.

When the wartime 1945 session of the Unicameral convened, things at The Frontier had changed. Mechanical help was scarce. Romaine Saunders, 74, the

### SMALL DOSES -- Past & Present:

## 'Little Groups of Women'

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Special Correspondent

More barrels of good clothing are collected and packed by women's hands, usually by little groups of church women who gather in inadequate headquarters to give the final touch in a work of mercy. These barrels go forward across land and sea to clothe the ragmuffins in devastated lands.

The kindly hearts, the efficient hands, the thoughtful considerations, the cheering words of these little groups in every American community bring solace and material aid to numberless ones who have been crushed by dark despair. And yet these women get little or no attention; no queenly crowns are bestowed there on, no trips to Washington to see the President and receive the plaudits of official bombast. None are crowned for beauty, nor as the state or national "mother." Yet their work to lessen the human

burdens goes quietly and bravely on.

Oh! ever, when the happy laugh is dumb,  
All the joy gone and all the anguish come;  
When strong adversity and subtle pain  
Writing the sad soul and rack the throbbing brain;  
When friends once all faithful,  
Hearts once all our own,  
Leave us to weep, to bleed and die alone;  
And clouds of sorrow hide the sun of joy;  
When weary life, breathing reluctant breath,  
Hath no hope sweeter than the hope of death—  
Then the best counsel and the last relief,  
To cheer the spirit or cheat the grief,  
The only calm, the only comfort heard  
Comes in the music of a WOMAN'S WORD."

old standby, was left behind alone. It was during this crucial period that hundreds of newspapers, large and small, suspended, but The Frontier kept going. Mr. Cronin insured that by commuting each weekend the 200-odd rail miles between Lincoln and O'Neill, carrying with him some of the mechanical work that had been 'farmed out' in Lincoln.

In April, 1946, when Mr. Saunders was forced to withdraw because of failing eyesight, Mr. Cronin was left on his own except for the part-time press-day assistance of Ed H. Hagensick, 60.

Thus, Editor Cronin's accomplishments to the end of his active career, and especially during these past two years—his 75th and 76th—have been remarkable and legendary. By doggedness and determination, characteristic of his Irish-American and pioneer background, he has won unbounded admiration from those who weighed his accomplishments against his problems.

Now, as Mr. Cronin retires from the public scene, he hopes to "catch up on some delinquent fishing and hunting," as he puts it.

Mr. Cronin would consider nowhere else in the world but O'Neill and Holt county as a place to spend the remainder of his life.

After all, it is here that by his acts people have known him. And as long as there are people living who knew him, he will be remembered.

Nebraska did not secure the United Nations' capital but a Holt county town stands out as the world's capital in one line of endeavor. According to an Omaha publication's story, Stuart at the head of lush Green Valley is the buckin' horse capital of the world.

I trust that the 18-inch May day snowfall out at Casper didn't smother Ambrose Bogle's sheep camp.

A Nebraska matron has been honored upon her 100th birthday anniversary. When she landed in Arapaho in 1897 from Maine she remarked that Nebraska was "a bum place", and says she hasn't changed her estimate after half a century. When you are 100 you can get away with anything.

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### WCS Delegation to District Meeting

Five members of the Women's Society for Christian Service of the Methodist church here attended the Norfolk district WCS meeting at Randolph Tuesday. They were Mrs. Guy Young, Mrs. Edward Leach, Mrs. A. B. Connel, Mrs. Louis W. Reimer and Mrs. Esther Harris. They were accompanied by Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, church pastor. Miss Margaret Seck, of Wayne the district's missionary to China, spoke. She will return to China in the Fall.

### Mrs. Lockmon Feted

Mrs. Doralin Lockmon, who will soon move with her family to Norfolk, was honored Wednesday night by Mrs. H. L. Lindberg, Mrs. C. W. Porter and Mrs. H. J. Kruse. The event took place in the Lindberg home.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Ina Wolfe returned Thursday from Gregory, S. D., following a visit with her brother, Ivan Bain, and family.

Dr. L. A. Burgess left Sunday for Omaha to attend the meeting of the Nebraska Dentists' Association.

Miss LaVeta Lehn left for Omaha Sunday to attend the annual state meeting of Nebraska Dental Assistants' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Armbruster and family spent Sunday in Norfolk visiting Mrs. Armbruster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dobney.

Mrs. L. A. Burgess spent Sunday in Page visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Walker.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for the flowers and other expressions of sympathy in the loss of our wife, aunt, and sister, Mrs. George E. Bowen. We assure you that these will not be forgotten.

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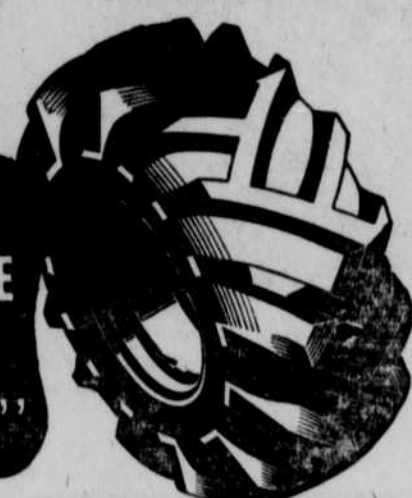
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