



This is the building in which The Frontier was born. Doc Mathews, the founder, is in the center foreground. (Editor's note: The checkerboard effect is the result of the engraving being made from an old cut.)

The Frontier Survives 3 Fires and a Band of 'Loafers'

By Romaine Saunders
The Frontier has survived 3 fires and one attempt to wreck the equipment. The little building shown above was the first home of Doc Mathews' sturdy publication, which from the first had the rugged character the name implies. Doc himself stands in front of the group shown in the picture and had his sleeves rolled up as he came from his desk where were produced the glowing word pictures of the charm of the Elkhorn valley. The other gent with sleeves rolled to elbows was my brother, Ezra, who was a factor in producing a paper. That building burned as a result of a wastepaper basket near a hot stove.

Over at Niobrara the publisher of a paper was said to have seen visions of a formidable rival at O'Neill and he induced a few town loafers and half breeds to head for O'Neill and dump the type and press of The Frontier in the gutter.

Mathews learned of the plot. He passed the word to a cowboy who had just ridden in from the range on a gray bronc, and that gent of the cow trail got several of his kind together, always in for deviltry or to help a 'pard' in need, and the party from Niobrara ran into smoking six-shooters when they arrived. They soon headed back for the Santee.

The second fire from which The Frontier suffered some loss was at the time of the burning of the DeYarman livery and feed barn at Fifth and Douglas streets.

The Frontier had occupied for a time a building just across the street from the barn, but at the time of the fire nearly all the equipment was moved to the building on Fourth street where the present plant is located. The building vacated caught fire from the roaring inferno across the street and was burned to the ground. Some property belonging to The Frontier was in the building.

The third fire wiped out the building and most of the equipment along with the Biglin building. The Odd Fellows and other organizations were using the upstairs of The Frontier building and I understand the fire originated in the second floor.

Through these disasters The Frontier has not missed an issue.

Donald Pokorny's Birthday Observed

DISTRICT 206 (Holt)
Ardene Andersen, teacher
We are enjoying hot lunches from the oil stove purchased from the money earned at our Christmas program. We also have a phonograph, records, two basketball goals and a jumping rope.

Donald Pokorny, a seventh grader, celebrated his birthday on February 26 with a party at school. We had ice cream and cake.

Frankie Shefl and Donald Pokorny are the seventh graders; Elsie Pokorny is in the sixth grade, and Karen Kanzelmeyer and Edith Pokorny are in the fourth grade.

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Patriotic Program Is Presented by District 10 on Niobrara

DISTRICT 10 (Holt)
Charlotte Chapin, teacher
Our school is located 8 miles east of Dustin overlooking the scenic Niobrara river. There are 11 pupils, 7 boys and 4 girls in the school representing grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8. Our only eighth grader is a boy, Donald Meusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Meusch, of Butte.

On February 20 we presented a patriotic program which was attended by a nice crowd. The program was followed by a pie social, the proceeds of which are being used to buy equipment for the school.

The boys of the seventh and eighth grades, Geoff Fried, Larry Mitchell, and Donald Meusch, are interested in 4-H club work and are looking forward to working with their livestock this coming year.

During our study of current events this year we have been very much interested in the Freedom Train and would like to see it when it comes to Sioux City on April 27.

We are a member of the Junior Red Cross and we are planning to fill some gift boxes this spring for children overseas.



COMPASSION . . . It happened in Montrose, Calif. There was the usual tumult and omnipresent curious throng that accompany every automobile accident. Then, beside the crumpled body of five-year-old Wesley Leske who was killed in the wreck, an unknown but compassionate passerby knelt briefly in prayer, the disappeared in the crowd.

It is our purpose to publish a yearbook at the close of the year. We will include bioschool with articles and pictures of our activities this year. We will include biographies of the pupils.

SCHOOL ACQUIRES 'THE NEW LOOK'

DISTRICT 28 (Boyd)
Margret Ann Long, teacher
Our pupils are: Leland Boettcher, beginner; Len Dahlberg, first grade; Ronnie Boettcher, third; Mary White and John Krenke, fourth; Lillian Burger and Janet White, fifth grade; Kenneth Nelson, Allan and Glenn Sorenson, sixth grade; Edwin Burger, Vionne and Delores Dahlberg, L o u Ann Landholm, eighth grade. We have finished a big task. We sanded and varnished our desks. Even the first graders sanded their own. We used blocks of wood with sandpaper around them. We varnished the teacher's desk, the recitation bench, cupboards and work table. Our school room now has the "new-look."

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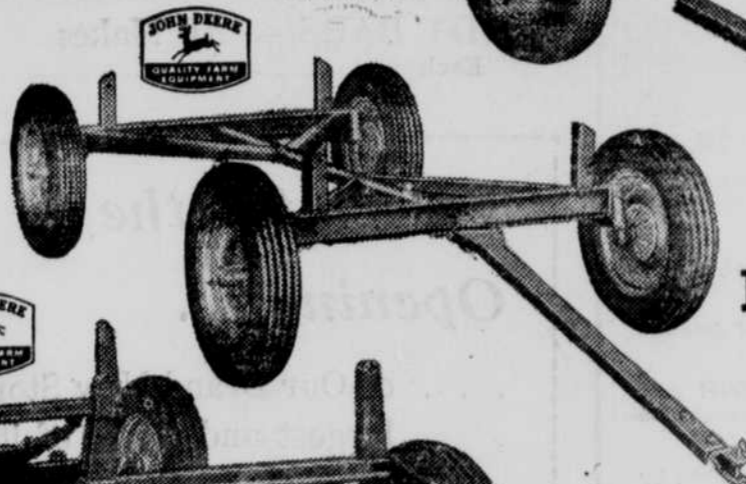
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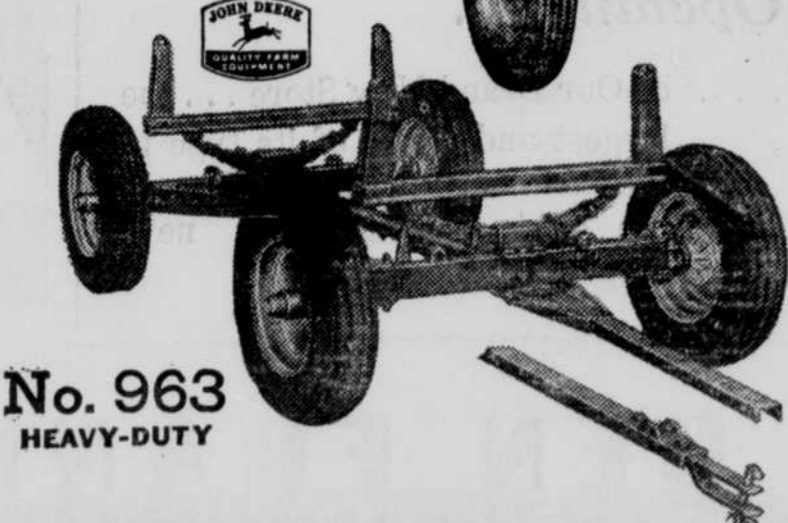
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