

# THE FRONTIER

## PUBLIC SCHOOL IS OPEN WITH 220 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

One Hundred And Six Students Are Tuition Pupils From County Districts.

The O'Neill Public Schools opened Monday morning, with a great increase in the number of pupils in the High School. The high school has shown a steady growth every year for the past four or five years, but the number of pupils enrolled this year exceeds that of any other year. The High School enrollment last year, during the first week was 193. This year, in the first week, it has reached the 220 mark and there will probably be several additional students added during the coming week.

The High School this year is running on a new schedule. School opens at 8:45 in the morning with three one hour periods, from 8:45 to 11:45.

The afternoon session opens at 1 o'clock with one one hour period and three forty minute periods, closing at 4 o'clock.

The school session is longer this year than that of any other year. The one hour periods, Superintendent Carroll says, is meeting with the hearty approval of both the students and teachers. The hour is so arranged that the pupil has twenty to thirty minutes of supervised study and he finds it much easier to prepare for his next class.

Following is the number of pupils in the high school and in the various grades:

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| High School   | 220 |
| Of this number 106 are tuition pupils from the country districts of the county. |     |
| First Grade   | 31  |
| Second Grade  | 28  |
| Third Grade   | 30  |
| Fourth Grade  | 27  |
| Fifth Grade   | 36  |
| Sixth Grade   | 25  |
| Seventh Grade   | 28  |
| Eighth Grade  | 19  |
| Kindergarten  | 13  |
| Total   | 457 |

## John Addison Celebrates His Seventy-Ninth Year

A large group of relatives and friends gathered at the Scottville hall to help John Addison, of Opportunity, celebrate his 79th birthday anniversary. The celebration was a complete surprise, arranged by his children, most of whom were present.

It took a great deal of persuading to get him to attend the event and upon his arrival at the hall when he was greeted by the large crowd assembled, he was surely surprised.

The evenings dancing program was opened by John and his daughter, Kiva Taylor, dancing the Shamus O'Brion waltz, after which they all joined in and helped him celebrate right. He took part in all the dances, music being furnished by Gene Grenier and son, Verne.

Lunch was served at midnight, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, coffee and cake. The table was decorated with three large birthday cakes, two of them being for John's birthday, one a large angel food and the other a cocanut layer cake with 79 candles decorating it. The third cake, a cocanut layer cake with 21 candles for his daughter Freida, who was also celebrating a birthday that day. The birthday cakes with the candles were baked by his daughter, Lemo; the angel food cake being baked by Twinkle Wertz.

The children present were: L. Robinson husband and sons, of Atkinson; Kiva Taylor and children, at home; Marguerite, of Merriman, being unable to be present; Casper wife and sons; Freida Robinson husband and son of Terraville, S. D.; John H. wife and daughter, of Lead, S. D.; Delbert, at home. Those unable to be present were Margery Orr, of Terraville, S. D.; Clifford, of Lead, S. D.; Lloyd, of Deadwood, S. D.; Frona, of Sidney, Mont. Mrs. Casper Addison's mother, Mrs. Henry Brownell, of Allen, Nebr., was present.

The merry-makers tripped the light fantastic until the small hours of the morning, when they all departed for home wishing John many more happy birthdays.

John Addison has been a resi-

dent of Holt county for 50 years, coming here in the early eighties and taking a homestead, on which he has lived for over fifty years, except for five years when he lived in Page. He endured all the hardships of the early day pioneers and he is still hale, hearty and active despite his advanced years.

## Star Mail Route To Be Established Between Omaha and O'Neill

Within the next thirty days, a star mail route, with Omaha connections, will be started to carry mail from Fremont through Norfolk to O'Neill, according to information received here from J. F. Riordan, Omaha, chief clerk in the United States railway mail service.

The mail on the star route will leave Fremont at 12:30 a. m. daily, arrive in Norfolk at 3:30 o'clock and O'Neill at 7 a. m., Riordan said.—Randolph Times.

Local postal officials have received no word of the proposed establishment of the above mentioned star route, but they say the matter was talked of some time ago. If the above star route is established it is probable that the busses that now carry the daily papers from Fremont to O'Neill every day would get the contract for carrying the mail. These busses have been carrying the daily papers for the past three years from Fremont, arriving in O'Neill at 7:30 every morning, but have been carrying only papers and light freight.

## 4-H Conservation Camp

That Nebraska 4-H Club Members and local leaders are anxious to help protect and conserve wild life was indicated in the first annual statewide conservation camp held last week at Seward for four days. Attending from Holt county was Howard Grims.

The rural Nebraskans, determined that game laws shall be observed and wild life protected, showed unusual interest in the program which was devoted to the study of birds, fish, plants and wild animals. It was the first time any such camp had ever been held in the state and met such an enthusiastic response that another is planned for next year. Charles L. Horn, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the financial backer of the camp, it was revealed at Seward.

Many prominent state officials, agricultural college authorities and members of the state game and forestation and park commission appeared on the program throughout the week at Seward. L. I. Frisbie, state club leader at the college of agriculture, was in general charge of the encampment. K. C. Fouts, agricultural agent in Seward county, had charge of local arrangements.

## Auto Sales Falling Off

The dry hot weather of August had an effect upon the sale of new automobiles in the county. During the month of August there were only 26 new cars registered at the office of the county treasurer, the lightest month since last March, when only 23 new cars were registered. The total registration of new cars in the county since Jan. 1, 1935, now total 301, divided by months as follows: Jan. 26; Feb. 27; March 23; April 48; May 55; June 35; July 61; Aug. 26.

## AAA Rye Program

Many farmers are interested in watching the outcome of the proposed AAA rye program. Meetings have already been held with AAA officials regarding the advisability of having a rye program. Definite information will be available in the near future.

Hugh O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. Credle and daughter, Judith, of Omaha, came up last Saturday night for a visit at the home of Hugh's and Mrs. Credle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell and with other relatives here. Hugh and Mr. Credle returned to Omaha Monday, while Mrs. Credle and daughter remained here for a protracted visit.

John Ballou, one of the pioneers of Atkinson, passed away and his funeral is being held in Atkinson this afternoon. He was about 70 years of age and had been in failing health for the past few years.

## RESIDENT OF SOUTH FORK VALLEY DEAD

Funeral Services For Mrs. Elkins Held Thursday At Chambers Baptist Church.

Olive May Elkins died at her home, about 14 miles south of this city, last Tuesday morning about 6 o'clock, after an illness of several months of cancer, at the age of 38 years and one day. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, services at the Baptist church in Chambers, Rev. Nye officiating and burial in the Chambers cemetery.

Olive May Martin was born at Danbury, Iowa, on September 2, 1897. When she was one year old the family moved to this county and she had been a resident of the county ever since. On Dec. 26, 1915, she was united in marriage to Clyde Elkins, at Inman, Nebr. Nine children were born of this union, who with the husband are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate wife and mother. The children are:

Vernon, Stanley, Eldon, Donald, Gordon, Harold, Arlene, Bernadine and Nadine.

She is also survived by her father, Charles E. Martin, of Chambers, and three sisters and two brothers. The sisters are: Mrs. Jones, of Montana; Mrs. W. Jutte, of Chambers and Mrs. Flora Knight, of Opportunity.

Her brothers are: Walter Martin of Tolar, N. M., and Edwin Martin of Missouri.

## Mrs. Velder Chairman At Montana Carrier's Meet

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer of Aug. 25 contains a notice of a meeting of the Montana Star Route Mail Carriers Association, held at Great Falls on Aug. 25, attended by about sixty of the state route mail carriers of the state. According to the dispatch the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Katherine Velder, of O'Neill, Nebr., secretary-treasurer of the National Association. State organizations have now been completed in 24 states of the union and the officials of the organization expect to organize every state, as soon as possible.

## Acquires Medlin & Son Meat Market

Kenneth Kimbrough, of Geneva, arrived in the city last Monday and on Tuesday morning took possession of the Medlin & Son meat market, which he will operate in the future. Mr. Kimbrough is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kimbrough, for many years residents of this county and city but who left here in 1931 for Geneva, where they have since made their home. Kenneth left here in 1929 and says that he notices many improvements in the city since he left here. The Frontier welcomes him to the ranks of O'Neill business men.

## ODD THINGS IN PRINT

Another set of odd items which have actually gotten into print is going the rounds. Here are a few of them:

"His first venture into the antique field was in Asheville, N. C. There he met his wife."

"He is described as having brown hair, turning gray, and all his upper teeth are missing."

"Doctor Jones, formerly of Memphis, has completed a revival at the First Church here, during which tight members were received."

"A young woman wants washing and cleaning daily."

"Green colored girl wants work until after Christmas."

"While trimming a cottonwood tree Monday, Bill Smith suffered a severe blow on the head, when a large branch turned and struck him."

"Harry Taylor, school principal here, has a stone applejar that has been in the family 109 years. Next year it will be one hundred and ten years old."

"Young Lady—Eighteen years old as beginner in respectable office or otherwise."

Mrs. Nellie Brennan and sons, Robert and James, returned to their homes in Durango, Colo., the latter part of last week, after spending the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brennan.

## The Weather

|         | Temperature | Moisture |
|---------|-------------|----------|
|         | High        | Low      |
| Aug. 30 | 60          | 37       |
| Aug. 31 | 63          | 52       |
| Sept. 1 | 61          | 52       |
| Sept. 2 | 66          | 46       |
| Sept. 3 | 65          | 50       |
| Sept. 4 | 69          | 40       |

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell  
The threads of the 1936 political pattern are slowly but surely weaving in and out, with an increasing number of aspiring politicians taking up their knitting as autumn approaches.

Starting at the top of the list, the political prognosticators find only one Nebraskan of presidential timber—Senator Norris, but few persons are in evidence to bet that the senior senator will be our next president.

At McCook last spring "Norris-for-president" petitions were being circulated, but the matter was "dropped for the present" upon the urgent request of the senator.

Another incipient presidential boom has been lurking in the Cornhusker background, with John R. McCarl, U. S. comptroller general and another "McCook boy who made good," as the head man. The first McCarl-for-president Club was formed in Lincoln early this summer, with George Kline, republican progressive, as the promoter. Lately, the McCarl movement has resembled a "hush" rather than a "boom," however. McCarl, a graduate of the state university and former private secretary to Senator Norris, will retire from his present position July 1, 1936.

Some people who know Mayor Charley Bryan of Lincoln pretty well, venture the opinion that if he were asked to run for president, he would blushing accept. To date no one has asked him.

In the matter of supplying a vice president, Nebraska comes a little nearer to occupying a front seat. President Roosevelt is reputed to have mentioned that he would like to have Senator E. R. Burke for a running mate in 1936. Burke stood squarely with the president against the Patman bonus bill during the recent session in Washington, whereas Vice President Garner adopted a noncommittal attitude.

S. R. McKelvie, former governor and strong Hooverite, also is mentioned as likely material for the vice-presidency on the republican ticket. It is pointed out that if a western man is needed for that spot, McKelvie would be willing and is admittedly an aggressive stump campaigner.

Again the name of the willing Mayor Bryan enters into the conjecturing, and again the chief obstacle is the likelihood that no one will ask him to run for vice-president—this despite the fact that he has had previous experience as the opponent of Charley Curtis of Kansas.

Greater political interest is attached to the question of who will run for U. S. senator next year, as Nebraska is sure of seating someone in that job. The uncertain plans of the incumbent Norris hold the spotlight at the present time.

The school of prognosticators is broken up into two camps as regards Norris' intentions—those who say he will retire from politics after 1936, and those who have the idea he will run for governor in order to insure the right kind of a start for the baby-one-house legislature. Apparently the prognosticators have failed to consider the possibility that Norris might run for re-election as senator.

In case Norris does not run for re-election, there are a number of Nebraskans willing to serve as top hand in the senate.

Republicans generally assume that Robert G. Simmons, 1934 G. O. P. candidate, will be a candidate to replace Norris, and Simmons practically has clinched the assumption by vehemently declaring after last year's defeat that he was "thru with politics." He made the same declaration repeatedly after being ousted as congressman from the Fifth district by Young Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff.

Editor Dwight Griswold of Gordon, is a republican dark horse and he has shown more strength while twice being defeated as candidate for governor than most men show (Continued on page 5, column 3.)

## TEST WELL SOUTH OF TOWN SHOULD SUPPLY CITY NEED

Firm of Butterfield & Johnson, of Burwell, Say Well Will Bring 500 Gallons Per Minute.

The firm of Butterfield & Johnson, of Burwell, have been in the city the past week digging test wells in various parts of the city, trying to find a location where the city would be able to secure an adequate supply of water. Several test holes were put down in the city which failed to give promise of a sufficient supply of water and then they went south of town to the Peters farm, a couple of miles south of the river, and they have a well there that Mr. Johnson says he is positive will pump 500 gallons per minute, if not more. If this is true it would settle the water question for the city for some years to come. Of course it will be a little expensive to install the water mains to carry the water that distance, but, if water cannot be found within the city limits in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of the city, there is nothing else to do but to put the well there.

Butterfield & Johnson have had a great deal of experience in the well game. In the summer of 1933 they came over here and put down several test holes, as they contemplated putting in a bid for digging the well that the city had advertised for. But after putting down several test holes, one only a little way from the well put down by Mr. Shaner a short time ago, they refused to submit a bid on the well, as they were convinced that they could not bring in a well in the city limits that would meet the provisions of the contract, 300 gallons per minute for a forty-eight hour period.

The city has been suffering from a shortage of water for several years and city officials, as well as the residents of the city, are hoping that at last they have found a place where an abundant supply can be secured.

## Sam McKelvie On Potato Control Act

The following on the potato control act, recently enacted by congress, is from the pen of Sam R. McKelvie in the last issue of his Nebraska Farmer:

"We didn't take what we had comin' from the government when we quit the pig business about two years ago. We have joined heartily with ranchers in opposing a processing tax on cattle. We sold no cattle under drought relief.

"This is not said in criticism of those who accepted such so-called favors. Nor was it because we could not use the money. We just wanted to run our own business. So we stayed out. Now it looks as though we're in, whether or no.

"In the 15,400 word amendments to AAA which Secretary Wallace repeatedly referred to as merely 'clarifying' there is a section regarding potato control. It provides that if you haven't been growing potatoes for sale you can't. If you have been one of the three million farmers that grow more than 5 bushels you'll be licensed and have a potato quota.

"If you exceed the quota it will cost you 45 cents a bushel to sell 'em. Furthermore they must be put in the kind of a box the potato controller says and carry a government stamp.

"If you violate any of these rules—and a good many more—it will cost one thousand bucks for the first offense. For the next offense you are off to the hoosgow—Leavenworth or Atlanta.

"If you find a buyer for your illegitimate spuds, or one who even 'offers' to buy 'em—the same penalty goes for him.

"All of which includes us. The only land we have that is not in grass is the potato patch and garden. Without much success, we have tried to raise our own supply of spuds and a little more. Last year they dried out. This year they washed out. We planted 'em the last time late in June. Looks like they'll make a crop. So that puts us in for next year.

"Now, brethren and sistern, when that boy with his bag of tricks comes around to tack his license on the potato patch gate I expect it will be somewhat of an interesting session. Lookin' ahead

a year or so no tellin' what our address will be. But if I'm any judge of human nature and American independence we'll have plenty of company.

"Which reminds us that 90 per cent or more of the farmers were assured by their 'spokesmen' that the AAA amendments were harmless. Just made to catch the big boys. Mussolini and Hitler are pikers compared with what can be done under those amendments."

## Figures Show Decline of Exports and Increase of Imports on Food Stuffs

"There was a large increase in the imports of foodstuffs, partly as the result of higher domestic prices following the drought of last year," reports the monthly foreign trade bulletin of the U. S. Department of Commerce, which then proceeds to show that the value of our exports for the first six months of 1935 declined approximately \$12,000,000 while the value of imports increased \$130,000,000.

The official figures disclose that in the main imports showing an increase were agricultural commodities. Prior to the advent of the New Deal, the United States exported on an average 1,500,000 bushels of corn annually. During the first six months of this year corn imports reached a total of 17,620,195 bushels. Only 99,660 bushels were exported.

In 1932 the United States exported 54,000,000 bushels of wheat; in the first six months of the current year our wheat exports amounted to 68,022 bushels, but our imports of wheat for those six months totaled 6,438,476 bushels. In other words, our wheat imports were nearly 100 times our wheat exports.

Similar showing is made as to cotton, lard, tobacco and other farm commodities. Forced curtailment of American production under AAA regulation, reversed the balance of trade in farm commodities. As a consequence, no small part of the "farm relief" designed for American farmers is now being enjoyed by the farmers of other lands, whose production costs and whose standard of living are way below even the depression scale prevailing in the United States.

## Receive August Gas Tax Money

The state treasurer has distributed \$324,288.52 to the counties of the state, the money being their share of the monthly gas tax receipts for August, minus \$216,192, or one cent which goes to state relief and \$18,766 refunded to dealers. Holt county received as their share of the August collections \$3,310.71.

## Hospital Notes

Erwin Sanders, of Ewing, came in Friday the 30th for treatment for obstruction of the bowels. He went home Saturday evening, much improved.

Mrs. O. W. Holmes was brought in Saturday morning at 2 o'clock. She was treated for lacerations and bruises obtained in an auto accident. She was able to go home Tuesday evening.

Eugene Porter, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter, had his tonsils and adenoids removed Saturday morning.

Mrs. Thomas Hill, of Atkinson, underwent a minor operation Wednesday morning.

James Wayne Shipman went home Monday feeling much better. Stuart Hartigan is slowly improving.

Andrew Crookshank, of Blair, was in the city last Tuesday on his way home from a visit at the home of his brother at Golden Valley, N. D. Mr. Crookshank visited here at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. A. Summers east of this city and left for home Wednesday morning.

Harry Clemens was a caller at this office Tuesday morning and extended his subscription well into next year. Harry says that he just has to have The Frontier so that he can keep posted upon the dolings of the citizens of this and surrounding counties.

Harry Haffner, of Norfolk, was looking after business matters in this city last Wednesday.

## COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR COURT HOUSE GRANT IS REJECTED

Faulty Application Given As The Reason For Rejection of The Application.

Word was received in this city last Friday from Washington that the application of Holt county for a grant of federal funds for the purpose of building a new court house had been rejected, because of a faulty application. The county officials have received no direct word from Washington officials.

The daily press the first of the week contained a list of applications that had been rejected, and among the number was that of this county. Dawes county, which also had an application in for a grant for a new court house and jail, was also in the list of those that had been rejected.

The Lincoln Journal this morning contains a special AP dispatch from Washington to the effect that Representative Coffey, of Chadron, announced that a revised application for a grant for a new court house and jail at Chadron had been prepared and approved by the Public Works Administration.

Word comes from Washington that the objections raised to the form of the Holt county application had been removed by an amended application and the chances were very favorable now for its approval by the board some time within the next few days.

## Soy Bean - Bindweed Field Day To Be Held

Considerable inquiry has been made from time to time on the adaptability of soybeans to Holt county soils. Last spring several farmers near Page planted small fields of soy beans. In order to see first hand the most desirable methods of planting as well as the kind of crop to expect from the different methods of planting we have arranged a field day Monday, September 9. This will be conducted in the form of a tour and will start from the Merwyn French farm, half a mile north and two miles west of Page at 1:30 P. M. Arthur Peterson from the agricultural college will be present to assist with the program. Mr. Peterson will also conduct a bindweed control demonstration after visiting the farms having the soybeans.

Everyone interested is urged to attend as the route is short and the first hand information will be well worth the time spent.

## 9 Miles An Hour Was Once A Dizzy Pace

From the Forty Years Ago column of the Norfolk Daily News: "Section 2 of ordinance No. 66 says: It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or ride thru or upon any street in the city of Norfolk at a dangerous or reckless or unusual speed, or at a greater rate than 8 miles an hour. Any person or persons violating this ordinance upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding ten dollars and shall pay costs of prosecution."

"This ordinance is violated every day by drivers of delivery wagons and the sooner that an example is made of some of them for their reckless driving, particularly on side streets, the better."

O'Neill had 'em, too. And it was fun to whiz past the 8 miles an hour limit signs at the dizzy nine miles an hour clip.

Judge R. R. Dickson, Ira Moss, J. D. Cronin and Rev. A. J. May drove down to Neligh last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. McElhaney, services for whom were held at Neligh and burial in the cemetery at Orchard. Mrs. McElhaney was for many years a resident of this county, living in the Dorsey neighborhood. For the past few years she had been making her home with her son in Omaha, where she passed away last Saturday.

Jack Arbuthnot came home last Monday night from Washington, D. C., for a ten day vacation with his parents and other relatives here. Jack has been in Washington for several months where he has a position in the agricultural department and is taking the law course at Georgetown University.