

# THE FRONTIER

O'NEILL, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1935.

### POULTRY DRESSING PLANT PAYS \$85,000 TO BIRD FARMERS

November and December Holiday Buying Also Pays Over Seven Thousand Dollars Wages.

One of the real live institutions in the city and one that is doing much for the growth of the city is that of the county as a poultry section and the popularity of this city as a market for poultry, is the Armour Creameries. In addition to the increase in the production of poultry, including turkeys, in the county, the company pays out thousands of dollars every year for labor and this money goes directly into the business channels of the city.

Manager Art Turner, of the Armour Creameries, informs us that during the months of November and December, 1935, that they shipped from this city nine carloads of turkeys, valued at \$43,000, and that these turkeys were practically all raised in this county and they were shipped, after being prepared for market in the plant, to Philadelphia, New York and Chicago.

During the same period they shipped twelve carloads of chickens, or practically a half million pounds. These averaged about \$3,500 a car which would mean about \$42,000 for the twelve carloads, or a total of \$85,000 for chickens and turkeys paid out here in two months.

During the same two months the company paid out for labor in its local plant the sum of \$7,025, which is a good sized payroll.

Armour Creameries just started their hatchery in this city last winter and it is in charge of L. L. Cambre, who came here from Lincoln, Ill., a year ago, and is an expert hatchery man. He is busy now making arrangements for a greatly increased output the coming year.

Manager Turner says that the anticipated output for the year 1936 will be 30,000 turkey poults and 100,000 baby chicks. He is of the opinion that within a very few years Holt county will be outstanding as a turkey growing county, as this section is especially well adapted to the growing of turkeys. Armour & Company are recommending the purchase of quality turkeys and chicks, then proper feeding and management, the essentials to make the business a success.

If the company is able to live up to their anticipated output of turkey poults the coming year it will mean that there will be over \$100,000 paid out to turkey growers in this county during the coming year.

### Junior Project Club

The Junior project club met on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the home of Mrs. L. A. Carter. The leaders, Mrs. Cowperthwaite and Mrs. Gillespie gave a demonstration on the perfect hostess. After the meeting the time was spent on games. A delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Quigg. The next meeting will be held Jan. 29 at the home of Mrs. Pete Herford.

### Dorsey Project Club

The Dorsey Project Club was royally entertained with a "Christmas Party" at the home of Mrs. Wamsley on December 19, with twenty members and two guests present.

As our president was absent the secretary presided. The meeting was called to order by reciting "The Collect" and "The Homemakers Creed" in unison. After roll call and the secretary's report being read and approved Mrs. F. P. Hunter distributed the circular, "The Homemakers Entertain" and then read "The Art of Being a Guest," "Common Courtesies" "Invitations," etc.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the formal "Christmas Party" began. Just inside the living room door stood the hostess and two guests of honor, the Misses Sadie Derickson and Lillian Hibs. After all guests had passed the receiving line Mrs. Charley Cole was leader of a few contest games. The winners of these games were Mrs. Will Derickson, Mrs. C. L. Brady, Miss Sadie Derickson and Mrs. John Carson. Xmas carols were now being sung with Mrs. Dick Curran leading. The playlet, "The Community Spirit" and "The Christmas Spirit" was then given by Mrs. L. Hansen and Mrs. Will Derickson. This was very well rendered.

When the guests were invited to the dining room, where tea was served, they found the shades drawn and long tapering candles lighted which added very much to the decorative effect of the dining room. The center of the table was

very beautiful with miniature Christmas trees and lighted candles. The different cookies, which were baked from the recipes taken from "Holiday Happiness," also added charm to the table. Mrs. F. P. Hunter and Mrs. John Carson "poured."

Mrs. John Wells joined our Club at this meeting. Each guest departed for their respective homes declaring Mrs. Wamsley a royal hostess and Mrs. F. P. Hunter and Mrs. Cole very efficient leaders.

Our Club has the distinction of winning the county contest. This was won by Mrs. F. P. Hunter. \*\*\*

### Oil Truck Goes Into Ditch—Wheels Stolen

Last Saturday night, or early Sunday morning, an oil transport went into the ditch north of this city while going down the Liddy hill and was badly damaged. The transport was loaded with gas for South Dakota. Two men, named Swanson and Alexander from Superior, Neb., were with the truck and luckily neither of the two men were seriously injured, although cut up and bruised some. The accident was witnessed by Clarence McClurg, superintendent of schools of this county, who was coming home after a visit with friends in Boyd county, and he brought the men to O'Neill after the accident. They said it was their first trip over the road and that they were going a little too fast to take the second turn on the road going down hill. They lost their load of gas and when they went out there the next morning two of their wheels and tires were gone. Some light fingered gent came along and decided that he or they needed the tires and as they were rather hard to get off took the wheels too.

### Postmaster Examination

To fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in this city, the United States Civil Service Commission has announced, at the request of the Postmaster General and in accordance with an order of the President, an open competitive examination.

To be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the delivery of this post office, must have so resided for at least two years next preceding the date for close of receipt of applications, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. Both men and women are admitted.

Under the terms of the executive order, the civil service commission will certify to the postmaster-general the names of the highest three qualified eligibles, if as many as three are qualified, and the postmaster-general will select one for nomination by the senate. Confirmation by the senate is the final action.

Applicants will not be required to assemble in an examination room for scholastic tests, but will be rated on their education and business training and experience. Two representatives of the civil service commission will visit the city to make personal inquiry among representative local business and professional men and women concerning the experience, ability, and character of each applicant.

All of the evidence secured will be referred to the civil service commission in the form of a formal report, and upon this evidence, and this alone the commission will assign the ratings.

The commission states that nothing will be permitted to appear in the report which might even suggest the political affiliation of any candidate.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at the post office in this city, or from the United States civil service commission, Washington, D. C.

### The Busy Hour Club

The busy hour club held their Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 19, at the home of Mrs. John Schmohr. All members were present and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Wayman and Mrs. Lowell Johnson. After the election of new officers for the coming year a very interesting program of games and contests was given, with Mrs. John Miller winning the prize.

A delicious lunch of sandwiches, pie and coffee was served by the hostess. The house was prettily decorated and Old Santa had remembered each with a nice useful gift. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. E. Gray.

Miss Augusta Adamson, of Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, is spending the holidays here with her parents.

### FORMER RESIDENT OF COUNTY DIES OF PARALYTIC STROKE

Mrs. Margaret Hagen Dies While Visiting At The Home of Her Parents In This City.

Margaret T. Hagen died at the local hospital last Sunday after an illness of but a few days, after complications following a paralytic stroke, at the age of 48 years, one month and 16 days. The funeral was held Thursday morning from St. Patrick's church, Monsignor J. G. McNamara officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Margaret T. Murray was born on the Murray farm northeast of this city on Nov. 6, 1887, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Murray, pioneer residents of the county. She grew to womanhood in this county and several years ago went to Montana where she taught school for several years and was married to Magne Hagen, a Montana ranchman. Her husband passed away five years ago and since that time she had been living on their ranch.

Thanksgiving she came down here for a visit with her parents and many other relatives in this section. She had not been feeling well and thought a change of climate would be beneficial. She suffered a paralytic stroke last week and was taken to the hospital where she passed away Dec. 12.

She leaves to mourn her passing her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Murray of this city and eight sisters and one brother, all of whom were present at the funeral. The sisters are: Mrs. Ellen Blomberg, Gill, S. D.; Mrs. Ernest Perkins, Page; Mrs. Mattie Soukup, O'Neill; Mrs. John R. Burshek, Redig, S. D.; Mrs. Dean T. Streeter, O'Neill; Mrs. Ray C. Williams, Sheridan, Wyo.; Mrs. Clyde Streetler, Page; Mrs. Bernard Mathews, Norfolk. The brother is George E. Murray, of Lead, S. D.

### Outdoor Fires Should Be Handled Carefully

Camp fires built for warming and often cooking purposes along the river here constitute a danger not realized by many who never witnessed a prairie fire. Vegetation in a highly inflammable condition and a fire with wind might run 50 miles or more and cause loss as high as \$100,000. One may be jailed for permitting such a fire to cause loss under a charge called criminal negligence and those who like to play outdoors are cautioned to be very careful. No where are land owners as liberal regarding the trespass of those out for a good time as they are here; very few object to picnics or parties on their premises and this fact makes the land practically a community holding, something not enjoyed in every section. Think of it—a million dollars worth of real estate near O'Neill for your pleasure—and no trespassing" signs to bar out everyone.

### Marriage Licenses

The county court issued the following marriage licenses last Monday:

Emerson Loseke, of Leigh, and Miss Libbie Paul, of Schuyler. Milton McKathnie and Miss Alpha Johnson, both of Atkinson. Stanley Johnson and Miss Helen Reiser, both of Atkinson. Frederick Desevie and Miss Gwendolyn Miller, both of Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Enard Leach and family left Tuesday morning for Forest City, Mo., to spend Christmas with Mr. Leach's mother and other friends and relatives. They expected to return home before the New Year.

Our Indian summer took cold last Tuesday afternoon and Christmas morning the thermometer registered 8 below. With a north wind blowing about thirty miles an hour the average citizen imagined it to be around forty or more below. The wind moderated somewhat Christmas day and the mercury did not get as low as it did the night before, registering 6 below this a.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning Worship at 11 a. m.—"Closing Out the Year." Evening service at 7:30 p. m.—A candle light service.

H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

### METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. A. J. May, Pastor Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning Worship at 11 a. m.—"New Year Evangelism." Special music by the choir. Epworth League 6.30 p. m. Evening service at 7.30 p. m.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

Success in 1936— and a world of happiness to go with your success. May each month bring better things for you and yours.

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### BRIEFLY STATED

Dolores Lydon visited friends at Atkinson Tuesday.

Hubert Schoats, of Winnetoon, was here several days this week visiting friends.

Mrs. Helen Simar returned last Thursday night from a visit with friends in Omaha.

Mrs. Roy Johnson and children went to Wayne Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koon, of Chambers, visited the Tom Edwards home here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hershiser, of Le Seur, Minn., are in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Wilton Hayne, Page blacksmith, visited here last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson.

Erwin Cronin came up from Grand Island last Saturday night to spend Christmas with the home folks.

Miss Helen Toy came up from Wayne last Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vanderlinden and Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell visited friends at Norfolk last Saturday.

Miss Agnes Griffen went down to Neligh Wednesday morning and spent Christmas with relatives and friends there.

Miss Nancy Dickson came up from Wayne last Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with the home folks.

Boycie Vanderlinden is spending the holiday school vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Clausen on Eagle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grandorf and son had Christmas dinner in this city at the home of their daughter, Mrs. James Oppen.

Frank Gallagher came up from St. Louis the latter part of last week to spend the Christmas holidays with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell came up from Randolph last Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends in this city.

Edward O'Donnell came up from North Platte last Tuesday night to spend Christmas with relatives and friends in the old home town.

Edwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter, left Saturday for near Chambers to spend a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Porter.

Edward Kirkpatrick, of the Niobrara CCC camp, spent Christmas here with home folks. Members of the camp expect to be moved to the west coast soon.

J. D. Cronin left Wednesday night for Lincoln, where the Nebraska Bar Association is holding their annual convention the last three days of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Todsden and children drove down to Grand Island last Tuesday night and spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Todsden's parents. Pete returned Tuesday night while the family remained for a few days visit.

Mrs. Stuart Meech came out from Chicago last Tuesday evening and will spend a couple of weeks visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oppen and daughter, Gurna, came over from Creighton last Tuesday and spent Christmas visiting with their sons, Ralph and James Oppen.

Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, had a double celebration Wednesday. Besides being Christmas, the day was also the ninth birthday of Phyllis.

Christmas here was a white one and that morning was cold enough to satisfy every boy. It was eight below zero. A powerful wind drove the cold in man and beast.

Miss Ruth Evans came from Omaha Wednesday night to spend the holidays with her mother in this city. She is a student nurse in St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha.

Robert Biglin came up from Omaha last Friday night to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Biglin and with other relatives and friends here.

Donald Enright and family, of Omaha, arrived in the city Christmas morning to spend the holidays at the home of Mr. Enright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Enright.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Johnson and Edward Kirkpatrick went to Long Pine last Sunday, returning with Mrs. Fred Hoar and son, Gene. The Hoars celebrated Christmas at the Johnson home.

George Van Every, highway foreman, came up from Arapahoe, in south Nebraska, Tuesday afternoon, spent Christmas here with his family and returned to Arapahoe Thursday.

Mrs. C. B. Yarnell and children left last Friday morning for Hendley, Neb., where they will spend the holidays at the home of her parents. They expect to return home New Years eve.

Miss Mary Sullivan arrived in the city Wednesday evening to spend two weeks visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Agnes Sullivan. Mary is taking a course in nursing at St. Joseph's hospital.

Miss Loretta Enright, who is teaching at the Petersburg, Neb. public school came home Saturday evening last, to spend the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Enright.

M. F. O'Donnell, of Dallas, Texas and John O'Donnell, of Omaha, arrived Tuesday afternoon to spend Christmas at the home of their mother, Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell and with other relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Credle and daughter, Judith, and Hugh O'Donnell came up from Omaha Tuesday to spend Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell. Mr. Credle and Hugh returned to Omaha Wednesday evening while Mrs. Credle and daughter remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Arbutnot returned last Friday from Yankton, S. D., where they had spent a couple of days with their son, Jack, who was operated on last Thursday morning for appendicitis. He is getting along nicely and is expected to come home Friday for a couple of weeks while convalescing.

	High	Low	Mois.
Dec. 20	33	4	
Dec. 21	33	17	
Dec. 22	39	24	
Dec. 23	32	16	
Dec. 24	33	8	
Dec. 25	27	-8	
Dec. 26	9	-6	

### Clearwater Noses Out St. Mary's Five; Intra-Class Games At Public School

Playing at Clearwater last Friday evening, the school basketballers of that town were victorious over the Cardinals of St. Mary's Academy, 12 to 11. Reserve quintets of the schools also mixed on the floor and Clearwater threw another victory, 8 to 5.

Last Wednesday and Thursday evenings there was a world's "serious" basketball tournament held at the public school gym. The results of this interclass play, as given by a student, follow: The seniors vanquished the sophomores, 31 to 4; the Juniors sandpapered the freshmen 21 to 6; the Juniors ganged and avalanched the Seniors 16 to 6, and the freshmen, anxious to annex something as an old wet hen by this time, sat down on the sophomores, 25 to 5.

### O'Neill Ladies Raise \$112 For Xmas Work

The total amount of money raised by the ladies of O'Neill in their campaign to furnish toys to every poor child in O'Neill and vicinity amounted to \$112.00. The distribution of this money was as follows: \$45.26 was spent for new toys, candy, material to repair old toys received, stockings and prizes which were given to the girls for the best dressed doll. Fifteen dollars each to the pastors of the Catholic, Methodist and the Presbyterian churches to be used at their discretion for the needy of their congregations, a total of \$45.00. The money remaining was given to Miss Roberta Arbutnot, local relief worker to be used in distributing baskets to the old people of this city.

Miss Alice Sexsmith of the O'Neill Public School won the first prize for the best doll from the public school, and Miss Betty Biglin won first from St. Mary's Academy. The prize dolls were distributed among the children of O'Neill. The ladies estimated that over 3,500 toys were distributed to the children, and they thank everyone for their co-operation.

### BRIEFLY STATED

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson those home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davidson, of Casper, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson, of Bone-steel, S. D., and Eileen Davidson, of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Noble left last Friday for Carthage, S. D., where they will visit friends and look after business matters, as Mr. Noble has a yard at that place. They expect to return about the first of the year.

Mrs. George Weingartner, who underwent an operation at Stuart hospital recently for removal of her appendix, was returned here Christmas afternoon by her husband. Mrs. Weingartner is in satisfactory condition.

Judge and Mrs. R. R. Dickson left Thursday evening, Dec. 26, for Omaha and Lincoln. In the latter city Judge Dickson will attend the annual convention of the Nebraska Bar association. They expect to be gone about one week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Cain, owners of a residence in southeast O'Neill, and now living at Rozet, Wyoming, are in the city on business and pleasure and expect to return to their home in several days. The Cains were among the earliest settlers of this vicinity.

Live stock raisers in this vicinity say this winter so far has been an ideal one. Practically every day stock has been able to graze and cornstalk disease, anthrax and black leg and similar ailments have been almost nil. There is a good supply of the rough feeds.

The Burlington railway, one of the leading institutions of this city, declared a dividend of \$2 for 1935. This company has paid an annual dividend ever since 1862. If all business was managed as well as is the Burlington it is certain there is one thing that would be a failure and that thing is a financial depression.

John Walker was up from Page Tuesday.

### LAST RITES HELD SATURDAY FOR AN EARLY PIONEER

Edson W. Sargent Laid To Rest After Fifty-six Years As A Holt County Resident.

Edson W. Sargent died at his home in this city last Thursday afternoon about 6 o'clock after an illness of several months of stomach trouble, at the age of 78 years, 9 months and one day. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. at the Methodist church, Rev. A. J. May officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Edson W. Sargent was born at Marquette, Wisc., on March 18, 1859. He came to this county in the spring of 1879 and as soon as he reached manhood's estate he took a homestead about 15 miles north and a little east of this city where he lived for over a quarter of a century.

On April 30, 1885, he was united in marriage in this city to Mrs. Rhoda Dort. To this union three children were born, Leon M. Sargent and Mrs. G. E. Burge, O'Neill, and Mrs. B. C. Shove, of Adrian, Minn., all of whom were present at the funeral.

Mr. Sargent was one of the real pioneers of the county, coming here in 1879 when practically all of the county was a wilderness, with not over 500 people in the entire county, which now contains about 20,000 inhabitants. He endured all the hardships of the early pioneers; the grasshopper plague, the blizzards and storms of the early days, when neighbors were very few and long distances away. But, like other pioneers who settled and made this country what it is today, he persevered and lived to see the county densely populated and the city of O'Neill, which contained but three buildings when he came here, grow into the best town in this section of the state with a population in excess of 2,500 people.

He was a splendid citizen and a kind and affectionate husband and father. He dearly loved to talk of the old times in this section and got genuine pleasure out of his visits with the pioneers of the county, who are rapidly passing from the sphere of action, to be succeeded by the younger generation. If the latter have half the energy, perseverance and stamina of the old timers, the future of this section of the country is assured.

### South Side Improvement Club

The South Side Improvement Club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Frances Clark on Thursday, December 12. An interesting lesson was given on invitations, games and decorations for Christmas parties by Mrs. John Welsh and Mrs. Ralph Fritton. Several new games were played and clever prizes given.

"A Christmas Sketch" was given by Bonnie Welsh and Margaret Gaughenbaugh.

Mrs. Clyde Burge and Mrs. Howard McDaniel joined the Club. Mrs. Sadie Miller, of Neligh, was a guest. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

The Club will have an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Stuart Earls on Thursday, January 9.

### Jail Building Sold

At the meeting of the County Board last Tuesday they sold the county jail building to Jake Harley and Ed Paval, both of Chambers, for \$200, this being the best offer received for the property. They are to have the building torn down and removed on or before February 1, 1936.

### West Side Project Club

The West Side project club met at the home of Mrs. Pat Hickey on Thursday, Dec. 12. All of the members were present. A very interesting lesson was presented by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Joe McNichols was assisting hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Clara Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Walling left last Friday for Albert Lea, Minn., where he will look after business matters for a few days and they will then go on to Wisconsin to spend Christmas at the home of their son, Harry. They do not expect to return home until after the first of the year.

Ice skating Christmas day, one of the big treats youngsters look forward to, was pronounced fair on Carlon's lake and sections of the Elkhorn where some of the young set succeeded in writing their names in the air with their feet besides etching some arithmetic problems on the hard water slates.