

THE FRONTIER

SUB-ZERO WEATHER HAS HAD A GRIP ON COUNTY FOR 15 DAYS

Low For Month is 22 Below; Rising Temperature and Snow Are On Weather Forecast.

For the ninth consecutive night the thermometer in this city registered below zero, the reading this morning, according to Weather Observer Bowen, reading 10 below zero. But one day during the nine, however, it failed to warm up during the day forcing it above zero, the exception being last Saturday when the highest temperature of the day was 4 below zero.

January, 1936, will go down in history as giving us more sub-zero weather than we have had in any month for many, many years. Including January 30 we have had 14 days when the thermometer registered below zero, the lowest being 22 below last Monday night. The first sub-zero night was January 7 when it registered 12 below. We were then given a breathing spell until January 16 when the present cold wave hit us and for fifteen days it has registered below zero every night but two, the exceptions being January 17 and 21.

The following gives the temperatures for the last fifteen days of the month:

Jan. 16	13	-7
Jan. 17	9	5
Jan. 18	6	-12
Jan. 19	2	-10
Jan. 20	15	-14
Jan. 21	33	1
Jan. 22	33	-18
Jan. 23	9	-17
Jan. 24	9	-7
Jan. 25	4	-17
Jan. 26	4	-19
Jan. 27	7	-22
Jan. 28	12	-2
Jan. 29	14	-16
Jan. 30		-10

According to the weather report it will moderate some today and there will be more snow tonight and tomorrow.

Civil Service

a la Roosevelt

From the United States Civil Service Commission comes a notice to this office that an open competitive examination will be held for the purpose of providing postmasters for twenty-nine Nebraska towns, including Battle Creek, Bloomfield, Greeley, Hay Springs, Naper, Randolph and Stuart in this section of the state. Applications for these positions must be received in Washington on or before February 7, 1936.

The notice says: "At the request of the Postmaster General, the United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination to fill the position of postmaster at each of the offices named in the list. It is expected that appointments will be made as a result of this examination unless it is found in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by transfer or promotion. This is not an examination under the Civil Service Act and rules, but is held under an Executive Order of July 12, 1933, providing for such procedure. The date for assembling of competitors will be stated on the admission cards sent applicants after the date for the close of receipt of applications, and will be about fifteen days from that date."

"In Nebraska examinations will be held only at the following places but a competitor for any office may be examined at any of the places named. O'Neill, Ord, Schuyler, Scottsbluff, Sidney, Tekamah, Wayne and West Point."

Will Give Prizes For Best 4-H Farm Records

Encouragement of rural boys and girls belonging to 4-H clubs in keeping farm records is to be given in 1936 by the International Harvester company, Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece was informed this week. County, state and national awards will be made to the 4-H clubbers making the best showing in the farm record contest.

To the county winner, where five or more records are completed, goes a \$10 merchandise certificate. The Nebraska champion gets a merchandise certificate worth \$100, the section winner a \$25 certificate and the national champion a well known make of truck or tractor. Records must be started between January 1 and February 29.

Interest in the national 4-H farm record contest in Nebraska has increased rapidly since Ogden Riddle, Frontier county, won the national title in 1934.

deals with an actual record while during the third year the farm record work plus study on farm credit is given the 4-H clubbers. Any 4-H club member may take farm account work as additional club work or a 4-H account club may be organized. Anyone interested should get in touch with the agricultural agent as soon as possible since accounts should be started before March 1.

Over 250 Thousand Due Holt County Veterans On Service Certificates

Congress passed the bonus bill over the veto of the President and it is now the law of the land. It will take \$2,491,000,000 to pay the bill and it will be paid by the issuing of \$50 bonds, which can be cashed. The bill provides full payment of the bonus nine years in advance of the 1945 maturity value of the twenty year adjusted World war service certificates.

According to the list the following amount will be paid to veterans in counties in this section of the state:

Holt County, \$261,205; Boyd County, \$113,427; Rock county, \$52,256; Brown county, \$91,324; Keya Paha county, \$50,677; Knox county, \$302,358; Antelope county, \$240,589.

Congressman Stefan Files For Re-election

Karl Stefan, of Norfolk, now serving his first term as Congressman from the Third Nebraska district, filed this week as a candidate for re-election to that office. From Washington, where he is attending the second session of the 74th Congress, Congressman Stefan gave out the following statement: "In 1934, when I first became a candidate for office, I told my friends in northeast Nebraska that if elected I would give them vigorous and honest representation; that I would work and vote for those things which seemed of vital importance to our agricultural district, without any regard to partisan politics."

"In asking for re-election, I can only say that I have done my best to carry out that promise. I have tried to keep the people of the district informed about what was going on here in Washington and what I was trying to do. The press and radio have helped wonderfully in giving out this information and I want to express my deep gratitude for their many courtesies."

"Right now I am terribly busy. We from the farm districts are trying to get the Frazier Bill for lower farm interest rates before the House. We are preparing for a battle with the powerful lobby which wants to take the three cent duty off of coconut oil and thus furnish worse competition for American dairy farmers. Then there must be some program to take the place of the AAA and we are studying that closely."

"Next summer I hope to visit around the district, meet old friends and talk things over. In the meantime, let us hope for better crops, improved conditions, and that everything is going to be all right."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00—Mr. C. E. Yantzi superintendent. Morning Worship 11:00—"The Christian's Delight." Evening Service 7:30—"Freely."

In a day of confusion of tongues it is well that we hear the word of God. The choir will lead the singing. H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. A. J. May, Pastor Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning Worship at 11 a. m. Special music by the choir. Sermon subject, "Walk to be Worthy." Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship at 7:30. Sermon subject, "A Talking Beast." Special music by the Junior choir.

Think of a good reason why people do not go to church on Sunday nights. Two good sayings: A man of snow is soon dissolved and so is a man of flesh. The reward of one duty is the power to do another.

Dr. U. S. Conn, 80, for 25 years head of the Wayne Normal college, died last Tuesday night in his home in California, from a stroke of paralysis on Dec. 5. Many former students of Wayne college in this county will regret to learn of his death as he was dearly beloved by every student who ever attended Wayne college.

L. L. Cambre, manager of the Hatchery Department of the Armour Creameries, made a business trip to Sioux City last Monday, returning home that evening.

Will Get 10 Thousand From State School Fund

The 93 counties in Nebraska share in the apportionment of \$578,818 school funds. This is the largest amount apportioned to the several counties in several years. The funds are derived from interest on school bonds, school land leases, liquor licenses and other sources. Of the amount apportioned Holt county schools receive the sum of \$10,700.84, which will be divided among the various schools of the county according to the number of pupils in the district.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell

Three questions in state politics have developed unusual interest in the past week or so—what sort of legislative body will be presented by the unicameral law-making assembly; what chance has a third-party movement to prosper in the Cornhusker state; and what will prohibition do in the coming election?

The latest figures show that approximately 100 men and women have filed for the 43 places in the one-house assembly. There are 133 members in the present senate and house, and more than half of them have filed for the unicameral position. Senator Norris, father of the one-house plan, expressed the hope when he was stumping the state for his brain-child that the new legislature would attract experts who hitherto had refrained from entering the law-making business because of the low salaries attached thereto.

The voters are discovering that the candidates for the unicameral are, for the most part, members of the two-house bodies, and therefore they see a toppling of their fond hopes. A growing number are fearful that the next legislature will develop into a sort of "every man for himself and devil take the hindmost" affair.

Signs to date point to a unicameral legislature that will be no better and no worse than the two-house legislatures which have preceded it. There is a chance, however, that with the old controls of party loyalty, fidelity to platforms or susceptibility to leadership by the governor, thrown overboard, there will result a rather chaotic condition when the 1937 legislature convenes.

During the past few days two of the principal democratic legislators of the 1935 sessions have cast their hats into the unicameral ring. John Callan, of Odell, democratic floor leader in the senate, who has been mentioned prominently as a gubernatorial candidate, has decided to run for the legislature, as has W. F. Haycock, Callaway, democratic floor leader in the house.

A number of prognosticators over the state have predicted that a third party would manifest itself in Nebraska, but to date nothing unusual in this score has arisen.

True, a farmer-laborer party has been organized in South Dakota, and state democratic leaders are worried by the threat of a third party sponsored by the Townsend plan in Nebraska, but political soothsayers around the capitol say that the third party movements will not trouble Nebraska this year.

Dr. Lane W. Lancaster, University of Nebraska political science professor, declares that a third party movement uniting the country's farmers is a distant possibility in the 1940 election, but hardly to be anticipated this year.

"The republican party," he asserts, "has long been a partnership between eastern industrialism and the western farmer. The business of keeping these two strange bedfellows between the same pair of sheets has continually taxed the stamens of the republican high command, and on some occasions proved beyond its resources."

He points to the progressive and farm-labor movements in Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota, the farm bloc of the Coolidge era, the chronic insurgency of Borah, Norris and Nye, and recent flirtations with the "Kansas Coolidge Landon," as stresses on the party organization.

The democratic party, which has as its nucleus a combination of northern industrialism and southern farmers, has not been without worry. Internal strife is indicated by the split between the gold democrats and the Bryan wing in 1896, the clash of the Clark and Wilson forces at the Baltimore convention in 1912, and the present hostility of such democratic leaders as Carter Glass, the late Huey Long, Governor Talmadge, and the silver senators toward their party leader.

Dr. Lancaster thinks that the political scene is changing at the last minute in order to meet objections

CONGRESS AS SEEN BY A NEBRASKAN

By Karl Stefan

The 1935 corn-hog checks will be paid somehow notwithstanding the decision of the supreme court on the AAA. This was indicated yesterday when the house committee on agriculture voted out a bill for \$296,000,000 to take care of the 1935 payments. This will go to the appropriations committee. The bill does not suggest "how" this money is to be secured and the appropriations committee and congress will have to work that out. This indicates general feeling among congressmen that the government took on an obligation and must pay it.

There are many married couples in Washington today, each holding a good government job, and a terrific fight is being waged in the House right now on a bill to allow married couples to hold government jobs. With over 11,000,000 people out of jobs in the country, many congressmen fell that one government job for the breadwinner of a family should be enough, especially if he receives enough money to keep that family in comfort. However, the Washington City organization is making an unusually hard fight to save these jobs for these husbands and wives of one family. The lobby of these jobholders is so strong that prediction is that their bill will carry in spite of the efforts of those who are trying to spread these jobs out to a greater number of breadwinners.

The sub-committee of the prairie farm group on investigation of imports and reciprocal trade agreements held a busy meeting and decided to hear from experts within the next few days so they can report to the main committee on how imports of foreign farm products are affecting the products of American farmers. Many complaints have come in from farmers who say that lower duty on Canadian farm products is hurting the American farm business. The committee has been told of thousands of head of beef cattle coming into the United States from Canada because the duty has been lowered on Canadian beef cattle; dairy men are complaining because Canadian milk cows are coming in. The committee also wants to find out what affect on American grain is the presence in this country of millions of bushels of foreign grain. This is called "show case" grain because it can come in from foreign countries and be held a year without payment of duty. The committee also will try to find out if so-called "feed wheat" from Canada is sometimes used for making flour, etc. Practically every member of the committee (and some are free traders) are agreed that it does not benefit American agriculture to ship into this country foreign farm products if and when we have enough of our own farm products on hand.

The Secretary of Commerce today sends to the desk of every member of Congress the report of the census enumeration of agriculture for 1935. This shows that on January 1, 1935, Nebraska had a total of 133,618 farms as compared with 124,417 in 1920 and 129,878 in 1910. The value of farm lands and buildings in Nebraska in 1935 is \$1,562,812,974, as compared to \$3,712,107,760 in 1920 and \$1,813,346,935 in 1910. This report shows that on January 1, 1935, there were 1,905,111 head of swine on Nebraska farms with a value of \$11,049,644. In 1910, there were 3,435,724 head of swine on Nebraska farms with a value of \$29,649,482.

Members of the House were told today that the President and his advisers may change their original plan for a farm program and that instead of an amendment to the soil erosion act, a new bill will be introduced in the Senate and a similar one in the House. After discussing the information received from the White House conference today, it looks like the new program embraces these items: 1. An expenditure amounting to about \$5,000,000,000 to carry out new legislation expanding the Soil Conservation Act to the extent necessary to conduct a national farm program. 2. The sum of \$237,000,000 to fulfill the government's moral obligations to farmers who signed the 1935 contracts in good faith. 3. About \$2,000,000,000 to compensate for processing taxes imposed in the lower courts. This new administration plan for quick legislation on the new farm program was apparently changed at the last minute in order to meet objections

to the manner in which the introduction of the bill was planned. Members on both sides of the house are now waiting for these bills to come up. Naturally they will be given their regular hearings in committees on both sides, with probably a majority and minority report on both, and then they will come on the floors of both houses for the usual debate.

Some members now say that with the Bonus out of the way, and the farm program fairly well lined up, there will be an effort made somewhere in the next month to work out a program for early adjournment of this session of Congress. Many members on both sides are already accepting speaking engagements from the campaign leaders of both parties and at every opportunity they have they seem to inject considerable partisan political talk in their appearances on the floor. Much observation is made on both sides that this is campaign year.

Many temporary employees of the AAA have received letters saying that their services would no longer be needed after February 1 and as a result many of them have come to the offices of the Bureau Unions asking for help. Every one of these bureaus is now organized with a president, secretary and other officers whose duty it is to keep these employees on the job. These union officers say they are almost certain that they will find work for these people who are threatened with unemployment. With over 110,000 people here drawing money from the taxpayers, these unions have become very important among those who want to keep these government jobs.

Certified Seed Lists At Ag. Agents Office

Efforts to overcome severe losses dealt to crop improvement during the past two unfavorable crop years are to be doubled this year, the Nebraska Crop Growers' association announced this week.

Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece received word of the plans from P. H. Stewart, extension agronomist at the Nebraska college of agriculture and secretary of the crop growers. Certification of small grains and other crops will be carried on in an effort to keep varieties pure and hold gains already made by experimental means.

"The drought caused the shipment of more than 750,000 bushels of spring grain into Nebraska last year," Stewart said. "Some of this was not pure and presented a serious problem to growers. In view of this situation, crop certification is more important than ever before if losses of the past 2 years are to be wiped off the books."

Simultaneously the certified seed list for 1936 planting of spring grains was released to the crop growers. Copies are in the hands of Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece. It lists all growers of certified seed.

A total of 2,500 bushels of certified Trebi barley is held by growers. Glabron barley growers have 775 bushels of certified seed. Spartan, a variety which has outyielded common 6-row barley 24 per cent in tests at the Nebraska station, is listed with 4,400. A liberal amount of Nebraska 21 oats is listed. Iogold oats are also included in the report.

Only a small amount of certified atlas sorgo is included in the report. A considerable amount of certified hybrid corn is available for spring planting. Copies of the certified seed list for 1936 planting can be had at the county agricultural agent's office.

Owen McPharlin Is Married In Iowa

Owen McPharlin, son of Mrs. J. H. McPharlin of this city, was married to Miss Marjorie Wright, of Omaha, at Glenwood, Iowa, on Monday morning, Jan. 20, 1936. Another Omaha couple accompanied them and were married at the same time and place. Mr. McPharlin is a member of the State Barber board, having been re-appointed to a three year term a few months ago.

O'Neill friends tender congratulations and best wishes to the newly weds.

Bot Fly Control

The next two to four weeks are the best time to treat horses for bot flies. Horses should be kept off feed 18 hours before the treatment is given. Horses will not only fatten up but much of the trouble in the summer will be eliminated. Where entire communities will treat very little trouble is experienced with bot flies, more commonly known as nose flies.

Hospital Notes

Max Wolfe went home last Saturday feeling fine.

Madelynn Haynes went home Saturday evening after having an attack of pneumonia.

Donna Fae Myers had her tonsils and adenoids removed Monday afternoon and went home Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh is still improving slowly.

Darrel Johnson, the little boy that was scalded the 11th of January, went home Wednesday afternoon.

Edward H. Whelan, A Former Attorney of Holt County Is Dead

O'Neill relatives received a telegram Sunday morning announcing the death in a hospital at San Diego, Calif., of Edward H. Whelan, of pneumonia. He was about 63 years of age. Funeral services were held Tuesday.

Edward H. Whelan was a resident of this city for many years and held several positions of trust and honor during his residence here. He came here as a young man and for a few years was superintendent of the O'Neill public schools. Retiring from teaching he went to law school and was admitted to the bar, coming back to O'Neill to start the practice of his profession. He served as county attorney of this county and later was Mayor of this city. After the United States entered the war he enlisted and served during the war. His service was confined to the United States as he did not get to cross the water.

At the conclusion of the war he came back to O'Neill and in 1920 went to California and opened a law office at San Diego, where he was eminently successful in the practice of his profession. In later years three of his sons, who were also admitted to the bar, were associated with him in the practice.

For several months Mr. Whelan had been in poor health, according to word brought here by O'Neill residents who had been on the coast. Just before Christmas he entered the hospital there for medical treatment and was getting along nicely until a week before his death when he contracted pneumonia, which was the cause of his death. He leaves his widow, a former O'Neill girl, five sons and one daughter to mourn the passing of a kind and indulgent husband and father.

Ed. Whelan had many friends in this city and county who will regret to learn of his death.

Farmers Ask Large Number of Trees

Interest in Nebraska's farmstead tree planting program continues to mount as applications pour into the office of Earl G. Maxwell, extension forester at the Nebraska college of agriculture. Indications point toward an all-time record in numbers of seedlings and transplants distributed with applications now on file for 447,000 in contrast to 240,000 at the corresponding time one year ago.

Holt county farmers are showing renewed interest in the Clarke-McNary tree planting program also. They have now made application for 13,600 trees.

Scotts Bluff county took the lead in the state wide tree planting project this week. Farmers there have made application for 19,400 seedlings thru their agricultural agent. Previously Adams county led the state but this week was forced to drop back to third place. Fillmore county is now in second place with orders in for 18,700 trees. Adams county applications ask for 17,900 thus far.

It is advisable for anyone wishing to secure Clarke McNary trees to make application as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointments. Application blanks may be secured at the office of the agricultural agent, F. M. Reece, in O'Neill.

RESETTLEMENT APPLICATION

"The applications for Resettlement Loans and Assistance must be made at once," says Ray L. Verzal, resettlement supervisor, "if assistance will be needed by any farmers for seed, feed, livestock or equipment."

The approval of these loans by the Lincoln office will take from three weeks to a month so it is imperative that they be started at once. These applications must be made at the FERA office when the inspection will be made and referred to the county resettlement office.

News, like everything else, has its ups and downs. There is a time after New Years when it is mighty scarce. Those knowing of news should never hesitate to call their local paper and give the details.

ACADEMY PUPILS GIVE A FAREWELL TO FATHER LEAHY

Program Given Tuesday Afternoon By The Pupils of St. Mary's. Given Trophy and Purse.

The pupils of St. Mary's Academy gave a program Tuesday afternoon for Rev. B. J. Leahy who left the city Wednesday for his new pastorate in Omaha. The program was a splendid one especially prepared for the occasion and participated in by all the students of the higher grades.

A basketball trophy was presented to Father Leahy by Francis Soukup on behalf of the pupils. A short address was delivered by Monsignor McNamara, and J. D. Cronin presented Father Leahy with a purse on behalf of the members of the congregation, to which Father Leahy feelingly responded, and he imparted his blessing on the students of the school and the members of the congregation.

Rev. B. J. Leahy left Wednesday about noon for his future post of duty in Omaha. He carries with him the best wishes of a host of friends in this city for his future welfare and happiness.

Former O'Neill Merchant Dies At His Lincoln Home

Jacob Pfund, Sr., 86, died at his home in Lincoln, Neb., last Saturday morning, after a short illness.

Mr. Pfund was for many years a resident of this city where he operated a grocery store for a number of years. He built the brick block on west Douglas street now occupied by Peterson's beer parlor and liquor store. After retiring from the grocery business he went into the southwestern part of the county where he took a homestead and resided for several years.

The following obituary is taken from the Sunday issue of the Lincoln State Journal:

"Jacob Pfund, Sr., 86, retired merchant, died at 12:02 a. m. Saturday at his home, 913 O. Born in Switzerland, he came to America at the age of 9, living in Ohio and in Wisconsin for several years, and in Omaha a short time. He came to Lincoln fifty-five years ago, then spent several years in Colorado, and homesteaded in Holt county, farming and operating a general store at O'Neill for 25 years. He returned to Lincoln eight years ago. He and Mrs. Pfund celebrating their golden wedding anniversary last March 19. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Wisconsin.

"Besides his wife he leaves four daughters, Lucie Pfund, Gladys Wrede and May Pfund of Lincoln, and Grace Dawson, of Wayne; three sons, Jacob, William and Milton, all of Norfolk; sister, Mrs. Kate Gerber, and brother, Fred Pfund, both of Monroe, Wis., and sixteen grandchildren. The body is at Umberger's, where funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Presidential Campaign Is On In Full Swing

The 1936 presidential campaign is on in earnest. The president started it in his speech to congress on the state of the union. He was followed by Al Smith in an address to the Liberty League in Washington last week when he severely criticized the administration for failure to carry out the democratic platform of 1932. Senator Robinson of Arkansas tried to answer Smith last Tuesday night but failed dismally as far as many of the main points of Smith's speech were concerned.

On Wednesday a mass convention of southern democrats was held in Macon, Ga., where dozens of democrats severely criticized the administration for its policies and its communistic attitude. They endorsed Governor Talmadge of Georgia, as a candidate for the democratic nomination for president. Things will probably grow warmer until after the general election next November.

To Make Corn Loans

Corn loans are still being made but anyone interested should make application as soon as possible. Applications and information may be obtained at the agricultural agent's office.

S. J. Weekes went down to Omaha Wednesday night to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Occidental Building & Loan association of that city. Mr. Weekes being a member of the board of directors.

Attorney George Farnam, of Ainsworth, was looking after legal matters in the city last Tuesday.