

THE FRONTIER

CONNECTING ROADS TO HIGHWAYS WILL BE BUILT THIS YEAR

Holt County Roads Totalling Over Fifteen Miles On Schedule For Completion.

L. G. Gillespie, accompanied by Rev. May, went to Lincoln Sunday, returning Monday afternoon. Lloyd, as state representative from this county in the last legislature and the author of an amendment to the road bill which is giving this county some new highway, is interested in the plans for carrying forward some projects. The amendment to the road bill made possible the connecting of the town of Amelia with highway 11, contract for which it is to be let the 26th.

Seven miles from Stuart north on the surveyed highway to the state line is among the work now beginning. A mile at both north and south ends of the Redbird bridge is being graded and gravelled. Another piece of work to be done is south of Ewing connecting the highway there with the Elgin road. That involves a strip of five miles in this county. This is expected to start as soon as the federal bridge project in Deloit precinct is completed that the federal workers there may be available for the road work. A plan is being now worked out that will change the route of the highway west from Norfolk to follow the railway right of way all the way to Ewing, thus missing some towns between Norfolk and Ewing.

The work now in hand is financed entirely by federal funds, all of which are now appropriated. It is expected, however, that additional funds will be made available by an appropriation of congress, in which event this county has reasonable assurance of at least two more completed highways that have been hanging fire for the past few years. These are all a part of the intricate farm-to-market federal road program.

St. Mary's Seniors Give Irish Class Play

"The Luck of Derryveragh" was presented by the members of the Senior class of St. Mary's academy on March 17. An Irish estate was the setting for the play which was picturesquely portrayed. Outstanding work was done by Jane Mains who took the part of Cathleen. Francis Soukup as Larry O'Leary also did fine work.

An unusual feature in the play was the quaint and artistic presentation of the role of Sheila, Mary Kathryn Coyne, whose sweet-toned voice was a source of added enjoyment. Special mention should be made of the excellent characterization of Constance, Betty Biglin, and Fergus, Bennet Heriford. Also the work of the entire cast for their exceptional performance.

The St. Mary's orchestra played beloved Irish melodies to a large and appreciative audience. The young players should be given credit for an entertainment in keeping with the day.

T. T. Wade Gets First Old Age Pension Check

T. T. Wade was the first Holt county man to receive a check—or rather county warrant—under the pension set up. A list of nineteen came in yesterday from the state office at Lincoln to County Clerk Gallagher approved for payment. The list totals \$382.03, or a fraction over \$20 for the average tho some get more and some less, the first warrant taken out being for \$18. There are about 200 applications for pensions in from this county.

South Side Improvement Club

The South Side Improvement club met with Mrs. Robert Gartner Thursday, March 12. The lesson on home needlework was given by Mrs. Ralph Fritton and Mrs. Alex McConnell. All but two members were present, Mrs. Clyde Hershiser and daughter, Irene, were guests. Thursday, April 2, the club will have an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. John Welsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie are expecting their daughter, Mrs. Wood and daughter, here from California early next month for several weeks visit.

Deaths

Madeline Oxner was born at Central City, Nebr., Oct. 12, 1919, departed this life March 13, 1936, after an illness of ten days at the O'Neill hospital. The funeral was held Saturday at the Methodist church, interment in Prospect Hill. Deceased was married at Stuart on Feb. 11, 1936, to Lewis Tasler. Is survived by her husband, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oxner, two brothers and one sister.

The funeral of Mrs. George Lawrence was held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church at Emmet, conducted by Rev. Jay, burial in Prospect Hill at O'Neill. Deceased was born at Green, Ia., April 18, 1857, and had been a resident of this county since 1903. Her marriage to Mr. Lawrence took place at Columbus, Nebr., in 1878. There are four sons and two daughters, Albert at Atkinson and Milton at Emmet, Mrs. John Obart, of Basset and Mrs. Elsie Norton, of Colony, Wyo. Her husband, civil war veteran, died some twelve years ago.

Down In Old Texas

Mission Texas, March 12, 1936. To the O'Neill Frontier, Dear Editor: I'll write and let our Holt county friends know we are still alive. We see by the papers that you had lots of snow and cold. We have had fine weather down here in the Rio Grande valley. Carl Grant was here last fall and we enjoyed a visit with him. This is sure a lovely climate. Corn growing the year round. Crops is knee high and some planting yet. We will plant corn again in September. This is the finest place to raise chickens and cattle and hogs, because it is warm all the time. We have been here over two years and the longer we stay the better we like it. We see Nebraska people here every once in a while. I heard J. B. Mellor was here this winter. Why didn't you come and see me? Land can be bought worth the money, but not for long, the way people are coming in from the north. Any of our old friends who might come this way are invited to come and see us.—Oscar Craig.

E. M. Righter, of Lincoln, representing the Intertype corporation of Chicago, was in the city a short time Friday evening. He travels over Nebraska and Kansas selling newspaper composing room equipment. Nationally known business concerns are planning large expenditures the coming year in advertising campaigns, absorbing their surpluses in that way rather than have it taken from them as tribute in taxes.

The county clerk's office Wednesday received the bonds to be filled out and forwarded to the secretary of state for acknowledgement and then returned here to be registered before being delivered to the purchaser. There are sixty-one of the bonds for \$1,000 each, \$3,000 due in 1937 and 1938, from 1939 to 1944 \$4,000 of the bonds are due each year, from 1945 to 1950 there will be \$5,000 due each year. Coupons for interest payable semi-annually are attached to each bond.

In federal court at Lincoln last Saturday transcript of suit was filed by attorneys for Emma Witt who asks personal damages of \$3,900 from Dave Gerking allegedly caused in an automobile collision near O'Neill last Oct. 3. It is alleged plaintiff suffered broken rib bones and other injuries and it is charged the collision was a result of Gerking's negligence.

St. Patrick's day is not what it used to be in O'Neill. Pat Shea was loyal to the custom in the wearing of the green and Tom Enright rejoiced he didn't have to serve on the jury on that day, but green ribbon and the Shamrock was not on parade to any conspicuous extent. It is said the day is no longer what it once was in old Dublin itself.

Locks of a lady's hair found on the sidewalk on a main thoroughfare suggest a possible lively scene between some fair one of the city and an irate rival. More likely an inadvertently dropped from a bushy head whose spruce growth had been artfully concealed, or maybe drifted thru the door of a nearby barber shop.

BRIEFLY STATED

J. D. Cronin went to Lincoln today.

H. L. James, of Swan precinct, was in O'Neill Wednesday.

Clerk of the Court Ira Moss was an Atkinson visitor Friday evening.

John Walker, of Page, was among the many at the court house yesterday.

Mrs. William Smith of Crofton is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Quig.

Mrs. Julia Braddock-Gilmore returned Sunday from Chadron where she had been visiting.

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

Donald, small son of Chief of Police and Mrs. Chester Calkins has been seriously ill of a cold. He is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Johnson, Mrs. Roy Johnson and her daughter, Janice, went to Sioux City on business Tuesday.

Chas. Martin was up today from the metropolis of the South Fork and came in to shake hands with the temporary editor.

Miss Catherine Finley spent the weekend in Omaha, visiting with her sister, Mary Jo, who is a student at Duschene college.

A few Iowa trucks are seen headed out of the county with loads of baled hay. We have plenty of hay out here to supply all comers.

Walter Warner was over from Ansley and spent last week here, his father being in a serious condition at the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Asher, of Page, were here on business Tuesday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every.

Without opposition the names of Ben Winchell and Hugh Birmingham are nominated by petition for re-election to the school board.

S. J. Weekes got down town Monday, after a 10 day tussle with the grip which reduced his weight a little but otherwise had no bad effects.

Hebner Breiner and family departed Tuesday for Grand Island to take over the management of a lunch stand recently purchased by Mr. Breiner.

Mrs. John L. Quig returned Friday from St. Joseph, Mo., where she had been for several weeks attending her mother who was ill with pneumonia.

Arthur Leach, William Maxwell, Gene Sanders, Edward Kirkpatrick, Allen Spindler and Marvin Van Every last Sunday visited at the Roy Cole home near Emmet.

Mary Ann Meer, a student here at St. Mary's academy, entertained sixteen of her friends Sunday evening with a lovely party at the home of her aunt, Miss Mamie Meer.

A letter from Mr. Cronin conveys the cheering information that a thorough examination at the Mayo clinic finds him just about 100 per cent sound. He expects to arrive home at the end of the week.

Lawrence Chapman returned to Omaha Sunday evening, accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Byrnes, who returns to her home at Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Chapman will remain in the city for a few days.

A reminder of the past was discovered in County Clerk Gallagher's desk in the shape of two old claims against the county when M. D. Long was county clerk in 1884 and 1885. One claim was for supplies furnished by the Omaha Republican printing plant and the other for supplies bought of the State Journal company, a concern still doing business with the county.

CONGRESS—AS SEEN BY A NEBRASKAN

By Karl Stefan.

The treasury department sold over a billion and a half dollars worth of interest bearing bonds in the twinkling of an eye. The offer was made Monday and Tuesday the books were closed. Nobody knows just who bought these bonds, but apparently they went in big blocks to the eastern bankers who keep their application on file for them at all times. A private citizen wanting to buy these bonds direct from the government has little chance to compete with these big purchasers.

When the forty-million dollar appropriation for the District of Columbia was up for debate a few days ago, there were only sixteen members present on the floor of the house out of 435 members.

About a thousand retailers were in town yesterday for a convention which has as its purpose the boosting of H. R. 842, which is a bill making it unlawful for any person engaged in commerce to discriminate in price or terms of sale between purchasers of like grade and quality, to prohibit the payment of brokerage or commission under certain conditions, to suppress pseudo-advertising allowances, to provide a presumptive measure of damages in certain cases and to protect the independent merchant, the public whom he serves, and the manufacturer from whom he buys, from exploitation by unfair competitors. Many of these independent merchants came from Nebraska. The chain stores are opposed to this bill, which will very likely come up for consideration during this session of Congress.

Policemen tell us that there is no town like Washington in the world today because of the gigantic payroll. The boom is bigger than it was a year ago, with a government pay-day every two weeks. On Saturdays and pay-days, the stores resemble the Christmas rush back home. Nearly every one of the 110,000 government employees are urged by the store keepers to start charge accounts. The credit of the government employee whose pay is sure is good with these merchants who maintain unusually fine collection agencies. A lot of young men and women working for these offices say that everything possible is done to teach them to spend all of their salary in this town.

Members were told today that the president drafted a new work relief bill which will cut next year's relief appropriation about a billion dollars. This indicates that the president is anxious to limit the size of next year's relief program. The reason for that is because the national debt is now at an all time high. Some WPA workers discussing this today feel that it is liable to result in the loss of some jobs, especially those that have to do with irrelevant work, such as tap dancing, etc.

Members of the house ways and means committee today started tackling the job of drafting a new tax bill based on yesterday's message from the President. While some of them are talking for the record about how much they oppose more taxation, they are positive the new tax bill is going to be passed by this house, but none of them know what the tax bill is going to contain, and that has started discussion on the hill, that this tax bill is going to result in keeping congress in session longer than was expected. The President and leaders hoped that congress could adjourn the last of April or the first of May, but they say that a tax bill will require a lot of time, and perhaps it will be a month before such can be passed.

While the senate is working on the rural electrification bill, the house is taking about three days on general debate for the District of Columbia appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1937. The people of this town want more money and the house committee has cut their appropriation down, which brought a flood of protests from nearly every business organization in this city. Strange as it may seem, this town wanted more money from the taxpayer in face of the fact that they have a three million dollar

surplus, and because they have that the committee decided to cut down their appropriation, and let the city commissioners raise additional taxes to meet the future required expenditures. People in this town pay less taxes than any other town in the United States, and both the members of the Democratic and Republican parties on the committee have decided that the people who live here should not have an advantage over the taxpayers in any other part of our country. The tax rate this year is \$1.50 per hundred on real estate and only \$1.50 per hundred on personal property, and there is no thought in the minds of the committee to increase the tax next year.

In this town, the gasoline tax is only two cents a gallon. The automobile license costs only one dollar. That would be a dollar per car for a \$8,000 Rolls Royce, as well as a dollar per car for a Ford or Chevrolet, or a dollar per any kind of a truck, whether it is a one ton or a five ton truck.

Letters come in indicating that the relief burden is as great, or almost as great as a year ago. Although thousands of heads of families formerly on relief have gone back to work, others have taken their places. Some officials figure that we still have today about twenty million dependent on money collected from the taxpayers and borrowed against the taxpayer's credit. All of this members are told, means more red ink on federal ledgers every year, which means that there must be some economy and also more taxation, and all of these things are being taken into consideration by the committee which is working on the tax bill which is coming to the house soon. Some members went into the committee room today and found the members are piled up with thousands of proposals calling for various forms of taxation. The biggest demand is a drastic increase in income tax, and the levying of some kind of excise tax.

Every suggested clue that the old timers got hold of for the possible development of important industries in Holt county was ravelled out, from prospecting for coal to making of brick. Hay, grain and cattle continue to be the dependable resources and those who have stuck to these marketable commodities have made good.

Those who knew him in this county will be interested in the report that the varied career of Az Perry has been merged into that of a faith healer. The commanding personality of Az is reputed to have been put into service to drive out the demons of disease.

August Schintzel, of Fremont, is in the city installing a cooler at the Grady grocery. They expect to have everything ready for opening for Saturday of next week and are putting forth every effort to make it a notable occasion for the display of food products.

Sheriff Duffy went to Lincoln and Beatrice Saturday to take to the state institution for feeble minded Nadine Bauersach, of Atkinson. Mrs. Snell of this city accompanied them to Lincoln to see her husband who is at the veteran's hospital there.

Hugh O'Donnell arrived in the city the latter part of last week to spend two weeks here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell, convalescing after an appendicitis operation which he recently underwent in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Smith, of Inman, were in the city yesterday, being accompanied to Inman by Frank Griffith, of Meek, who will spend a few days at the home of his nephew near Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Johnson, their daughter, Mrs. Cora Kirkpatrick, and their grandchildren, Morris and Junior, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoar at Long Pine last Sunday.

George Crawford, of Atkinson, was in the city Monday and was drawn as a jurymen in the Conklin case. He paid this office a visit at a leisure hour.

Hospital Notes

Zeb Warner, who has been quite ill the last two weeks, went home Monday evening feeling much improved.

Mrs. Ralph Prill, of Page, went home Thursday the 12th, feeling fine.

Tom Joyce came in Tuesday the 17th for medical treatment and went home the next day.

Cattle To Be Retested For Tuberculosis

The T. B. Cattle testing in Holt county seems to have been rather bunglesomely handled from the start, according to the view of cattle raisers. First, antagonism was aroused by arbitrary orders from the department of agriculture at Lincoln. Then when testing got started only 10 per cent of many of Holt county herds were tested. Now after the lapse of some two months the expense of doing the work all over again is to be incurred. An unexplained feature of this test now going on is that small groups of cattle that were passed as T. B. free two months ago are to be again tested. How the tubercle bacillus or any other disease germ cultures survived out on the open prairies or in ice and snow bound barnyards this past winter and can affect stock now is not clear to the uninitiated.

Activities In The County

Atkinson will request the Works Progress administration for funds to assist in improving many of the main streets of this city with a six-inch oil mat paving surfaced with asphalt.—Atkinson Graphic.

A bridge crew is at work southeast of town putting down piling for one of the bridges, two of which will be constructed when highway No. 8 finally comes into Ewing on the east side of the railroad track.—Ewing Advocate.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Martensen and little daughter, Hilda, were in Chambers Friday finishing their last minute business matters and saying goodbye, before leaving Sunday for Neligh to visit relatives and from there they will visit in Leigh, Morse Bluffs, Platte Center and Humphrey. Leaving Omaha the 21st they will sail from New York on the ship Haus, March 23, going to Joldelund, Kreir Husum, Schleswig Holstein, Germany.—Chambers Sun.

Construction of a new livestock auction sales pavilion will be begun here immediately. Messrs. Gus Obermire, Ira Snyder and Ernest Dodd will finance and manage the enterprise, which will be located at the Dodd farm just northwest of Stuart. Forty pens are planned for the original construction and a modern plant will be completed as rapidly as possible.—Stuart Advocate.

Wednesday, March 25, the merchants of Page will cooperate with F. M. Reece, agricultural agent, and the state Extension service in sponsoring an egg show and poultry meeting. The meeting will be held in the Odd Fellow hall at 2 p. m. Several prizes will be given for the best in three weight classifications of both light and dark colors and a prize for both the largest and smallest eggs.—Page Reporter.

Tom Coyne got up town Monday with the aid of crutches, the third time he has been able to venture out since last July when he sustained a bad injury to his right knee while cranking a car. Tom's hearty laugh, forcible and cordial hand clasp have lost none of their vigor and his old friends are glad to see him out.

James Davidson believes he and Mrs. Davidson hold the record of any householders in Holt county. They have never lived in rented quarters and have never moved since their marriage in O'Neill over forty years ago, and have raised a family of eleven children, and have fourteen grandchildren.

Mrs. R. R. Morrison came home from Omaha Saturday, returning Monday. He husband, R. R., is still suffering from his injured arm which is not healing as well as had been hoped. An infection has developed attended by much pain.

JURORS RETURN A VERDICT OF GUILTY IN CONKLIN CASE

Two Other Jury Cases Have Been Dismissed, Both Law Suits For Damages.

At 10:30 Thursday the jury returned a verdict, finding the defendant guilty on the second count. The penalty is imprisonment from one to twenty years. Three days are allowed for filing a motion for a new trial.

Up until 4:30 p. m. Wednesday the district court room has been a center of attraction since Monday. The case of the state of Nebraska vs. Conklin was called Monday morning, most of the forenoon being consumed in selecting a jury and getting ready to proceed with the trial. Freeman R. Arbo was the complaining witness, alleging that the defendant as service officer of the local post of the American Legion had endorsed his name to a check for \$50 without authority from him and securing the money on the check.

J. D. Cronin, as attorney for the state, prosecuted the case, and James P. Marron of this city appeared in behalf of the defense. Among the witnesses for the state was Col. R. G. Douglas, until his recent resignation, chief clerk of the Legion state fund relief committee with offices at Lincoln. His testimony was with regard to a number of relief remittances sent from his office for the aid of various ones here during Mr. Conklin's period as service officer, as well as various details.

The court room was crowded to capacity much of the time. The case went to the jury at 4:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Two other jury cases had been scheduled to follow but have been dismissed. Terance McCarthy of Inez dismissed without prejudice his suit for damages against Dr. Douglas of Atkinson. O'Connor vs. Wilburn, automobile damage, was also dismissed and the jury discharged without having served.

Gas War On In O'Neill

A war in which 100 per cent of the citizens are cordially in favor of has been declared in the city. The gasoline dealers have armed themselves, figuratively speaking, with artillery for a finish battle along the line of competitive endeavor to secure each his share of the gas business, while gasoline users say, go to it.

For more than a week one grade of gasoline has been selling for a fraction under 13 cents with other grades around 16 cents, tax included. The price marks at the pumps show no change Thursday morning and as there are big companies involved capitation of the O'Neill dealers may have to come any time. Meanwhile some consumers grasp the opportunity to lay by a few extra gallons, while those from elsewhere who know about it who have occasion to come this way wait until they get into O'Neill to "fill up."

Ashland Dentist Answers Hay Measuring Problem

The Frontier's story of Dr. Carter's hay measuring problem seems to have aroused widespread interest. Daily papers have made use of it. A dentist at Ashland, Nebr., had his interest sufficiently aroused to write to Dr. Carter here and send him the rules for measuring hay, obtained from a book he has. The problem was the measurement of a square stack. The rules laid down for such a stack are multiply the width by the length, this by one-half the height and divide the result by 300. Authorities say it is safe to figure 500 cubic feet to a ton of hay. The Ashland dentist's interest is unusual as he is a total stranger to Dr. Carter.

Some of the board of supervisors departed Tuesday, we are informed, to join a group of county supervisors from Nebraska making a pilgrimage as guests of a road machine factory to visit their works at Peoria, Ill., and see a new creation in road making machinery in practical demonstration.

Emil Block was in to enroll as a Frontier reader Tuesday. He has lately moved to the Lawrence Murray neighborhood from the eastern part of the county.