

THE FRONTIER

O'NEILL PCA STOCK HOLDERS RE-ELECT A. U. DIX PRESIDENT

E. R. Heaton, Production Credit Corporation Head, of Omaha, Addresses the Meeting.

Holding their annual meeting Thursday in the K. C. Hall, farmer stockholders of the O'Neill Production Credit association elected D. C. Schaffer of Emmet and E. W. Moss of Burwell to the board of directors for a term of three years. Mr. Schaffer and Mr. Moss will serve on the association's board thruout 1936, along with the following hold-over directors: A. U. Dix of Butte, Frank Kaiser, of Spalding, and R. B. Geary of Inman.

Mr. Dix was named president and Mr. Schaffer vice president. The directors re-elected James W. Rooney as secretary-treasurer. About 150 farmers and stockmen attended the annual session of the association, which provides short-term credit for livestock and farming operations in Holt, Boyd, Garfield and Wheeler counties.

Addressing the borrower-stockholders, E. R. Heaton, president of the Production Credit corporation of Omaha, commended the association management on its progress during 1935. He pointed out that the association, having built up a good volume of loans, stands in a firm financial position.

He emphasized that by keeping the association sound, farmers and stockmen in this vicinity will continue to obtain interest rates comparable with those enjoyed by industry and will have at their command a credit machine which enables them to complete their operations in an orderly way.

Loans of the O'Neill Production Credit association are discounted by the Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Omaha, it was explained by L. N. Birch, a representative of the Intermediate Credit bank. Thus, he pointed out, the association in no sense lends government money, for the bank obtains its funds by selling debentures to private investors.

The Intermediate Credit bank, he added, has been wholesaling agricultural credit for 13 years and is now passing along to Production Credit associations the benefits of its experience in the granting of farm credit.

Two Candidates For the Council In Third Ward Make Election A Contest

The city election will be held a week from next Tuesday. At the election the electors of the city will elect a mayor, city treasurer and a city clerk, as well as three aldermen, one from each ward in the city. Tomorrow is the last day for those having political aspirations to file for city office, but there are no rumors of any other candidates entering the field, the citizens of the city being pretty well satisfied with the present administration.

So far the only opposition in the election will be in the Third ward, where Eli Hershiser will contest for the post with Levi Yantzi, one of the present representatives of that ward on the council. The ticket so far is as follows:

Mayor, John Kersenbrock.
City Clerk, Chauncey W. Porter.
City Treasurer, Edward W. Quinn.
Councilman, First Ward, Francis Bazelman.
Councilman, Second Ward, Harold L. Lindberg.
Councilman, Third Ward, Levi Yantzi and Eli Hershiser.

Will O'Connor, who has been in Denver for more than a year, is taking up his residence again in Holt county on the farm three miles west of Emmet. Mr. O'Connor was in O'Neill last Friday. He reports conditions in the Colorado metropolis about the same as the country over, little or no industrial activity and many idle. There are some 40,000 employed on federal jobs that are of no consequence with nothing accomplished after the workers pass on.

Alpha Club

The Alpha Club met at the home of Mrs. Helmer Widfeldt Wednesday, March 18. Nine members responded to the Voice of the Street for roll call. Three guests were present. One new member was taken into the club. After the

business meeting, during which a new secretary was elected, the entertainment took place. It consisted of a book review by Mrs. Vinton Simonson and readings by Mrs. Aaron Boshart and by Miss Hazel MacDonald, which were enjoyed by all. Luncheon was served by the hostess, after which all departed.

March Snows Amount To Nearly Three-Fourths of An Inch of Moisture

This section was visited by a slight snow storm last Monday night that for a time threatened to be a real March blizzard. The snow added .16 hundredths of an inch to the moisture received so far this year. The storm lasted until after midnight when it cleared up and the sun came out the next morning and the snow passed away during the day.

Wednesday night it rained a little about 8:45 which soon turned to snow and it snowed and blew all night and until about 2:45 this afternoon. Weather Observer Bowen says there was a snow fall of five inches and that it added .56 hundredths of an inch of moisture. The snow was very wet and while the wind blew hard most of the night and drifted the snow quite badly highways were blocked for only a few hours when they were opened by the highway department. The snow fall this week adds about three quarters of an inch of moisture to the precipitation for the year.

It cleared up late this afternoon and the indications are that this March blizzard is over and the snow will not last over a couple of days.

	High	Low	Mois.
March 20	20	59	
March 21	57	22	
March 22	62	40	
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March 24	38	23	.16
March 25	39	20	
March 26	39	22	.56

Play To Raise Funds For The Tennis Courts

On April 15, 1936, the O'Neill Dramatic Club, under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Kubitsek will present a three act comedy drama entitled "Here Comes Charley." The proceeds of the play will be used to defray the expense of putting the City Tennis Courts in condition for the summer. Reserve your seats early as the play is an excellent one and will be presented at one performance only.

Bids for Court House

According to a notice in The Frontier bids are asked for the construction of the new court house building, and for the plumbing, heating and wiring of the building, to be submitted not later than 1:30 p. m. on April 9, 1936. With the erection of the new court house and the new federal building this summer there will be considerable activity hereabouts during the next eight months.

The Editor Is Home

The writer returned last Monday night from a two weeks visit to Rochester, Minn., where he went thru the Mayo Clinic for a thorough check-up and the adjustment of minor ailments. The Mayo Clinic is one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the world and people go there from all over the world. An idea of the magnitude of the institutions can be gleaned from the fact that there are 500 physicians under this one roof and they have over 1,000 nurses under their direct control. Some of the operations performed there are wonderful and are taken as a matter of course in the every day life of the physicians and surgeons attached to the clinic. It is a wonderful institution and has been a boon to mankind in all parts of the world.

John J. Harrington left for Washington, D. C., Monday, where he has accepted a temporary position with the Railroad Retirement Board. John will not be a stranger in Washington as there are a large number of O'Neill and former O'Neill residents now in the capitol city.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens, of Phoenix, were in the city Friday, Mr. Owen having business at the court house. Many, snowed in all winter, are getting in now to pay taxes.

PAGE WOMAN WHO WAS NEAR THE 100 YEAR MARK DIES

Funeral Services Held Sunday For Emeline Stevens Who Was Over 95 Years Old.

Emeline Stevens, one of the pioneers of the eastern part of the county, died at her home in Page last Friday, at the ripe old age of 95 years, 8 months and 16 days, after an illness of a few months of ailments incident to old age. The funeral was held at 2:30 last Sunday afternoon from the Gospel Mission church in Page, Rev. Geidel officiating and burial in the cemetery at Page.

In the spring of 1884 Mrs. Stevens came to this county from Gibson county, Indiana, and had been a resident of this county for nearly 52 years. She had a large circle of friends in the eastern part of the county who loved and admired her for her many sterling qualities. She leaves to mourn her passing four sons, Charles Grosh and Ben Stevens, of Page, Earl Stevens, of Inman, and Logan Stevens, of Bridgewater, Nebr.

CONGRESS—AS SEEN BY A NEBRASKAN

By Karl Stefan

The ways and means tax subcommittee which has been meeting behind closed doors for several days working on the administration tax program, removed the so-called gag rule following a very exciting showdown between members and reporters in a capitol corridor yesterday. While there are various interests watching the activities of this committee, the central western bloc of house democratic members are meeting to combat proposals which they charge may seriously injure constituents' interests. Most of these come from Rocky Mountain states and western mining states. The tax subcommittee which is charged with formulating the general nature of the new corporation earning tax, spent all day yesterday trying to plug possible revenue "leaks" in the proposed tax bill, with much attention to the methods of reaching dividends. Members say these dividends must be taxed at the source, but the problem is how to tax them. The Rocky Mountain house bloc is against the processing tax on beef and mutton. So some of the mid-western congressmen have decided to take a stand opposing the processing tax against meat animals raised in their state. Also reports are printed in the newspapers here that the committee is making progress rapidly, members of the committee tell other congressmen that they are still far away from a complete tax bill.

Those who want a change in the federal land bank, claimed that the management of these federal land banks is in the hands of a few bureaucrats, and that the management of them has been taken away from the farmers with the result that the bank is more expensive now than it was under the old plan, to which they want to return. They plan for reorganization so that the stockholders, the farmers, in the federal land bank, can have more to say about it. Quite a fight developed between the Iowa and Nebraska representatives. However, a motion got thru so that a committee will be appointed and charged with the task of finding out from Governor Myers, head of the bank, all of the information needed regarding profit and loss of the federal land bank during the past five or six years. They want to find out whether or not it was more economical to run the bank under the old organization than it was under the new plan. Members of the prairie states group are interested in getting a bill passed to continue a 3 1/2 per cent rate for farm loans. Most of the members present were in favor of the Frazier-Lemke refinancing bill for a still lower rate for refinancing farm mortgages. A new name has appeared on the petition which now has 211 names. Two hundred and eighteen are need to bring the bill out on the floor of the house for consideration.

You may be interested to know that at the present time, the government is building a settlement of

houses for relief workers, some of which will probably never be used. You will also be interested to know of the plans for furnishing these homes for these workers. The specification read that the furnishings are to be in colonial style, the furniture to be of dull and unfinished maple, and the all-wool blankets on the beds must be pastel green with wide taffeta rayon bindings 80"x60" and weighing 2 1/2 pounds each. The puffs to go over the blankets must be of down and ducks covered with sunfast rust satreen. The fireplaces must harmonize with the colonial style of furnishings. In every reception room there must be two grandfather clocks with dials of silver, striking chimes on the hour, half hour and quarter hour. The love seats, davenport, wing chairs, coffee and card tables, tilt top and butterfly tables must be in colonial style, and there must be old fashioned pewter candle sticks. The floor lamps must be of Cape Cod style with soft yellow shades and the paintings on the walls must be by recognized masters. These are being built for the relief workers on the Passamaquoddy project in the state of Maine. The working men and women of the country do not live in surroundings like these, but for generations to come they must earn by the sweat of their brow the money to repay in taxes the money thrown away.

Those who voted against the legislative bill calling for \$23,294,568 to run the legislative establishment here for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, are starting to find out that a lot of the things they endeavored to find out on the floor are really hidden in the bill itself. The bill was passed without a record vote as are many of the appropriation bills. Old timers say that if record votes were taken on all legislative bills there would be a good chance to have about a billion dollars a year. One new member who went to the committee meetings stated that he had heard that congressmen have free barber-shops, free lunches and free baths. He found out that not only does the government run a restaurant at the expense of the taxpayer, but it runs a barber shop, shoe shining parlor, and steam baths, but he could not find any such information in the bill. So that committee member told this inquiring congressman that barber shops and shop keepers are carried on the payroll as clerks and janitors. So are the shoe shiners and the men who run the lobby lunch room and so are the masseurs in the bathrooms and the waiters in the restaurant. These employees who are recorded as janitors and clerks get from around \$115 to \$140 a month and work the year around, but this congressman also found out that members of congress pay 60 cents for a haircut and \$2 for a steam bath, and 10 cents for a shine, and all the way from 45 cents to \$1 for a lunch. New members who knew very little about this are told that time was once when members didn't pay for a steam bath or a haircut or a shine. While they are not honor bound to pay for these things, the "tip" custom came in and they pay the regulation union prices for such services. While the public eats in the regular members' restaurant, both the public and the members of congress pay the regulation prices for food. Old timers say it used to be the restaurant didn't pay out, but now it's different. Over on the senate side they have free gingerale and carbonated water, but new members are told it is impolite for members of congress to say anything about the activity of the senate. It isn't done. Once in a while, newspapermen irritate the congressmen by calling attention to these things, which do not make common sense.

Happy Adair, about 46, who for several years has been a resident of the Amelia neighborhood, was before the insanity commission last Monday afternoon, adjudged insane and as the asylums of the state are full he was committed to the care of Sheriff Duffy. The Sheriff took him to Council Bluffs Tuesday morning where he was committed to a hospital.

The third paragraph of Karl Stefan's column for this week, contains a description of one of the major pieces of New Deal folly.

SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN TO BEGIN SOON ON COUNTY'S FARMS

Elections Will Be Held In County To Elect Committeemen To Handle Administration.

Full speed ahead will be the keynote to the new farm program in Nebraska as temporary committees and agricultural agents hold community educational meetings and complete registration of farmers wishing to participate in soil-conservation program.

Final and definite plans for the farm program were given more than 500 farm leaders who gathered in Grand Island on Wednesday and Thursday of this week for a two-day conference. These details will be made public at community educational meetings. Those attending from this county were R. H. Lienhart, Fred Beckwith and F. M. Reece.

As rapidly as possible elections will be held thruout the county to elect precinct committeemen who will handle the local administration of the program. The chairman of each precinct committee will automatically become a member of the board of directors of the county soil conservation association which will be set up as soon as possible.

Holding of elections, explaining of details of the program to farmers and getting land appraised will be the big tasks facing the Holt county soil conservation association during April.

Temporary soil conservation committee and agricultural agents will begin a series of community meetings throughout Nebraska this week end. They will discuss with farmers the general principles in the recommendations for the new soil conservation program.

Very briefly these principles are as follows: Land will be divided into crop and non-crop land. Crop land will be classified into two groups. One will be called "soil conserving crops and practices" and the other, "soil depleting crops and practices."

The percentage of crop land in soil conserving crops and practices in the years immediately before the Triple A began will be determined by counties and a county average percentage figure used in the 1936 program. Each farmer will start figuring with the acres of crop land in his farm. Using a list of the soil conserving crops and practices, he will figure up the acreage on his farm which was in this classification at harvest time in 1935.

Those farms with a percentage of soil conserving crops and practices below the county average will be in one group. Other farms where the percentage of soil conserving crops and practices is above the county average will be in another group.

The farm in the group with less than the county average of soil conserving crops and practices will begin with the percentage which it had in 1935. A farm in the group with more than the county average percentage of soil conserving crops and practices will begin at the county average.

The secretary of agriculture will request a percentage change from soil depleting to soil conserving crops and practices. Farmers who make this change will be paid at a rate per acre determined for the county and verified by appraisal of the community committee. The maximum payment will be the percentage of change requested by the secretary times the rate of pay established by the committee.

The farmer who is above the county average and who maintains his acreage in 1936 will also receive a payment for continuing his good farming practice. Details of these payments will be explained at the community meetings.

As soon as the county average figure is announced, the percentage of change is requested by the secretary, and the list of soil conserving crops and practices is available, each individual farmer of the county can figure up what the program means to his farm, and plan his 1936 crops accordingly if he wants to take part in the program.

Postoffice In Sight

A representative of the government was to have been in the city this morning to pay the money and

take possession of the ground on which the new postoffice building will be erected. They had not arrived at 2:45 so they probably have been delayed by the storm, but will undoubtedly be here shortly. It now begins to look as if some action would be taken soon and that work on the new structure would get under way before June 1.

O'Neill High "O" Club Sponsoring A Boxing Tournament This Week

The first chapter of an amateur boxing tourney was held Monday evening in the public school gymnasium. A fair sized crowd saw the exhibitions. The outcome of the matches follow: Brown and Wilkinson, draw; Wyant and Chmical, lightweights, draw; Yarnall and Kellar, draw; Yarnall and Schott, featherweights, Yarnall winner; Ott and Young, lightweights, Ott winner; Strong and Wilkinson, draw; Calvert and Juracek, light heavies, Calvert winner; Mitchell and Brittell, bantams, Brittell winner; Gunn and Shoemaker, feathers, Gunn winner; Hunt and Cole, welters, Hunt winner; Mains and Luben, welters, Luben winner; Randall and Spindler, welters, Randall winner; Stuart and Kellar, draw.

Populist Congressman Made The Job Pay Well

Many residents of Holt county in the 90's will be interested in this bit of information obtained from the Valentine Republican:

Old time Big Sixth District politics are recalled by reading in the Custer County Chief a story written by Omer M. Kem about his early days in that county. O. M. Kem was the first and only populist congressman from the Big Sixth, elected in 1890 when that political movement was at its height. He represented this district for six years. He took to Washington as his private secretary his oldest daughter, they lived in a cheap boarding house on her salary of \$1,200 per year, and at the end of his six years in office he had most of his \$30,000 salary. The rest of the family had remained in their sod house in Custer county. It was said of him that during his term of office the only bills he succeeded in passing were his salary claims. As soon as he left congress Mr. Kem bought an irrigated farm in Colorado and moved there. Now at 80 years of age, Grove, Ore.

Applications Now Being Received For Crop Loans

Application for emergency crop loans for 1936 are now being received at the County Agents office, O'Neill, Nebraska, by J. O. Walker, field supervisor for the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

The emergency crop loans will be made only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source, as provided by regulations issued by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The money will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1936 crops and in no instance may exceed \$200 to one farmer.

Farmers are not eligible for emergency crop loans if they can borrow from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern. Farmers will also be considered ineligible if they have an application pending with Resettlement Administration, have received assistance from that organization this year or are indebted to the Resettlement Administration for an unpaid loan.

As in the past, the security for an emergency loan will consist of a first lien on the crop financed. Landlord or others having an interest in the crop to be financed will be required to waive their claims in favor of a lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the emergency crop loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of approved loans will be issued by the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Omaha, Nebraska.

Mayor and Mrs. John Kersenbrock and children drove down to Osmond last Sunday and spent the day visiting with relatives and friends, returning home that evening.

MRS. STORJOHANN DEAD FOLLOWING A SHORT ILLNESS

Services Will Be Held Next Sunday Afternoon at the Home and Burial At Phoenix.

Mrs. Marie Storjohann died at her home east of Phoenix at 2 o'clock this morning after an illness of but a few days of a paralytic stroke, at the age of 76 years, 6 months and 26 days. The funeral will be held next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services at the residence and burial in the cemetery at Phoenix at the side of her husband who passed away last August.

Marie Steinbock was born at Hamburg, Germany, on August 30, 1859. When a young lady she came to America with her parents and they located near Minden, Iowa. On Jan. 24, 1883, she was united in marriage to Claus Storjohann at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Six children were born of this union and they are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are:

Henry, August and William, of Spencer; Mary Devall, Meek; Martha Johring, Redbird; Mrs. Rose Goeke, Atkinson. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Hans Storjohann, of Spencer.

Mrs. Storjohann was one of the real pioneers of the northern part of the county. In March, 1884, the year following her marriage she came to this county with her husband and they located north of the Eagle, a few miles east of Phoenix, where she had made her home for over half a century. Mr. and Mrs. Storjohann were recognized as among the stalwart citizens of the county and had a host of friends, not only in the immediate neighborhood but in parts of the county where they were well known.

When Mrs. Storjohann came to the county and they settled on the farm on the hills north of the Eagle there were very few settlers in that part of the county. He filed on a quarter section of fertile land and assisted by his faithful wife it was only a short time until they had one of the nicest and best improved farms in the entire county, with abundant shade trees and fruit trees of almost every description. The original homestead grew until at the time of his death last August, Mr. Storjohann and his wife were the owners of a couple of sections of fertile Holt county soil. A new home had been erected a few years ago across the road from the old homestead, equipped with all modern conveniences and they spent their declining years in peace and comfort.

With the passing of her loving companion of over half a century, in August of last year, she appeared to lose much of her interest in life, not being nearly as active as she had been before his death. But she was in fairly good health until a few days before her death. Notwithstanding that all that could be done by medical aid and careful nursing was done, she passed peacefully away early this morning.

Another old timer, who played an important part in the development of this section of the state, has passed from our midst and her passing will be mourned, not only by her immediate relatives but by a large circle of friends thruout the county.

Grattan Project Club

The Grattan Project club met at the home of Mrs. George Weingartner Wednesday, March 11, for an afternoon meeting. Ten members were present. Mrs. Robert Lamb and daughter were visitors. Mrs. L. Barrett and Mrs. E. Wolfe gave a very interesting lesson on "Flowers for Every Yard." A lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

There has been a good deal of petty thieving going on in the city the past few weeks. Clothes have been stolen from wash lines, milk from porches and groceries taken from cars parked on the streets of the city. City authorities have an idea of who the guilty parties are and they had better cut out their pilfering, as they are being watched and, if caught, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Ed Rathovic, of Omaha, visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lod Janousek, over Sunday.