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Crop and Feed Situation in Holt County

	High	Low	Mois.
June 25	103	68	
July 3	107	61	
July 4	108	75	
July 5	108	73	
July 6	105	70	
July 7	98	74	
July 8	100	78	

The weather as affecting the crop and feed situation is of paramount interest in a wide section of the country. Twenty-six states are seriously hit by drouth. In Holt county there is a sort of imaginary line cleaving the county into two sections known as the "north country" and the "south country." The south section has green pastures and nearly an average crop of hay. Corn is green and growing fast but will require rain or at least cooler weather by the time the pollen forms. Rye and oats have been damaged but a fair yield is expected.

The northern section of the county is affected worse, many places being without hay to cut and pastures brown. Corn continues green and there is time yet for a crop should moisture come and the mercury fall. Rye is reported yielding four or five bushels and oats in many instances will scarcely make hay.

It would be unusual to harvest both a small grain crop and corn the same season in this county and there is a chance yet for a corn crop.

Those in the hay belt may garner one of their occasionally harvests in the sale of hay at a high price and it has been advised to cut all the grass possible this season.

A new note of alarm has been felt in the county through the menace of grasshoppers has not reached its borders. The hoppers, however, which devastated Montana and other sections to the northwest have worked this way as far as Fairfax, South Dakota.

It has been suggested that the government will take over the feed situation in the various states affected to prevent profligating.

A feature that renders the situation less serious in this county than many places is the large amount of hay carried over from last season's cuttings. Added to this season's cutting there will be feed enough to carry the normal amount of stock through the winter in this county.

Prussic Acid Danger

That there is some danger of prussic acid poisoning of live stock when they are pastured on sudan grass containing sorfe cane, under certain conditions, was the warning issued this week by Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece. Some Nebraska farmers have reported such losses.

Caution is the watchword in pasturing sudan grass under weather conditions which have existed this year, farmers were advised as authorities were quoted. Although a few reports of such losses are received at the college of agriculture in Lincoln each year, only one animal has been lost there in 20 years from sudan pasturing. This came after the grass had been cut and the animals allowed to graze on the new growth.

Prussic acid, the deadly poison, may be found in a considerable assortment of plant species, according to Dr. L. Van Es, noted animal pathologist and scientist at the Nebraska college of agriculture. It is apt to occur in varying quantities and under certain circumstances, the amount of the poison may become so great that the plants when used as forage may cause the death of animals which feed upon it. There is an abundance of evidence, he says, that the latter may especially come about when the plants have been injured or had their growth arrested by various causes.

As a means of precaution, farmers are advised that one method of determining the danger of prussic acid poisoning is to turn in one or more animals of inferior quality on the grass.

For patriotic interest in and proper American demonstration for Independence Day two Wyntoski boys aged 8 and 10 years, living three miles east of Opportunity, are probably the most striking example to be found in Holt county. They walked into O'Neill last Friday, a distance of 19 miles, for the purpose of getting fire crackers for a noisy explosion on the Fourth. The patriotic lads excited interest in town and they secured a ride home.

Slump in Live Stock Market

The Atkinson Livestock Market for Tuesday reports:

A large run of hogs, mostly fat hogs and sows, found a very reliable outlet at steady prices with a week ago. Top fats sold mostly at 10.10 and 10.15, medium and heavies at 9.50 to 10.00, heavy sows at 8.20 to 8.60, thin sows at 7.60 to 8.50 and pigs from 8.50 to 10.00 a hundred.

The cattle market was a weather affair, with all classes, except best fat cows and heifers, showing a decline of 25 to 50 cents a hundred from a week ago.

A big run of horses sold at from \$10 to \$15 a head lower than a week ago.

LOCAL TALENT TO GIVE DRAMA

Local talent will present the drama, "Death Takes the Steering Wheel," at the O'Neill M. E. church next Tuesday, July 14, at 8:15 p. m. Tragedy, comedy, oratory, spiced with sarcasm, wit, humor and human interest make this a dramatic dish that will be relished by old and young. Twenty-one local citizens composes the cast as follows:

Judge Dean Selah
District Attorney Clarence Selah
Defense Attorney Herbert Ford
Clerk of Court Frank Reece
Bailliff Archie Bowen
Dr. Ransome (Coroner)

R. M. Sauer
Joe Raybeck (Detective) M. Pilger
Gladys Brenton (Witness)
Mrs. R. M. Sauer
Alice Hall (Witness)

Mrs. Esther Harris
John McKitter (Prisoner)
Harry Clausen
And a jury of twelve well known men and women.

This drama is drawing overflow audiences in California, where the "movie" have made the people "drama conscious." Everyone most cordially invited. Admission free.

METHODIST CHURCH

A. J. May, Pastors.
Sunday School 10 A. M., Rev. D. S. Conard, Superintendent.

Special musical program at 11 A. M. The Nebraska Wesleyan Male Quartette will give a very special musical program of sacred numbers at this hour. A free will offering, no admission charge. There will be no sermon.
Epworth League 7 P. M., in the basement.

Evening worship at 8 P. M., in the basement if the weather is hot. This is to be a union service and Rev. H. D. Johnson will preach the sermon.

THE BUSY HOUR CLUB

The Busy Hour Club met at the home of Mrs. John Schmohr. All members were present except Mrs. Ralph Ernst. The time was spent with contest games and working on quilt blocks for the hostess. The prize was won by Mrs. Ed Wayman.

A delicious lunch of sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Let Johnson on July 30.

NOTICE

Bids will be received for the building of a tile school house in School District No. 196, Holt county. All bids to be in by 9 o'clock, p. m., July 27, 1936. Plans can be had at J. J. Lydon, Ewing, Nebraska. 8-2

Threshers at J. B. Ryan's ranch started yesterday on 180 acres of rye. Mr. Ryan says the field is yielding about six bushels to the acre, considerably under a normal yield.

Miss Bauman Stricken in Wyo. City

Residents of this city were shocked and grieved last Saturday morning when they learned that Miss Gertrude Bauman had passed away at Carter's hospital in Thermopolis, Wyoming, at 7 o'clock on Friday evening, July 3, after an illness of but five days. The physician there says she died of a septic throat and general systemic infection. The body was brought to this city Tuesday morning and the funeral was held Wednesday morning, services in the Catholic church, Rev. Monsignor McNamara officiating and burial in the Catholic cemetery at Atkinson, where the family formerly resided.

On May 30 Miss Bauman accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman and her sister, Mrs. J. P. Protivinsky to Thermopolis, Wyoming, where Mr. Bauman was to take treatment at Mineral Springs for his health, which had not been good for a month or so. Plans had been made to return home in time for the Fourth, but Miss Bauman was not feeling well on Monday, June 29, but thought it only a slight indisposition. The next day she visited a physician and he advised that she be taken to a hospital for treatment, which was done. Notwithstanding all that loving hands and medical skill could do was done to save her life she kept sinking rapidly and passed away at 7 o'clock Friday evening, July 3.

The deceased was born at Tilden, Nebraska, on March 15, 1904, and was 32 years, 3 months and 18 days old at the time of her death. The family moved from Madison county to this county in the spring of 1917 and later moved to this city, where they have since resided. She attended St. Mary's Academy and was a member of the graduating class of 1923. She was also an active member of the Catholic Daughters. Since 1926 she has been with her brother in the restaurant business in this city. She was a good business woman and had a host of friends in this city and vicinity who learned with regret of her sudden death.

Deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bauman; one sister, Mrs. J. P. Protivinsky and four brothers, Gene, Howard and Ralph, of O'Neill, and Lloyd, of Worland, Wyoming, all of whom were present at the funeral.

Mr. Bauman and his daughter, Mrs. Protivinsky, accompanied the body on the train and Mrs. Bauman came in a car with her son, Lloyd, who drove down. They were accompanied by an old friend of the family, Mrs. Hazel Bailey, of Worland, who looked after Mrs. Bauman on the trip home. They left as the train left and met it at several stations along the way home, the last time at Long Pine. They left the Pine when the train pulled out and were at the depot here a half hour before the train's arrival.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in this city in extending condolences in their hour of sorrow.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends for their expressions of sympathy in the loss of our beloved daughter and sister, and for the many beautiful floral offerings. Your kindness to us in our hour of sorrow will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bauman and family.

Mrs. Ed Porter came in from Denver Tuesday night, spending a few hours with friends here and taking the Burlington Wednesday morning for Orchard where she goes for a visit with her mother.

Activities have shifted from street paving to work on the sidewalks in a few spots in need of new walks being laid. The west end of Douglas in the business block is being worked over just now.

Homer Mullen went to Omaha Monday.

A deep blue spot staining the pocket of an otherwise white shirt on the ample bosom of Judge Tomlinson has convinced that dignitary of what he has suspected all along. With so close an ancestor as his father having served in the queen's guards in Queen Victoria's day it ought to be evident that he is one of the real bluebloods, perhaps a duke or maybe even a lord. His friends suspect, however, that the blue stain came not from a bleeding heart but a leaky fountain pen.

250 Chickens of One Flock Stolen

Chicken thieves are again becoming a pest in the country, according to word received in this city. On the night of July 4, during the absence of the family, some light-fingered gent or gentry visited the home of Joseph Schollmeyer in the Scottville neighborhood and stole 200 of his White Orpington chickens. Not content with that they returned Saturday night and got away with 50 more. The chickens were worth at least 50 cents a piece on the market and the loss to Mr. Schollmeyer is at least \$125. It begins to look as if the farmers would have to put a guard over their chicken coops.

John Cleary, living some seven miles northwest, was hit by an automobile a short distance west of Danceland Saturday night and was brought in Dr. Carter's office where it was found no serious injuries had resulted. Mr. and Mrs. Cleary had stopped their car to repair a tire when a car came from the west driven by a man from Spencer, whose name we have not learned. The Cleary car showed no lights and the Spencer car was nearly upon it when the driver discovered what was ahead. He swung his car sufficient to miss the other car but just then Mr. Cleary reached to close the open door of his car and was struck. Dr. Carter sewed up a cut over one eye and dressed a minor wound of one leg.

BRIEFLY STATED

Bob Gallagher and Will Frolich were out to the latter's ranch in the south county Tuesday before Mr. Frolich's departure for Chicago.

Frank Biglin drove down to Sioux City last Thursday night and met Mrs. Biglin and Joseph, who were returning from their trip to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester. Joe is getting along nicely and they expect that his eye will be cleared up in a short time.

Federal Project No. 30 and so is no respecter of birds nests—this year's or last. Large operations on the court house grounds have spelled ruin to the nesting quarters of robins and bluejays, which, finding their homes and eggs or birdies gone have sought out other hangouts.

Mike Kirwin came up from Grand Island last Friday night for a few days visit with relatives and friends here. Mike moved to the Island a couple of months ago and says that he expects to enter the employ of one of the leading oil firms shortly after the Fourth, painting their service stations in the central part of the state.

The county board Wednesday had the new court house insured for \$20,000, this being the first block of insurance taken out. Additional insurance will be authorized by the board as the building progresses. Work is going forward on the first story above the basement and this insurance covers the work done to date. Hugh O'Connor, of Atkinson, and P. C. Donohoe, of O'Neill, wrote the insurance.

One of many beauty spots, made so by gorgeous tinted flowers in orderly arranged and zealously kept garden beds, is found at the Texaco filling station. Many householders take pride in their flower gardens and have achieved much in the art of landscape improvement but few business places have space for or managers disposed to look after such an arrangement on the premises but the manager at the Texaco has done something worthwhile in that line.

What Prairie Farm Group Sought to Do

(By Congressman Kary Stefan)
Since returning from Washington last week, a good many people have called at the congressional office in Norfolk to say hello and ask about things which came up in the recent congress. Old timers say this was the most difficult session in years and it would be impossible to go into detail about all the serious problems which had to be considered. However, I feel that the people in our district are most interested in the things that have to do with farm conditions, and I would like to say something about the work of the congressmen who formed the "Prairie States Group." I can think of no better way of reporting on the work of this group than to quote a letter from Congressman Gillette written shortly before adjournment:

"Hon Karl Stefan,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Colleague:

"The organization with which you and I are affiliated here in Congress, known as the "Prairie States Farm Group", has been an instrumentality of such real and permanent benefit to farming communities that I wish in this letter to briefly call attention to some of the high points of our efforts. At the same time I wish to express my appreciation of the aid you personally have given to our work.

"We organized a little over a year ago on an unofficial non-political basis with the sole thought to give united study and support to legislative proposals of particular interest and value of the ten states comprising the prairie group. Working quietly and earnestly, we believe we have accomplished much in the way of fulfilling the purpose for which we organized. Here is a partial list of the things we were able to do:

"By sustained and unceasing efforts we succeeded in securing, first, an interest cut on all Federal Land Bank farm mortgages to 3½% for 1935, and 4% in 1936 and 1937. Within the past week we have succeeded in securing house action approving an extension of the 3½% rate for the coming two years. In addition we have never ceased in our efforts to bring the Frazier-Lemke farm refinancing plan to the uoor of the house for successful action.

"We have fought and continue to fight to secure such reorganization of the Farm Credit Administration as will insure the large measure of borrower control that was contemplated in the original act.

"We are able to secure the large sum of money for the emergency feed and seed loans last year to meet conditions of hardship resulting from the drouth. Within the past week we have secured an extension of this loan policy.

With the weed problem becoming a national menace, we have secured national cooperation by the Bureau of Plant Industry with the various state organizations, and an appropriation for the work.

"We have introduced, supported and are still advocating various measures for enlarging domestic and foreign markets for our farm production. Corn-alcohol, fuel blends, corn sugar slash-pine paper, and building materials from corn stalks, straw and waste materials are some of the fields we have investigated.

"We have been fully alive to the question of the importation of farm products which might be in permanent competition with our own production.

"We have caused to be introduced and now have pending a legislative proposal to save a market for from ten to fifteen million bushels of corn in the production of grain alcohol.

"We have conducted numerous hearings and have had subcommittees working constantly in support of legislative proposals for cost of production to the farmer.

"We directed nation-wide attention to the trade agreements in (Continued on page 8, column 5.)

Miss Margaret Quinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Quinn, last Monday purchased the Classic Beauty Shop from Mrs. Dean Streeter, taking possession on Tuesday morning. Miss Quinn has secured the services of Miss Gladys Musser, an experienced operator, of Norfolk, to assist her. Both of these young ladies are graduates of accredited schools and it will be their constant aim to keep the Classic as one of the leading beauty parlors in this section of the state.

Mrs. McClellan Seriously Hurt

While Will McClellan, of near Joy, was taking the family of his brother, John of O'Neill, to Verdigré for a visit with relatives last Monday they met with an accident that, according to a report reaching us today, may result fatally to one member of the party. Mrs. McClellan is said to be in serious condition over at Verdigré though the first report was that no one had been injured though the McClellan car was wrecked. They had stopped on the road when near their destination to back up a few yards to make a turn they had just drove by and were crashed into by a car coming from the rear. Mr. McClellan received word here today to come at once as Mrs. McClellan was in a serious condition.

CRASH RESULTS FATALLY

A collision with a road maintainer on 281 near the county line last Friday resulted in the death of Harold C. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson of Yuma, Colorado. He was a gravel inspector for the state highway department, but at the time of the accident he was on his way to Lincoln to spend the Fourth of July. According to information secured he was traveling very fast and collided with the maintainer driven by Dan Crandall of Chambers. Johnston received first aid at Chambers and was then brought to the O'Neill hospital badly injured and died at 4:15 p. m., Sunday. His parents had been notified and reached here before death took him. The remains were taken to Yuma for interment.

Quite a large number of inquiries have been received at the Agricultural Agent's office regarding blister beetles. There are three different varieties of these beetles, two of which are quite common in this section. One is grayish in color while the other is black. Both varieties are found on potatoes and do considerable damage to this crop. Ordinary control methods have little effect but sodium fluosilicate mixed with equal parts of lime and dusted on the plants will prevent further injury from these pests. Calcium arsenate applied as a dust or spray is also effective.

The splendid city fire fighting men and equipment, as they go roaring past in response to a call, brings to the mind of the old timer O'Neill's early fire protection system—the hand grenade, a bottle-shaped affair of blue glass and containing a white liquid. In the early days every business house had several of these at convenient points. The trick was in the event fire broke out, grab a grenade and throw at the fire. The bottle of course was supposed to break and the liquid extinguish the fire. One of these was unearthed from a pile of dirt at the rear of the pump station and is now among a collection of curious at Hershiser's shoe shop.

The fire department responded to a call just before noon yesterday and found the fire to be in a rye field west of Danceland. Something like two acres were burned, thing like two acres were burned over and a few shocks were burned. Men were at work in the field harvesting the rye, the fire supposed to have been started in the grain from someone smoking.

The Male Quartette of the Nebraska Wesleyan University will give a musical program at the M. E. church in this city next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Admission is free and you are invited.

Handlans Visit the City After Many Years

O'Neill old timers enjoyed a visit Tuesday with two of the real old timers of this city, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Handlan, of Portland, Oregon. They left home over two weeks ago, visited at San Francisco, Los Angeles, El Paso, Texas, New Orleans, St. Louis and Omaha before their arrival here. From here they went to Chadron and from there will go to Cheyenne, Wyo., and then to Denver for a visit before returning to their home. When the trip is completed they will have traveled about 10,000 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Handlan were residents of this city when the west was young, coming here in 1880 or 1881. For several years "Gus," as he was known to the old timers here, was one of the most prominent in the business life of the city and, as manager of a lumber yard, sold much of the lumber used in the early buildings erected in this city and vicinity. After leaving the lumber business he worked for a time in the court house and was then appointed clerk in the United States land office, then one of the thriving business institutions in the city. In the fall of 1889 he was transferred to the land office at Chadron where the family moved and remained for four years and then moved to the Pacific coast, settling at Portland, Oregon, where they have since resided. He was an employee of the Union Pacific railroad for many years, being retired on pension in 1927 and is now taking life easy.

Mr. and Mrs. Handlan had an enjoyable visit during their short stay in the city. About all the old timers who were residing here when Mr. and Mrs. Handlan were part of the business and social life of the city were called upon and a pleasant visit had with them. It has been years since as much old time history of the city was discussed as was done during the day of their visit. Gus Handlan has a remarkable memory. Events of fifty years ago were discussed by him as if they were happenings of a few days ago; he could, and did, mention names of former pioneers that had been forgotten by most of the old timers. While here he was one of the city's greatest boosters for good clean sport. He was a member of the pioneer base ball teams of the town and a mighty fine player. He was an ardent champion of the young boys and girls, always willing and eager to make the pathway of life a little easier and brighter for them, if possible.

Although it has been forty-seven years since they moved from this city and have been back but once since that time, in 1898, when he came back to attend the funeral of his father, and in 1899 when Mrs. Handlan came back with the body of Gus' mother, who died at their home in Portland, the body being brought here for interment at the side of her husband, they kept track of the city—which they always looked upon as home—thru the columns of The Frontier which has visited them each week since their removal from O'Neill and Mrs. Handlan said it was the most welcome visitor that entered their home; that while a large number of the old timers are gone they love to read of the others that they knew in their youth, when life was ahead.

They left O'Neill Tuesday night for Chadron carrying with them the best wishes of the old timers of the city for their continued happiness and prosperity.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Old Settlers Picnic Association will be held at the Meek store on Saturday night, July 12, at 8:30 P. M. Harry Lansworth, Secretary.

C. B. Yarnell left last Friday for Hendley, Neb., for a few days visit and to bring back Mrs. Yarnell and the children, who have been visiting relatives there for the past month.