

# THE FRONTIER

## SURVEY OF SEED CORN SHOWS WE HAVE ENOUGH

County Has Enough Seed Corn for Its Own Needs. Oats and Barley May Be Short.

Early reports of the seed corn survey now being conducted by Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece, are that there is sufficient corn in the county for local needs. Oats and barley may be somewhat short as well as sweet clover or alfalfa. All farmers either needing seed or having seed for sale are urged to return the report cards so that an accurate estimate of the seed situation can be determined. Lists of producers of seed will be mailed to those wanting seed and vice versa.

It is hoped that two or three seed shows can be held in the county in February in cooperation with local community clubs but weather and roads will largely determine the practicability.

The agricultural agents office will start testing seed corn for Holt county producers free of charge about Feb. 1. Anyone wanting seed tested is urged to send in a pound sample at their earliest convenience.

## Roads Again Blocked By Snow and Wind

Roads in the county were again blocked Wednesday by the heavy snow fall Tuesday night and Wednesday. Highway No. 20 west of here is open this morning as far as Stuart, very little snow falling west of here. According to State Engineer Osenbaugh they will have the highway east open as far as Ewing by 2 o'clock this afternoon. The highways north and south are blocked but the road officials are of the opinion that they will be able to get the highway south open as far as Chambers some time today. The highway north will probably not be opened until Friday or Saturday.

A real old time blizzard raged here all day Wednesday, the thermometer remaining a little below zero all day. Six or seven inches of snow fell and the high wind kept the air full of snow flakes all day long. The storm abated late in the afternoon and the mercury went down, registering 15 below zero during the night.

	High	Low
Jan. 17	21	-6
Jan. 18	14	-11
Jan. 19	14	0
Jan. 20	13	-8
Jan. 21		-15

## It Is Cold Because It Is Warm!

It is strange what intensive study reveals and regarding the weather alone there are undoubtedly thousands of believe-it-or-nots which might make good reading. For instance, when snow falls there invariably is a raw, cold nasty breeze or wind in its wake—or at the wake of some late citizen—and weathermen say this is caused by the snow warming the earth. The heat thus generated brings down cold air as the warm air ascends and there you have it—it is cold because it is warm.

Another strange one has to do with lightning. When that streak strikes a tree and it flies to pieces it is because the heat turns water therein to steam which explodes and throws the wood to slivers.

## Feb. 1 Is Deadline On Auto Licenses

February 1 is the deadline on automobile license buying. Like last year, most of those who call for the new licenses are reminded that the personal taxes must be paid on their cars first. The law says you must present a receipt for your taxes on the family hack before you even dare to look like you want a license. The tax bill on a 1934 Ford adds up to about \$10, and around \$25 for the newer models of Ford, Plymouth, Chevrolet and slightly larger cars. On top of that comes the \$3 or \$5 fee for the new license itself. A brief checkup reveals that all of the 1937 Fords come under the 2,800-pound limit in the \$3 class. The heavier sedans in the 1935 and 1936 models were just over the weight limit and their licenses still cost \$5. A list of weights on other cars reveals somewhat the same situation with Plymouths and Chevrolets this year.

Most of the models of those two makes fall into the \$3 class, but deluxe and town sedans slip over into the \$5 bracket.

The old belief that if you didn't buy a new car until after April 1, you would have to pay no taxes for that year on the basis of the assessment of your old car does not hold true. If you buy a new car any time before July 1, you will pay taxes on it instead of on the old car. There has been no change in the law. It has been that way for a number of years, but now the county officials have a better chance to check up on you than they had before. They do it.

Assessment of your car is no longer dependent upon how much you argue with the assessor. Valuations are all fixed according to a set figure for your car, depending on its year and model. These facts are gleaned from license records.

## Demand and Quality Poor and Prices Down At Atkinson Auction

Demand and quality of cattle offered at Tuesday sale in the ring at Atkinson were only fair. Cattle prices were weak to 25 cents lower and hogs 50 cents to 75 cents lower than the previous week.

Upward of 300 cattle and a like number of hogs met with a rather indifferent reception at Tuesdays auction. With prospects for another blizzard in the offing buyers were rather reluctant to buy, for fear they might not be able to move their stock for several days. Without exception the quality of the offering was not as good as recently. Best yearling steers sold at 5.75 to 6.50; yearling heifers mainly around 5.00 to 6.00; steer calves at 4.50 to 5.00; stocker calves at 6.00 to 7.50 depending on the quality; heifer calves at 5.50 to 6.00; canner cows at 2.90 to 3.20; cutters at 3.35 to 4.00; best fast cows at 5.00 to 5.50; bulls at 4.50 to 5.25.

Hog receipts 335 head. Generally 50 to 75 cents a hundred lower than a week ago. Best fats at 9.15 to 9.25; sows at 8.25 to 8.80; feeder pigs all weights at 6.25 to 8.50.

Horse receipts 145 head. Monday horse auction brought out a good offering of quality horses. Plenty of buyers were present, however flood conditions in the Ohio valley tended to restrict the eastern shippers from taking hold as they ordinarily would this season of the year. Prices generally ruled about steady with the recent decline and it looked as tho the buyers were making some splendid buys.

Next livestock auction Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 12:30 p. m.

## This Is The Kind of Subscriber To Bring Joy To Any Editor

Tuesday night this office received a letter from our old friend E. E. Cole, of Star, enclosing a money order for a year's subscription to this household necessity. Mr. Cole is a reader every newspaper likes to have on its list. His subscription is always paid in advance. Shortly after Jan. 1 of each year we always receive a money order from Mr. Cole extending his subscription and now Mr. Cole takes the honor list on our subscription list, being paid ahead farther than any of our readers. Mr. Cole had not received the last issue of The Frontier and did not know that the reduced rate was again in effect this year and we have credited his subscription up to August, 1939, which places him eight months ahead of any of our readers. Many thanks E. E. and we hope that many of our readers will emulate your example and ease the financial stringency around these headquarters.

In his letter Mr. Cole, who has been postmaster at Star for many years, says that mail arrived at his office on Jan. 13 for the first time since Jan. 1. He says that the Lynch carrier has not been at Star since the fourth of January, so they are hard up in that section for reading matter. He says the farmers in that section get out and clear the roads but they are filled up again and made impassible in a day or so by the strong winds. Here's hoping E. E. that the weather will be better the balance of the winter.

## TWO FACTIONS AT WAR OVER CHANGE IN STATE'S SET-UP

Exclusive of Members Salaries the Legislature Will Cost Taxpayers \$300 A Day.

by James R. Lowell  
With the permanent organization of the unicameral legislature effected, two divergent forces in Nebraska state government become apparent. While these clashing elements are non-partisan the contest on the floor of the legislature will furnish the issues for the party candidates in 1938. In fact the state legislature, with pitiless publicity prescribed, will be the training school for Nebraska statesmen of the future.

One party will advocate simplification of state government, a short ballot, the cutting out of boards and bureaus and centralization of the powers of government in few hands. The close scrutiny of state and local government will be an issue.

On the other hand a group will decry the cutting down of the number of officials; they will desire "representative government" close to the people. Favoring them will be the party organization men who now bitterly resent the disappearance of legislative candidates from the party ticket.

The clash in the legislature over the form of the rules started this week. The rules committee has the veteran John N. Norton of Polk as chairman. The other members are C. J. Warner of Waverly, W. R. Johnson of Omaha, E. M. Von Segger of West Point, and Allen A. Strong of Gordon.

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According to the estimates of the appropriations committee, the average cost per day of the legislature, exclusive of the salaries of the members, will be \$300 per day.

The eleven members of the appropriations committee are planning to visit the major state institutions to investigate needs, and will probably divide the inspections into three week-end trips.

Dean Louis J. TePeol of the Law school of Creighton University, and Robert Van Pelt of Lincoln were chosen as legal advisors for the legislative session, and Milton C. Murphy of North Platte as bill drafter, by the adoption of the report of the judiciary committee. The three men will each receive a salary of \$25 per day when working.

"Five cents per mile each way, but the most direct route" is the interpretation agreed upon by the appropriations committee for the constitutional provision that legislators shall be paid actual cost for mileage.

The shortest session of the unicameral legislature to date was that of Wednesday, January 13, when the session lasted just thirty-five minutes. Committee meetings however, were long and strenuous.

A mimeographed copy of the new rules, which show great simplification of procedure, was placed in the hands of each legislator last week. The rules committee has the veteran John N. Norton of Polk as chairman. The other members are C. J. Warner of Waverly, W. R. Johnson of Omaha, E. M. Von Segger of West Point, and Allen A. Strong of Gordon.

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## RE-ORGANIZE TO FURNISH COUNTY OFFICE SUPPLIES

Holt County Publishers Meet in O'Neill Tuesday Evening and Retain Old Organization.

All the members of the Holt County Publishers association, except E. C. Hammer, of Chambers, were in the city Tuesday evening for the annual meeting of the association. The visiting editors were entertained at a dinner at the bakery as the guests of D. H. Cronin of The Frontier and after the dinner the meeting was held at the office of The Frontier.

Those present at the dinner and meeting were: D. T. Murfin of the Page Reporter, Ralph Kelly of the Atkinson Graphic, R. B. Crellin of the Ewing Advocate, Norris Coats of the Stuart Advocate, George A. Miles of the Holt County Independent, and D. H. Cronin of The Frontier. At the business meeting held after the dinner the old officers, who have conducted the affairs of the association for the past year, were reelected for the ensuing year. The officers are: D. T. Murfin of Page, president; D. H. Cronin of O'Neill, treasurer; Ralph Kelly of Atkinson, secretary.

The members of the association were well satisfied with the report of the officers of the business for the past year. A complete report of the same will be submitted to the Holt County Board of Supervisors at their meeting the latter part of the week, after which it will be published in the various papers of the county so that the taxpayers of the county can see for themselves the savings made the taxpayers by this local association of publishers. The organization was made possible by the active cooperation of the members of the county board and a renewal of their contract for another year will make possible greater savings in the ensuing year.

## Two Men Are Taken To State Penitentiary

Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom, accompanied by Ed Hancock, went down to Lincoln last Sunday taking James Wilson and John Carter to the state penitentiary where they will be confined for the next three years. They were sentenced by Judge Dickson last week for breaking into and burglarizing the office of Dr. W. F. Finley of this city. On their way home they visited with Ed Hancock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hancock at David City, returning home Sunday evening.

## Accident Record

Total accidents in the state during the week ending Jan. 2, 1937, numbered 296, in which 216 people were injured, five disabled and fifteen deaths. Motor vehicle accidents again led the list by a wide margin, 138 of the 296 accidents being motor vehicle. In these accidents 134 people were injured, four disabled and nine deaths. Second in the list for this week were other public accidents of which there were 76, in which 33 were injured and one death. Home accidents are next on the list with a total of 39, in which 24 people were injured. Agriculture employment is next with 29 accidents in which 19 people were injured one disabled and four deaths. In industry employment there were 14 and one death.

During the week ending Jan. 9, 1937, there were 311 accidents in which motor vehicle accidents took second place. In these accidents 154 people were injured, one disabled and seven deaths. Other public accidents led the list for the week with a total of 143, in which 59 people were injured, no deaths.

The rural people, as a result of the depression, no longer maintain adequate contact with the daily press. Every line in the local weekly is read. Manufacturers, especially in rural electrification lines, are seeking advertising contacts with the country press.

Governor Cochran, in conference with Leslie Baker and A. E. Mac Kinnon, commissioners of the 1939 New York Worlds Fair, expressed the hope that Nebraska might be able to have an exhibit.

There were 79 motor vehicle accidents in which 54 were injured and four deaths. In agriculture employment there were 30 accidents in which 17 people were injured, no deaths. In industry employment there were nine accidents in which five people were injured and one disabled. There were fifty home accidents during the week in which 19 people were injured and three deaths.

The above figures are furnished by the Nebraska State Press Association and the state superintendent of public instruction.

## Large Number Takes Advantage of \$1.00 A Year Subscription Offer

Despite the condition of the roads a large number of Frontier readers were in the city last Saturday and called at this office and extended their subscription to this household necessity for another year. One of our readers who has been a subscriber for over forty years and whose father was a subscriber for years before his death, was among the callers. He said he did not see how we could publish a paper the size of The Frontier at \$1.00 a year. We assured him that we could not do it if it were not for the loyalty of our readers. Like this reader we have many in the county who began reading the paper as soon as they were able to read and have been reading it ever since. These readers, as a rule, are the children of our old time settlers and they are prompt in the payment of their obligations to the editor as well as to the grocer. When that is done the editor can make reductions in times or distress like the past few years, he can take part of the loss and give his readers the benefit of securing their reading matter at a fraction of its actual cost. This we have done the past four years, but we are hoping that this is the last year that we will have to make this rate to assist our readers in getting their favorite newspaper.

You want to remember friends that The Frontier prints eight more columns of reading matter each week than does the other O'Neill paper, or 416 more columns per year. In other words you would have to receive the other O'Neill paper fourteen and a half months to receive the amount of reading matter that you get in The Frontier in one year. In addition to this you have the opportunity to read about the doings of your neighbors in the various parts of the county as reported by our correspondents in the various sections. If you are not a Frontier subscriber you should have your name enrolled with our vast army of readers while the price is at \$1.00 per year.

## SPIRITED SIX CLUB

The roll call was answered by the members giving their favorite hobby. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The OK cards in the English contest were counted and also the Good Deeds. Because Bonnie Heinen and Bernadine Langan did not inspect every morning, they had to straighten the kindling in the barn. The rest of the school is going to stand Melvin Gelter in the English contest because he always gets more OK cards than the rest of the children. Donald has charge of the tidy and untidy sign. An Eskimo scene is going to be fixed on the sand table. Each one is to read a book and tell of its contents. The Page pins were given out at the last meeting.

## Soil Conservation Meetings Postponed

All soil conservation meetings as scheduled thru the county have been postponed until further notice. Condition of the roads makes any kind of travel nearly impossible and some can only get away from home on foot or by horse-back.

According to recent figures given out by the management of the Federal Land bank of Omaha the farm sales of the bank reached an all time high last year. During the year they sold 468 farms, for the sum of \$2,692,000. The bank operates in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Iowa. While the bank makes sales on a down payment of twenty per cent the cash paid on the land before possession averaged 33 per cent of the 1936 sales.

## DEATH TAKES AN AGED HOLT COUNTY MOTHER TUESDAY

Funeral Services Held at the Home of Her Son This Morning, and Burial at Stuart.

Mrs. Margaret Mains died at the home of her son, T. S. Mains in this city last Tuesday afternoon about 2:30 after an illness of three weeks of ailments due to advanced years at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 1 day.

Margaret Adams was born at New Lexington, Ohio, on May 17, 1854. She grew to womanhood in her native state and there she was married on May 17, 1881, to John H. Mains. To this union five children were born, four sons and one daughter, three of whom survive and are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother and advisor. The children are: Thomas S. Mains of this city, Mrs. Florence Johnson of Grand Island, Robert A. Mains of Humphrey, Nebr., and several grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Mains lived in Ohio for several years after their marriage and then moved west, settling in Iowa where they resided until the spring of 1902 when they came to Holt county and settled near Stuart. Mr. Mains died in May, 1912, and Mrs. Mains maintained her residence at Stuart until six years ago when she came to this city and has since made her home with her son, Thomas Mains.

Mrs. Mains was a pioneer in western Iowa when she moved to that state with her husband a few years after their marriage and she again pioneered in Nebraska when they moved to Stuart shortly after the beginning of the century. She was a loveable woman and had hundreds of friends in the western part of the county where she resided for so many years. Like all pioneer mothers she cared naught for splendor or the frivolities of life but was content to devote her entire lifetime to the care and attention of her loved ones and in their welfare and well being she was content and happy. The children will miss her and her many friends will miss from their ranks another pioneer of the earlier years in the county.

Mrs. Mains was a life time member of the Methodist church and the funeral was to have been held in the Methodist church in this city on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, but on account of the storm it was postponed. Reverend May, of the local M. E. church will officiate and burial will be in the cemetery at Stuart at the side of her husband who died in 1912.

Funeral services were held at the home of her son in this city this morning and the burial will be at Stuart this afternoon.

## Evergreens Survive Dry Weather Well

Given careful attention, planted and protected from the hot, southern winds, evergreen trees can be planted thruout Nebraska successfully. Such was the essence of a survey report received by the Holt county farm bureau this week.

Thirty tree planters from all parts of the state replying to a survey made by the Nebraska college of agriculture reported an average survival of 62 per cent in 1936 despite the unfavorable weather conditions. Of the 15,500 trees planted by these individuals, a total of 9,608 grew successfully.

These facts were called to the attention of local farmers this week as they were encouraged to make applications for Clarke-McNary seedlings and transplants thru the farm bureau office for spring planting. Interest in tree planting is increasing each week and to date local farmers have made application for 9,600 trees.

## O'Neill Livestock Sale Postponed To Feb. 1

On account of the condition of the roads the first sale, which was to have been held at the O'Neill Sale Pavilion next Monday, has been postponed for one week and will now be held on Monday, February 1.

It is said that Governor Landon is going to buy himself a farm but he isn't picking it out in Maine or Vermont.