

THE FRONTIER

The Frontier Is Getting Along In Years



A LOOK AT THE PAST

The Frontier is getting old. The first issue came off a Washington hand press a day in June, 1880. From then till now puts it over into the sixties. When we pass three score years on the mortal pilgrimage we think we have learned a thing or two. The wisdom of the ages oozes from matured ego.

You see in the picture The Frontier's early home. It rests on the same ground today. The picture, a rather excellent tintype, was taken in '81 or '82. I am able to identify but three of the group in front of the building, Editor W. D. Mathews, in shirt sleeves and hatless, is the first in line. My brother, Ezra, an early day printer, is also hatless and coatless standing to the right. Jim Hall, a booted foot on a cotton wood block, stands by a window. Maybe Mr. Cronin or Con Keyes can identify the others.

There were no sidewalks and paved streets were unheard of in the prairie town bearing the somewhat pretentious name of O'Neill City. Board walks were introduced about '85 by Mike Long and George Triggs. Long officially authorized them and Triggs—no man ever faster with saw and hammer—did the work. The "Concrete Age" began with Dan Cameron forty years ago.

So far as I know, The Frontier is the only business concern in Holt County started in 1880 that still holds its venerable head above high water mark. It has chronicled the dreams and industrial visions of a remarkable people whose hopes were buried under the drifting sands of time and others have arisen to bring to fruition those fading dreams. Mathews, Riggs, King & Cronin and now Cronin have been the

successive—and successful—publishers and owners of The Frontier. "Doc" Mathews, a Wisconsin democrat, came to O'Neill and started a republican paper. He was an able editor and made the Elkhorn valley famous by his descriptive pen pictures of "God's Country." Riggs, who succeeded Mathews, had a conscience and ability in newspaper work. Under King & Cronin, youthful and daring, the paper sparkled with juvenile wit, wisdom and political volucanoes. Mathews early encountered a black jack plot to put him out of business. He was taking the land office business away from the paper at Niobrara. And from that place came a hired group to wreck The Frontier equipment. Mathews learned of the plot, mustered a band of the boys who were always booted and belted to protect his property and The Frontier continued to function without missing an issue. Through the years it attained prominence and has been quoted by New York City and other far distance papers; while during the hectic days of violent political strife it was an oracle for republicans who got their que from its seething editorial page. The building shown in the picture also housed the village post-office. A hot stove, a bit of waste paper carelessly handled and the conflagration resulted. Because of fires The Frontier building has been replaced the third time.

Country newspapers have calmed down and with the change has disappeared that which gave them individual character, a character that aroused public interest to an extent that "press day" brought citizens in to get a paper as it rolled from the press.

ROMAINE SAUNDERS.

Victory Garden Planting Has Started In Holt Co.

A good many early birds have made a start on their victory gardens in the last weeks and many other families are making plans to start soon. The victory garden is more of a war necessity this year than in 1943. In 1943 twenty million victory gardeners in the United States produced one-eleventh of the nation's food supply and approximately 42 percent of the fresh vegetables consumed in this country. The total production from these gardens exceeded eight million tons, and over four billion jars and cans of food were canned by American housewives. This was accomplished without any thought generally that a war job was being carried on. Most victory gardeners were safeguarding their own interests and reducing the monthly grocery bill. But whatever the motive may have been, it was a direct contribution to the war effort.

The war food administration advises that in 1944 the government requirements on all canned foods will be 43 percent greater than in 1943. This means that the government, in 1944, will require 70 percent of our total supply of our commercially canned fruits and 50 percent of our total supply of our commercially canned vegetables to feed our armed forces and to supply our allied armies and the civilian populations in occupied territories. The army's demand will be met first, and whatever is left will be available for civilian needs.

Now is the time, particularly for those families who had thought they would not attempt to grow a garden this year, to start making definite plans for their contribution to the nation's food supply. Such vegetables as peas, potatoes, onions, lettuce, beets, carrots, parsnips, radishes and swiss chard may safely be planted by April 15 in this county.

There is much to be gained in selecting the proper varieties of vegetables which are adapted to this region as well as the amount and rates of planting. A new publication describing all these as well as disease and insect control may be obtained free by writing for CC 75 "Grow Good Gardens" at the county agent's office in O'Neill.

John O'Malley Goes To Detroit, Michigan

After spending practically his entire life time in Holt county, John O'Malley this spring rented his farm and left last Thursday morning for Detroit, Michigan, where he expects to remain at least one year, providing every thing goes just right. John has been one of the standbys in cement Shields for many years. He has always been interested in sports and had the records of many of the leading figures in the fistic area, as well as base ball and other sports, in his head and could discuss the merits of the various athletes with knowledge and accuracy. We expect John to embrace the opportunity to see a good many of the big league base ball games while in the automobile metropolis, as well as bouts in the fistic arena, so that he can give us his impressions upon his return to old Holt.

Mrs. G. J. Ryan daughter, Peggy, and sons, Joe and Pat, left Thursday for Sioux City, where they will make their future home. Rosemary will stay here until she finishes school, being a Senior at St. Mary's.

Paddock Union Church

The Young People's Society of the Paddock Union Church is having special meetings for all young people, Thursday and Friday nights, May 4 and 5, at 8:30 o'clock. We urge all young people to come. Miss Steele, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Atkinson will talk especially to the young people. Old and young are invited. Come early and enjoy a good song service.

MRS. PAUL NELSON, President of Young Peoples Society.

O'Neill Boy Taking Training At Farragut

Elias Timmerman, 23, husband of Mrs. Della Timmerman, O'Neill, Nebr., is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station Great Lakes, Illinois. His "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea. His recruit training completed the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

4-H Club Enrollment Continues To Increase

In spite of the bad roads and weathes 4-H club organization continues to increase over last year's number. Eighteen clubs with over 200 members are enrolled at present. Two of the latest clubs to reorganize are the Cleveland 4-H Farm Shop Club led by Samuel Loquest and the Hillside 4-H Community Club led by Joe Ramold of Emmet. Organization of stocker-feeder clubs is getting started as this is the proper season for them to select their calves. Prospective stocker-feeder clubs will probably make a record number of 4-H members in the county.

Ministerial Association Taking Religious Survey

The Northeastern Nebraska Ministerial Association, composed of all Protestant churches of Holt and Boyd counties, are sponsoring a religious survey of the entire county. They have sent cards and maps to each of the teachers in the county schools asking them to give the desired information about family name, children, and denominational preference. These cards when returned will be sorted and handed to the pastors of each church, both Protestant and Catholic, giving each church an equal chance to contact families who have expressed a preference for their church. This is an inter-denominational survey and it is hoped that the teachers of the various county schools will help us to complete this survey.

Former O'Neill Resident Dies In St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. J. C. Morrow, 70, a former resident of this city, died last Thursday night in a hospital in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Morrow was the widow of John C. Morrow, former Omaha insurance official, who passed away in 1928.

Born in Canada Mrs. Morrow came to O'Neill from Canada 60 years ago. She lived here as a young lady and while residing here was united in marriage to John C. Morrow, who was county superintendent of schools here some fifty years ago. After leaving O'Neill the family lived at Casper, Wyo., Alliance, Scottsbluff and Omaha. Mrs. Morrow suffered a heart attack a few years ago and since that time she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. K. Roedel, of Edwardsville, Illinois. She is survived by a son and daughter and a brother, J. J. Harrington, of this city.

Funeral services were held last Monday at Scottsbluff, and were attended by Judge and Mrs. Harrington of this city.

AAA News Notes

Corn freeze, effective 12:01 Tuesday of this week does not affect Holt or surrounding counties. The Nebraska counties affected are: Burt, Butler, Cass, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Lancaster, Otoe, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, Thurston and Washington. Much concern has been shown by Holt County farmers since this order has gone into effect and many have inquired as to how it might curtail feeding operations. We fully realize the seriousness of the feed situation and hope we may receive 100% co-operation from anyone with surplus corn on hand that it may be released and assist to that extent in the promotion of the War effort. Beginning Monday, May 1, dairy feed payments will be made for the months of March and April. Get your cream stubs in early—do not wait until the last day. Harry E. Ressel, Chairman, Holt Co. AAA Committee.

Former Resident Dies At His Texas Home

O'Neill and Holt county relatives received word last Saturday of the death of Walter K. Hodgkin at his home in Rio Hondo, Texas, that morning suddenly, supposedly from a heart attack, as his heart had been bothering him for some time.

His sister, Mrs. Mamie O'Neill of northern Holt, left here Monday noon for Grand Island, where she caught a train for Denver. She was driven to Grand Island by Hugh Benson. At Denver Mrs. O'Neill was joined by her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beaver of Deaver, Wyo., who also went to the funeral. The funeral is expected to be held either Friday or Saturday and burial will be at Rio Hondo.

Walter Hodgkin was an old time resident of this county. His father, the late Hiram Hodgkin, was one of the pioneer big cattle men that settled in the northern and northeastern part of the county in the early eighties, and was one of our most successful early day ranchers. Walter grew up in that section of the county, but decided to try some other avocation in life besides a tiller of the soil and a rancher, so after he finished high school he went to the State University and took up the study of law. He was admitted to the bar and opened up an office in this city for the practice of his profession, where he was engaged in active practice for several years. While practicing law here he was nominated and elected county attorney, being the first republican county attorney elected after the populist decline in the early nineties. He made a good official and had the admiration and respect of the people of the county.

In 1919 he decided to go west and in August he disposed of his office here to Julius D. Cronin, who had been discharged from the army a few months before Mr. Hodgkin's retirement. He went from here to Sidney, Nebr., where he practiced law for a few years and then, on account of the condition of his health, he went south and located at Rio Hondo, Texas, where he was a successful practitioner for about twenty years. Walter was about 66 years of age and is survived by his wife and one daughter, besides his sisters and several nieces and nephews. O'Neill friends tender their condolences to the bereaved relatives in their hour of sorrow.

Drastic Action May Be Made To Force 4-F Men Into More Essential Work

As the invasion of Germany draws near, Uncle Sam is pointing his finger at 4-F selectees who are not now in jobs that are essential to the war effort, and developments in Washington indicate that more drastic steps may be taken to shift 4-F workers to essential employment. Walter A. Steffen, Area War Manpower Director, said today, Congress has told the Selective Service System and the War Manpower Commission that these two agencies should use their authority to transfer such workers. The Army and War Production Board are pressing for such action.

Despite cutbacks in some war production plants, there is still a great need for men and women at Nebraska plants and in the ship yards. The Hastings Naval Ammunition Depot is calling for several thousand more workers. The Grand Island, Sidney and Mead ordnance plants are in need of hundreds more. The Civil Service Commission is recruiting hundreds of workers for the West Coast ship yards and one enormous construction project at Pasco, Washington, has just been given the highest priority for workers—the need at the project is so desperate that the President of the United States issued an order to War Manpower Commission local offices to send thousands more workers at once.

"I sincerely urge men who are classified 4-F and not already in essential jobs to consider the advantage of moving into essential work now," Steffen said. "The Employment Service has a complete list of essential jobs, and we'll be glad to talk the problem over with 4-F workers or anyone else who is considering going into war work." Agricultural workers are not being recruited for other war employment. Inquire at your Post Office or nearest Courthouse and find out when the traveling interviewer from the Norfolk employment office will next visit your town or nearest town. He visits some towns weekly, some monthly, and many every other week. See your Selective Service Board about clearance to a war job.

Garbage To Be Collected

The City Officials will again have the garbage collected in the city on every Tuesday and Friday during the summer months, commencing Tuesday, May 2. Have your garbage ready for the collector and it will be taken away.

Final List Of Red Cross Contributors

- \$1.00 Contributions**
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 - Bill Babutzka
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 - George Styfe 10.00
- Steel Creek Township**
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 - H. H. Miles 3.00
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 - Carney Bros. 3.00
 - Emil Jindra and family 3.00
 - Oswald Jindra 2.00
 - Mrs. Wayman 1.00
 - Annie Ellingson 1.00
 - Fred Fritton 4.00
 - Ben Wayman 5.00
 - Clarence Ernst 5.00
 - Otto Lorenz 5.00
 - Mrs. Anton Jirak 1.00
 - Mrs. J. K. Ernst 10.00
 - Carl Lorenz 5.00
 - Mrs. Floyd Brainard 1.00
 - Lloyd Ritts 5.00
 - Mrs. George Brainard 1.00
 - John Kee 2.00
 - Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schmoer 1.00
 - Guy Beckwith 5.00
 - Mrs. Bernie Pongratz .50
 - Mrs. Walter Spangler 1.00

Republican County Convention Held In O'Neill Today

One of the largest and most enthusiastic republican county conventions held in this county in several years, was held in the Odd Fellows Hall in this city today. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 o'clock by D. H. Cronin, chairman of the republican county central committee. After calling the convention to order he asked for nominations for the office of temporary chairman of the convention and the names of Frank J. Brady, of Atkinson, and Ira H. Moss, of O'Neill were presented. A ballot was taken for the position and Mr. Moss was elected temporary chairman with a vote of 22 to 10. Ed J. Matousek, of Atkinson, was elected temporary secretary. The various committees were then appointed and on motion the convention adjourned until 2:00 o'clock, to enable the various committees to prepare their reports.

The convention reconvened promptly at 2:00 o'clock and the reports of the various committees were received. The first report was the committee on permanent organization, who reported that the temporary organization be made permanent, which report was on motion adopted. The committee on credentials and the committee on resolutions also made their reports, which were, upon motion adopted.

Ira H. Moss was then elected chairman of the republican county central committee, the election being made by acclamation and he was authorized to select his own secretary. The delegates from the various precincts then selected their members of the county central committee, after which one of the best conventions held in this city in years adjourned.

Following are the resolutions adopted by the convention: We, the duly elected delegates of the republican party in Holt county, Nebraska, in convention assembled in O'Neill in said county this 27th day of April, 1944, with a full realization of the many serious problems confronting the State and Nation hereby adopt the following resolutions:

1. Dedicated in heart and mind and work to God and country we demand, in this hour of world tragedy and strife, that complete victory be attained over all enemies of our Republic and her Allies and we pledge every resource to that end. We demand that nothing be permitted to divert our attention from the supreme objective of winning the war.

When America is victorious and peace achieved such world adjustment must be made as will forever protect and sustain our American Republic, its representative system of Government and traditional way of life. Consistently with these principles we stand for a carefully considered plan to attain a durable lasting peace.

Mrs. Gram and family 1.00
Jim Parker 2.00
John P. Cleary 2.00
Lee Gokie 2.00
Ed Wayman 5.00
Ralph Keefer 5.00
Roy Wayman 2.00
Pat Keyes 1.00
John Dick 5.00
John Murray 1.00
Mrs. Clarence Sauser 1.00
George Hartford 1.00
Mrs. George Hartford 1.00
Tom Griffin 1.00
J. C. Carney and family 2.00
Morrow Family 5.00
Matt Hynes 5.00
Henry Cook 2.00
John and Billy Cook 10.00
Joe Suckup 1.00
Jim Heming 1.00
Roy Holtz 1.00

How To Care For Non Productive Land

Sow land, abandoned from cultivation, or "go-back" land in adapted grasses is the suggestion of E. J. Revell, one mile west and two miles north of Star, and one of the Supervisors of the Holt Soil Conservation District. "We had 100 acres that had not been cultivated for a number of years and we had not been getting anything from it," Mr. Revell said. "We seeded it in the spring of 1942 and this year expect to have some grazing," he stated. Soil Conservation Districts in other parts of the state have found that a more uniform stand of the more desirable grasses than is obtained in ten years if allowed to go back to grass of its own accord. Native grasses can be successfully seeded on cultivated land, abandoned land or depleted grazing land. A mixture of native grasses has been found to be the best for sandy land and land low

While this war is being waged throughout the world to preserve liberty we demand that the American form of Government be sustained and protected at home and that politics be completely eliminated from our war effort. We adhere vigorously to the two party system. Our Republic cannot be preserved by destroying it under the guise of an emergency. Constructive, patriotic criticism of the administration at Washington constitutes, we hold, the only effective weapon against inefficiency, waste and incompetence or against any other feature that will retard the winning of the war.

2. We demand that no official or group of officials be permitted after this war to continue to impose permanently upon our citizens those restrictions and limitations upon freedom which, during the war we cheerfully bear as essential for the National safety. Our Nation's return to peace must mark our resumption of the traditional American personal freedom of life.

3. We endorse the candidacy of all republican Congressional Nominees, together with all of the republican nominees for State office and commend them to the voters as capable, economical and devoted to the American theory of Government and way of life and opposed to continuity of power to government by directive and bureaucrat and who will devote their energies to a restoration of constitutional government and the rights of the people and we pledge them our hearty support.

4. We commend the patriotic, economical, efficient and able administration of our State Government under the leadership of Governor Dwight Griswold.

5. We believe that free enterprise should be first considered and fully utilized in all post war planning; that the effort of government should be directed toward the encouragement rather than the hindrance of free enterprise and private effort; that less emphasis be placed upon spending and government management and more on help and aid to private business; that constructive practical steps should now be taken to insure the full utilization of our vast private industry and business in the post war world.

6. We invite all citizens who believe in the American system of free democratic government administered with honesty, efficiency and economy and who oppose centralized Government by bureaucrat to support the republican candidates.

Julius D. Cronin
B. C. Engler
Frank J. Brady
D. E. Bowen
H W Timlinson,
Committee.

in fertility. Such grasses as sand dropseed, sand love grass, sandhill blue or big blue stem, switch grass and blue grama would make up the mixture. Mixtures of crested wheat grass and alfalfa or brome grass and alfalfa have possibilities on the hard land or heavier soil types as found north of Page. However, the results with these will need to be studied further to determine their limits as to soil adaptability and productivity.

The revegetation of land not suitable for cultivation, critical areas and depleted pastures and range is one of the phases of the program of the Holt Soil Conservation District. Assistance can be secured for this purpose. Requests should be made at the District office in the court house Annex or to one of the District Supervisors or inquire at the County Agent's office.

St. Mary's Art Students Wins Awards

In a nation wide contest sponsored by the Scholastic School Magazine, three of St. Mary's Art students won Certificates of Merit. Their work was displayed in Orchard and Wilhelm's in Omaha and will now be sent to Pittsburg to be judged in the national contest. The pupils were: Helen Adrian, Harold Pribil and Peter Duhamel, all students of Sister Maxine.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our appreciation for letters, cards, help, lovely dinner given by the community, and other expressions of sympathy received since the death of our loved husband and father.

Mrs. Pearl Roe and children.