

# THE FRONTIER

## INVESTITURE OF MSGR. McNAMARA NEXT THURSDAY

Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, D. D. Will Preside At Solemn High Mass At 10:00 A. M.

Next Thursday will be an eventful day for the Catholics of this city and section of the state. On that date dignitaries of the church from all over the state, as well as laymen, will assemble in this city for the investiture of Monsignor J. G. McNamara, beloved pastor of St. Patrick's church.

Following is the program of the day:

Solemn High Mass at 10:00. Officers of the Mass: Revs. P. J. Vanderlaan, Celebrant, J. O'Flynn, Deacon, J. Hilt, Sub-deacon. Master of Ceremonies: Rev. E. J. Applebaum.

Most Rev. Jos. F. Rummel, presiding.

Deacons of honor to the Bishop: Revs. B. H. Lordemann and J. J. Crowley.

Sermon at the Mass: Rev. Wm. J. Leahy S. J. Sermon at the Investiture, Bishop Rummel.

Public reception for Monsignor McNamara in St. Mary's gymnasium Thursday evening at 8:15.

## St. Mary's Cardinals Win And Lose One; Atkinson Wins From O'Neill High

St. Mary's basketball tossers met the St. Mary's team of Grand Island last Sunday and made up for the defeat handed them by the Grand Island team in that city a few weeks ago. The game resulted in a score of 28 to 13 in favor of the local team.

On Tuesday evening the Inman High school team defeated St. Mary's on the local floor with a score of 28 to 16. It was a very interesting game.

The O'Neill High school team suffered defeat at the hands of the Atkinson high school team on the Atkinson floor last Tuesday night. The score was 34 to 20. The Atkinson team have been very successful this season, not losing a game so far.

## Set Date of Annual Corn-Hog Meetings

Saturday, February 23, at 10:30 a. m., has been set as the date for all of the annual community meetings and elections of the corn-hog association in this county. Producers and landlords who have signed applications by that time may vote at the meetings.

Application signing will not necessarily close on that date, but those who wish to take part in the election of community committee-men for 1935 will have to have their applications signed and in the county office by Feb. 21.

It will be necessary for the county office to prepare a list of application signers for each of the community meetings, and get this list into the hands of the man who will preside at the meetings. A roll call will be the first item on the program at the community meeting. Nominating and voting will be done by written ballot and according to the articles of association of the corn-hog association. The articles of association are uniform throughout the United States, and the elections will be held strictly according to instructions.

Community committeemen elected at these annual meetings to serve in 1935 will appraise the corn land, approve certain other papers and reports, and take part to some extent in the compliance program during the year. They will also be the first committee to whom complaints should be taken during the year, and the County allotment committee will depend upon them for their knowledge of the locality and their judgment in settling matters that may come up. The chairman of the community committee is automatically a member of the board of directors, and the board of directors elect their own officers and allotment committee to handle the 1935 program in the county.

## Two Cases of Assault Heard In County Court

Wilford Ridgeway was before the county court last Wednesday to answer to a complaint filed on Feb. 11 by Rhoda Ridgeway, who alleged in the complaint that on or

about February 10 the defendant did unlawfully assault, strike and wound her. When arraigned before the court Ridgeway pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$10 and costs of \$4.25.

On complaint of Stanley Fullerton, filed on February 1, 1935, before County Judge Malone, alleging that Frank Heuton did, on Feb. 1, unlawfully assault and threaten another, to-wit, Stanley Fullerton, and did unlawfully strike and wound him. Heuton appeared before the county court on Feb. 4. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was placed under bond of \$200 to appear in court on Feb. 9, for trial. He appeared on Feb. 9 with counsel and the case was tried to the court. After hearing the evidence the court found the defendant guilty and assessed a fine of \$10 and costs, amounting to \$18.65, and in default of payment that he be confined in the county jail. The defendant gave notice of appeal. He has ten days in which to complete his appeal.

## CORN-HOG SIGNERS MAY EXPECT CORN LOANS NEXT FALL

Unable Now To Announce Amount of Loans Due To Variance In The Price of Corn.

Corn hog contract signers can count on a corn loan next fall, Chester Davis, administrator of the agricultural adjustment act, announced definitely this past week. Non-signers will not be eligible to take the loans.

The amount of the loan cannot be announced at this time because no one knows what the price of corn will be next fall. Any amount set at this time might be completely out of line with supplies and prices in November or December when the corn crop is harvested.

In announcing the corn loan and tying it up with the adjustment program the administration has resumed its "ever-normal granary" policy which Davis discussed with Nebraska farmers in the meeting at Lincoln early in January. This policy, if followed year after year, would tend to make up for the fat and lean years provided by Mother Nature. It would encourage all farmers to do what many of them always try to do,—keep a crib of corn in good years for insurance against a crop failure. It would also tend to maintain a more uniform supply of feed grains on the farm which in turn would mean a more uniform supply of fat stock coming to market.

Consumers as well as producers should be interested in uniform rather than erratic prices of feeds, the administration feels. Here in Nebraska, for example, farm prices have been exceedingly low during the good crop years when farmers had crops to sell, and now that there are no crops to sell, feed prices are high and working a hardship upon producers who have to buy. They are spending all their money this winter to keep body and soul together and will be poorly equipped to recover in 1935 from the crop failure in 1934.

## Mrs. R. R. Dickson Returns From East

Mrs. R. R. Dickson returned last Tuesday night from a six weeks visit with friends in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and New York City. She spent several weeks in Washington as the guest of Mrs. James H. Hanley, formerly of Omaha, and visited all the points of interest in the capital city. While there, in company with her hostess, she attended many social functions and met many of the men and women who are now prominent in the official life of the capital city. On her way home she visited for a couple of days with relatives in Wisconsin. Mrs. Dickson says that she had a very enjoyable time during her visit to the capital of the U. S. A.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Oxford, of Chambers, were transacting business in the city today and favored this office with a short call. The Doctor has practically recovered from the automobile accident he suffered last fall, but still has to wear a steel support for his neck, but looks forward eagerly to the time when he can discard it, which will not be for a few months yet.

## WHAT'S DOING IN THE LEGISLATURE

By James R. Lowell

When the legislature convened the commonly accepted four most pressing issues before the law-making body were liquor control, regulation of pari-mutuel betting, deciding upon the exact form of the one-house legislature would be, and relief. It is interesting to note the legislative status of these problems at the present time.

Legislation on liquor control has been more publicized, perhaps than any of the other three issues. Seven bills representing almost all shades of belief on the liquor question have been introduced. A special liquor committee is to be formed to consider these measures and both friends and enemies of each plan will have a chance to speak their mind.

The most talked of liquor control bill is the one prepared by Attorney General Wright and which is popularly termed the "administration bill." Dry proponents have attacked this bill unmercifully. R. P. Hutton, superintendent of the Nebraska anti-saloon league, says that the bill would "create in Nebraska a government of the people by the politicians for big booze, and would guarantee a life term to the present occupant of the governor's chair, for it would give Cochran the power to create a personal political machine of 40 or 50 thousand, everyone of whom would be a hard worker for the perpetuation of the administration..."

Mr. Hutton objects especially to the clause which would prevent any community from preventing the vending of liquor in its midst until a two-year period had elapsed. He also thinks a five-member liquor commission would be more satisfactory than the proposed three-member board appointed by the governor.

Governor Cochran states that he approves of the liquor bill framed by the attorney general in most of its aspects, but that he would like to preserve the right of local option in every community. He also wants bootlegging stamped out so far as possible, and would keep the state itself out of the liquor business. He thinks that the most satisfactory liquor bill which this legislature can pass will be shaped in general around the "Wright" bill, with certain details of that bill amended.

The pari-mutuel bill sponsored by Ak-Sar-Ben has been in good standing with the senate, although several other measures intended to control betting on horse races have been introduced. The bill as advanced carries only a few minor amendments, principally one to make county 4-H clubs, other live stock shows and rodeos eligible to share in the distribution of benefits, along with county fairs. Still another amendment strikes out a provision which would have eliminated dog racing. A bill permitting dog racing will come up for consideration this week.

Two bills intended to decide upon the size of the uni-cameral legislature, which may have not less than 30 nor more than 50 members, have been introduced, but not much headway has been made although a special committee has been named to study the matter. One bill would provide for 30 members and would leave the districts from which they would be elected the same as the present senate districting. The other would allow 50 members and would re-district the state.

However, ground work is being laid by the special uni-cameral committee, before enactment of the constitutional amendment. Early this week the committee had repealed sections of the state's laws, and several others are being studied, in view of giving legislation for determining the exact setup of the one-house law-making body clear sailing when action is concentrated on the measure.

As predicted by the Lowell Service, Governor Cochran last week recommended passage of a bill adding a cent to the present gasoline tax as a means of raising \$2,000,000 a year by the state to assist the counties (raising about \$2,000,000 a year for relief) and the federal government (which put in about \$12,000,000 for relief thru the FERA last year) in carrying on the task of human relief for the

next two years. This was the last of the four major problems to be tackled by the legislature, but convinced now that the federal relief administration at Washington meant business when it said that the state (including present county funds for relief) must raise \$4,000,000 a year for the next biennium as a condition for receiving further federal aid.

The additional one cent gas tax would raise \$2,077,999 a year if collections hold up to last year's level. Moreover, no extra cost or special machinery would have to be set up to collect the tax.

Relief for taxpayers has been a popular subject for consideration in the legislature during the past week. One measure which would delay the date at which taxes become overdue, elicited from Representative Bock, of David City, the classic remark that "no matter when or how the people have to pay their taxes, it's going to hurt just as much."

Relief for taxpayers in the form of postponement of delinquent dates of taxes has passed the senate in the form of S. F. 6 and was well on the way to final passage in the house early this week. The bill postpones from March 1 to May 1 the delinquent date for the first installment of real estate taxes and from August 1 to September 1 the second installment.

S. F. 118 allowing the small home owner who loses his home because of delinquent taxes, to bid on his property at tax sales, was well on the way to final passage by the senate early this week. Senator Stewart has led the attack against the bill. He says that "it forgives" taxes and imposes an additional hardship upon the man who pays his taxes.

The house finally passed the Cere moratorium bill, H. R. 1, banning suits on notes and thereby leaving holders of second mortgages without redress in the matter of collecting upon their notes after the first mortgage has consumed all the equity in the mortgaged property. The bill was amended, however, to bring tax sale foreclosures of real estate under the moratorium. The general supposition of house members is that the senate will modify the bill.

The senate revenue and taxation committee finally approved a bill which would permit payment of taxes on the installment plan. Taxes could be paid in installments of \$2.50 or more at any time, under provisions of the bill, and would be allowed a 10 per cent discount on taxes paid in full 30 days before they become due. Senator Green, of Sidney, is the introducer.

The probing epidemic which seems to hit every legislature has broken out again in this session. Among the departments to be probed are the bank department, board of educational lands and funds, and the board of control.

From present indications, \$20,000 will be appropriated for an investigation and audit of the banking department, particularly the receivership division. H. R. 97 by Representative Hyde, of Gothenburg, provides for an exhaustive audit of the state treasury and the board of educational lands and funds. The governor had previously caused to be introduced a bill calling for an audit for the past two years, and H. R. 97 would cover the period prior to 1931. The governor's measure was passed by the house to meet one of the early conditions laid down by bonding companies in the Hall bond case.

An investigation of the state board of control, proposed by resolution last week, has been voted by the house. The probe will be conducted by that body's finance committee. Representative Worthing, of Omaha, who introduced the resolution, said that he had no specific charges to bring in regard to the conduct of the state's 17 institutions. However, some talk was heard of irregularity in the management of the Milford soldiers' and sailors' home. The later should be able to meet a probe with equanimity, however, as it has long been a subject of investigations by the legislature.

Senator Callan's bill to create a state police patrol has been making good headway and appears to be slated for final passage. Objection has been raised to a provision in the bill which would finance the patrol thru a \$1 wheel tax. (Continued on page 5, column 5.)

## ANNUAL MEETING OF BAR GROUP IS HELD IN O'NEILL

Wm. Ely Elected President With Hammond and Davies Filling Other Offices of Ass'n.

The Bar Association of the Fifteenth Judicial district held their annual meeting and banquet at the Golden Hotel in this city last Tuesday evening. At this meeting officers were elected for the ensuing year, and are as follows: President, William Ely, Ainsworth; vice president, W. J. Hammond, O'Neill; secretary-treasurer, Wayne A. Davies, Butte.

The banquet was the social event of the meeting. President Ely acted as toastmaster and the members listened to an address on the life and works of Abraham Lincoln, by Judge Clarence J. Malone, which is said to have been highly instructive and disclosed that the Judge had spent considerable time in reading the life of this famous president and the history of his country.

One of the subjects that came up for general discussion was the incorporation of the lawyers of the state, as proposed in a measure now before the state legislature. There was a general discussion of this measure and it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the bar of this district was almost unanimously opposed to its enactment, although no vote was taken on the measure.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Ainsworth some time in May. The association holds four meetings each year, the annual meeting always being held in this city.

## Government Seed Orders Should Be Placed Now

Word from P. H. Stewart, in charge of the distribution of seed for the Seed Stocks Committees informs us that allocations to states and counties will hold up until Holt county has been allotted 15,000 bushels of white Kersian Oats, 3,000 bushels of barley and 1,000 bushels of Spring Wheat.

County Agent Reece has been instructed to accept applications on the strength of a seed loan being available in the near future. Farmers who will be interested in obtaining seed of this kind should get in touch with Mr. Reece as soon as possible.

## Few Clarke-McNary Trees Still Available

Holt county farmers have already ordered a large number of trees for spring planting this year. County Agent Reece was informed that the supply of Green Ash, Catalpa, Honey Locust, Russian Olive and Soft Maple is already exhausted. However, there is still a small supply of American Elm, Chinese Elm, Cottonwood, Russian Mulberry, Caragana, Box Elder and several varieties of Evergreens available. Anyone wishing to obtain trees should make application to Mr. Reece as soon as possible in order that they will not be disappointed if the supply should run out.

## Last Sign-Up Before Election

Contract writers will be in the following towns to assist farmers who wish to make application for a 1935 corn-hog contract. Only those who have signed an application are entitled to vote at the election.

Tuesday, February 19, at Stuart, Atkinson, Emmet and O'Neill.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Page, Ewing, Inman and Chambers.

## Danger of Infestation By Smut In County's Crops

With large supplies of seed for spring planting being imported from other sections, Holt county farmers face a grave danger of smut infestation among small grains this summer if necessary precautions are not taken, Agricultural Agent Reece warned this week.

With the prospects that Nebraska farmers will buy more than a million bushels of seed grain, most of which is a mixture of different lots and handled thru elevators or seed houses, the necessity for treating is more important than ever.

As a result of increased smut danger this year, farmers should

treat all spring grains planted. Amos Gramlich, Sarpy county farmer, has been placed in charge of the immediate smut-treating campaign and demonstrations which are planned for every section of the state. If enough Holt county farmers are interested, a series of demonstrations will probably be held here.

Use of formaldehyde is still a common and satisfactory method of treating oats, Gramlich has informed Mr. Reece. A mercury compound, the new improved ceresan, is preferred for barley as it not only controls covered smut in barley but also seedling blight and barley stripe. Wheat may be treated with either copper carbonate or the mercury compound.

## John Martin Resigns As Chief of Police; Chester Calkins Is New Officer

John Martin, who has served as Chief of Police for the past nine and a half months, tendered his resignation to the Mayor last week and on Tuesday noon retired from the position. John, never very keen about the position, says that he just got tired of the work and decided to quit.

While serving as chief peace officer of the city he made many friends who will regret to learn that he decided to quit the position. He made a good officer and the city officials were sorry to see him leave the service of the city.

Chet Calkins was appointed Chief of Police to succeed him and he donned the star Tuesday noon. Chet is a long time resident of the city and, we predict, will make a faithful and competent official.

## Farmers Must Try For Pasture Improvement

Nebraska farmers will probably have to depend more on temporary pastures this year than ever before for livestock grazing and as a result are showing an interest in early pastures. Many permanent pastures were severely damaged by drouth and the need for improvement is imperative.

Arthur Peterson of the Nebraska Agricultural college, who is devoting his full time to the statewide pasture improvement contest, says sweet clover is especially adapted for eastern Nebraska. Second year clover furnished ample pasture about corn planting time or sooner. It should be pastured heavy. Peterson says, as it becomes less palatable if allowed to grow too rank. It furnishes pasture up to some time in July.

First year sweet clover planted either early on a light snow or later about spring grain planting time makes some pastures in July. In the eastern section where a nurse crop is often planted, careful pasturing of the nurse crop and clover can be practiced from the middle of May on. Farmers agree usually that judicious pasturing of the nurse crop gives either grass or legume a better chance than cutting for grain or hay.

Sudan grass is an outstanding mid-summer drouth pasture. If planted about corn planting time it can be pastured in about five or six weeks. Many farmers plant it following rye pasture, by plowing the rye, packing the seed-bed and then seeding. Sudan has a very high carrying capacity and is palatable. However, it is relished by chinch bugs and if infestation appears heavy, it is best to leave it out of pasture mixtures. Farmers should also watch, Peterson believes, for mixtures of sorghums in sudan seed which might cause stock poisoning. Pure Sudan, however, is safe.

On thin, badly eroded soils in southeastern Nebraska, some farmers have tried Korean Lespedeza and found it a fair pasture crop in mid-summer and fall. O. E. Henning, Mead, has grown the crop with success.

In any event, the success of temporary pastures depends to a large extent upon a well packed seedbed which is weed clear.

In another column will be found a notice for bids for the graveling of 3.6 miles of highway 281, south of this city. The bids will be opened on March 7. This is the portion of the highway that was completed about a year ago and has been graveled once. Local road officials were of the opinion that this section of the road would be oiled this summer, and may be later on.

## ASK BOARD FOR AID FOR BUILDING NEW COURT HOUSE HERE

Request A Grant of Three Fourths of Cost of New Building and Three Blocks of Paving.

Mayor John Kersenbrock, W. H. Hart, John Sullivan and Emmet Harmon went to Columbus last Monday to meet with the State Planning Board of the Federal Administration of Public Works to submit a couple of O'Neill projects to the board for consideration, and financial assistance.

The first proposition submitted was the paving of Fourth street from the corner of Douglas street three blocks north to Adams street. They made application for 75 per cent of the estimated cost of the paving, which has been estimated at \$25,000, the balance to be paid by the city and county.

If this paving is laid it will be in front of a block of ground owned by the county and a block owned by the O'Neill school district, on which are located the court house and the O'Neill public school. On the other side of the street is a block of ground owned by St. Patrick's parish and nearly a half block owned by the Sisters of St. Mary's academy and used as a playground. The other half of the block is the site of the new federal building. The other block is owned by individuals.

The other proposition submitted by the O'Neill delegation was a request for \$110,000 for a new court house. The present building has practically outlived its usefulness. It is much too small for present needs of the county and then, also, it is deteriorating rapidly and a new one is badly needed in the county. On this proposition they also asked the government for 75 per cent of the \$110,000, the balance to be taken care of locally.

The committee met with a splendid reception from the Planning Board and they are confident that the requests will receive favorable consideration at their hands.

## Hauptman Gets Death For Lindberg Kidnaping

After a little over eleven hours of deliberation the jury trying Bruno Richard Hauptmann for the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindberg, jr., returned a verdict of guilty, which means that Hauptmann will end his life in the electric chair. This morning Judge Blanchard sentenced him to die in the chair the week of March 18.

The jurors verdict of guilty, with no recommendation for mercy, compelled Judge Trenchard to pronounce the death sentence. Had the jury recommended mercy a sentence of life imprisonment would have been mandatory.

After the verdict was rendered the jurors disclosed that on the first ballot taken every member of the jury, which was composed of four women and eight men, voted guilty. Then the next ballot taken resulted in a vote of eight to four, four voting to recommend mercy and eight against. On the fourth ballot the verdict was unanimous without recommendation.

Attorneys for Hauptmann say that he will not die the week of March 18 as they are going to appeal the case.

## Hospital Notes

Mrs. Emmet Sleight, of Redbird, suffered a skull fracture in an automobile accident Friday night, and was brought in for treatment. She is slowly improving.

Miss Thelma Bausch, of Spencer, was operated on for Empyema Monday evening. She is improving as fast as could be expected.

Ed. Crowley is up on crutches and will soon be going home.

The W. C. T. U. ladies of O'Neill Local Union, will give a program Tuesday, Feb. 19, in honor of the memory of Frances E. Willard, at 2:30 p. m. at the M. E. church. After the program dinner will be served. All members of Local Union come and bring your friends. Make it a real program.

Mrs. A. L. Wilsey, Local Pres.

Mrs. Sammy Lancey and daughter, Catherine Amarlis, returned to their home in Highmore, S. D., Tuesday after spending two weeks with relatives here.