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## MICHAEL MILLER DROPS DEAD AT A NEIGHBOR'S HOME

Succumbs To A Heart Attack Just As He Drives Into The Yard of A Neighbor's Farm.

Michael Bertram Miller, 56, dropped dead while in the farm yard of a neighbor last Monday afternoon. The funeral was held last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Marquette chapel, Rev. A. J. May of this city officiating, and was very largely attended.

Deceased was born on December 31, 1878, at Boone, Iowa, and came with his parents to this county in the spring of 1883 and the family located in the northern part of the county, in which neighborhood he had made his home up to the time of his death.

For the past three years he had been in failing health, due to a weak heart. On the day of his death he had gone to the home of a neighbor, his little son with him, and after driving into the yard of the neighbor, dropped dead in his wagon.

On September 26, 1899, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Childs, at Paddock, Neb. Fifteen children were born of this union, twelve of whom, with their mother, are left to mourn the death of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are:

Alvin, Mrs. Mabel Ross, Mrs. May Crawford, Red Bird; Albert, Carl, Wilbur, Cecil, Orville, Edythe, Anna Lee, Marie and Bernard, of O'Neill.

## Production Credit Ass'n Meeting At Broken Bow

D. C. Schaffer, of Emmet, a director of the O'Neill Production Credit Association, has returned from Broken Bow, Neb., where he attended a group meeting of Production Credit association boards of directors, it was announced by James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer of the O'Neill PCA.

Making ready for fall business, directors of the O'Neill, North Platte, McCook and Broken Bow farm loan agencies met at Broken Bow for an all day conference attended by representatives of the Farm Credit Administration of Omaha.

E. R. Heaton, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Omaha, told the farmer-directors he is well pleased with the initiative they have shown in operating Production Credit associations in this area. Lending activities of the local short-term farm credit units have been carried on with the least possible expense and greatest possible service to borrowers, he said.

Present at the meeting, in addition to directors and secretary-treasurers of the four Nebraska associations, were Fay C. Hill, of Gordon, Neb., PCA representative on the Omaha Farm Credit administration's board of directors; V. D. Basart, secretary of the Production Credit Corporation of Omaha, and E. R. Raymond, field representative of the Omaha and St. Paul PCC's.

## Two High To Get An Interview

Captain Orvil A. Anderson, pilot of the stratosphere balloon which burst at Rapid City recently, and Captain A. W. Stevens, commander and scientific observer, passed over here last Sunday at 11:25 a. m. The Frontier reporters did not obtain an interview because the flyers were estimated to have been five miles above the earth when sighted.

The captives expected to reach Akron, Ohio, Monday and sit with a board of inquiry. After the inquiry it will be made known whether or not the ripped balloon can be used in another attempt at ascending higher than man has gone above the clouds. The other man in the case, Captain Randolph P. Williams, meteorologist, left Rapid City Saturday for Omaha, St. Louis and Akron.

## Maybe This Cat Swam The Missouri River

Here is a true story of a cat that returned—and with hazards that are formidable. Last April Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Drickey, of Spencer, went to Olivet, S. D., where they visited some relatives. On coming back to Spencer they brought with

them a good sized kitten. The kitten disappeared in time. The other day a letter came from Olivet informing the Drickeys the young cat had come back home. The trip is about 100 miles and the Missouri river lies between but whether the cat swam or found one of the few bridges over the Missouri never can be known.

## Biblical Pageant To Be Presented Here, Using Local Talent For Cast

Miss Margaret Hylden, of Grand Forks, N. D., a representative of the American Educational Co., is in the city and is arranging to present the "First Commandment." This production is to be staged under the auspices of the Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian church, and will be presented Thursday and Friday, August 1 and 2, at the Fair grounds. In case of rain it will be presented at the K. C. Hall.

The First Commandment is a biblical dramatization in which 56 local business and professional men and women of this city will take part. The production is staged with a large number of authentic costumes, unusual and special lighting equipment and a great amount of other special properties such as armor, beads, etc. Among the O'Neill people taking part in the production are: Melvin Pilger, Rev. A. J. May, Dean Streeter, C. J. McClurg, J. D. Osenbaugh, Pete Todson, Harold Lindberg, Dr. Sherbahn, Harry Reardon, Jimmy Tuor, J. S. Ennis, J. M. Seybold, Dr. L. A. Carter, Jim Walling, Bunny McNally, Harry Claussen, Nadine Coyne, Margaret Martin, Mrs. Harold Lindberg, Mrs. Clinton Gatz, Miss Edna Simonson, Mrs. John Kersenbrock, L. G. Gillespie, Harold Weier, J. P. Marron, Ernest Nelson, Donald Stannard, Art King, Doris Powell, F. M. Reece, D. S. Conard, Mrs. Herrick, George Roberts, C. E. Yantzi and Chauncey Porter. Several other characters and the choir of thirty voices will be announced next week. The cast is holding daily rehearsals and everything points to a very successful pageant.

Reconstruction of the dike and repair of the power dam on the Niobrara river north of this city is underway. A short time ago the property was sold by the referee in bankruptcy to the bondholders and they have organized a company and will try and make the property pay. We understand that there were \$1,600,000.00 worth of bonds on this property and that the bondholders, in order to protect their interest, purchased the property, paying about \$40,000 for it. This makes the property stand them about \$1,560,000 and they will have to produce a lot of juice, at a minimum of expense, if they ever get their money back.

Roy M. Sauers suffered the dislocation of his left shoulder bones at the donkey ball game Wednesday evening at the fair grounds. The game was between the O'Neill Country Club and the local business men nines. Mr. Sauers happened to have a rather unruly burr-mountain that threw him several times and finally in such a manner as to force the bones out of place. A large crowd witnessed the game and was well entertained.

## Attends Brother's Funeral At Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pruss and Mr. and Mrs. William Stratmeyer and daughter returned Tuesday night from Omaha, where they were called last Friday by the serious illness of Mr. Pruss's brother, Edward. Mr. Pruss died in an Omaha hospital Sunday morning and was buried at Glidden, Iowa, the old family home, at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Pruss was here a little over three weeks ago, visiting his brother, and left for home just before the Fourth. Shortly after his arrival home he entered the hospital and submitted to an operation. He got along well for a few days thereafter then took a relapse and passed away Sunday. Mr. Pruss lived at 701 Park Avenue, Omaha, and was a little over 70 years of age at the time of his death.

## THE TAIL GOES WITH THE HIDE!

Now you get all four—2 TIRES AND 2 TUBES—for the Nat'l Adv. 1st Line List Price of 1 Tire and 1 Tube—all 4 for as low as \$8.25 at Gamble's.—Adv.

Mrs. Catherine Flynn and son, Allison, of Omaha, came here Tuesday and after visiting several days planned to go to Valentine to visit Mrs. Flynn's sister, Mrs. M. V. Nicholson. Mrs. Flynn and son will return here in about a week for another visit with friends before returning to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoar, of Lyons, Neb., accompanied by their son, Gene, arrived Sunday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris (Mike) Johnson until Monday when they left for Long Pine to view some land recently acquired. Mrs. Hoar and Mrs. Johnson are sisters.

Mrs. Tom Edwards Sunday evening accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Johnson to Plainview where she planned visiting one week.

Word comes from Lincoln that Al Strube, who is in the Veterans hospital there, is getting along nicely and is now able to sit up.

## Rain Fails To Halt Mid-summer Heat

This section was visited with a nice rain last Sunday night. The rainfall here measured .78 of an inch. Northeast and east of here the rainfall was much heavier, in some places amounting to two inches. This rainfall extended from the western part of the state, east as far as Norfolk, the rain at the latter place, however, amounting to only .25 of an inch. The southern part of the state was visited with a good rain on Tuesday night and corn prospects over the state are much better than they were prior to the rain.

The temperature has remained high, staying well up in the 90's. Tuesday was a bit cooler, but the thermometer register above ninety again Wednesday. The heat and moisture record follows:

Date	High	Low	Moisture
July 18	98	67	
July 19	95	69	
July 20	98	69	
July 21	97	74	
July 22	93	66	.78
July 23	87	68	
July 24	91	68	

## Catholic Picnic At Amelia

The Annual Catholic picnic will be held at Amelia on Thursday, August 1. There will be various sports, consisting of races and a baseball game. A chicken dinner will be served at noon and also in the evening. Everyone is invited to attend and have a good time.

## Rebuilding Dike At Spencer Power Dam

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Frank Carter returned Sunday night from Washington, Kansas, where he had been attending an old settlers reunion, at the old home town. On his way home he ran into the rain near Elgin and was compelled to pull to the side of the road and wait for a couple of hours until the storm abated, before he could proceed.

Francis Hughes and Beech Medland went down to Lincoln last Monday night for a few days visit. The boys are both figuring on entering the State University next September and are in Lincoln looking over the prospects of getting a job to assist them in going thru school. They are expected home tonight.

Mrs. R. R. Dickson left Sunday night for Leavenworth, Washington, where she expects to spend a few weeks visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Sadie Simpson. From Leavenworth she expects to go to Oakland, California, for a visit at the home of her brother, Lawrence Skirving.

Fred Lowery sold his bus line the first of the week to Z. Jeffries, formerly of Chambers, who took possession the first of the week. Fred has operated the stage for several years and it will seem strange to see the bus pull in from the west without Fred at the wheel.

Visitors last Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chudomelka, at Inman, were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Halva and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lód Janousek and family, of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kopecky, of Inman.

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By James R. Lowell

The district court decision awarding the state a \$56,338 judgment against T. W. Bass, state treasurer from 1931 to 1933; W. C. Oelkers, Bass' bond clerk, and their sureties, came in the nature of an anticlimax. A year and a half ago when the state auditor's office startled the public by announcing that the state had been bilked out of "hundreds of thousands of dollars," most Nebraskans were given the impression that the state penitentiary was about to add at least two or three names to its republican roster.

Political observers put the case in the same category with the Conklin et al., fracas which kept Harry Conklin from being re-elected state land commissioner. Both cases were born in an election year, and in each case very little fire was found after the dense smoke had cleared away.

Incidentally, the two cases revealed abuse and inefficiency in the administration of state affairs. The Conklin deal shed considerable light on the old practice of compelling employees to contribute to campaign chests, while the Bass suit disclosed "an amazingly inefficient system of keeping records by the state board of educational lands and funds."

The state suit against Bass, Oelkers and their sureties was instituted by Paul F. Good when he was attorney general. It was based on the allegation that the two state officers "carelessly permitted Wachob, Bender & Co., of Omaha, to detach coupons from bonds purchased by the state, in an amount in excess of that authorized by the board of educational lands and funds."

The district court cleared Bass of negligence in the case and found his liability secondary to that of Oelkers "by reason of the fact that the defendant Oelkers acted as agent for the defendant, Bass, with the knowledge of the latter."

Bass and Oelkers were awarded a judgment in the amount of the principal sum against the Omaha bond sales house. All of the defendants served notice they would appeal. Defendant sureties include a New York company and two Maryland companies.

Prospects are taking on a rosier hue for at least two of the proposed park and game refuge projects for which Nebraskans are seeking federal aid—the Cherry county migratory wildfowl refuge and the Lewis and Clarke park along the Missouri river between Decatur and Macy.

The Cherry county project is practically assured and only legal delays and red tape now stand in the way of its completion. This is a biological survey project and operations for 65,554 acres around the Cherry county lakes were obtained early this year. Actual acquisition of land is now starting, with 1,400 acres acquired by condemnation, and lightly more than 9,000 acres purchased.

Along the Missouri river where a 30,000-acre national park is being sought, there are numerous obstacles to overcome before the project takes actual shape, however. For one thing it appears that no federal funds for the purpose of submarginal land retirement is available for this proposed park and interested parties might have to put up money to get the deal underway.

Little if any effect of the decision by the circuit court of appeals at Boston, holding AAA price fixing to be unconstitutional, will be felt by Nebraska farmers, according to federal officials in the state. W. H. Brokaw, state AAA administrator, said he welcomes the decision inasmuch as it will furnish a quick test case in the supreme court.

Brokaw stated positively that benefit payments to Nebraska farmers will be paid. "Even if the present act were declared unconstitutional," he declared, "congress would find some method of paying the benefit checks, other than by the processing tax."

Approximately \$9,000,000 is coming to Nebraska farmers in wheat payments under the present program which expires this year, while \$22,000,000 is forthcoming under the 1935 corn-hog program.

Following upon the heels of the eastern decision against the triple A, two suits were filed in federal court at Lincoln, seeking permanent and temporary injunctions to forestall collection of processing taxes.

The complainants are the Crete Mills and Cooper Co. Inc., of Humboldt. They charge that the tax is discriminatory and confiscatory, and allege it is an illegal attempt to regulate interstate commerce. Several months ago the Crete company attempted to compel the federal organization in the state to recognize the products of the Crete mills when purchasing relief supplies, but without success. The relief organization refused to buy from the mills because of alleged failure to comply with the NRA.

Life holds a new interest for A. E. Anderson, state and federal statistician. In his July wheat forecast, he revised upwards from June his estimate of the yield which he says will exceed 40,000,000 bushels of winter wheat and 6,264,000 bushels of spring wheat.

Anderson increased his estimate despite the heavy loss from sudden hot weather and black rust. He bases his action on an improved yield in several sections of the state where he had previously looked for very little wheat to be harvested.

As a consequence of his bumper crop prediction, many farmers and elevator men are giving Anderson some nasty looks and nastier words. They claim his figures are too high and that his forecast has precipitated a bear market with resultant lower prices for wheat. Now the statistician is waiting upon the harvest cleanup to vindicate his forecast.

As mayor of Lincoln, and still in the shadow of the state house, Charlie Bryan, the builder (of political fences), is laying his plans for a comeback.

Always the astute politician (sometimes not so astute), the former governor is choosing each word and weighing each act as he guides and protects his flock of Lincolnites, but political observers say he is leaning too far to the right where liquor control is concerned.

Inebriated persons (drunks to you) are having a tough time of it under the Bryan administration. The bullpen of the Lincoln jail is kept full and overflowing with persons who have imbibed not wisely but too well of legal liquor which may be purchased in more than 30 stores in the capitol city, and are laying out their fines.

Approximately 20 inebriates may be observed any day of the week doing time in the Lincoln cooler, and at least that many persons each week pay their fines for drunkenness.

The upshot of all this is that a number of voters are being alienated from the Bryan banner. Habitual drunkards who made the bullpen their headquarters are miffed because they must serve out their entire fine instead of being released on the fifth or sixth day as under the previous administration.

First-timers doing an 11-day hitch for being on too intimate terms with the firewater, profess to see politics in the administration of police affairs when persons under the influence of liquor are thrown in the jug overnight and released the next morning without so much as a word of good advice, while they must swelter in the confines of the bullpen, or pay out \$14.70.

Just how many votes Bryan is losing due to the activities of his police department remains to be seen the next time the former governor decides to run for something. In the meantime, the senti— (Continued on page 4, column 4.)

## City Well Completed And Tests Being Made

They have completed work on the new city well that they have been working on for the past six weeks. The well is now down 92 feet and the contractor figures he has sufficient water to fill the contract. In order to comply with the contract the well must furnish 300 gallons of water a minute for forty-eight hours. They started testing the well this morning and it will not be known for forty-eight hours whether the well will meet the requirements or not.

## Hospital Notes

Rose Ann Coday, of Atkinson, went home Saturday afternoon.

Jake Pribil went to the home of his sister here in town, Tuesday, for a few days before returning to his home in Inman.

Milford and Rosaline Coats had their tonsils and adenoids removed Monday morning and went home the same evening.

Leo Lewis Cornell, of Emmet, was brought in for treatment of injuries received when his truck ran over him at his home Monday afternoon. He went home Wednesday evening.

Dick Tibbitt, 7 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Tibbitt, had his tonsils and adenoids removed Thursday morning.

Mrs. John Hynes entered the hospital Thursday morning for confinement.

## Red Bird Blanks Two Opponents Past Week

The Red Bird base ball team treated the Bristow team to a whitewash on the Midway diamond last Sunday afternoon, while they were piling up 9 scores. At the end of a nicely contested game the score stood, Red Bird 9, Bristow 0. Conrad, Hansen and Schollmeyer were the battery for Red Bird and Bartling and Bartling officiated for Bristow.

Red Bird defeated the Ponca Wednesday afternoon at the Midway diamond, making two blanks for their opponents in a row. Batteries: Red Bird, E. Schollmeyer and Bill Alder; Ponca Indians, Isaac Red Horse, Richard C. Hawk and E. Warner. Hits: Red Bird, 11, Ponca Indians, 5. Errors: Red Bird, 0; Indians 5. Struck out: Red Bird 6, Indians 8.

Ernie Richter, manager of the Red Bird base ball team, was in the city Monday. Ernie says that his boys are just beginning to play ball now and the teams they meet the balance of the season will have to be up on their toes if they want to win any ball games.

## Tennis Tournament Will Get Underway Sunday

Pairings for the tennis tournaments to be held on the new municipal courts beginning Sunday, July 28, are as follows:

**Men's Tournament**  
Ken Leidy vs. Louie Zastrow; Jimmie Tuor vs. Bruce Vail; Cletus Sullivan vs. Gene Rummell; H. Banghardt vs. Clarence Ryan; Ernie Nelson vs. Hughie Ryan; Bob Smith vs. Alvie Winchell; Bob Biglin vs. Bill Hammond; Clarence Saunto vs. Squee Winchell; Bunky Tomlinson vs. Orville Green; Ben Grady vs. E. Brackett; Ken Wehl vs. Snooks Stannard; Len Youngworth vs. Junior Toy; Frank Meyers vs. Jim Hart; Gus Gallagher vs. Bun McNally; Jim McNally vs. Bill Beha; Louie Cambre vs. Mary.

**Girls' Tournament**  
Helen Toy vs. Betty Biglin; Mary Kubitschek vs. Dorothy Reardon; Louise O'Donnell vs. Jane Mains; Jo Finley vs. Jerry Cronin; Mary Morse vs. Mabel Erskine; Byrl Winchell vs. Jean Schroeder; Mary Hammond vs. Mrs. Bob McCaw; Helen Reardon, bye.

**President's Flight**  
Pete Todson vs. Harry Reardon; Mrs. Burgess vs. Mrs. Campbell; J. J. Harrington vs. Bob Morrison; Pat Hartly vs. Doc Brown; M. R. Sullivan vs. R. E. Moore; Mrs. Harry Reardon vs. W. H. Hartly; Maurice Archer vs. W. E. Stewart; Ed Campbell vs. Mrs. Doc Brown.

Contestants are to arrange the time of the matches and referees with their opponents. We wish to have the first round played off by Sunday evening. Seeded players are to see that their brackets are played so that the finals in each tournament may be held Sunday, Aug. 4. Defaults are to be reported at the Grand Cafe where the brackets are posted.

## LUTHERAN SERVICES.

There will be Lutheran services at the Episcopal church in O'Neill on July 30 at 8:00 P. M., conducted by Rev. Wm. G. Vahle, of Atkinson.

Miss Mary E. Carney returned home last Thursday night from an extensive trip to the west coast, going first to San Diego, where she visited the Exposition, thence to Los Angeles and Long Beach, later Seattle and Bremerton, Wash. At Bremerton she visited her brother, Lieutenant Jas. V. Carney, U. S. N. and family. Lieut. Carney is on the U. S. S. Lexington, in the Navy yards at Bremerton. Miss Carney was away five weeks.

## OLDEST CITIZEN OF O'NEILL IS DEAD AT THE HOME OF A SON

Funeral Services For John Enright To Be Held At Catholic Church Here Saturday Morning.

John Enright died at the home of his son, Michael, in this city last Wednesday afternoon after an illness of two weeks, at the age of 93 years, 11 months and 7 days. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 9 a. m., from the Catholic church, Rev. E. J. Leahy officiating, and interment in Calvary cemetery.

John Enright was born in Limrick, Ireland, on Aug. 15, 1841. He grew to manhood in his native land and was united in marriage there to Miss Bridget Burke and shortly thereafter they came to America and located in Illinois, where they remained until the spring of 1875 when they moved to this county and settled on a homestead four miles north of this city, where they made their home for many years, and Mr. Enright owned the old homestead at the time of his death.

Mr. Enright was the father of ten children, seven of whom are living to mourn the passing of a kind and indulgent father. The children are:

John, Omaha; Mrs. Margaret Sorenson, Bloomfield; Thomas and Michael, O'Neill; William and Mrs. Bea Chase, Omaha; Patrick, Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Sorenson arrived in the city last night for the funeral.

Mr. Enright was one of the real pioneers of this county, coming here a year after the General O'Neill colony located here in 1874. For thirty-four years he lived on his farm north of town and moved to this city in 1909, where he had since made his home.

He was a resident of this county for sixty years. When he came to the county there was but one little building in O'Neill, a little store on the corner where the Golden hotel is now located. There were only a very few settlers in the county and they were mostly located along the Niobrara river and along the Elkhorn in the extreme eastern part of the county. The vast expanse of prairie land north, east and west of town was without a tree as far as the eye could reach. He lived to see the city and county grow into one of the most prosperous sections of the state and the county dotted with fine groves, all in the space of sixty years.

Mr. Enright was a good citizen and was universally admired and respected by all his acquaintances. He lived to a ripe old age and seemed to enjoy life to the fullest extent, always being blessed with good health.

## Returns To Old Home For Visit

Thomas Shively, of Norfolk, was in the city the latter part of last week visiting relatives and old time friends. Tom was a resident of this city about a half century ago, his parents being homesteaders east of this city in the early eighties. Years ago he went to Norfolk and entered the employ of the Northwestern railroad, finally becoming a passenger engineer for that company, a position he retained for many years, until his retirement in 1926. While in the city Tom made a pleasant call at this office and we enjoyed a pleasant visit, discussing the olden days in this city and vicinity.

## Band Program For Saturday Evening

The following program will be rendered by the O'Neill high school band on the streets of the city next Saturday evening:

Easy Strut - - - - R. F. Seitz  
Advance - - - - Harold Bennett  
Royal Welcome Home - - -  
G. Rosenkrans  
Invincible U. S. A. - - - F. A. Meyers  
Billboard March - - - J. F. Klohr  
The Stein Song - - - Tenstad  
Washington Post - - - J. P. Sousa  
Queen City March - - - W. H. Bresm  
The Victory March - - - J. F. Shea  
L. M. Durham.

The Joy Sunday school will present the demonstration program of the daily bible school at the Joy school house on Thursday evening, August 1, at 8 p. m. All are invited to attend.