

# THE FRONTIER

## TOMLINSON BEATS TUOR IN FOUR SET IN TENNIS FINALS

### Helen Toy Defeats Mary Morse In Three Straight Sets To Win The Girls Tournament.

The City Tennis Tournament, which was held during the past week, with the finals being played off Sunday afternoon between James Tour and Bunkey Tomlinson, was from all points of view a success. The matches aroused a great deal of interest and a large gallery was present each evening to watch the play.

In the finals Sunday afternoon O'Neill was treated to a brand of tennis seldom seen in anything but State or district tournaments. Bunkey Tomlinson played faultless tennis, winning 6-0, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

In the finals of the girls singles, Helen Toy, playing her usual brand of tennis, defeated Mary Morse in straight sets, winning 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

The committee in charge of the tournament wish to thank all of the people who so generously contributed toward making this tournament the success it was, and also to thank all of those people, many of whom do not play tennis themselves, who contributed toward the fund for the making and upkeep of the courts.

## Loans Available On Farm-Stored Grains

Loans on farm-stored small grains are now available to farmers in this territory through the O'Neill Production Credit Association of O'Neill, James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer announced.

Approximately 60 per cent of the local market value will be advanced on oats, wheat, rye, barley and other small grains, Mr. Rooney said. Interest at 5 per cent a year will be charged. Loans will come due June 1, 1936.

Inspection of grain and sealing of cribs or bins will be done by state officials operating under the state warehouse law, as was the case with loans previously offered on stored corn by the Commodity Credit corporation.

Mr. Rooney pointed out the service will enable farmers eligible as PCA borrowers to keep small grain off the market at harvest time and still pay harvesting and other current expenses. Grain may be stored for future marketing, feeding or seed.

Applications are now being received by Mr. Rooney and by the following local representatives of the O'Neill Production Credit Association: E. W. Luth at Butte; H. C. Tulley at Spalding and B. H. Wunderlich at Burwell.

The O'Neill PCA serves farmers in these counties: Holt, Boyd, Wheeler and Garfield.

## Play A Flop Financially

The First Commandment, which was presented last Thursday and Friday nights was a splendid success from the standpoint of an interesting and well produced production, but was a flop from a financial viewpoint. Considering the magnitude of the production and the historical points produced and the elaborate costumes, it was entitled to a much larger crowd than was present either night. But those who attended felt amply repaid for the time they spent there and many were heard to express themselves as desiring to see it again, if the opportunity ever presented itself.

The Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian church, under whose auspices the play was presented, we understand, stand to lose about \$15 on the production. The members of the Presbyterian Ladies Guild wish to thank the members of the cast who helped in the production of the play, "The First Commandment."

## Where Is Nebraska's Largest Elm Tree?

Where is the largest American Elm tree in Nebraska? That's what Earl G. Maxwell, extension forester at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture would like to know.

The largest Elm discovered thus far is on the banks of Prairie Creek near Stromsburg on the A. C. Morrill farm which was originally homesteaded in 1871. This monster tree, reaching toward the sky, measured 162 inches in circum-

ference at 4 feet from the ground. It is in a good state of preservation and apparently will live for many more years.

Now, what Forester Maxwell is wondering is whether there is a larger American Elm tree in Nebraska when measured four feet from the ground. If there is such a tree in Holt county, he would like to know about it.

## Sand Cherries Have A Second Growth

Last Friday afternoon Morris Johnson, Burlington section foreman here, while cutting weeds several miles east, found some sand cherries and every one has a split and some excretion oozed and hardened the shape of a bird's beak. About 20 of the berries were brot here and exhibited. The additions are believed the same manifestations as knobs on potatoes after a dry spell that is followed by a rain—a forced second growth after the fruit had ceased growing. Reports from the sandhills southwest of here indicate good sandcherry crops in some sections and none in others.

## Bristow Defeats Redbird

Playing on the Bristow diamond Sunday, the Red Bird nine went down to defeat 19 to 5. The battery for the Red Birds was Richter, Conard and Schollmeyer and for Bristow it was Bartling and Bartling. Five of the Red Birds struck out and nine of the Bristow players did likewise. In errors, Red Bird made six and Bristow three. Bristow made 18 hits and Red Bird 8. Bartling knocked a home run. A fair sized crowd saw the game.

## Rhode Island Voters Reject New Dealer

The voters of the First congressional district in the state of Rhode Island delivered a crushing blow to the New Dealers at the election in that state last Tuesday. With the support of the president directly at issue, Charles F. Risk, a former judge, was swept to victory by a margin of over 12,000 votes over Antonio Prince, democrat state treasurer, the democratic candidate for congress. The republican nominee had campaigned on a platform to "repudiate the Roosevelt administration." This district was carried by the democrats nine months ago with a majority of 21,000. Many cities in the state went republican for the first time in twenty years.

Last Sunday morning in response to a message stating that Clifford Kurtz, operated on at Lewiston, Montana, several weeks ago because of ruptured appendix, should be able to return home when some of his folks from here reached Lewiston, Melvin and Andy Kurtz and Cernanos Vanderlinden left this city for Lewiston and are to return here with Clifford and his mother, Mrs. Ray Kurtz.

Miss Marjorie Dickson and Miss Grace O'Donnell drove down to Sioux City last Sunday and met Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell, who arrived there that morning from Chicago, where she had been visiting for the past three weeks at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. A. B. Gladson and daughter, Gene, of Omaha, arrived in the city Monday night for a ten day visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McPharlin, and with her old school mates here.

Dr. Louis Brennan came up from Omaha last Monday night for a few days visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brennan, northeast of this city. He expects to leave Friday night for Missouri, where he has the appointment as medical officer at a CCC camp in that state.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Fountain, of Pad-dock precinct, died at their home last Thursday morning, at the age of one day. The funeral will be held Friday and interment in the cemetery at Meek.

It is reported that Mussolini is planning to buy off the leaders of some of the African tribes with silver. Why couldn't Benito use a little of his spare silver paying what he owes Uncle Sam?

## Ask For Raising of 25 Per Cent of Contracted Hog Base By Dec. 1st

All Group II and III corn-hog contracts have been offered producers for their signature and a preliminary check shows nearly all were signed.

The work of supervising the corn acreage and getting a preliminary count on hogs has been completed with only a few cases to be taken care of. These contracts will be mailed out for landlorder's signature as fast as they are signed by producers. The bulk of these will then be sent to Lincoln for pre-audit within the next few days.

Latest indications are that producers are going to be expected to raise 25 per cent of their hog base before December 1, in order to comply fully with their contract. This will affect quite a large number of signers as high feed prices and shortage of breeding stock have made it difficult to meet these requirements. It is hoped the local allotment committee will have further definite information in the near future.

## 4-H Farm Forestry Club

Farmers who have developed on their farms evergreen windbreaks have something for which to be justly proud. Evergreens are the most effective in checking winds both summer and winter, are long lived, withstand hailstorms without serious damage and add beauty to the landscape.

Many farmers have failed with evergreens while others have had splendid success. Evergreens can be grown in Nebraska successfully if handled properly.

For the purpose of demonstrating that evergreens can be grown on the farm the Extension Service will provide one thousand once-transplanted evergreen trees of suitable species to each of the first 15 4-H Farm Forestry Clubs organized before February 1, 1936 having an enrollment of ten or more members, provided no county shall qualify for more than one such offer unless on February 1, fifteen counties have not qualified and providing the club members receiving the trees will agree to plant and care for them as recommended and will agree to furnish reports on their results as requested by the Extension Service.

Each county qualifying for this offer shall arrange to hold at least one tree planting demonstration at planting time for the benefit of the club.

Anyone interested in joining or sponsoring a club of this kind is urged to get in touch with Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece as soon as possible.

## Makes Yearly Visit Here

Robert Vierboom, better known here as Robert Nelson, arrived in the city Sunday night for a weeks visit with old time friends in his old home town. Mr. Vierboom now resides at Highland Falls, N. Y., and has been making yearly trips back here to his boyhood home for the past three years and says that he intends to continue them as long as he is able to travel. Monday he made a pleasant call at this office and extended his subscription to The Frontier for another year, as he says he gets real enjoyment in reading about the happenings in the old home. He expects to leave here Saturday and join a bunch of friends from Chicago at Omaha and then go on to the west coast and take in the exposition at San Diego before returning home.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Early Morning Service at 8:30 with Young Peoples Choir.

Sunday School 10:00—Mr. C. E. Yantzi, superintendent.

Morning Worship 11:00—"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Our services are planned to help all during the vacation season. Some will not be able to attend the regular service at 11 o'clock and will attend the 8:30 service. If this suits your time better you will be welcomed.

H. D. Johnson, Past'or.

Remember the good old days when a college professor didn't get any farther away from home than the campus?

Several O'Neill residents drove to Burwell this morning to take in the rodeo at that place.

## The Weather

	Temperature	Moisture
	High	Low
August 2	95	67
August 3	94	55
August 4	88	69
August 5	98	71
August 6	97	68
August 7	107	71

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

Dear Old John Barleycorn who recently returned to Nebraska after long exile has stepped into the scene at the psychological moment and paid off the mortgage on the old homestead.

To be less melodramatic, the revenue from state liquor tax during the coming year will knock off approximately thirty-five hundredths of a mill, or about a dime, from the tax bill of the average Nebraska taxpayer. Even at that, however, he will be paying five hundredths of a mill more on the per dollar valuation than he did last year.

The state board of equalization has set the 1935 levy at 2.15 mills, or only five hundredths of a mill above 1934. The prognosticators had unofficially set the levy at 2.5 mills, but they forgot to take into consideration the estimated revenue from liquor.

The sum needed from the general tax levy in 1935 is \$4,363,838. The estimated amount that will be raised from the 2.15 levy, including an estimated \$722,160 from liquor revenue, is \$4,365,023. Additional liquor revenue to the amount of \$700,000 was earmarked by the 1935 legislature for use by the state assistance board, probably to be used to a large extent for old age pensions.

State liquor tax revenue, according to W. H. Smith, tax commissioner, is estimated at \$1,571,000 for the year. Of this amount, \$138,000 will come out for expenses of the liquor commission, leaving the net revenue at \$1,433,000 (estimated), or the equivalent of the purchase price of one pint of whiskey for every man, woman and child in Nebraska.

The grand total assessed valuation for Nebraska in 1935 is \$2,030,243,533, as compared with \$2,059,678,928, a decline of about 3 per cent from 1934.

The only counties that show an increased valuation over last year are Arthur, Chase, Cherry, Douglas, Grant, Hayes, Loup, McPherson, Morrill, Scottsbluff, Sheridan, Sioux and Wheeler.

The 50th Nebraska legislature increased the tax-raised appropriations for support of the state government during the 1935-37 biennium by \$646,977. An official audit of the general appropriations bills enacted by the last session showed that the state budget, supported by property tax funds, totaled \$11,963,790, compared with \$11,813,813 for the 1933-35 biennium.

Of the general total, \$11,560,281 represents general appropriations and \$405,509, emergency appropriations, including such items as provision for audits of the state banking department, state treasury, et cetera.

Half of the biennial appropriation from tax funds leaves \$6,183,649 to be raised for 1935, but deductions due to anticipated miscellaneous collections from various state departments leaves an estimated \$4,363,838 to be raised.

Figures appearing in the daily press relative to the assessed valuations of railroads in Nebraska are apt to leave a wrong impression with the average reader.

For example, it was stated that the Union Pacific was assessed on a valuation of \$78,030 for each mile of its trackage on the Nebraska main line. This doesn't mean what it says. It means rather that 15.71 per cent of the U. P.'s total trackage is in Nebraska, and 20.72 per cent of the road's gross earnings last year were taken in in this state. This leaves an average of 18.21 per cent of the system's entire value and earnings upon which the state may assess taxes.

The Burlington main line from Plattsmouth to the Colorado line is apparently worth \$42,678 per mile. In reality this means that 27.69 per cent of the road's total trackage is in this state while 22.78 per cent of the gross earnings last year were derived from Nebraska. Averaging the two, you have 25.23

(Continued on page 5, column 3.)

## Holt County Rancher Celebrates Ninetieth Birthday Anniversary

J. H. Oetter, pioneer resident of Southern Holt county, celebrated his ninetieth birthday at his ranch home near Martha last Sunday. Sixty-one relatives of Mr. Oetter were present to help him properly celebrate the event.

Mr. Oetter homesteaded in southern Holt county in 1879 and that homestead is now part of his ranch of 1,105 acres which he owns in a body, and some of the finest land in that section of the county. Among those who attended the birthday celebration were several relatives from Norfolk and Battle Creek, Neb.

## Bowen-Smith

Russell Bowen and Miss Wilma Dell Smith were united in marriage at Crookston, Minn., on Sunday, August 4, 1935. After the wedding ceremony the newly weds left for a honeymoon trip to Canada. On their return they will go to housekeeping in Crookston.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowen of this city and grew to manhood in this city, where he resided until last March when he was transferred by his employers, the Interstate Power company, to Crookston, Minn. He is an industrious and affable young man who has a faculty of making and retaining friends and promises to go far in his chosen line of work.

The bride is a Chadron young lady, who for the past four years has been teaching in the O'Neill public schools. She is a charming young lady who made many friends during her residence in this city.

The many O'Neill friends of this young couple wish them many years of happiness and prosperity.

## Hospital Notes

Mrs. John Hynes and baby went home Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Rieken came in Thursday evening for medical treatment. She went home Friday evening.

George Brewster, of Page, was operated on for acute appendicitis Sunday evening. He is convalescing nicely.

Mrs. Tom Brennan came in Wednesday morning for medical treatment.

James Wayne Shipman was brot in Wednesday afternoon on the stretcher in a serious condition, and underwent an abdominal operation.

George Wilcox, of Inman, was in the hospital a few hours preparatory to a trip to the Veterans hospital in Lincoln, for treatment of ulcers of the stomach.

## Score Looks Like A Basket Ball Game

Two clever baseball nines which could be called the Scrawney Eyed Scridgets and the Scridge Eyed Scrawnets, boys around 10 or so, played last Friday at the fair grounds. The score was 31 to 34—and of course the other side lost everything. One nine was composed of Captain Duke Kersbrock, Paul Kubitschek, Howard Graves, G. Hammond, Don Loy, Jack Hartly and Bill O'Connell. On the other hand were Meredith McKenna, Jerry Toy, Clayton Powell, Red Stuart, Harold Calkins, Jack Morrison and Francis Gunn. Hugh McKenna acted as umpire and Bill Biglin was the base umpire.

## Honey Creek Turkey Club

The regular South Honey creek meeting was held at the home of Maurice Grutsch. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Albion Boshart. All members were present with the exception of Helen Murray and Leonard Bauers. Information on feeding and caring for turkeys was given by Dick Huebert, the leader. A number of visitors were present at the meeting. Ice cream and cake were served after the meeting. The next meeting will be held after a picnic dinner near the home of Ronald and Marjorie Huebert.

## Tiny Tots Hike To River For A Swim

Tuesday was a pretty hot day and Dolores Jean, 3, Jimmy Jo, 2, and Margaret Ann, one year and eight months, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lydon of this city, forever watching neighboring child-

ren gathering and striking out for the Elkhorn in high glee, wanted to go along with the rest of the gang.

Permission was granted and with an adult and older children the trip was made on foot. The three Lydon children walked the mile to the river and another one coming home—two miles—and when nearing home Jimmy Jo ran a half a block. Jean, the oldest, always fearing to enter the river, although she likes playing in the sand, finally succumbed to the lure of the crystal liquid and all enjoyed the splash. The Lydon children are remarkably healthy. Part of their trip was through grass and weeds higher than their heads.

## Judge Donohoe And Art Mullen Here For A Visit

Judge J. A. Donohoe and Arthur F. Mullen drove up from Omaha last Friday night and spent a few days visiting old time friends here, leaving for Omaha Sunday afternoon. Arthur visited many of his old time friends while in the city and seemed to be feeling out the sentiment of the old stalwarts towards the president. We understand that some of the old stalwarts that he talked to were not very enthusiastic for the president.

## New Auto Registration For Seven Months Is 275

During the month of July there were sixty-one new automobiles registered in the office of County Treasurer Winchell. This brings the total for the year 1935, up to August 1, to 275, or about \$200,000 worth of new automobiles sold in this county since the first of last January. The registration of new cars by the month was as follows: January, 26; February, 27; March, 23; April, 48; May, 55; June, 35; July, 61.

W. H. Stageman, one of the old time residents of Randolph, Neb., was an O'Neill visitor last Friday and made this office a short call, renewing old time acquaintance ship. We knew Bill Stageman quite well about forty-five years ago, when he did not have a grey hair in his head and was as thin as a rail, ditto the writer. Now Bill is grey and corpulent and while we are not as grey as Bill we are just as corpulent. We thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Come again, Bill.

Judge R. R. Dickson returned home last Friday from a weeks visit at the home of his brother at Osage, Iowa, and with an old school mate at Minneapolis, Minn. On the way home he stopped for a few days at Lake Okeboji, Iowa. The Judge says that crops in Iowa and Minnesota are immense, these two states having an unusually large crop of oats.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mellor, Mrs. D. Stannard and Clarence Stannard left Thursday morning for Denver, Colo., where they will spend a few days visiting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Mellor expect to return Monday, J. B., who has been visiting there the past three weeks, returning with them, while Mrs. Stannard and Clarence will remain at Denver for about ten days.

Jane Mains, Katie Coyne, Betty Biglin and Mona Melvin went up to Long Pine last Sunday to spend a week at the new park there. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Biglin and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mains drove up Wednesday night and spent a few hours with the young folks. They say they are getting along fine and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union Tuesday afternoon elected Elsie Johnson president and Mrs. Lucy Leach vice president. Their next meeting will be held at Mrs. Emily Bowens. At this meeting the several department directors will give reports of work done the past year.

Senator and Doctor Royal C. Copeland is quoted as stating that Congress is too tired to think. Dr. Copeland thus maintains his reputation for politeness.

There are no inheritance, estate or other form of so-called death taxes in Nevada. But they certainly do tax you plenty for retaining your life and liberty.

## ORDINANCE PASSED FOR PAVING OF TWO BLOCKS ON FOURTH

Fail To Reach An Agreement With Shanner For Purchase of Well He Dug On Lower Fourth.

At the regular meeting of the City Council last Tuesday evening a paving district was created of the two blocks on Fourth street, north of Douglas, and it was decided to pave these two blocks at once. W. J. Scott, of the firm of Scott & Scott, engineers, of Lincoln, Neb., was employed by the city to have charge of the work.

Mr. Scott started work Wednesday morning and he expects to have the survey completed and an estimate made, so that they can ask for bids on the work within two weeks. This will enable them to have this work completed before cold weather this fall.

The property owners in these four blocks signed a petition for this paving, as they, like most of the rest of the people of the city, were of the opinion that these two blocks should be paved, in order to keep the gravel from washing down the street and covering the paving on the corner of Fourth and Douglas.

Most of the business men hoped to see all three blocks north paved, but it seems that this will not be undertaken at this time. This will be a valuable improvement to this part of the city and will bring a paved street right in front of the new federal building.

At this meeting the Council also rejected the well that had recently been put down, on lower Fourth street, as it did not meet the specifications of the contract. The Mayor, as well as the members of the Council, were willing to make a settlement with the contractor and allow him something for the well, even if he really did not have anything coming to him under his contract, but he refused to make them what they considered a fair offer, so they have dropped the matter.

An agreement was entered into by city officials and Mr. Shanner on Wednesday, by which the city was to pay him \$750 for the well. A warrant was drawn for this amount and when he was asked to sign receipts for the same he backed out, so the matter now stands where it was before, except that the city will probably have no more dealings with Mr. Shanner and will try to get another contractor to come in and try to get a well of the capacity needed to supply the city.

## Cactus Kids Beat Royal Nine Sunday At Inman

The base ball game at Inman last Sunday between the Cactus Kids and Royal was won by Inman with a score of 4 to 2. The game was very interesting and was witnessed by a large crowd of fans.

Bill Alder was on the mound for the Cactus Kids and he held the hard slugging Royal team to 5 hits, while the Cactus Kids made 17 hits off the Royal pitchers. Royal has the reputation of having a good, fast ball team and this victory for the Cactus Kids gives them something of a reputation in this section and the other teams in the county want to look to their laurels.

## Inman Poultry Club

The Inman Poultry Club met at the home of Marjorie Rouse on July 31. Care of the chicks was discussed, after which songs were sung. Mrs. Herbert Rouse, Mrs. C. D. Keyes, Mrs. F. E. Keyes, Misses Mildred Keyes and Lelia Rouse were visitors. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Geneva Pribil on Aug. 14. Lunch was served.—Mary Ruther.

## GROUP GATHERING

The annual group gathering at the Union S. S. was postponed from the last Sunday in July to August 18, in order that certain speakers might be secured. Watch for the program in next weeks paper.—R. J. Hatch.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the kind friends and neighbors for their sympathy and many acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.—Mrs. C. C. Millard and family.