

THE FRONTIER

Reduction In County Tax Levy Is Made Up In The State Levy

The county board of supervisors was in session Wednesday and made the annual levy for the fiscal year of 1935. The levy made for this county is a little lower than that made last year, but the levy made by the state board is a little higher, so that the total levy made for the state and county for the coming year, 7.10, is the same as that levied a year ago.

Following is the levy made for the various funds of the county and state for the coming year:

State Levy for 1935	
General Fund	2.15
County Levy for 1935	
General	2.70
Bridge	.59
Road	.03
County Fair	.05
Judgments	.95
Soldiers' Relief	.04
Mothers' Pensions	.07
Coyote Bounty	.02
Unemployment Relief	.50
Total County Levy	4.95
State	2.15

Total For State and County 7.10

Also a levy of \$2.00 on each and every person within the county, between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years of age, for Old Age Pensions.

Also a levy of ten cents on each and every hive of bees within the county.

Miller-Rieken

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 11 o'clock when Dorothy L. Rieken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rieken of O'Neill, became the bride of Clayton O. Miller, of Norfolk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Gross, Nebr. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. D. Johnson, pastor of the Presbyterian church in O'Neill.

The bride was very beautifully attired in a dress of dark blue net with white accessories and carried a bouquet of white lilies and baby breath. The groom was dressed in dark blue.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Gillette, of Chambers were the only attendants of the young couple. Mrs. Gillette is a former class friend and high school chum of the bride. Mrs. Gillette wore a dress of medium blue floral crepe with white accessories.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding dinner was served to the bridal party at the home of the brides parents north of O'Neill.

The bride is very well known in this community, having lived here for the past seven years, and has been employed in several of the business places in O'Neill, and during that time has won the admiration of a host of friends by her likeable disposition.

The groom, a resident of Gross, Nebr., for several years, was a successful young farmer until two years ago when he accepted a position with his brother, agent of the Texas Oil company at Norfolk, Nebr., where he has since been employed, and where the young couple will make their home in the Mullen apartment house after Aug. 10th. The many O'Neill friends of this young couple wish them many years of happiness and prosperity.

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Burlington Free Trips For 4-H Club Winners

Once again the Burlington is offering prize trips to the 1936 Club week to some 70 outstanding Nebraska local 4-H club leaders. The announcement has just been made by L. I. Frisbie, state club leader at the college of agriculture, and will interest Holt county leaders.

One local leader in each county thru which the railroad passes will get the prize which is equal to a round trip to Lincoln and return plus one-fourth of the registration for Club Week which is held annually on the college of agriculture campus in June.

To qualify for the trip, leaders must have been awarded a certificate of achievement and one award of appreciation by December 1. A leader having previously won a Burlington trip is ineligible to compete for the award.

Commissioner Myers Of Omaha, Is Dead

Commissioner Myers, of Omaha, who had jurisdiction of the police

department of the metropolis, was seriously injured in an automobile accident while returning from Oklahoma last Saturday morning. His son, Eldon, was also seriously injured. The accident happened about 5:30 Saturday morning, the car leaving the road, crossing a ditch and striking a tree, a few miles south of Gretna. Mr. Myers died Sunday morning without regaining consciousness and his son passed away Tuesday.

County's Corn Crop Has Been Cut 50 Per Cent By The Drouth

The past two weeks have been the hardest of the year on Nebraska's 1935 corn crop. It has been dry and extremely hot. Wednesday was one of the worst days this county has witnessed for several years. While the thermometer only reached 100 degrees there was a hot dry wind blowing most of the day and it put the finishing touches on a good many Holt county corn fields as well as those of other counties of the state.

One Holt county farmer, who does a good deal of traveling over the county, remarked Thursday morning that the Holt county corn crop was now damaged at least 50 per cent. He said that in some sections of the county, where they have had local showers during the past three weeks, the corn still is in pretty good shape and with a good heavy rain within the next few days they would have a good crop, while in other sections of the county, a deluge would be of no benefit to the corn crop, but would help pastures immensely.

The best part of the county is the northern part, where they have had several showers that did not reach the central part of the county.

High Low
August 8 105 74
August 9 92 67
August 10 100 61
August 11 99 74
August 12 85 53
August 13 95 54
August 14 100 68
August 15 98 68

Hospital Notes

Earl Parks, of Page, submitted to an operation for acute appendicitis Saturday evening. He is improving rapidly.

George Kohler, 85, of Page, was brought in Tuesday suffering from acute indigestion. He is in a critical condition at present writing.

Lucille Penland, 13, daughter of Mrs. Alice Penland, had her tonsils and adenoids removed Wednesday morning.

Wayne Shipman is slowly improving. He is still in a serious condition.

George Brewster, of Page, went home Sunday afternoon.

Survey For Fourth Street Paving Done

W. J. Scott, of the firm of Scott & Scott, engineers of Lincoln, Nebr., completed his survey of the two blocks north from Douglas street, on Fourth street, Tuesday and went back to his office in Lincoln Wednesday to prepare plans and specifications for the paving. It is thought that the plans and specifications will be completed in time to advertise for bids on the work the coming week.

Rep. Marion Cushing Accidentally Electrocuted

Marion Cushing, who has been a member of the Nebraska legislature for the past four sessions and who has been frequently named as a possible republican candidate for governor at the coming election, was electrocuted at his farm home near Ord the latter part of last week. He was trimming trees in his yard when his ladder slipped and he grabbed a wire to prevent falling, which happened to be a high tension power line and he was instantly killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Walker and daughter, of Aruba, Dutch West Indies, were in this city Saturday enroute to the home of Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. Mamie O'Neill, Mrs. Walker and daughter have been in Nebraska since June 1. Mr. Walker just arrived in Fremont, Nebr., Aug. 7, where Mrs. Walker and daughter met him.

The O'Neill Hatchery has a new front and the same has been repainted and now presents a neat and attractive appearance.

Might Try Passing The Hat To Pay For Paving

The following four paragraphs are from the Holt County Independent of August 9, 1935.

"The city council at their meeting on Tuesday night created a new paving district of the two blocks north on 4th street, from Douglas, which is in other words the street from the First National bank corner to St. Patrick's church.

"The city council without regarding the petition which had been filed with sufficient signers, created the district under a state law which permits them to construct feeder or secondary roads which connect to state highways.

"They also selected W. F. Scott of Lincoln, Nebr., to act as city engineer to take charge of the project.

"Under this plan the property owners will have to assume the full cost of the paving adjacent to their property and also the city will have to pave the intersections and also in front of the property recently purchased by the U. S. Government for a new Federal postoffice, as the city, as we understand it, cannot force the government to pave in front of their property."

The city council did not disregard the petition of the property owners, for if said petition was not filed with the council signed by a majority of the property owners on the two blocks, one of which was the editor of the Independent, the district would probably not have been created nor paving ordered. But the property owners requested it and the city council granted their request.

The law provides certain measures to be taken when creating paving districts, the cost of which is to be paid by the property owners, in order to tax the costs to the property. This has to be done, even though the property owners requested the paving, altho the editor of the Independent seems to be unaware of that fact.

Unless the owners of the property along the paving paid for the improvement, how did he suppose it was to be paid for? This was the only plan by which the two blocks could be paved. We understand that Brother Miles was the second one to sign the petition for the paving and the matter was explained to him before he signed it. But now he seems to think that someone else should pay for this improvement, as he says "under this plan the property owner will have to assume the full cost of the paving adjacent to his property."

But cheer up George, you made enough by advertising the paving in front of The Frontier office to pay your share of the cost for paving, so why worry?

City Arranges for Lots For Car Parking Space

The city council has made arrangements with Zeb Warner for the use of his lots on the corner of Fifth and Douglas streets and will use them for free public parking. On many nights the streets of the city are so congested with cars that parking places are at a premium and this space will add considerable parking space for the benefit of the people who come to this city to do their trading.

New Building Soon Open

Lod Janousek moved his billiard and pool tables, back bar and other equipment into the new Parker building on Douglas street the other day and he now getting the place in shape to open his beer parlor and lunch room. He says that it will be about a week before he is ready for business.

New Deal Expenses And Deficits Still Going Up

Washington, Aug. 12.—Complete figures on the month of July, issued by the United States Treasury Department, show routine expenditures for that month to have been \$380,149,350—an increase of 65 per cent over July of last year. Emergency expenditures were \$347,385,727—an increase of 47 per cent over July of last year.

The deficit was \$448,626,133—an increase of 80 per cent over July of last year. On the basis of July, the deficit for the current fiscal year will be in excess of \$5,000,000,000, as against \$3,575,000,000 for last year, and approximately \$4,000,000,000 for the fiscal year 1934.

Miss Clet, Stell and Lavern Van Every were Sunday afternoon visitors at the J. P. Miller home.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell

The dog-days' doldrums hang heavily over the state house. The political pot has simmered a bit, but mostly from the early August heat. Vacations are the chief business at hand, with even Governor Cochran slipping away for a week or so in the cool retreat of the Colorado Rockies. Only the machinery of state finances continues to click steadily on, and your correspondent for want of something better to do has delved beneath the surface to come up with some choice "debunkers" on the finance subject.

Nebraska recently has been widely publicized concerning her alleged record of always living within her means, and the fact that the state has never had any bonded indebtedness. This is purely a case of misinformation, the records reveal.

It is true that the state constitution adopted in 1875 forbid the state to contract debts of more than \$100,000 except in the case of certain emergencies such as war and invasion, and outlawed bonded indebtedness.

Nevertheless, in 1896 the state was \$2,404,540 in the red, of which \$468,267 was bonded debt and \$1,936,273 was a floating debt in which general fund warrants were drawing 5 per cent interest.

This matter worried along until 1903 when the legislature passed a new revenue law. A more inclusive system of valuation by assessors was inaugurated, but it was not until 1915 that the state got out of debt.

One of the noteworthy features of finance in the Nebraska governmental system has been the entirely inadequate system of book-keeping employed since the inception of statehood. That this system has not been much improved upon up to the present date is attested by the recent Bass-Oelkers suit in which the state treasurers records were hopelessly jumbled when the state sought to recover money allegedly paid out illegally to a bond sales house in regard to bonds purchased by the state board of educational lands and funds.

The constitutional convention of 1920 passed amendments which included limiting the taxing power of the counties, as regards property, to 50 cents on the \$100 actual valuation, but a number of counties have exceeded this limitation in recent years.

The bright spot in state finances concerns recent years, and George Hall, present state treasurer who has served in this position longer than any other man in Nebraska's history.

Nebraska's general fund balance at the end of July, 1935, was \$1,013,204, representing a healthy surplus. Nebraska is not indebted in any form at the present time.

While state finance officials were attributing the decline in total assessed valuation of the state in 1935 as against 1934 to decreased number of livestock, to a large part, facts and figures gleaned in the state tax commissioner's office show a conflicting figure.

Almost a two and a half million dollar increase in the total worth of cattle under the 1935 state assessment in comparison with a year ago is revealed by complete figures from all counties compiled in the state tax commissioner's office. This is in face of a decrease of 541,000 in number of animals.

For the current year cattle are listed at the average value of \$23.38 per head, against \$18.39 in 1934. This overcomes the shrinkage in numbers from 3,029,487 last year to 2,488,476. Total valuation of all cattle for 1935 is \$58,182,233 which compares with \$55,726,457 last year.

Nebraska has 38,000 fewer horses assessed for taxation in 1935 than in 1934, but on account of higher market prices for equine stock the gross valuation is \$315,000 above last year.

The number of horses in the state found by assessors as of April 1 is 563,251, compared with 601,587 a year ago. They are collectively appraised for taxes at \$21,701,550 against the 1934 aggregate of \$21,386,817.

An excellent opportunity for Nebraskans to evaluate their ideas on (Continued on page 8, column 2.)

A Letter From W. D. Mathews

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 5, 1935.

Editor, The Frontier:
The death of my good old friend, Charlie Millard, is a vivid reminder that I, too, am getting along in years, and the old man with the scythe is due almost any time to creep up on me and make the inevitable fatal swing that winds up this earthly career—makes a has-been of an izzar.

My birthday will come next on Oct. 2nd, and it will be No. 80. Quite a respectable old age, eh? And I have lived a whole lot and seen and enjoyed much—some grief of course, but the joy in it dominates largely.

Charlie was the last of those men who lived in O'Neill City when I came to town—preceding me by two or three months—from April to July, 1880. He was also the first man I met when I came in on horseback from Brush Creek. We were close friends—associated in business and property ownership, in society, political and fraternal affairs, and I always found him a square shooter. I cherish his memory in my inmost heart.

My sympathy to his good wife and children.

I can say with all O'Neill, "Peace to the ashes of a good man—the friend of all."

Yours, with love to all,
W. D. MATHEWS.

Early Day Residents Visit Their Old Home

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Adams and son, Charles Elmo, and Mrs. Grace Adams Faurote and son, Edgar, and daughter, Marion, of Fontenelle, Iowa, arrived in the city Tuesday evening for a short visit with relatives and old time friends. Mr. Adams and Mrs. Faurote were former residents of this city, their parents being Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Adams pioneer residents of O'Neill.

E. W. Adams practiced law here for several years and served Holt county as county attorney in the early nineties, being succeeded in office in Jan. 1892, by the late H. E. Murphy. The family left here in 1894 and moved to Fontenelle, Iowa, where they have since resided, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Adams passing away a few years ago.

Mrs. Faurote has visited here a couple of times since the family left here, but this was Mr. Adams' first visit to his native city since he left here and he says that he can see many changes for the better in this city and section of the state. They left Wednesday morning for Chambers where they will visit relatives for a few days before returning to their Iowa home.

Carson Brady and McWhorter Reunion Is Held At Norfolk

The Carson, Brady and McWhorter reunion was held Aug. 11 at Norfolk, Nebr., in Kings park. Ninety-six relatives and friends were in attendance. Ninety-two of these are descendants of the James Brady and John McWhorter families who were early pioneers, coming to Nebraska in 1878 and 1879 from New York state.

Only one in each of these families is left, Mrs. Newton Carson, of Red Bird, is the Brady, and James McWhorter, of Foster, the other. Both were unable to attend because of poor health. One daughter-in-law in each family is left, Mrs. John Brady, of Dorsey, and Mrs. Frank McWhorter, of Omaha, and they were both present.

The older ones attending are among the pioneers of today, coming here in covered wagons, driving their stock with them. They endured all the hardships of the early days, drouth, grasshoppers and a condition of financial stringency like our present times.

The day was spent in visiting and the younger ones enjoyed the pool, swings, coasters and various amusements of the park.

At noon hungry appetites were satisfied from well filled lunch baskets. Officers were elected, short talks given and a poem read, written by Evelyn Carson Wickham, who attended last year, but was unable to attend this year. The same place was selected for next years reunion and the day is to be the second Sunday in August.

Those who attended were: Mrs. Frank McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs.

Leo Silver and son, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt and son, and Mrs. Ludwig, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carson and two children, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Herb McWhorter, of Nickerson; Mrs. Etta Compton and two daughters, of Waterloo; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arp and daughter, of Yutan; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWhorter and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McWhorter and daughter, of North Bend;

Mr. and Mrs. Ford McWhorter and 3 sons, of Hastings; Mrs. Irma Sorenson, of Laurel; Mr. and Mrs. Lester McWhorter, three sons and daughter, of Osmond; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Van Buskirk and son, of Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bowl, Mr. and Mrs. Wigg Larson and two sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Larson, of Plainview; Mrs. Floyd Wolfe, of Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. James Carson, and Mrs. Harold Kelley and daughter, of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carson and daughters, of Chambers;

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carson and son, of O'Neill; Mrs. John Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Guy Johnson and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady and two sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brady, two sons and three daughters, of Dorsey; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carson and daughter, of Red Bird, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter, of Star.

Mrs. Emma McCormick, of Foster; Mr. Moore, of Waterloo, and Miss Fae Bear, of Lynch also attended. Norfolk friends calling in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Heppely and children, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Long, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Torbert, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osborn, Mrs. Zack France and Claudia Jones.

Ewing Youth Gets One Year At Reformatory For Automobile Theft

Raymond Schilousky, of Ewing, was before the district court last Monday charged with stealing a Ford V8 automobile from Spann Bros., of Atkinson last Wednesday. He plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to one year in the state reformatory.

The car was stolen between midnight Wednesday and 7 o'clock Thursday morning from the private garage at the Albert Spann home in Atkinson. The car was recovered Thursday afternoon on the Burwell-Taylor highway, about four miles west of Burwell, where the car was abandoned as it ran out of gas.

Schilousky was picked up the next day at Burwell and on being questioned admitted the theft of the car and he was brought to this city and brought before the court.

SCHOOL NOTES

Pre-opening day for the county schools will be held on Saturday, Aug. 31. All teachers are requested to attend. Pre-opening day this year will be regarded as one day of institute. At the present time the date of the fall institute is uncertain, however, it will be for one day only. We are required to have two days, yet, pre-opening day may be designated as one day.

Teachers having schools, should see to it that their certificate is in force. Those teachers who will be securing new certificates should at once, provided, they have positions for the coming year.

We have had numerous calls at the office from parents who are desirous of securing places for boys and girls to work for their board. There are quite a number boys and girls who will be unable to go to school, unless they can find places to work for their board and room. People interested in securing a boy or girl should write in and we will be glad to assist you in securing someone.—County Superintendent.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness in the death and burial of our beloved baby, Larry Dean.—Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Slattery and family.

Mrs. P. B. Harty and daughter, Anne, and son, Thomas, went down to Randolph last Friday morning and spent a couple of days visiting relatives in that city, returning home Sunday evening.

Edwin Grimes Is Holt County 4-H Wild Life Conservation Winner

Honored this week for their work in helping conserve and restore wild life in Nebraska were 50 4-H club boys and girls and local leaders from all parts of the state. They were announced as prize trip winners to the first annual Conservation Camp to be held at Seward August 20 to 23.

L. I. Frisbie, state club leader at the college of agriculture, announced the champions in various districts. All have taken an active part in some conservation work in their 4-H projects. Edwin Grimes, of Chambers, was announced from Lincoln as the winner from Holt county.

"The prize trip winners and others who have taken an active interest in restoring and conserving wild life are to be complimented," Frisbie declared in making the announcement. "Most certainly they are leading a worth while movement to keep beneficial wild life in Nebraska."

Plans are now being completed for the big camp at Seward. K. C. Fouts, agricultural agent in Seward county, is making local arrangements for the encampment where prominent state officials and wild game authorities will appear on the four-day program.

Two of County's Pioneers Die Thursday Afternoon

George E. Hunter, one of the pioneers of the Page country, died at his home in Page this afternoon after an illness of several months of cancer.

Clauss Storjoh, one of the real pioneers of the northern part of this county, died at his farm home about 2:30 this afternoon, according to word received in this city from one of his sons, Henry. Mr. Storjoh had been a resident of that section of the county for over fifty years and was about 85 years of age. He had been in failing health for the past five or six months.

Osmond Ball Club To Play Here Sunday

The Osmond base ball club will come up here Sunday and cross bats with the O'Neill team on the local diamond that afternoon. The game will start promptly at 2:30. The O'Neill boys will give them a return game next Tuesday evening at Osmond, where they will play on their new athletic field under the floodlights. Osmond is reported to have a good ball club and a good game is expected here Sunday.

Former Interstate Man Dies At Omaha Home

L. W. Scheibel, formerly public relations man with the Interstate Power company with headquarters in this city, died at his home in Omaha last Monday, after a short illness. Mr. Scheibel was connected with the old Nebraska National bank in Omaha for many years and for several years was an employee of the Interstate Power company, the past three years with headquarters in this city. He is survived by his widow and three sons. Mr. Scheibel was an employee of the Interstate until the latter part of last March. He was 62 years of age at the time of his death. He has many friends in this section of the state who will regret to learn of his death.

P. J. O'Donnell Bank Receiver At Pender

P. J. O'Donnell, who for the past year and a half has been receiver for the Security National bank at Randolph has also been named as receiver for the failed national bank at Pender and now divides his time between the two towns. The affairs of the Security are not so rushing just now and Mr. O'Donnell can handle both jobs with A. E. LeClair in charge here during Mr. O'Donnell's absence.—Randolph Times-Enterprise.

Big Rye Yield

Another believe-it-or-not rye yield report comes to the Graphic this week from L. W. Ulrich, who says he threshed one piece of rye that averaged 48 bushels per acre. Average yields seem to be around 20 to 25 bushels around this community, with several reporting over thirty bushels to the acre and one 44 bushels.—Atkinson Graphic.