

THE FRONTIER

VOL. LVI.

O'NEILL, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1935.

No. 27

FRONTIER'S FIRST EDITOR IS DEAD AT HIS MEMPHIS HOME

Word Is Received Here Thursday Morning of the Death of W. D. Mathews.

W. D. Mathews, founder of The Frontier, died at his home in Memphis, Tenn., last Wednesday night of cerebral hemorrhage, following a paralytic stroke that he suffered last Sunday, according to the telegram received by The Frontier this morning from his son, Charles B. Mathews, of Kansas City. Doc celebrated his eightieth birthday on the second of last October.

W. D. Mathews was a native of Wisconsin and was born on October 2, 1855. He came to O'Neill in July, 1880, coming here from Monroe, Wis., and established The Frontier which he successfully ran for several years. He was the most prominent factor in the rebuilding of this section of the state. He issued many boom editions of The Frontier, telling of the many and varied resources of this country and scattered them all over the United States and the result was that hundreds of homeseekers came to this county from practically all over the union, and the country rapidly developed. The city also advanced with the county and it was not long until O'Neill was one of the best known cities in the state, largely thru the promotion of Doc Mathews, as he was lovingly called by the old timers.

While here he served as postmaster of this city and during his term as postmaster the postoffice building burned. As The Frontier was also located in the building it was also destroyed. (We think this was in 1884.) Doc installed a new plant for The Frontier at once and shortly thereafter, with the local I. O. O. F. lodge, they erected the building that was for many years the home of The Frontier, and which was destroyed by fire in December, 1924.

Shortly after the erection of the new building he sold the paper to James H. Riggs, a young man from Iowa who had been in his employ, and the latter operated it for many years until it was repurchased by Mr. Mathews in 1891, and at the same time he purchased the Item, which had been operated by Clyde King and the writer under the name of King & Cronin and the two papers were consolidated. At this time Mr. Mathews was engaged in the banking business in this city and in a couple of years his partners purchased his interest in the business and he retired from the newspaper game in O'Neill.

Prior to his repurchase of The Frontier, however, he started another paper in this city called the O'Neill Free Press and Clyde King was the shop printer during 1887 and 1888. The paper was discontinued during the following year and Mr. Mathews went into the banking business, in which business he was engaged for several years when the drouth and hard times of the early nineties caused him to retire from the business.

Along about 1894 or 1895 he went to Arkansas and again engaged in the newspaper business, running a republican newspaper at West Plains, Arkansas, and he organized a colony here and took them down into that country. None of them remaining there very long, some of them returning to this county and others seeking other places of residence. Doc finally left there and moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he ran a republican newspaper for several years. But running a republican newspaper in Arkansas was not very remunerative and he disposed of the business and moved to Memphis, Tenn., where he engaged in the insurance business and met with marked success. For several years he had been state agent for one of the large insurance companies of the east and was on easy street financially.

Doc Mathews was a real friend and an honest foe. There are many people in this county who have kindly remembrances of Doc and they tender their sympathy to the sons and daughters who are left to mourn the passing of a kind and indulgent father, a loyal friend and a good citizen. Peace to him.

Miss Helen Givens visited relatives in Norfolk over Sunday.

Hospital Notes

Frank Snyder, of Page, went home Tuesday morning, feeling much improved.

Miss Rore Mary Biglin was brought in last Thursday afternoon with an acute attack of appendicitis and was operated on at once. She is convalescing nicely.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cheyney of this city Monday morning, at 8 a. m., a son weight five and a half pounds. All are doing well.

Mrs. Josephine Peshet, 70, mother of Mrs. Merriman of this city was brought in Saturday suffering from a gangrene foot, due to a diabetic condition. It was found necessary to amputate the foot and part of the limb. She is convalescing very well at present.

Miss Clara Shoemaker was confined to her bed the last of the week with a cold and sore throat. She is again on duty.

PEOPLE AND THINGS

Monday was Mrs. Carl Pettijohn's birthday and the event was observed in grand style. A three course dinner was served in the Pettijohn home at 6 o'clock and guests were Lee Hershiser, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ritts and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Butterfield and children. The guests were deeply interested in a new radio, electrically powered by wind mill, and after listening to a long program, card games were played and finally the guests departed after wishing the hosts many more happy birthdays.

State Land Commissioner Swanson was in the city the first of the week, looking after some of the state school land in this county and while in the city favored this office with a short call. Mr. Swanson is serving his first term in the office and has made good and will be a candidate for re-nomination and re-election and he should have no trouble in realizing both ambitions as he has made a good conscientious official.

O'Neill relatives have received word of the marriage at Pomona, Calif., of Richard Walter Krake to Miss Georgia May Eldridge at Pomona on Friday of last week. Mr. Krake was a former resident of this county leaving here a couple of years ago for the west coast. O'Neill friends tender congratulations.

Monsignor J. G. McNamara went down to Wisner last Sunday morning to attend the funeral of his father, James McNamara, who passed away on Friday evening. From Wisner he was to go on to Omaha to participate in the installation of James Hugh Ryan, D. D., as sixth Bishop of Omaha.

William R. Brugeman purchased the McPharlin barber shop last Monday and opened up for business Tuesday morning. Bill has been an employee of the shop for the past thirteen months, is a good barber and no doubt will uphold the standard of the shop as being one of the best in the city.

An employee reported Tuesday that Armour Creameries have been operating night and day and employing 96 feather pickers and that the firm is shipping out the sixth railway carload of turkeys, dressed and ready for Thanksgiving tables of the east, this fall, within a few days.

The official count by the canvassing board shows a majority for issuing \$61,000 of bonds for a new court house of 199. The official count shows 2,374 for and 2,175 against. There were 68 mail votes and of these 61 were for and 7 against.

County correspondents and advertisers are requested to get their copy in early next week as we intend to print on Wednesday instead of Thursday, so that the force can properly enjoy their Thanksgiving feast.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who helped us and extended sympathy during the illness and death of our dear one—Mrs. Jennie Callen and family; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Callen and family.

WALTER CALLEN DEAD FOLLOWING A LONG ILLNESS

Funeral Held At Catholic Church Wednesday Morning; Burial At Atkinson Cemetery.

Walter R. Callen died at his home in this city last Sunday, after an illness of ten months of cancer, at the age of 48 years, 5 months and 29 days. The funeral was held from the St. Patrick's church in this city Wednesday morning, Nov. 20, Rev. B. J. Leahy officiating and burial in St. Joseph's cemetery at Atkinson.

Walter R. Callen was born at Battle Creek, Nebr., on May 11, 1887. He lived there until 1905 when he came to this county and located near Atkinson, where he made his home until three years ago when he moved to this city. On June 2, 1913, he was united in marriage at Atkinson to Miss Jennie T. Bauman. Four children were born of this union, three sons and one daughter. The children are:

Ivan E. Claude G. Ventura Marie and Walter R., Jr., who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and loving husband and father. In addition he is also survived by a brother, Karl G., of Lincoln, Nebr.

Mr. Callen was in the employ of the state highway department for several years, formerly at Atkinson and being transferred to this city about three years ago. About a year ago he received a severe bump on the face from the door of the maintainer while working on a foggy day, which later developed into cancer, which was the cause of his death.

Holt County Receives More Corn-Hog Checks

Treasurer Frank Allen received \$2,082.00 as payment for the second transmittal of Group III contracts. This brings the total received on 1935 contracts to \$96,448.50. Notice of Acceptance has been received on most of the Group IV contracts so that only the third transmittal of all groups will only have about 100 contracts which means about 85 per cent of the signers of Holt county have received their first checks. Checks on the last transmittal can be expected within the next few weeks.

Seed Corn For Coming Year Will Be Scarce

With much late and soft corn produced this year, Holt county farmers are apt to face a serious

seed situation next spring unless efforts are made immediately to locate good seed. Such was the warning issued this week by Agricultural Agent, F. M. Reece.

A great deal of the late corn has been injured by freezing weather and as a result but very little of it will make good seed for the 1936 crop. With very little 1933 seed available and hardly any crop produced last year, most farmers will have to depend upon this year's crop to furnish seed.

D. L. Gross, extension agronomist at the Nebraska Agricultural college, recommends the selection of sound ears at once for seed. This corn should be picked and hung up in a dry place to dry. The barn loft, unless well ventilated, is not well suited for drying out corn because of the moisture present. A shed is much better.

Court House Bonds Sold On A 3 Per Cent Yield

W. V. Raynor of the Greenway Raynor company of Omaha, was in the city last Tuesday and while here purchased the entire issued of the Holt county court house bonds, paying par for them and accrued interest at the date of delivery. The bonds will run 15 years and will draw interest at 3 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually at the office of the county treasurer in this city.

To Try Attorney On Contempt Charges

The banking committee of the house of representatives, who investigated the handling of defunct banks during the last administration, recommended the dismissal of F. R. Radke, chief attorney for the department on the grounds of incompetency. Their report was scathing on the way the funds of the department had been handled.

Radke retaliated by suing the members of the banking committee of the house for \$50,000 for defamation of character, the petition in the case being filed the first of the week.

The representatives then instructed the attorney general of the state to bring action against Radke for contempt, the attorney general being instructed by the house to do so. If this case comes to trial it will be tried before the house of representatives and it will be the first time in the history of the state that such action was taken.

Gerald L. Allen, of Royal, and Miss Amy Bruner, of Amelia, were granted a marriage license in the county court last Monday.

DEATH TAKES AGED LADY WHO WAS ONE OF EARLY PIONEERS

Mrs. Elizabeth McMillan Dies At Her Home. Funeral Arrangements Not Complete.

Mrs. Elizabeth McMillan died at her home in this city about three o'clock Thursday morning of infirmities due to old age at the age of 82 years and six months. The funeral will probably be held Saturday, if her daughter can reach here in time.

Elizabeth Grutsch was born at Hamburg, Ontario, Canada, on May 24, 1853. She grew to womanhood in her native town and in 1870 she was united in marriage to Neil McMillan, the ceremony being performed at Brighton, Canada. Two daughters were born of this union, both of whom are living. They are Mrs. Anna Kirwin, of this city, and Mrs. Marie Ross, of Detroit, Mich. There are also three grandchildren and six great grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Allen and Mrs. Catherine Smith, both of this city.

Mrs. McMillan came to this county in the spring of 1885 and the family located on a farm northwest of this city, being among the pioneers in that section. In the spring of 1890 she moved to O'Neill where she has since made her home. For many years she and her sister have made their home on east Douglas street, just across the street from the library, and their place has been one of the attractive spots in the city for many years, on account of the profusion of flowers grown there and the splendid gardens they raised year after year.

Mrs. McMillan was a splendid woman, one of the real pioneers of the olden days in this section of the country. She endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, but never complained. She was of that pioneer line that never grumbled or complained, for to do so would display weakness, and these pioneers never displayed weakness or despair. They persevered and finally emerged into the clear bright sunlight of better and happier days.

Her daughter, and her sisters, who have been her companions for many years will miss her, as will many friends in this city who knew and admired this estimable old lady.

Donald Gallagher Gets Federal Appointment

Donald Gallagher, son of Mrs. E. F. Gallagher of this city, but who has been practicing law in Lincoln for the past dozen years, has been appointed attorney for the Federal Power Commission and will move to Washington, D. C. to enter upon the duties of his office about the first of the month. Don has many friends in his old home town and they know that he will make good in the responsible position to which he has been appointed, and they will all be pulling for him to go on up the ladder in his chosen profession.

He has been very successful in his practice at Lincoln and has enjoyed a lucrative practice, but he decided that the new position gave him such greater opportunities in his chosen work that he decided to give up his Lincoln practice and accept this position. Good luck, Don.

Grounds Surveyed For New Court House Here

Frank Latenser of Omaha and his crew have the grounds surveyed here for the new courthouse. There is considerable speculation as to whether there is to be strip of ground on the south and west of the new building, between it and the sidewalk, for grass and trees or if the building is to rise at the edge of the walks. Some believe the latter situation would tend to make the building a red hot proposition in summer as well as to detract from its appearance.

The new court house will be erected in the center of the court house square. This will bring the north side of the building to within about twelve feet of the old building. It will set back from the sidewalk about eighteen feet. This week The Frontier is publishing the notice asking for bids for the excavation of the basement of the new building; also a notice asking

for bids for tearing down the old jail building and removing it from the grounds. The bids are to be submitted on December 5 and work will have to commence on the excavating by December 15, in order to live up to the specifications of the government.

Father of Monsignor McNamara Dies At His Home At Wisner

James McNamara, 92, father of Monsignor J. G. McNamara of this city, died at his home in Wisner last Friday evening after an illness of but a few days of complications due to his advanced years. Mr. McNamara came to Nebraska in 1871 and settled on a farm several miles northeast of Wisner. For the past thirty years he has been a resident of Wisner and was Cuming county's oldest resident. Two daughters and five sons survive.

Funeral services were held at Wisner last Monday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic church, his son, Monsignor J. G. McNamara of this city celebrating requiem high mass and Rev. Thomas Walsh of Battle Creek delivered the funeral sermon.

Holt County Canning Contest November 25

The twenty Women's Project Clubs of Holt county are sponsoring a canning contest. Nov. 25 is the last date jars may be entered. Entries are to be made with Mrs. T. M. Harrington in O'Neill. They will then be judged as soon after the 25th as possible. The contestant must be at least 21 years of age.

The exhibit will consist of one jar of fruit, one non-acid vegetable and 1 jar of meat. Exhibits to be in uniform quart jars. Anyone in the county is eligible. First prize winners of the county contest will be eligible to enter the state contest at Lincoln not later than Dec. 20th. All exhibits except first prize may be returned to the owner upon request.

Care Must Be Used If Corn Loans Desired

Much Nebraska corn will not grade high enough to qualify for federal corn loans unless farmers take precaution to handle the 1935 crop in the best possible manner. P. H. Stewart, extension agronomist at the Nebraska college of agriculture advised Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece this week.

Reasonable delay in husking, a careful culling out of rotten ears at cribbing time and storing of corn in well ventilated cribs or in relatively small piles is suggested by the agronomy department at the college of agriculture. Stewart says, in order that the corn may meet loan requirements, Presence of a high per cent of moisture in much of the corn together with damaged ears and kernels by pests will make it difficult in many cases to have corn which will meet the regulations.

Corn must grade No. 3 or better to be eligible for the 45 cent federal loan. Two factors which are most likely to throw the 1935 crop into a lower grade are moisture content and damaged kernels. No. 3 corn may not contain more than 17 1/2 per cent moisture and not more than 7 per cent damaged kernels under federal grades.

The agronomy department at the Nebraska college of agriculture believes that grading of corn can be greatly improved by carefully culling out rotten ears when the corn is cribbed. Where a high per cent of moisture is present in the corn, the building of special ventilators in cribs may be worth while.

Will Print Wednesday

County correspondents and advertisers are requested to get their copy in early next week as we intend to print on Wednesday instead of Thursday, so that the force can properly enjoy their Thanksgiving feast.

Rodell Root was up from Chambers today. Mr. Root informs us that he has sold his ranch near Chambers, the deal being made by Pat McKillip of Albion. The new owner will be a man named French from Ewing.

Erwin C. Cronin made a business trip to Grand Island this morning. He expects to return Friday.

FALL JURY TERM OF COURT FINISHES ITS SESSION THURSDAY

All of the Jury Cases On Docket But One Are Disposed of By Noon Today.

The fall jury term of the district court concluded its labors about noon today and the jury has been discharged. The docket was pretty well cleaned up of jury cases at this term of court, in fact there is only one jury case left on the docket and it was continued over to the next term by agreement.

The jury in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Alva Baker returned a verdict last Friday morning finding the defendant guilty as charged.

A jury was empaneled Friday and they started on the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Edward Thomson, who was charged with Baker in the wool deal. Friday and Saturday were taken up with this case and it was submitted to the jury Saturday afternoon and they found the defendant guilty. They are both in the county jail, neither having been sentenced. The Thompson case was the last of the criminal cases that were up for trial at this term.

The next case on the docket was that of Arthur L. Fluckey, administrator, against Bertha L. Anderson. This was an action brought on a note. The case occupied the attention of the court the first two days of the week and the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$2,978, the amount sued for. In this action Julius D. Cronin represented the plaintiff and Judge J. J. Harrington represented the defendant.

The next case tried was that of Marion G. Deibler vs. Hugo Latzel. This was a suit brought for commission on a land deal. It was tried in the county court a few months ago and the case was won by the plaintiff and was in district court on appeal by the defendant. This case was concluded shortly before noon Thursday when Judge Dickson directed a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$460, the amount sued for. In this case Julius D. Cronin represented the plaintiff and Lyle Jackson, of Neligh, and Emmet A. Harmon represented the defendant.

Mrs. Sullivan Named Acting Postmaster

Mrs. Agnes Sullivan, widow of the late postmaster, M. R. Sullivan, was named last Tuesday as acting postmaster of this city to succeed her husband. As congress is not in session she will serve as acting postmistress until after the convening of congress in January at which time she will probably be appointed to a full four year term.

The Frontier believes that this was the proper thing to do and we are sure that Mrs. Sullivan will make an efficient and accommodating postmistress.

Carnegie Program To Be Given Next Monday

The following program, sponsored by the O'Neill Woman's Club, and to which the public is invited, will be given at the Library Monday, Nov. 25 at 8 p. m.

Just A Dance, by Nathaniel Dett—Virgil Johnson.

"Loch Lomond"—Mary Kathryn Coyne, Jane Mains, Maybelle Osenbaugh, Lanone Miles, Peggy Cambre and Ruth Osenbaugh. Accompanist, Nadine Coyne.

Talk, "The Library Movement and Andrew Carnegie"—Miss Anna Donohoe.

Cornet Solo, "It Was Not Thus To Be"—Edward Quinn.

Reading, "The Mansion," by Henry Van Dyke—Nadine Kilpatrick.

"The Magic of the Moon," by Ira B. Wilson—Mary Kathryn Coyne, Jane Mains. Accompanist, Evelyn Mains.

Readings, "Merely A Suggestion" and "When Pa and Ma Are Sick," by Edgar Guest—Helen Seybold. "Hungarian Dance," Brahms—Jane Mains.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank all our friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful in assisting us at the time of the death of our beloved husband, father and brother.—Mrs. J. H. McPharlin and family.



—World-Herald Photo.

O'Neill Girl Wins Frock In National Contest

Jean Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hammond, of this city, won the white chiffon dress she is wearing in the above picture for writing the best letter in a contest sponsored by a national movie magazine. This is one of the gowns worn by Ginger Rogers in the production "Top Hat." She also received a black lace gown, but does not know why as the prize was to be only one.