

# THE FRONTIER

## PROLONGED COLD CONTINUES WITH NO SIGN OF RELIEF

Snow And Wind First of The Week Delay Train Service. Low of -28 Reached Thursday.

The last half of January and the first five days of February give the young generation an idea of what the old timers went thru in this country in the years that are gone. For the sixteenth consecutive night the thermometer has been below zero, climaxing the long stretch last night when it registered 28 degrees below zero, the coldest night of the winter and the coldest for several years.

The long stretch of sub-zero weather during the latter part of the month of January makes that month the coldest in the history of the local office, according to the records in the office of Observer H. Bowen, whose records go back to 1917. But even the old timers are unable to recall a month of January when the mercury dropped night after night and continued dropping for fifteen nights during the month, as it did this year. The average temperature for the month of January was three-tenths of a degree above zero for the thirty-one days, which should be a record, if it is not.

There has been more snow during the month than there has been any winter for several years. We had about six inches of snow last Sunday and Monday and about three inches Wednesday night which gives us eighteen or twenty inches of snow on the level. Many of the cross roads in the county are impassable, after being partly opened the latter part of last week. Snow is drifted in many places to a depth of several feet and it will take several days of good weather to get the cross roads of the county opened up.

The storm of last Sunday and Monday was quite general over the state and extended eastward over the central states. The Northwestern passenger train due here at 11:07 Monday night did not get here until about 9 o'clock the next morning. Since then they have been running nearly on time. The Burlington passenger from Sioux City was annulled on Monday night and since then they have been running on time. Buses from the east missed out Tuesday morning but got thru Wednesday morning only a little late.

The following will show you at a glance the intensity of the cold wave, which commenced on Jan. 16 and in the twenty-two days there have been but two days in which the mercury registered above zero in the morning; the two dates being Jan. 17 and Jan. 21. Three days during the past twenty-two it remained below zero for the 24 hours, the dates being Jan. 25, when 4 below was the highest point reached in twenty-four hours and on Feb. 4 when it also registered -4, and on Feb. 5 when it registered -1 as the warmest during the twenty-four hours.

At 1 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon it was still -15 below zero and it begins to look as if it was going to remain below zero another twenty-four hours, which would make 72 consecutive hours of below zero weather, something for the old timers to chat about.

The record since Jan. 16 follows:

Date	High	Low
Jan. 16	13	-7
Jan. 17	9	5
Jan. 18	6	-12
Jan. 19	2	-10
Jan. 20	15	-14
Jan. 21	33	1
Jan. 22	33	-18
Jan. 23	9	-17
Jan. 24	9	-7
Jan. 25	-4	-17
Jan. 26	7	-22
Jan. 27	12	-2
Jan. 28	14	-16
Jan. 29	10	-10
Jan. 30	12	-9
Jan. 31	10	-13
Feb. 1	8	-4
Feb. 2	10	-7
Feb. 3	-4	-22
Feb. 4	-1	-21
Feb. 5	-1	-28

Temperatures in this section of the state on Tuesday morning were as follows: Columbus, -14; Valentine, -21; Winner, -11; Ainsworth, -5; Bonesteel, -8; Fullerton, -12; Gregory, -12; Laurel, -16; Randolph, -18; Spencer, -16; Stuart, -20; West Point, -17.

The western part of the state was not hit very hard with the storm of Sunday and Monday, but according to weather reports the thermometer went much lower in that section of the state on Wednesday night than it did in the eastern part.

According to weather forecasts the end of the cold wave is not in sight and more snow is predicted for this section of the state.

## O'Neill High Basketball Team Wins Two More; Orchard Beats St. Mary's

Flashes from basketball trenches. Last week late hand-to-hand encounters resulted in a win here by the local public school team over Inman, 30 to 14. When the second line of defense boys struck out for fatigue duty the result read, O'Neill 15, Inman 11.

At Butte, O'Neill piled up 23 and Butte public school 20 tallies. Then, here on the academy gym floor, the Orchard set-up sat down on the Cardinals of St. Mary's academy, 16 to 11. Struggles for first position in several sections are heating as the end of the basketball season can be seen just over the hill.

## Present Conditions Rival Swiss Alps

A new sport for this section has been established out on the snow piled hills in the vicinity of the John A. Robertson home, about 20 miles north of here on Eagle creek. There a party of young bloods, some from this city and others from farms are strapping skis to their feet and whizzing over hills like summer swallows chasing butterflies. The sport is credited with being the acme of excitement and numerous tumbles result in slight injuries because of the cushion of snow. The speeds attained have not been clocked but it is believed some of the skiers glide around fast enough to shame an airplane stunter or a pickeral running a race with another pickeral. The hills of the Eagle for this purpose have it all over the hills of the Alps and no doubt soon our skiing devotees will wrest laurels of the snow artists of Minnesota and Canada.

## BRIEFLY STATED

George Van Every, foreman on highway projects in the southern part of the state, in the Republican river valley recently ravaged by floods, is home to spend the snow season with his family here.

The O'Neill High School basketball team has been entered in Class A in the annual high school basketball tournament which will be held in Lincoln some time next month. This is the first time the O'Neill school has ever entered in Class A.

S. J. Weekes returned from Omaha last Friday night, where he had been attending a meeting of the stockholders of the Occidental Building & Loan association, Mr. Weekes being a member of the board of directors of the institution, which is one of the largest in the state.

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell

While the growing thunder of political oratory presages another political campaign when the people will be called upon by this and that candidate to save the country from chaos by putting him in office, a more vital battle unobserved by the average Nebraskan is being waged. It concerns one of Nebraska's greatest unsolved problems—transportation.

Principal actors in this "survival of the fittest" struggle are the railroads and the waterways. The battle has been going on apace for many years, but now it is coming to the crucial stage. Nebraska produces farm and ranch products each year to the value of more than half a billion dollars. About 60 per cent of this goes to pay the bill for transporting this raw material from the farms to the processors.

It is a matter of record that the Panama canal enables our two seasons to ship to each other for one-half what it costs the Missouri valley states to reach either coast. (Continued on page 4, column 3.)

## O'NEILL PCA WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEET NEXT WEEK

Production Credit Group For Four Counties Will Gather Here Next Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the O'Neill Production Credit association will be held in the High School Auditorium in this city on Wednesday, Feb. 12, commencing at 10 a. m. A large number of farmer stockholders from Holt, Boyd, Garfield and Wheeler counties are expected to attend the meeting.

The order of business includes the election of directors, the annual report of the executive committee, and discussion of future lending policies. James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer of the association will present the financial statement.

Present directors of the O'Neill PCA are Frank Kaiser, of Spalding, D. C. Shaffer, of Emmet, E. W. Moss, of Burwell, R. B. Geary, of Inman and A. U. Dix, of Butte.

Representatives of the Production Credit corporation, of Omaha, and the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, of Omaha, both units of the Farm Credit administration, will discuss operations of the Production Credit association which supplies farmers and stockmen with short term credit for general agricultural purposes.

## Applications For Trees Increase

Holt county farmers have now made application for 14,300 Clarke McNary trees thru the office of Agricultural Agent Reece. Farmers still wishing to get the trees in the spring should make application at once.

Farmers in every section of Nebraska have now made application for 551,600 seedlings in comparison with 361,7000 at the same time last year. This already represents one half of the total supply available for spring planting.

Chinese Elm continues to be the popular three among Nebraskans as they have asked for 210,200 of them. Austrian and Jack Pine, Russian Olive and Red Cedar are other popular choices.

## Enlistments Wanted By U. S. Marine Corps

United Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D. C., has announced that there are quite a few openings for young men in the U. S. Marine Corps, provided they have the necessary qualifications, mental and moral, and can pass the physical examination required of all men enlisted in this branch of the service. Any young man who is interested, should write the U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Room 501, New Postoffice Building, Kansas City, Mo.

The requirements for enlistment will be explained in detail, for this branch of the naval service which is recognized here and abroad as one of the finest in the world.

## Schools Make Successful Sale of Christmas Seals

Holt county teachers have just completed one of the most spectacular seal sales in years. This year I set the quota at \$100 and I am pleased to say that our teachers met it and went way beyond. It is a fine tribute to a worthy cause.

Special mention must be made of the fine spirit manifested by the people through out the county, in this enterprise. We are pleased to say that it was one of the most successful sales ever staged in Holt county. A total of \$131 was collected. Let's give three cheers for the Holt County Teachers. County Superintendent.

## O'Neill Project Club

The O'Neill Project club met Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 5 at the home of Mrs. Connelly. Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Cunningham demonstrated home needlework. After the lesson a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Protivinsky and Mrs. McDonough.

Supervisors John Sullivan and John Steinhauer, and D. A. Criss, of Stuart, drove to Lincoln and Omaha last Sunday, returning home Wednesday night. Mr. Sullivan said the roads were in pretty good shape from Omaha to O'Neill Wednesday.

## CONGRESS AS SEEN BY A NEBRASKAN

By Karl Stefan

The vote against spending \$1,250,000 for studying the potato was the first combined move on the part of the democrats and republicans in the House to start saving money. It was predicted that more of this action to save the taxpayer's dollar will be seen during the next few hectic months of this session of the Seventy-fourth Congress. That was noted at an independent meeting of those who are interested in neutrality.

Crime in Washington is continuing to grow. The traffic in heroin and other dope is declared to be on the increase. Three dope peddlars were arrested yesterday. Right now there is a campaign against reckless driving. Many arrests are being made.

Congressmen have just learned that the army and navy lobbies want a "bigger and better" appropriation for these two competing branches of our national defense at this session of Congress. The appropriation bills for those two branches have not been written but information by the grape-vine telegraph indicates that the army and navy will ask for many millions again this year. Those fighting for a reduction in the army and navy appropriation favor adequate defense for the United States but they will fight against appropriations which would result in the United States being put in the position of aggressor.

A meeting was held tonight by Congressmen who represent districts that are particularly adapted to dairy farming. The meeting was well attended due to the fact that Congressmen received telegrams from cooperative creameries asking them to attend. A legislative program was decided upon to protect dairy farmers against inroads being made by foreign produced milk products. There is no party politics at these meetings. There are now about four organizations of Congressmen who meet regularly to work on beneficial agricultural legislation. The membership is composed of democrats, republicans, progressives and farm laborites. The usual idea is to get behind one beneficial bill and then all concerned work for it when it comes on the floor of the House for consideration. Many of these bills that these organizations favor however, are usually held up by gag rule. Congress so far has shown no disposition to relax this rule which is maintained by both parties.

Under the reciprocal trade agreement with Canada the duty on hay has been reduced from \$5 a short ton to \$3 a short ton. Some questions have been asked about the duty on rye from Canada. That duty is 15 cents a bushel of 56 lbs. and the duty has not been changed under the new reciprocal agreement. However, a lot of rye is coming to our country from foreign lands. Letters from Holt county indicate that thousands of bushels of rye are still in the farmers' hands and not sold. One letter states "I think I can safely say that 75 per cent of the rye harvested last fall is still in the farmers' hands and the price is 35 cents a bushel." In answer to that, this information is given:

The two principle crops in Holt county are rye and hay. Thirty-five cents a bushel for rye is below the cost of production. A small portion of the rye will be used for hog feed as there was very little corn raised, but owing to the shortage of hogs there will be very little of that rye fed. It is known that rye is not suitable feed for other animals. Just what opportunity the farmer who is holding rye in Holt county will have to sell this rye depends on how rapidly foreign imported rye will be absorbed in the American market. The official figures on rye importation coming to this office today show that for the eleven months, January to November inclusive in 1935, 9,641,335 bushels of rye were imported into this country from foreign countries. This rye was valued at \$1,754,345. In 1933, 8,005,796 bushels of rye were imported.

## EXTEND DOLLAR A SUB. RATE TO THE END OF FEBRUARY

Those Living off of Main Roads Have Been Shut Out By Drifted Snow.

On account of the condition of the roads during the past three weeks, making it almost impossible for those living any distance from the main highways to get to town, many of our readers have been unable to take advantage of our subscription offer for this year. In order to give them the opportunity to get their favorite newspaper for \$1 per year, we have decided to extend the time of our offer to Feb. 29, 1936, which was to have expired on Feb. 8.

Many hundreds of our readers have taken advantage of our offer and we have added during the past three weeks many new readers. But there are still many of our readers who have been unable to get into town and for their benefit we are extending the time. Remember, you can get The Frontier for one year by the payment of only \$1.00 until the close of business on Feb. 29, 1936.

ed into this country valued at \$3,874,062, and in 1934, 7,622,032 bushels were imported into this country, valued at \$3,544,157.

It costs the taxpayers a lot of money to keep the Senators and Congressmen in this town. Senate expenses are \$3,296,852. Included in that is an item of \$7,000 which the Senators spent for mineral water in the last fiscal year. They also spent \$670 for paper cups and some of the newspapers are saying something about that. Congressmen do not get mineral water.

Some Congressmen have stated at meetings that they're afraid that corn countries are watching Uncle Sam very carefully. He raises too little corn, they raise more of it, if he reduces production of pork or beef they raise more and wait for the opportunity to sell it to us. That's why the present flood of congressional opposition to some of the lower rates on farm produce coming to the United States from foreign countries.

Tourists visiting the Congressional Library here in Washington, are amazed to find that the old story they were told in school that Abraham Lincoln wrote his Gettysburg address on the back of an old envelope while riding on a train, is absolutely untrue. For in one of the gold cases they can see the original copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, written very neatly in pen and ink, in the famous man's own writing.

The House voted with great speed to pay farmers \$298,000,000 for performing AAA contracts prior to the supreme court decision. There was hardly any objection when the question was put to a vote as an amendment. The Senate expects to meet "the same moral obligation" form in the near future. The question now is: "Where is the money coming from?"

There are so many automobiles in this town that there is not enough room in the garages to house these machines, and even in zero weather these automobiles are allowed to be parked on the streets.

Playing around the capitol buildings are any number of little negro children. Negroes have received the same privileges as the white people, and take advantage of that fact. You know, forty-six per cent of the population in Washington is colored.

## Hogan Resigns From Omaha Land Bank

Dennis P. Hogan, who has been president of the Federal Land Bank at Omaha, since the establishment of the bank in 1917, has tendered his resignation as bank president, effective May 1, 1936. The board of directors of the bank will meet on Feb. 18, 1936, to select a successor to Mr. Hogan. There has been a good deal of fire under Mr. Hogan the past three years, and a strenuous fight, led by Arthur P. Mullen was waged to get his scalp. Hogan finally got tired of the scrap and tendered his resignation. He

is engaged in the banking and livestock business on an extensive scale in Iowa, of which state he was a resident at the time of his election. He is a life-long democrat.

## Hospital Notes

Mrs. Alice Cole came in Thursday, Jan. 30, and is receiving treatment for burns she received when a steam pipe burst while she was enroute to Atkinson on the bus.

## Snow Covered Ground Tough On Pheasants

Since the ground has been covered with snow considerable concern is felt for Holt county's pheasant stock. Their natural sources of food supply are covered and if they are not fed most of them, if not all, will die. H. C. Mapes, game warden for this district, has done what could be done in the way of distributing feed, but the condition of the roads makes much work in that line impossible.

The game warden attempted to get to places where groups of the ring necks were the fore part of the week, but was able to get only six miles from town. He suggests that farmers interested in the pheasant supply distribute grain where the birds may have access to it. L. C. Walling has the crews of the local power company taking grain with them for distribution as they make their rounds.

## State Wide Seed Corn Testing Is Underway

Nebraska's state-wide seed corn testing campaign, designed to alleviate the serious seed problem facing thousands of farmers in many sections, is underway. Farmers in Holt county are being urged to bring their seed to the Agricultural Agents office in O'Neill for germination tests which are free of charge.

M. K. Young, who is directing the state campaign in cooperation with the Nebraska agricultural college extension service reported early this week that the seed situation in northeastern Nebraska is rather spotted. Some seed is available in parts of Nance, Antelope, Knox, Pierce, Burt, Dodge and Dixon counties.

The smooth type of corn is germinating much better than the rough type. The former matured more rapidly last fall in most communities and is regarded as better seed. Demonstrations are being put up in offices of county agricultural agents showing the difference between the two types.

## Cold Weather Freezes City's Water Mains

The intense cold of the past three weeks is having its effect on the water mains of the city. Mains are broken in three places and workmen were busy Wednesday digging up and repairing them. If it were not for the fact that there is about 18 inches of snow on the level the city officials are confident that many of the mains would now be out of commission. It has been several years since the freezing weather affected the water mains of the city.

## Shovel To Grand Island And Back

Norb Uhl and Charles Richardson drove down to Grand Island last Monday and started back. After spending two days on the road fighting snow drifts and unloading a few times so they could get out of the different ditches they slid into, they finally reached Spalding Tuesday evening, secured a ride to this city, leaving the truck at Spalding and reaching here late Tuesday night. Norb went back Wednesday after his truck and load.

## Busy Hour Club

The Busy Hour Club met at the home of Mrs. M. E. Gray. All members were present except Mrs. Clyde Hershiser and Irene Hershiser. Visitors were Mrs. J. K. Ernst and Esther Dick, and Rose Nozicka of Atkinson. The time was spent making quilt blocks for the hostess and contest games were played. The prize was won by Mrs. Ralph Ernst.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, consisting of hamburgers, mince pie, pickles and coffee. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Vic Johnson on the 27th of February.

## GROUP MEETS HERE FOR ORGANIZATION OF A FARM BUREAU

Local Organization Necessary To Retain A State And Federal Paid County Agent.

Agricultural producers from various parts of the county met in O'Neill, Thursday, Jan. 30th, and drew up preliminary plans for the reorganization of the Holt County Farm Bureau. This reorganization is necessary now because state and national laws require that there must be a local cooperating organization carrying on and sponsoring extension work before an agricultural agent will be placed in a county. If an agent is already in a county the work is to be discontinued after Feb. 1, unless a cooperating organization is started. It also specifies the name of the organization shall be the Farm Bureau.

The question naturally comes up—what would happen should the agent be transferred in case a cooperating organization is not set up. In answer to this question the AAA records would be taken to an adjoining county or to Lincoln. The last payments when made would be handled from an outside office. If a new agricultural program is offered it would be handled from a neighboring county as part of a district since all adjoining counties have started their organization work. All women's project club assistance from outside would be stopped and no leader's training meetings held of which there are three days per month reaching a membership of over 300.

All 4-H club work would be curtailed since no outside work would be given. All other activities carried on at the present would be discontinued. This work has been carried on the last two years and supported mainly by the AAA and county. It has also been and will continue to be free of charge except for membership.

If the people within a county do organize a farm bureau the extension service of the United States and Nebraska will pay the salary of the agent for extension work providing the local group will furnish him with suitable office, equipment, help and transportation.

Several meetings have been held and a temporary board of directors in charge of organization were nominated. Those appointed are: James D. Beck, John Risor, Frank Murry, O. R. Yarges, Mrs. Mabel Hammerberg, Mrs. T. M. Harrington, Mrs. Casper Pribil, J. K. Ernst, A. L. Borg, Harry Ressel, Frank Allen, Wm. Riegge, D. E. Bowen and Bryan French.

The groups decided to organize, which meets the first requirement and allows the state extension service to grant the county another 30 days to get the organization functioning. The family membership will be two dollars a year.

It was decided not to join the state and national organization of the farm bureau this year. The adopted policy was one of only extension work and no commodity available within the county is to be handled for sale or profit. An organized program of work was adopted.

In view of the bad roads it will be necessary to solicit membership by mail. Prompt response from everyone will be appreciated.

## Bridge Approaches Will Be Graveled

In another column will be found a notice for bids on graveling and incidental work on the approaches to the Red Bird State Aid bridge. The notice calls for two and one-tenth miles of graveling. Another notice asks for bids on graveling two and one-tenth miles on the approaches to the Grand Rapids State Aid bridge. We understand that more of these roads will be gravelled as soon as additional funds are available.

## Pep Project Club

The Pep Project Club met at the home of Mrs. Slothower on January 29. Eight members and one visitor were present. The lesson on "Home Needlework" was given by Mrs. Coutts and Mrs. Slothower. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Lester Vance. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Roy Warner.