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SNOW AND A HIGH WIND MAKE NEW ROAD BLOCKADES

Period of Extreme Cold Has Had County In Its Grip 36 Days. Low of -32 Reached.

Another storm, starting with snow Thursday night, Friday and Saturday, and a strong wind Sunday night and again Monday, blocked all roads in this section of the state, as well as all other points in the state east of here, for the second time within a week. Not only were roads blocked but the city streets were also impassible, except with foot power.

All trains on the Northwestern were annulled on Monday night and the passenger train that left Omaha on Tuesday afternoon reached here about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. The train last night was about two hours late, but Agent Sauer informed us this morning that trains were all running this morning, although some of them were a little behind schedule.

The first passenger train on the Burlington road from Sioux City since Wednesday night of last week reached here last night only a little late and started east this morning on schedule. The passenger train carries a bunch of snow shovelers from this city, taking ten men with them east this morning and they will come back on the freight this afternoon. According to Agent Downey they now expect to have trains running on schedule, providing another storm does not muss things up.

According to State Engineer Osenbaugh, in charge of this district, at 11 a. m. Thursday, highway No. 20 was open from O'Neill west to the state line. He said that you could get thru to Omaha by taking 20 east to 14 and then No. 8 out of Neligh. No. 281 is blocked north and south of this city, but he believed that they would be able to get it opened today. It was open this morning as far as Burwell.

No. 95 from No. 281 to Chambers is again blocked. Despite the energetic work of the highway crew it is almost impossible to keep the roads open. Engineer Osenbaugh says that he has 100 men working as snow shovelers in the county. Out of this city 25 and thirty men work every night and the same number in the day time, trying to open roads for travel. Fifteen men are working out of Atkinson as shovelers, ten out of Stuart and ten out of Ewing. At noon No. 8 was open to Ewing.

The highway department is handicapped today as two of their snow plows were broken Wednesday in trying to get thru hard packed snow. The snow is so packed now that it takes a lot of shoveling before one of the small plows can get thru the drifts.

The weather here has been bitter cold all week, the thermometer dropping to 32 below zero last Saturday night, the coldest night in this city in 19 years—the length of time that the bureau here has been looked after by Harry Bowen. The coldest to Saturday night was on February 8, 1933 when the thermometer registered 31 degrees below zero.

Wednesday night made the 31st straight night that the thermometer registered below zero, or thirty-four days of the last thirty-six, which is setting some record. The average temperature in this city for the past thirty-six days, according to Observer Bowen, has been 14 degrees below zero. That is a record that will probably stand for years. About thirty inches of snow has fallen here since the forepart of January. The following table gives the temperature for each day since Jan. 16, 1936:

	High	Low	Mois.
Jan. 16	13	-7	
Jan. 17	9	-5	
Jan. 18	9	-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	4	-19	
Jan. 27	7	-22	
Jan. 28	12	-2	
Jan. 29	14	-16	
Jan. 30	10	-10	
Jan. 31	12	-9	
Feb. 1	10	-13	
Feb. 2	8	-4	.06
Feb. 3	10	-7	.39
Feb. 4	-4	-22	
Feb. 5	-1	-21	
Feb. 6	-1	-28	.16

Feb. 7	-10	-14	.13
Feb. 8	-14	-25	
Feb. 9	-5	-22	
Feb. 10	9	-19	
Feb. 11	4	-13	
Feb. 12	-1	-15	.06
Feb. 13	0	-14	
Feb. 14	-8	-26	
Feb. 15	-12	-16	.26
Feb. 16	-10	-32	.17
Feb. 17	-8	-16	
Feb. 18	3	-15	
Feb. 19	15	-22	
Feb. 20	15	-13	

Walter V. Roe Dies At Inman Thursday

Walter Vincent Roe died at the home of his brother, Cleve Roe, at Inman, this morning after an illness of about fifteen months of heart trouble, at the age of 58 years, six months and twenty days. The funeral will be held at the M. E. church in Inman Saturday morning at 10:30 and burial in the Inman cemetery.

Deceased was born at Bethany, Missouri, on August 1, 1877. He moved to Inman on March 1, 1907, where he remained for one year and then moved to Ainsworth where he lived for seven years then moved to Willow Springs, Missouri, where he remained for a short time and then went to Scottsbluffs, Nebraska, for a few months then back to Inman in 1916 where he had since made his home with his brother, Cleve, the only surviving member of his family.

Organization of Farm Bureau Slowed Down

The organization of the Holt County Farm Bureau has been held back along with nearly all other work by the unfavorable weather conditions. As soon as favorable weather sets in the temporary board of directors plan to push reorganization work.

The 1935 AAA contracts are to be completed by the government and indications are a soil conservation program will be offered this spring. These are only two important reasons why the county will want to organize. The payment of the old contracts will assure everyone that the Federal government will live up to its promise. No Holt county producer will want his records moved to a different county to be completed. No Holt county producer will want to go to another county to participate in a soil conservation program if one is offered.

Information from Lincoln indicates every organized county under the AAA will continue to keep the county organization going on a membership basis. All interested producers in the county are urged to help with the organization work as soon as it is under way.

Food and Fuel Holding Out Near Opportunity

A call to Opportunity brought the information from Roy Alder, proprietor of the store and postmaster there, that the farmers situated south of there and who left this city one day last week with bob-sleds of necessities had reached their homes. Alder said he had some fuel and flour and would weather the storm series "if he did not have occasion to share with others."

Alder said he heard that those near Dorsey and Red Bird had battled drifted roads long and had to give up and that they were getting low on groceries and fuel. Those in here from Opportunity included Tomlinson, Spangler, Anderson, Strong, Wetlaufer, Young and others.

Assistance Barred To Beer and Liquor Users

At a meeting of the County Assistance Committee held at the court house on February 13, 1936, a resolution was passed barring from all forms of public assistance all persons patronizing beer and liquor stores or frequenting card and gambling rooms. Every citizen is invited to report such instances to any member of the County Assistance Committee.

Louis W. Reimer, Chairman, County Assistance Committee.

Dean Streeter, who froze the fingers on both his hands while coming up town to work a week ago last Saturday morning is reported to be getting along nicely, but it will be some time before he is able to work. We understand that he will lose the finger nails on both of his hands.

CONGRESS AS SEEN BY A NEBRASKAN

By Karl Stefan

The house has finished debate on the treasury and post office appropriation bill calling for \$989,623,-229. There is an increase in the amount needed for the post office of over a million dollars and that is necessary because of additional activities due to so much work. It was passed without a record vote. Members of the house were informed that they will have another bill, the Army appropriation bill, over which there will be considerable controversy due to the fact that the army wants more money this year than they got last year. A group in the house which is fighting against unnecessary expenditures for the army during peace time is making ready a campaign to cut some of the unnecessary appropriations for our peace time army. Knowing that, the army lobby is already busy among members.

Who paid the processing tax? And who is going to eventually get the processing tax? These are questions which are being discussed every day in Washington by Congressmen who represent farm states. There is today in the hands of the processors of our country, about \$200,000,000 to which many Congressmen say these processors are not entitled. The money was collected from the producers of farm produce, and there are many members who are firm in statements that the only function of the processors as far as these taxes are concerned are service for the government as a collection agency. Letters are being received by members to the effect that those who actually paid the taxes as producers and consumers are entitled to receive these taxes. Several letters are also coming in from processors and their attitude is a lot different. Some of them want to keep the money. Especially is that true among the packers who as a group apparently are determined to keep this money which does not belong to them. Some members of congress have written to packers asking if they are arranging to refund this money to the producers who paid these taxes but they apparently are not getting any reply to their question. It is generally felt among agriculture authorities and even among some of the packers that in the case of the hog processing taxes the hog farmer paid the bill.

There is a strong sentiment against the reciprocal trade agreements. Many members are now feeling the need to protect the home market for the home producer. They feel that if there is going to be a tariff which protects manufactured goods the farmer should be protected. They feel now that the farmer should be subsidized. They also feel that if the government can subsidize ships and railroads and other industry the farmer who raises things we eat ought to have the same protection. Some of them are suggesting a domestic allotment plan which will give producers of surplus crops an equivalent for the tariff. A bill to this effect has already been introduced in the house. Instead of attempting to make the tariff on surplus crops actually effective, this new bill is based on the idea that prices are enhanced by the tariff on protected commodities. This plan is that the producer be given a tariff on the part consumed domestically which is equivalent to the cost. In other words the tariff is used to correct the disadvantage created by it. A Kansas congressman named Clifford Hope is asking members of the house to support such a bill.

Inquiries come in as to the amount of the adjusted compensation payments to be made to Nebraska ex-service men. There are 40,233 certificate holders in Nebraska, and the total amount of these certificates is \$28,802,190.95. The Third district certificates are as follows: Antelope, \$240,589.34; Boone, \$233,184.64; Boyd, \$133,427.92; Burt, \$206,696.97; Cedar, \$259,908.00; Colfax, \$180,908.75; Dixon, \$183,313.70; Dodge, \$399,869.41; Greeley, \$133,569.33; Holt, \$261,205.40; Knox, \$302,358.42; Madison, \$411,957.42; Nance, \$137,936.20; Merrick, \$168,013.82; Pierce, \$175,307.76; Platte, \$335,125.79; Stan-

ton, \$123,554.00; Thurston, \$165,529.77; Wayne, \$167,175.26; Wheeler, \$36,944.37.

A question comes to the congressional office asking if the Arlington National cemetery is open to the public for burial. The answer is "no." Arlington cemetery is set aside for the burial of soldiers who served in the military forces of the United States. This was brought to the attention of those interested in the cemetery just the other day, Miss Mary Ann Spencer, treasury department clerk, died in 1919. Having no near relatives she made a will that all the money she had, about \$30,000, be used for the removal of her parent's bodies from Congressional cemetery to Arlington cemetery, and for her own burial with them in that vault. Since Arlington cemetery never has been open to the public for burial as Miss Spencer thought it would be some time, the trustee of her estate has never been able to carry out the terms of the will. Meanwhile the estate has grown to \$140,000, leaving more than \$100,000 after paying all legacies and costs. The court ruled the other day that not more than \$10,000 should be paid for a vault or monument for the remains of Miss Spencer and her parents, but the monument will not be in Arlington cemetery.

Strange as it may seem the painters who paint murals and frescoes in the capitol building get only the same pay as ordinary house painters, but the house painters must be experienced painters.

Michael McGirr makes daily visits to this office. Mike comes from Greeley and used to teach school there many years ago. He too says he is going to Nebraska next summer to swap yarns in the barber shop at Greeley.

Redbird To O'Neill By Way of Norfolk

Supervisor John Carson came in from his farm home near Redbird Wednesday night, coming on the train via Norfolk, it being impossible to get here from the north on the highway. John was in O'Neill the first of the week and left here Monday afternoon for home. He got as far as Lynch by car and had to stay there for a day when his folks came after him with a bob sled. John, who is one of the old timers in the northwestern part of the county is firmly convinced that he never saw snow drifted as badly over the roads in the county, and surrounding counties, as it is at the present time.

1936 Snowbound (With Cream)

"Tell me not in mournful numbers Life is but an empty dream." Tell me, rather, Oh you wise ones What to do with all this cream. Years ago we read in "Snowbound" The touching poem of Whittier's dream, He left us "fence posts draped with snow," But no advice regarding cream, At first we filled a great big can, And then we filled the other. A five gallon jar next was filled, And wish we had another. Six little crocks setting around, And each one full of cream; With snow blocked roads for miles and miles It is enough to make one scream. What next among our wares to fill Could mortal mind discern? But happy tho'! Our eyes espied That great big bulging churn. But now, Oh Sphinx, please spare our life, When by your riddles we are grilled. Open our eyes to paths anew When that churn with cream is filled.

—Mrs. Art Auker.

School or No, Told By Bell

Superintendent R. W. Carroll, of the public school, announced the bell there is to ring at 8, 8:15 and 8:30 when there is to be school and for the afternoon sessions it will ring at 12:30, 12:45 and 1 o'clock. If you do not hear the first of each of these series of three bells there will be no school. The order was issued last Friday. The arrangement is designed to prevent needless trudging when weather is dangerous.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS

Application Covers Every Phase of Applicants Life In A Long List of Questions.

Miss Roberta Arbuthnot, Holt county assistance director, states that applications for old age assistance are now being taken at the county assistance office which was formerly the Nebraska emergency relief office.

Below are listed the most important questions which all applicants should be able to answer before presenting themselves to the committee to make out the application. This will greatly facilitate handling the large number of applications and will also assist the applicant in not having to return two or three times to bring the information desired.

Name of applicant. Age and birthday of applicant. (Birth Certificate) Length of residence in Nebraska. Relatives able to support applicant. Deprived one-self of property to qualify for old age assistance. Sums earned by applicant year previous, 12 months from all sources. Land owned by applicant. (Legal description)

Personal property owned by applicant: Automobile; household goods and furniture; livestock and poultry; grain and other crops; cash on hand or in bank; Insurance policies: Paid up policies, cash value; cash surrender value of all policies; annual amount of premiums (by whom paid); policies payable to;

Notes, securities and judgments owned by applicant. Other personal property or sources of income of applicant or kin in applicant's home. Soldiers' relief. Workmen's compensation. Insurance benefits. Wages earned. Other personal property or income.

Indebtedness of applicant—to whom and amounts. Itemized list of living expenses per month. Name 3 references—not relatives—address and occupation. If applicant owns real estate, the following questions must be answered: Legal description of real estate; In whose name title recorded; Date: real estate acquired—from whom and cost; Is land held in fee, in common or joint tenancy; Description of dwelling house; Is property occupied by applicant or tenant.

Liens: Holder and amount of mortgage—past due interest; Holder and amount of mechanics liens; Assessed valuation of real estate—amount; Delinquent taxes—amount; Holder of tax certificate, if any; Water rentals; Insurance on property; Judgments, amounts, dates, owners; Foreclosure suits; Other encumbrances; Yearly repairs and upkeep; Does real estate produce income—amount; Income from real estate preceding 12 months; Gross value of real estate; Net value.

Below are requirements which must be met in order to secure old age assistance which it must be understood is assistance and not an old age pension.

1. Recipient must be 65 years of age or over.
2. Recipient must have been a resident of the state of Nebraska five years during the nine years immediately preceding applications, and have resided continuously in the state one year preceding application, or have been a resident of Nebraska 25 consecutive years and one year immediately preceding the application.
3. During 12 month preceding application all income including use of own supplies produced must have been less than \$360. All property income (including homestead) computed at five per cent of value.
4. Amount granted is average monthly income subtracted from and prorated in proportion to money available and individual need of applicant. Not less than \$5.00 can be granted.
5. Recipient cannot be an inmate of a state institution, pison, or jail. Temporary care in a hospital is excepted.
6. Recipient has no relative able to support him, who has legal responsibility.
7. Recipient has not deprived self of any property for purpose of being eligible.
8. Payments benefit individual who is the recipient. Spouse an dependent are not considered as being properly entitled to recipient's assistance.
9. Payments made are a legal claim against the estate and will be satisfied after recipient's immediate dependents are deceased.

Under the regulations, more than one member in a family may receive old age assistance. Each recipient or applicant is considered a separate individual. The same income should not be figured for more than one member of a family. A representative of the Holt County Assistance committee will go to each town in the county as soon as possible for the purpose of taking applications for old age

assistance in that part of the county. Word will be sent to the member of the Holt County Assistance committee as to the day applications will be taken in each town.

Farm Homes A Haven To Those Stranded On Roads In The Country

Last Friday night many parties were stranded at various points and continued blizzardly weather has slowed everything, even news is coming in days and weeks late. One party was marooned last Thursday night at the Clyde Nuton farm home. Those there were: Mrs. F. P. Bouthe, Mrs. Art Clute and Howard Sieffert, and the following reached the Nuton home on a Red Start truck—Art Clute, manager of the Haley-Neeley Co., Norfolk, all of Norfolk. Also marooned at the Nuton place were snow shovelers Clement Cuddy, Fred Calkins and Earl Switzer, all of O'Neill.

At another farm home one mile west of Nuton's were the following: Phil Dempsey, Richard Bowden, Ernie Harris, Roy Johnson, Chas. Stermer, Lou Wyant, Nor Devall, "Red" Young and a Mr. Peterson. All walked to O'Neill Friday and all reported best of care and are profuse in thanks to their hosts.

St. Mary's Wins Over St. Joseph's 31 To 9

On the basketball court at St. Mary's academy in this city last Wednesday evening the Cardinals walloped the quintette from St. Joseph's Hall, of Atkinson, by a score of 31 to 9. The game was fast and furious and held the attention of spectators thruout. High point man for the local school was Francis Soukup, with 18 points. McDonough, small but able to take more than his share of the load, was second with 8 counters. McNally counted the remainder. Scott, center for the St. Joseph's team, was removed from the game near its finish for too many fouls.

4-H Baby Beef Clubs Should Be Organized

Improved feed conditions coupled with the exceptionally favorable financial report of baby beef members in 1935 indicate that there will be more boys and girls feeding calves in 1936 than ever before in Nebraska.

A total of 25 calves are now or feed in Holt county. This compares with seven for 1935. Name of the clubs organized are: South Fork Baby Beef Club, Chambers; Martha Calf Club, Chambers, and Ridgeway Calf Club, Atkinson.

Requirements as to age of 4-H baby beeves and length of feed for animals shown at the Nebraska State Fair and the Ak-Sar-Ben have been greatly relaxed which should add some enthusiasm to both shows. The high quality of both shows, however, will be maintained as sifting committees will remove all unfinished, wasty, excessively large or coarse cattle from the entries before the show is judged.

Walter Tolman, animal husbandman at the Nebraska college of agriculture and assistant state 4-H leader, recommends that club members select high quality calves which will be 12 to 18 months of age at the time of showing and start them on feed seven to eleven months before showing in order to produce beeves which will meet the show requirements. Younger calves especially steers, need the longer feed periods. Heifers and older steers can be fattened in a shorter time. It is not too late to organize a Baby Beef club and anyone interested should get in touch with the agricultural agent.

Pasture Contest

Application blanks are available for the 1935 pasture contest, at the agricultural agent's office. All entries must be in by April 1. Fifteen hundred dollars in prizes or awards and there are no strings attached. Records are to be kept of the number of stock pastured, the amount of seed planted and how it was handled in general. If 10 or more compete in the county a substantial award is made to the county organization sponsoring the contest. Anyone interested is urged to secure their application as soon as possible.

CHARLES WREDE, A PIONEER IN THIS COUNTY, IS DEAD

Funeral Services Will Be Held In This City Friday Afternoon At Methodist Church.

Charles Wrede, Jr., died at his home northeast of O'Neill last Saturday evening at 6 p. m., after an illness of several months at the age of 66 years, 3 months and 28 days. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church in this city Friday afternoon at 2 p. m., Rev. A. J. May officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Charles Wrede was born at Iowa City, Iowa, on October 16, 1869. When he was about five years old the family moved to Butler county, Nebraska, where they resided until 1881 when they came to this county and located northeast of O'Neill where the deceased had made his home since that time, or nearly fifty-five years.

Charles grew to manhood in this county and on July 28, 1898, he was united in marriage at Agee, Nebr., to Miss Addie Lansworth, daughter of a pioneer family of that section. To this union four children were born, two sons and two daughters who, with their mother, are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are:

Mrs. Vivian Martin, O'Neill; Clarence, O'Neill; Mrs. Gertrude Easton, Fremont, and Earl, O'Neill, all of whom are here for the funeral of their beloved father. There are eight grandchildren and five brothers and six sisters to mourn his passing.

Charles Wrede was one of the substantial citizens of the county and one of our real pioneers. Coming here as a little boy of 12 when this country was a vast wilderness he saw it grow to become one of the leading counties in Northeastern Nebraska. He was a hard worker and by strict attention to business and his ability as a cattleman he became one of the most prosperous farmers and ranchmen in the county. He was a man of strong convictions but was absolutely square in his dealings with his fellow men.

He always took an active part in the civic affairs of the county and his particular locality and was regarded as one of the stalwart men of the Meek neighborhood. His passing will not only be regretted by his family and immediate relatives but by a large circle of friends and neighbors in different parts of the county.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved in their hour of sorrow.

Nadine Elkins Dies At Sioux City, Ia.

Last Thursday, February 13, in a Sioux City hospital occurred the death of Nadine Ruth Elkins, 17 months old, who had been living with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dowd at Sioux City. The child expired of an attack of pneumonia. Nadine was a daughter of Clyde Elkins, rancher, 33 miles south of O'Neill. She leaves her father, six brothers and two sisters. They are Vernon, Stanley, Eldon, Donald, Gordon, Harold, Arline and Bernadine. The mother died September 3, 1935, of cancer at the age of 38, the burial made at Chambers. Nadine Ruth was born September 12, 1934. The family home is near Waller's lake.

The fire department was called to the residence of D. H. Cronin last Wednesday about noon. Sparks from a chimney set fire to the roof of the kitchen and when discovered by Mrs. Cronin had burned two holes thru the roof of the kitchen. Prompt response by the fire department succeeded in extinguishing the fire without serious damage. Had it not been discovered when it was it might have been a very destructive fire. We desire to extend our thanks to the Fire Department for their prompt response and their efficient handling of the blaze after their arrival.

Junior, 13 son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vanderlinden seriously sprained the little finger of his right hand in a basketball practice at the public school gym last Friday evening when a ball struck it.