

Inman Minister Writes Bunch of Bum Checks

A warrant was sworn out in county court last Thursday for the arrest of Rev. Charles Raymond Wylie, 29, for the past year pastor of the Methodist church at Inman, charged with issuing a no fund check to Ralph Leidy, manager of the O'Neill Hatchery. It is claimed that Wylie left Inman a couple of weeks ago. While the complaint was sworn to for one check it is reported that several other no fund checks are in the hands of others in Inman and elsewhere.

Page Youth Enters Pro Boxing Ranks

Matt Rhodes, formerly of Page, who last year won the A. A. U. boxing tournament at Sterling, Colo., joined the professionals and last week won his first professional bout. The fight was at San Luis, Colo., and he won in the second round, winning by a knockout. His opponent was a negro. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilbur, all of Page, were present at the fight.

The Page Reporter adds the following to its report of the fight:

"Matt Rhodes was born at Lake Andes, S. D., and was reared in the Page community. He has always liked boxing and several years ago became enthusiastic about it. Many of the youths of this town tried to help him train for his first amateur fight at Scottsbluff last fall and have closely watched the results of his bouts as he climbed the ladder of the A. A. U. tournaments by putting away one would-be-champion after another to win the A. A. U. at both Scottsbluff and Sterling.

Son of Rev. A. J. May Is Married in Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. May returned Tuesday night from Galesburg, Ill., where on Sunday Rev. May performed the ceremony that united in marriage his son, Foster May, of Omaha, and Miss Marie Berekenmaker, of Galesburg. The ceremony was performed in the First Methodist church of Galesburg, in the presence of about 300 friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

The groom is the popular radio announcer of WOW and has visited his parents at their home here where he met many O'Neill people. The bride is a resident of Galesburg and for the past four years had been English teacher in the high school at Galesburg. The young people will make their home in Omaha.

Rev. and Mrs. May left here on Wednesday of last week and drove to Omaha. On Thursday, accompanied by their son, Foster, and their daughter, Mrs. D. H. Van Dahl and her husband, they drove to Galesburg.

State Asking Bids For Additional Road Work

The state Department of Roads and Irrigation are advertising in this issue of The Frontier for bids for graveling six and seven tenths miles of road on the Stuart-Naper highway. They are also advertising for bids for grading, sand gravel surfacing and culverts on three miles of the Lynch south highway. The bids are to be opened in Lincoln on June 25, 1936, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Grasshoppers A Menace

With prospects for a good crop this year looking brighter every day in the northern and extreme eastern parts of the state, the grasshopper again enters the lists as a serious bar to a good crop. Reports from the southern parts of the state are to the effect that grasshopper infestation is becoming serious in that section and demand has been made on the federal government for aid in controlling the pest. We have heard of no appearance of the pest in this county.

Hospital Notes

Earl and Evelyn Ressel, of Chambers, had their tonsils removed Thursday the 4th.
Mrs. Lewis Sobotka, of Inman, went home Thursday evening the 4th.
Mrs. Delbert Carl, of Dorsey, went home Tuesday feeling fine.
Sister Carmella and two com-

panion sisters, and Mrs. Malone of Our Lady of Lourdes Mission at Porcupine, S. D., visited the Misses Shomemaker at the hospital Monday and Tuesday of last week. They were on their way to Cleveland, Ohio.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James E. Lowell

The gasoline tax diversion question is coming rapidly to the fore as the business of circulating petitions for a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit the use of state gas tax funds for other than road purposes nears completion.

More opposition is developing to the proposal than had been anticipated by its instigators. The opposition points out that Nebraska would have been in a predicament last year when the necessity of financing old age pensions confronted the legislature if the one-cent gas tax increase for state assistance had not been possible.

Attorney General Wright has thrown a bomb into the diversion objectors' camp recently when he released an opinion that if the constitutional amendment were adopted it would "at once strike down all existing legislation of the kind and character described in the amendatory matter" and would immediately impound funds received from license fees and drivers' licenses, as well as from gas taxes, to be used solely for highway purposes.

This opinion upsets the one given by Assistant Attorney General Ayres some time ago wherein it was stated that the adoption of the amendment would not prevent use of gas tax money to pay off bonds "heretofore or hereafter issued for road construction purposes."

Another argument of the petition circulators has been hit by the state highway department which denies that any federal highway funds have been lost to Nebraska because of the inability of the state to match dollars. The Nebraska Good Roads association had issued literature stating that "since 1933 our road funds have been diminishing until they are short \$1,000,000 of meeting federal aid."

State Engineer Tilley says that while Nebraska has been unable to match federal funds as fast as they become available, the federal funds are available for one year beyond the fiscal year in which they are appropriated, and hence have not been lost.

Economic authorities also point out that to find adequate revenues for the support of the government in Nebraska is a problem of great importance.

In considering and dealing with it, they say, it would be unwise to impose a constitutional straight-jacket on the legislature. Future conditions may arise that would make such procedure a grave mistake.

These same authorities say further that the one-cent gas tax allotted for state assistance will raise approximately \$2,000,000 of the \$5,000,000 required annually for old age pensions, etc.

If the one-cent gas tax is withdrawn, the full \$5,000,000 will have to be raised by other taxes such as increased property assessment or a general sales tax. This, it is claimed, would impose severer hardships than the modest tax of one cent on gasoline.

The Nebraska State Teachers' association is actively opposing the proposed constitutional amendment on the grounds it would hamper the social security program and necessitate new taxes, would attack matters of an administrative nature to our constitution at the suggestion or whim of special interest groups, and that the practice of tying the legislature's hands is contrary to the better theories of economy and efficiency in taxation.

Those who are backing the proposed amendment, mainly persons affiliated with the road building and automotive industries, also have some good arguments.

No taxes are sounder than the two principal motor vehicle tax levies, namely the registration fee and gasoline tax, they say, and these taxes measured by the mile are entirely proper for road construction, but indefensible as a (Continued on page 4, column 4.)

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued in the office of the county judge during the past week:

Donald L. Allen, of Page, and Miss Clarice Edson, of Venus.
Gustaf E. Peterson, of Laurel, and Miss Eleanor Seck, of Creighton. This couple were united in marriage by County Judge Malone.
Howard G. Churchill, of Keswick, Iowa, and Miss Wilma G. Pickering, of Redbird.

June Rainfall So Far Is Nearly Two Inches

This section was visited with another nice rain last Friday when 1.19 inches of moisture fell, and Saturday added .19 of an inch, making the rainfall for June 1.90 inches up to noon today. Crop prospects and pastures never looked finer than they do today and farmers say that the last rain will make the rye crop, and oats look better than they have for year. Farmers are of the opinion that there will be a bumper crop.

It has been a little cool for corn but it is making good headway. W. F. Grothe, of Emmet, one of the hustling farmers in that section, was a caller Saturday and he said that he had a forty acre field of corn that was about ten inches high then and that it would be laid by before the Fourth.

	High	Low	Mois.
June 5	68	54	1.19
June 6	75	54	.19
June 7	84	56	
June 8	82	64	
June 9	81	50	
June 10	65	45	

Will Check Up On Auto Licenses

Deputy State Sheriff T. J. Roberts, of Lincoln, arrived in the city last evening and will spend a few days here checking up on automobile licenses for 1936. If you have not secured your 1936 license better visit the county treasurer's office and secure one, before the Deputy State Sheriff gets you.

Child Loses Fingers

Little Jane Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Simmons, had two of her fingers accidentally cut off by a sister, who was playing with the axe. She was taken to Omaha. Her father was summoned again Tuesday, as it was reported she was not doing so well. —Page Reporter.

BRIEFLY STATED

The Fourth of July will be celebrated at Summerland park near Ewing.

Robert Biglin came home last Thursday afternoon for the summer vacation.

Frank Latenser, architect for the new court house, was up from Omaha Tuesday inspecting the work on the new building.

Jerome O'Connell arrived last Monday night from Elgin, Ill., for a weeks visit with old friends in this city and vicinity.

Mary Joan Finley, who is a student at Duschene college in Omaha, came home last Thursday night for the summer vacation.

Ivan Callen, who has been attending Creighton University, came home the first of the week for the summer vacation.

Work on the new court house is progressing rapidly and every day the workmen have a bunch of spectators watching the work.

Ralph Oppen went to Creighton Tuesday evening for a visit at the home of his parents, returning to this city Wednesday morning.

Mary Jean Hammond, who has been attending Creighton University at Omaha, came home Tuesday evening for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oppen left this morning for Aurora, Nebr., where they will spend a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Walling.

Little Thomas Harty fell from a trapeze in the yard at his home Wednesday afternoon and cracked a bone in his left arm. Tom is now carrying his arm around in a sling.

The American Farmer—Trapped!



CONGRESS—AS SEEN BY A NEBRASKAN

By Karl Stefan

The house took its first real stand against useless spending today when it refused to accept a conference agreement to spend millions of dollars for reclamation in northwestern states. The house bill for irrigation carried around eighty million dollars. When the bill came back from the senate it had been boosted an additional sixty million dollars. Hundreds of irrigation reclamation projects, including some in Washington and Oregon and other northwestern states, were in the bill. Some members of the committee claimed a lot of the projects included had never been authorized, and some of them had not even been surveyed. The intent is to put millions of acres of new land into production. Money is proposed to be loaned to those owning land up to \$200 per acre without interest.

Those members who are still stinging over the beating they received on the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage refinancing bill voted against accepting the conference report, on the grounds that they opposed loaning money to irrigation farmers for no interest and turning down other farmers who wanted to pay interest. They also opposed the report on the grounds that they felt it was not "common sense" to put into cultivation millions of acres of new land through irrigation at tremendous taxpayers' expense when a plan was already in operation to take out of cultivation thirty million acres of land.

Many members are interested in the cereal grain bill because they feel that the great sugar and molasses lobbies are trying to stop the bill from being considered during this session of congress. This was indicated a few days ago when an effort was made by grain farmers to put an amendment into the Internal Revenue Act, through which they hoped to force the use of grain alcohol for blending whiskies and have the bottles of liquor labeled properly so those who drank the liquor would know they were drinking whiskey made from grain rather than whiskey made from molasses or petroleum.

The amendment, however, was defeated in the senate without a record vote and the future of grain, so far as its use for alcohol is concerned rests with the outcome of the cereal grain bill now in committee. The evidence presented in the senate shows that whiskey for a hundred years has been known to be a product of grain. The blackstrap molasses lobbies want whiskey to be defined as something made out of most anything. The chemists are making a high-grade alcohol out of petroleum and molasses. It can be made cheaper than alcohol from grain. As a result, industrial market has been captured by these products.

The lobby working against the cereal grain bill is said to be headed by the powerful molasses kings who are said to have their headquarters in London, England; but it is known that American capital with sugar interests in Cuba are among the leaders. For every ton of sugar cane produced, there remains 600 pounds of blackstrap molasses. That's why hundreds of millions of gallons are pouring into our country annually. Giant distilling plants are going up in the east to manufacture alcohol from this blackstrap molasses. Thousands of gallons of alcohol are being made from petroleum.

If grain is not protected, the dream of those who thought some day alcohol would be made from surplus corn and grain on American farms is shattered.

Flowers, which are about the cheapest thing around here, are now in bloom and people buy them in huge quantities. The season for flower sales is on. Sale day was held yesterday, and a dozen roses of the finest variety with long stems sold for twenty-five cents.

A short time ago a colored Congressman named Mitchell, from Chicago, made references to Abraham Lincoln. Today a Republican Congressman answered him. The colored man got the last word and one member of congress from the south said it looked peculiar to him to see a colored Congressman shaking his finger in the face of a white congressman, with the southern Democrats applauding.

It was a partisan battle in which the white congressman made a vigorous and eloquent denunciation of the colored congressman's attitude on the record of Abraham Lincoln as the emancipator of slavery.

Believe it or not, a ten-cent store in Washington is now selling chickens. You can buy any part of the chicken you want. The breast is 50c a pound; the dark meat on the drumsticks is 25 cents a pound; the backs and necks are 15c a pound; and the livers and gizzards are 30 cents a pound.

The Treasury Department this month is going to borrow over a million dollars from the public. The department says that small investors are going to get a chance to borrow part of this money, but others claim that small investors very seldom have such an opportunity. Many of these government bonds which are tax-free, get into the hands of speculators in blocs of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and very seldom is the small investor given a chance to loan money to his Uncle Sam, because in many cases, the speculators want the tax-free bonds which go on the market at a premium which the small investor must eventually pay.

The navy bill came out of conference committee on Friday, and it carried over half a billion dollars for the navy. While there

was an attempt by those fighting against heavy expenditures for the army and navy during peacetime, the conference report on this gigantic bill was passed without a record vote. There were very few members on the floor when this bill was passed, and there was no possibility of getting a roll call on it.

Photographs of revetment work on the Missouri river at Niobrara have been received in the Third congressional office, and are being displayed so that other members of congress can see what work has been accomplished up to this time. Letters from Norfolk asking for action to extend the river work to the point that it will be a permanent job, have been received. The question of further funds appears to be taken care of by a specific appropriation made in the War Department Appropriation Act for the fiscal year, 1937.

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NEWS OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW

J. D. Cronin, one of the delegates to the Republican national convention at Cleveland, left last Saturday morning for that city. According to the daily press Governor Alf Landon, of Kansas, will be the republican nominee, and will probably receive the nomination on the first ballot, which will be taken either late tonight or tomorrow morning. The past couple of days the eastern delegates are flocking to the standard of the Kansas governor and it is conceded on all sides that he will be the nominee of the convention. He will make a splendid candidate and it will insure the middlewest being in the republican column next November.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Roberts, of Lewis, Iowa, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Marlow, of Phoenix, Ariz., were here last Friday visiting old time friends and looking after some of Mr. Roberts real estate northeast of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were residents of this county for several years, living on the old Polk farm northeast of this city. They disposed of their ranch here in 1918 and moved to Iowa where they have since made their home. The Frontier acknowledges a pleasant call from Mr. Roberts.

Radio broadcasts of convention news have been eagerly listened to the past week. And the listening was not all done by republicans, either. Many hard shell democrats have been very attentive listeners to the proceedings of the convention, some of them hoping that a weak man would be nominated, so he would be easily defeated, and others hoping for a good strong candidate that they could support at the election in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Lod Janousek drove down to Brainard last Sunday morning and attended the Catholic Workmen convention held in that city that day and also had a nice visit with relatives. Lod says that crops look finer in this county than they do in that section of the state, as it has been dry there this spring. They returned home Monday evening.

W. B. Slate, state manager for the state of Nebraska for the Travelers Insurance company, and M. Wilkins, of Hartford, Conn., one of the officers of the company, were in the city Tuesday meeting with their local representative here, R. E. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Colman and son, Donald, accompanied by Mrs. M. J. Enright, spent the week-end visiting with friends and relatives at Columbus and Norfolk.

ATTEMPT MADE TO ROB EMMET BANK

Money Safe Resists Attempt of Parties Who Broke In And Opened The Vault.

An attempt was made to rob the Emmet State bank last Thursday night, but the robber or robbers got away with only \$30.80. The peace officials are working on the case and Sheriff Duffy says that they have not yet secured a good lead, but he hopes that they will be able to run down the culprits in a short time. The officials are of the opinion that it was the work of local talent.

They selected a good night for the robbery, as most of the residents of the village were attending a double wedding dance in Atkinson that evening, which convinces the officials that it was the work of local talent.

The robber or robbers entered the building by prying up a rear window. After entering they used a tire puller to pull the dial off the door and then had access to the vault, but they were unable to gain access to the money safe inside the vault, also they broke the combination off they failed to get it open. The money secured in the robbery was in the cashiers till in the counter.

Several safety boxes inside the vault were opened, but as none of them contained money, a careful checkup of the contents of the boxes by the owners failed to reveal anything missing.

The robbery of the Emmet State bank was the third in this county. About thirty-five years ago the bank at Page was robbed. Then in February, 1933, an attempt was made to rob the Chambers State bank, but that attempt was frustrated by the president, Edward Adams, who captured the would-be robber and a few days later he was sentenced to fifteen years in the state penitentiary, where he is now confined.

While going up Fourth street the other day we met one of our old time democratic farmer friends. He asked us who we thought would be nominated for president at Cleveland. We informed him that from the late press reports that it looked like Landon. He said, I am an old Jefferson democrat and have voted the ticket consistently for many years. I was hoping the republicans would nominate Borah as I would like to vote for him. But one thing is certain I will never vote for the man now in the White house and there are a dozen more old time democrats in my neighborhood who will not either. We are going to support the republican nominee at the coming election. When it comes to a question of saving our country or our party we will take our country and for that reason will vote republican.

There are many democrats over the county who will follow suit and vote for the republican for president at the coming election and if sentiment is the same in other counties of the state as it is here the republican nominee will carry Nebraska next November, and it will not be by a small majority either.

Looks Like Alf Landon

Radio reports at noon are to the effect that Senator Borah, Senator Vandenberg, Knox and Senator Dickinson had released their delegates and that their names would not be presented to the convention. It looks now as if Governor Alf Landon, of Kansas, would be the republican nominee for president and that the nomination would be made by acclamation. The nomination will probably be made tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Yarnell and children left last Friday for Holdrege, Nebr., where Mr. Yarnell will attend a meeting of the managers of the various Golden Rule stores in Nebraska, and Mrs. Yarnell and children will visit some of their old friends in and near Holdrege.

Next Sunday afternoon Redbird and the Atkinson base ball team will cross bats on the new Redbird diamond near Scott town hall. Both teams are playing good ball and this promises to be a good one.