

# THE FRONTIER

## VETERINARY OF THIS CITY DIES OF A HEART ATTACK

**Dr. Hiram H. Wilkerson Dies After A Few Hours Illness. Last Rites Held Here Today.**

Dr. Hiram H. Wilkerson died at his home in the northwestern part of the city last Tuesday night, a few minutes before midnight, after a very short illness of a heart attack, at the age of 60 years and one day. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. A. J. May officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Dr. Wilkerson was born on August 3, 1877, in Ringold county, Iowa, where the family lived for a few years and then moved to Nebraska. On November 4, 1907, he was united in marriage at Broken Bow, Nebr., to Miss Cora Bittner, who with six children, four daughters and two sons, are left to mourn his passing. The children are:

Sidney, Mrs. Fern Wicks, Raymond; Rita and Iola, O'Neill, and Mrs. Ella Graham of New Castle, Wyo. He also leaves three brothers and one sister, Jesse, of Chambers; L. T. of Ansley, Nebr.; Dennis of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Herman Moore of Albin, Nebr.

He had been very busy the past three weeks and put in long hours, vaccinating cattle for anthrax. The clamping of an embargo on cattle from the counties of Knox and Boyd counties scared the cattle men of this county and they were having their cattle vaccinated as speedily as possible. He was not feeling very good Tuesday but wanted to make a trip to the country to take care of some more cattle, but was urged by his physician to go home and go to bed. His condition was not considered as serious but he suffered a heart attack about 11:30 and passed away shortly afterwards.

Dr. Wilkerson had been a resident of this county since 1915 when he came here from Boone county and had followed his profession in this county since that time. He was well known to farmers and stockmen all over this county, who will learn with regret of his sudden passing.

## Last Thursday's Rain Sets A Record At 5.49 Inches In 24 Hours

Even the oldest inhabitant fails to recall a year, even in the dim and misty past, when we had such glorious rains as we have had in this county and over most of the state during the past week. As a result of these rains corn prospects, in this county as well as over the entire state, have grown very bright.

The heaviest rainfall in this county for years fell last Thursday. The rain started about 2 a. m. and when it finally quit raining about 8:15, 4.84 inches of rain had fallen. Then as a cap sheaf that evening we had .65 of an inch, making the rainfall for the day measure 5.49 inches. The thirsty soil absorbed it all. This was the heaviest fall in the county, but Thursday night and again Sunday night other portions of the county received heavy rains so that practically all of the county, except the extreme southern part, has received generous moisture during the past week.

On Sunday night this city received a rain fall amounting to .13 of an inch and on Monday night we received a quarter of an inch and the rain was much heavier in other parts of the county.

Following is the official weather chart for the past week:

	High	Low	Mois.
July 30	88	62	.65
July 31	93	70	
Aug. 1	95	72	T.
Aug. 2	89	71	.13
Aug. 3	88	69	.25
Aug. 4	94	64	

Total rainfall for the month of July 6.62 inches. Rainfall for August to date .38 of an inch. Total rainfall for the year, 17.69 inches.

## Return from Eastern Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan, Mrs. F. J. Dishner and James Kinsman of Columbus, returned last Sunday evening from a five weeks trip thru the eastern states, during which time they visited Clear Golden and family at Cheshire, N. H., a brother

of Mrs. Dishner and Mrs. Morgan, and they also visited in Boston with a cousin of Mr. Morgan's. They visited New York City and saw all the points of interest in that section. They covered 3,500 miles on their trip and had no tire trouble on the entire journey, and say they had an enjoyable visit. On their way home they visited at Hamburg, Iowa, and brought James Golden home with them. He had been visiting at Hamburg for the past month.

## Cattle Prices Remain Firm Under 1,700 Run At Atkinson Market

Atkinson, Nebr., Aug. 3.—Last weeks prices remained in force at Tuesday's auction on all the better kinds of cattle, while the real common kinds and canners showed a weaker tendency. The heaviest run of the season, nearly 1700 head were sold. Selling was not concluded until 11:30 at night. The market closed very firm.

Representative sales:  
 Choice heavy feeding steers at 10.00 to 11.00  
 Fair to good heavy steers at 8.00 to 9.00  
 Best quality 2 year old steers at 8.50 to 9.50  
 Fair to good 2 year old steers at 7.50 to 8.00  
 Best yearling steers 7.50 to 8.75  
 Choice fat heifers 8.00 to 9.00  
 Fair to good feeding heifers at 6.00 to 7.00  
 Stocker heifers at 5.50 to 7.00  
 Choice fat cows at 7.00 to 8.00  
 Good butcher cows at 5.75 to 6.50  
 Canners and cutters 3.50 to 4.50  
 Bulls, all weights 5.00 to 6.50  
 Plain and trashy cattle at 4.00 to 5.00  
 The hog run was light with only about 150 head being sold, best butchers brought 12.35 to 12.60. Best fat sows at 10.75 to 11.25; wet sows at 10.00 to 10.50; pigs all weights at 11.00 to 14.00 a hundred.  
 Next auction, Tuesday, Aug. 10.

## Building of New Homes In O'Neill Is Booming

O'Neill is undergoing quite a building boom at the present time. There are now five residences under construction in the city and the prospects look bright for two more within the month. Following are the residences that have been built within the past three weeks and those now under construction.

Ralph Beckwith a cottage 22x36 one story, just west of the Mrs. Neil Brennan park and residence.  
 Guy Beckwith a cottage 24x26, one story, just north of the Porter filling station.

Mrs. John Carr, a commodious cottage 28x36, one story, on First street, just south of her old home on the corner of First and Douglas streets.

Wesley Sanford is building a commodious cottage in the north-eastern part of the city.

Pat O'Connor is building a neat little cottage, 24x30, on his lots on Seventh and Franklin streets. Mr. O'Connor expects to build two more cottages on his lots there, both larger than the present building, as soon as this one is completed.

Andy Morgan moved a residence in from the country and has it on lots just east of the old fair grounds. He had the residence modernized and is at present building a garage there.

## Clubs Hold Picnic

The Happy Hour ladies club, the Elm Grove Poultry and Stocker-Feeder club, and the Rock Falls Stocker-Feeder club held a picnic Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Austin Hynes ranch. A large number of visitors were also present. F. M. Reece gave a talk to the club members, and the children presented a program of songs and music. The club members and guests declare Mr. and Mrs. Hynes perfect as host and hostess.

A couple of weeks ago Emmet A. Harmon purchased the building and lot now occupied by L. G. Gillespie from the estate of O. O. Snyder and expects to erect a brick and tile building thereon, 22x40 feet, two stories high. Emmet expects to use the lower floor for his offices and will have a commodious and roomy apartment on the upper floor. He has not definitely decided whether to build this year or wait until next year.

Joe Baldwin of Ainsworth, came down last Friday to attend the funeral of the late George A. Miles.

## Vacation Days Bring Former Residents Here To Visit The Old Home

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hodgkin and daughter, Miss Betty, of Rio Hondo, Texas, arrived in the city last Thursday night and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellor over the week-end. While here they visited many of their old time friends in this city. They left Monday morning for the west and will visit with Mr. Hodgkin's sister, Mrs. Ernest Beaver and family at Deaver, Wyo., and from there will go to their southern home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkins were former residents of this county, Mr. Hodgkins having served as county attorney of this county for four years. They left here in 1919 and moved to Sidney, Nebr., where Mr. Hodgkin was engaged in the active practice of law until 1930, when on account of ill health he had to move to a more even climate and he chose the southern end of Texas as the ideal spot for a location and he assures us that he has been fairly prosperous in his new location.

Living in the south has not made any difference in Walter's political beliefs, as he is still an ardent republican. He said that the township in which he lives has a normal vote of 380 and they are mostly democrats, but that in the last election Roosevelt carried the township by only 26 votes, so Walt says that it is not nearly so lonesome in that city, politically, as it was a few years ago and he hopes that eventually Texas will abandon the bourbonites and align themselves on the side of Americanism and the elephant.

Miss Evelyn Dullard left last Saturday morning for her home at Pittsburg, Pa., after a visit of a couple of weeks with relatives in this city and vicinity. Her grandmother, Mrs. John McCaffrey, who accompanied her here remained for a longer visit at the home of her brothers, Steven Donlin of this city, and John Donlin living in the northern part of the county. Mrs. McCaffrey was a former resident of this county, but left here some fifty odd years ago. During the years since she left this county she has kept track of the old timers and the happenings in this section by reading The Frontier every week and she says that she looks eagerly forward to the day of its arrival.

Thomas Morrow and daughter, Mrs. Paul N. Miller, of Scottsbluff, Nebr., were in the city last Thursday evening and visited with many old friends here while on their way home from a trip to the Minnesota lakes. Mr. Morrow was a former resident of this county, living north of Atkinson, but left here a good many years ago after he went thru law school and located in Scottsbluff where he has since resided.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dailey of Jerome, Idaho, arrived in the city Sunday afternoon for a short visit with his brother, William P. Dailey and family of Emmet, and with his sister, Mrs. P. J. Biglin of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Dailey left for their home Tuesday afternoon.

R. A. Emmerson of Cedar Rapids, Nebr., was in the city last Monday looking up old time acquaintances. Mr. Emmerson was a former resident of the Dorsey section of the county when he was a little boy, and while here he was looking up some of the old time residents of that section of the county.

## Holt County 4-H Clubs

**Honey Creek Poultry Club**  
 The Honey Creek 4-H Poultry club met at the home of James Curran July 28. All but two members were present. The meeting was attended by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Reece and daughter, and the members hope they will attend another day. The next meeting will be held at the Henry Vequist home Wednesday, August 18.

**Honey Creek Sheep Club**  
 The Honey Creek 4-H Sheep club held a meeting Wednesday, July 28, at the James Curran home. It was attended by County Agent F. M. Reece and Mrs. Reece and daughter. The club president and secretary were absent, so Bill Reece took charge and a secretary was

appointed. Trips to Seward and Sioux City were discussed. At the next meeting the members will give their weight in answer to roll call. The club enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Reece present and hope they will attend the meetings often. After the meeting Margaret and Bill Rees sang some songs they learned at the Long Pine Camp. The mothers served a very delicious lunch.

**Inman Calf Club**  
 The Inman Calf club met at the home of Walter Rouse last Thursday evening, July 29. All members and three new members were present. Mickey Gallagher, Donald Keyes and Marvin Rouse are the new members. Irmin Keyes, Cecil Keyes and Jack Gallagher were guests. Refreshments of cool-ade and cake were served.

**Willow Lake 4-H Club**  
 The Willow Lake 4-H club met at the Herbert Rouse home last Thursday, the girls room club and the boys calf club meeting together. After the meeting delicious refreshments were served.



## Members Talk Adjournment

The big talk here now is about adjournment. Petitions are being circulated for party caucuses. The Farm Bureau Federation is here with many representatives asking for no adjournment until a farm bill is passed. Others are circulating petitions asking for no adjournment until the wages and hours bill and the President's administrative re-organization bills are passed. Another group is busy asking for quick adjournment and asking for the laying aside of major and highly controversial legislation until next January when members can work in the cooler weather and can give serious consideration to serious legislation. There are all kinds of guesses about adjournment. John O'Connor, Chairman of the House rules committee, guesses adjournment can be looked for about August 17.

## Session Appropriates Ten Billion

There will be one more appropriation bill coming out before adjournment of this Congress. That will be the third deficiency bill upon which the committee is now working. Committee members say they are about ready to report this bill which will carry about a hundred million more dollars. This Congress has spent about ten billion dollars or more, thus far. It costs the taxpayers a lot of money to keep the United States Congress in session. A lot of letters come in to various congressional offices reading like this: "Why don't you go home and save the taxpayers a little money and give industry a chance to go to work?"

## 163 Million Subsidy For Shipping Industry

A new "must" bill is coming to members of the House soon from the executive branch of our government. This will be the ship subsidy bill. When the program attached to this bill is completed it may mean an outright grant from the people's treasury of around one hundred and sixty million dollars for the ship trust in the guise of a subsidy.

The argument in favor of this subsidy is that the United States merchant marine has gone on the rocks. It is argued that practically all of the merchant vessels into which hundreds of millions of dollars of people's money was poured in years past are obsolete and that a new merchant marine will be necessary to carry American goods to foreign countries and to bring foreign goods to our shores. It is also argued that these merchant vessels in time of war can be converted into fighting ships for Uncle Sam.

The ship trust has plenty of help in this campaign to get this subsidy and while members feel that some sort of subsidy may be all right to keep up the merchant marine of our country, they fear that much of this subsidy may resemble a raid on our treasury and there will be quite a fight waged against the bill when it does come up for action. Every member living (Continued on page 5, column 4.)

## States Auto Death Toll Down Slightly During the Last Week of July

The State Department of Public Instruction and the Nebraska Press association report that during the week ending July 24, 1937, there were 105 motor vehicle accidents which resulted in 104 injuries, six disabilities and five deaths. Since there were 154 people injured during the week ending July 17, 1937, this is a slight improvement.

Two of the deaths resulted from a motorcycle-automobile collision, two others from a car overturning when it is thought that the driver went to sleep, and one when a car struck loose dirt and overturned.

The disabilities were caused by three car collisions, a car crashing against a parked truck, a driver losing control of his car, and a child being run over by an automobile. Four of the injuries were caused by cars skidding, four by tire blowouts, fifteen by drivers losing control of cars, four by speeding, forty-five by collisions with other cars, two by cars striking pedestrians, two by cars striking bicycles, one by driver falling asleep one by driver passing signals and highway markers, one by car striking a parked car, and nineteen by miscellaneous causes. There were two hit-and-run drivers.

The other public accidents totaled 107 in which sixty-three people were injured, two disabled and three killed. This is an increase over the number of accidents that occurred the previous week. One child was killed when his neck became caught in the rope of his swing, one child was drowned, and one man was accidentally shot. The disabilities were caused by a boy being thrown to the pavement by a horse and a lady being struck by a falling branch. Two children were rescued from drowning, five children were bitten by dogs, one man was accidentally shot, one child was accidentally shot with a bee-bee gun, and one child was injured when he put a number of caps for a toy pistol in his mouth. The other injuries were caused by falls, cuts, infection from nails, etc. One child was almost suffocated when he buried himself in the grain in an elevator.

In the one hundred six accidents which occurred on farms, seventy-seven people were injured. Five people were injured by fires and burns, twenty-six by machinery, twenty by horses or cattle, two were bitten by dogs, two men were overcome by the heat while working in the fields, one girl was bitten on the foot by a centipede, several people were cut, a rooster attacked one girl while she was feeding the chickens, one boy was bitten by a rattlesnake, and a sixteen months old baby narrowly escaped drowning in a stock tank. Two disabilities were caused by a man being kicked in the head by a horse and a boy having his hand caught in a tractor chain. Four deaths were the result of a child being run over and killed by a tractor, a child being scalded, a man being injured by a fall July 7, and a man being drowned when he was swept into a ravine on his farm during a severe rainstorm.

There were twenty-eight industrial accidents which resulted in seventeen injuries, four disabilities and three deaths. These four disabilities were caused by a man being injured in a machine at a rendering plant, two men coming in contact with live wires, and a transient being injured when he tried to board a freight train. The deaths were the result of a motor car being derailed, a man being caught in a conveyor belt at a packing company, and a man falling from a telegraph pole on July 10.

The other injuries were caused by machinery, water rushing into a boiler unexpectedly when an engineer was working on it, a cut from ice tongs, a pole falling on a worker, a man being injured when he fell from his motor car to a spot between the rails, and a car running into the side of a freight train.

There were thirty-one home accidents in which twenty-three people were injured. One small baby drank some fly tox, two small children drank kerosene, two people were caught in washing machine wringers, two were injured when lightning struck their home, and one woman was nearly drown-

ed in water from a broken sewer. In addition to these injuries, others were injured by falls and fires or burns.

## Last Rites Held For George Miles

The funeral services of the late George A. Miles were held from the Presbyterian church last Friday morning and was largely attended. The services at the grave were conducted by the Odd Fellows lodge, of which the deceased had been a member for many years.

Several from out of town were in the city for the funeral services. Among Holt county editors at the funeral were: Ralph Kelly, Atkinson Graphic; Norris Coats, Stuart Advocate; D. T. Murfin, Page Reporter; D. H. Cronin, Frontier. Editors from out of the county who were present at the funeral were C. C. Jones of the Ainsworth Democrat; Editor Taylor of the Ainsworth Star-Journal, and Editor W. E. Buckendorf of the Bassett Leader.

## One Hundred Twenty Six Boys and Girls Here For 4-H Club Meeting

One hundred and twenty-six boys and girls and their leaders assembled in O'Neill Aug. 3, for instruction in preparing and presenting team demonstrations. Specialists assisting from the agricultural college at Lincoln were Walter Tolman and Miss Jessie Greene.

Nine teams gave their demonstrations as they had them worked up, while suggestions for improvement were made by the specialists and by other leaders present.

The leaders from Lincoln stated that this was the largest meeting of its kind held so far this year.

## Bert Jones, A Former Resident, Dies at Tilden

Bert Jones, 55, born and raised in this county, but who has been a resident of Antelope county for the past twenty-five years, died in a hospital at Tilden last Sunday afternoon. His brother, Hurley, of this city, was with him at the time of his death.

Mr. Jones submitted to an operation last Wednesday and he never recovered from the operation, passing away Sunday afternoon. Mr. Jones leaves a wife and ten children to mourn his passing, besides a brother, Hurley, of this city, Ben, of Elako, Mont., and Charles of Schuyler, and a sister, Mrs. D. P. Loy of this city. Ben came down from Elako, Mont., Tuesday morning to attend the funeral and Charles and Hurley are at Neligh for the funeral services, which were held there Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Loy and family went to Neligh Wednesday morning for the funeral services. Bert had many friends among the old timers in this county who will regret to learn of his death.

## BUSY HOUR CLUB

The Busy Hour club met at the home of Mrs. Ed Wayman last Thursday. All members were present except Mrs. Henry Wayman, Mrs. John Miller and Miss Annie Wayman. The afternoon was spent playing games and embroidering dish towels for the hostess, after which a delicious luncheon of sandwiches, cookies and lemonade was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Maggie Grey.

Enos Barnes of Cody, Nebr., left for home Tuesday after a weeks visit with his sisters-in-law, Mrs. C. W. Morgan and Mrs. Clate Messner. Mr. Barnes was formerly a resident of this county, living in the Mineola neighborhood and visited that section of the county in company with H. W. Tomlinson while here. He left this county forty-nine years ago and since that time has been operating a ranch near Cody, Nebr. He remarked to Mr. Tomlinson that the Mineola country did not look much like it did when he was a resident of that country fifty years ago.

C. H. Clancy, one of Omaha's hustling insurance men, was in O'Neill this morning on his way home from a trip to Ainsworth, and made a short visit at this office, discussing things political and otherwise with the editor, who is an old time friend of Mr. Clancy.

## HOLT COUNTY STOCK RAISERS VACCINATE AGAINST ANTHRAX

**Quarantine In Adjacent Counties Starts Rumors of Losses Here Which Can't Be Verified.**

Anthrax has broken out in north central Nebraska to such an extent that Boyd, Knox and Cedar counties are now quarantined. This means that no cattle, hogs, sheep or horses may be removed from these counties. While some cases have been reported in Holt county, the county is not quarantined at present but the infested areas are under close supervision.

Reports have been current on the streets the past week that farmers in various parts of the county are losing cattle from Anthrax. We have investigated the matter and found that people who have been reported as losing cattle by anthrax have lost none from that disease. Quite a few head of cattle and some horses in various parts of the county were killed last week by the severe electrical storms that visited the county on two different days, but none have died from anthrax that we have been able to discover.

Dr. Bennett was out in the country this morning and he said that he was convinced that there was hardly any anthrax in the county. Farmers and stockmen in various parts of the county are having them vaccinated as a precautionary measure, but because they are having them vaccinated is not an indication that there is anthrax in the herds.

Veterinarians however suggest that all cattle who died from any cause be promptly disposed of, so that the disease, if any there is in this county, will be checked. Anthrax is severe in Boyd and Knox counties and stockmen in this county should take every precaution to prevent the disease from getting a foothold in the county.

The main symptoms of acute anthrax are sudden death, animals seldom living over twenty-four hours, usually preceded by high temperature and an appearance of being gaunt.

Anyone losing animals suddenly should get in touch with a veterinarian immediately. If your local veterinarian is not available, information as to the location of federal and state men is now available at the agricultural agent's office.

A temporary laboratory is now set up at Niobrara where tests can be made and results obtained in a very short time. Extreme precaution in handling dead animals must be taken, so it is suggested that before any animal suspected of the disease is touched that complete instructions be obtained from a veterinary or county agent Reece.

## Small Boy Rescued By "Montana Jack"

"Montana Jack" Sullivan, famous old-time fighter and Butte electrician received the applause of thousands attending a district sportsmen's picnic at Echo lake yesterday as he saved a three-year-old boy from drowning.

One of the greatest crowds that ever attended an event of the kind in Montana saw the speed boats race in near shore and a tot fall out. Frank Dunbar, manger of the local Firestone agency, saw the slip. It was his baby son, Jacky. Dunbar leaped into the water with Sullivan, both fully clothed. Both dived a second time as the youngster went down a second time. The powerful Sullivan was the first to reach the lad, swooped him under one arm and with a few expert strokes had him safely ashore.—Montana Standard, Butte, July 26, 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rusicka left last Sunday for Yellowstone Park and a trip thru the Black Hills section. Mr. Rusicka is enjoying his annual vacation and he expects to get some real fishing in the Hills as well as see some beautiful scenery. They expect to be absent ten days or two weeks. Chet Ourland is the acting manager of the Gamble store during the absence of Mr. Rusicka.

Frank Hunter was in from the Star county last Friday and says things are in fine shape in his section since the recent rains.