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TEMPERATURE OF 103 LAST THURSDAY SETS A NEW MAY RECORD

Precipitation Thus Far This Year Has
Been Only Half Of Normal,
Totaling 3.85 Inches.

The precipitation so far this year, according to the record kept by Weatherman Harry Bowen, amounts to 3.85 inches, up to an including May 20. The precipitation by months was as follows: January, .45; February, .34; March, 2.11; May 3, .08; May 4, 1.19; May 20, .07. Total so far this year, 3.85 inches. The rainfall for the first four months of this year totaled only 2.51 inches, which was a little over half of what we have had for the past three years. The rainfall for the first four months of 1932 was 4.42 inches; 1933, 4.17 inches, while in 1934 we have only had 2.51 inches.

In addition to the extreme dryness of the past four months we had an unusual amount of heat for this season of the year. During the month of April the thermometer soared to 92, an unheard of figure for that month of the year in this section, and the month of May has broken all records for this section. On May 16 the thermometer soared to 92; on the next day, May 17, it climbed to 103, breaking all time records for the month of May in this state; on May 18, it was content to reach only 100, and the same figure on May 19; while on May 20 it climbed again to 101 and stopped at 99 on May 21.

According to the records kept by Mr. Bowen, which are available since 1917, the thermometer has reached 90 or above only nine times during the month of May, in the past 17 years, and four of them have been in the last four years. Prior to this year the hottest day in May during the time above mentioned, was on May 17, 1917, when the thermometer reached 98. The next hottest May day was in 1926 when it reached 96. During May, 1931, it reached 95; in 1932, it reached 94; in 1933, 92; and on May 17, 1934, 103.

John Erwin, Formerly Of O'Neill, Is Brought To This City For Burial

The body of John Erwin was brought to this city Wednesday afternoon. A delegation of the friends of the deceased, in about twenty-five cars, met the funeral procession about ten miles south of the city and accompanied the funeral cortege to town. The body was taken to the Biglin funeral home where many of the old friends of the deceased were permitted to view the body of their old friend, and then to Calvary cemetery. A very large number of people of this city accompanied the remains to the cemetery.

John Erwin was well and favorably known in this city, where he lived for a number of years, prior to going to work for the Telephone company. He was a quiet and unassuming man, possessing unusual ability in his chosen field of endeavor and his advancement was rapid and at the time of his death held one of the most important positions in the state, at the gift of the company, as district office manager at Grand Island.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in this city and county in extending to the bereaved relatives its heartiest sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Grand Island Independent: John A. Erwin, 53, district office manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, died at a hospital in this city, at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Erwin was born August 13, 1880, in New York City, moving with his parents at an early age to O'Neill, Nebraska, where they lived for two years, then moving east to Scranton, Pa. Later he returned to Nebraska, associating with the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, at Norfolk, Nebr. He was promoted and transferred to St. Paul, Nebr., and four years ago was advanced to the position of district office manager at Grand Island, which position he held at the time of his death. He was a member of St. Mary's council Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Erwin was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Armstrong, June 1, 1920, at O'Neill, Nebr., and to this union was born a son, William, 9, who with the bereaved widow survive to mourn his loss. A brother, Edward, of Pittsburg, Pa., who was at his bedside at the time of his death, also survives. His parents, two sis-

ters and a brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, in St. Mary's cathedral, with Father Heimes officiating. The body will be taken overland to O'Neill, Nebr., for burial there in the family plot.

Friends desiring to view the body may do so, prior to the funeral, at the residence, 112 South Elm street.

County Eighth Grade Graduation Exercises Are Held Here Monday

The Annual Holt county Eighth grade commencement exercises were held in O'Neill on Monday May 21st. The day was lovely and a record crowd was present. All but 15 of the graduates were present to receive their diplomas.

An exceptionally fine program was presented entirely by Eighth grade graduates, and Mrs. J. Floyd McLain gave a very interesting and inspiring address, then after a brief message of congratulation, Mrs. Luella A. Parker, County Superintendent, presented the diplomas.

The students with the highest averages who were present as Honor students were:

Rural School—First—Dist. No. 8—Muriel Graham, second—Dist. No. 11—Donald Moore.

City School—First—St. Boniface School—Madonna Batenhorst, Second—St. Boniface School—Phyllis Brown.

These four students had averages of 97 per cent with only a fraction of a per cent difference between their grades.

Other Honor students are as follows:

Average, 96 per cent: Agnes Kaup, St. Boniface.

Average, 95 per cent: George and Mary Ann Winkler, Dist. No. 159; Francis Babl and Dorothy Kaup, St. Boniface School.

Average, 94 per cent: Charles Oberberding, Dist. 11; Blake Skrdla, Dist. 21, Evelyn Naber, Dist. 53; Janice Anderson, Dist. 137; Raphael Kaup, St. Boniface, and Ivan Kliment, Dist. 102.

Average, 93 per cent: Esther Dick, Dist. 8; Helen Shearer, Dist. 11; Lois Lindberg, Dist. 16; Bernard Kramer, St. Boniface; Marjorie Pikkapp, Dist. 56; Regina Ramold, Dist. 70; Monica Held, Dist. 65; Norbert Clark, Dist. 111; Dorothy Dorr, Dist. 55, and Armella Pongratz, Dist. 157.

Average, 92 per cent: Mildred Derickson, Dist. 4; Bonita Reimer, Dist. 30; King Spittler, Dist. 29; Marie Young, Dist. 81; Edward Kunz and Robert Hamik, St. Boniface School; Barbara Carpenter, Dist. 107; Gerald Sobotka Dist. 111; Thelma Young, Dist. 103; Evelyn Ernst, Dist. 157; Teresa O'Malley, Dist. 163; Henrietta Shreier, Dist. 165; Naomi Joslyn, Dist. 178; Marie Young, Dist. 81; Maxine Crawford, Dist. 24, and LeRoy Grandorf, Dist. 15.

Average, 91 per cent: Opal Mellor, Dist. 3; Margaret Kane, Dist. 8; Eugent Donohoe, Dist. 9; Lawrence Rouse, Dist. 27; Phyllis George, Dist. 29; Eunice Chudomelka, Dist. 30; Magdalen Twiss, Dist. 46; William Galligan, Dist. 81; Grace Bellar, Dist. 90; Walter Rouse, Dist. 111; Garnet Juracek, Dist. 119; Mary Bruder, Dist. 160; Jack Crowley, Dist. 168; Thomas Doolittle, Dist. 228, and Josephine Sturbaum, Dist. 117.

Average, 90 per cent: Agnes Vogel, Dist. 20; Ursula Bohn, Dist. 29; Ruth Bellar, Dist. 67; Robert Chaney, James Jardee and Lawrence Kaup, St. Boniface; Lillian Thiele, Dist. 46; Charles Felver, Dist. 80; Anthony Rohde, Dist. 84; June Finley, Dist. 88; Henry Fleek, Dist. 107; Kathryn Russell, Dist. 107; Marjorie Rouse, Dist. 111; Mary Fiala, Dist. 113; Elmer Steskal, Dist. 145; Viola Ziska, Dist. 168; Rose Marie Stewart, Dist. 181; Evelyn Moore, Dist. 215; Margaret Arnhold, Dist. 228; Eleanor Bredehoeft, Dist. 15, and Irene Larble, Dist. 207.

A complete list of the Eighth grade graduates for Holt county will be found in another column of this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hubbard will leave the latter part of the week for Lincoln where they will make their future home. Their property here, except their home, was sold at public auction last Monday. They have many friends in O'Neill and Holt county who regret to see them leave, but wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home. The Frontier will visit them each week in Lincoln and keep them posted on the happenings of their old home.

Phil Dempsey made a trip to Spencer last Friday.

Receives Letter From Nephew In Germany

Fred Gatz received a few days ago a postcard mailed at Hamburg, Germany, requiring 15 days for it to reach O'Neill. The writing on the card was by Fred's nephew, Richard Gatz, a postal employee in the civil service of his country. The young man was on his annual vacation, going thru Norway and other small nearby countries.

One of the most interesting points about the card is the photographic work on the reverse side. The scene is of ocean going ships, a great number of them of all sizes, and the work of sky, clouds, water and craft is so realistic one notes at once the work is superb. Fred left the old country when a young man and he never has seen the nephew.

Aged Man Is Found Dead At Atkinson

An aged man, believed to have been 75 or 80 years old, his name pronounced Hoosick or Hoozik, who had been on U. S. relief rolls, died at Atkinson one day last week and his body was not discovered until Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. His body was found by Theodore Kubart, of Atkinson. County officials were notified and J. D. Cronin, coroner, and C. C. Bergstrom, deputy sheriff, responded and decided no inquest was necessary. The remains were much decomposed and it was planned to make interment early Sunday morning.

A daughter of the man lives at Norfolk. His wife has been dead for many years. The officers decided he died of natural causes, likely those commonly afflicting the aged.

O'Donnell-Pettinger

A very pretty wedding took place last Tuesday morning in the Catholic church at Emmet when the Rev. M. F. Byrne united in marriage Miss Mary O'Donnell and Mr. Ray Pettinger.

Miss Evelyn Pruss played Lochgrin's Bridal March and during the ceremony Miss Nelle Gaughenbaugh, cousin of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly." Appropriate hymns were sung during the mass by a choir consisting of relatives and special friends of the bride.

The bride was lovely in a dress of white silk crepe. She wore a veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations and baby breath. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Donnell, of Emmet.

The bridesmaid, Miss Anna Rose O'Donnell, sister of the bride, wore a blue crepe dress with white accessories.

The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pettinger, of Atkinson. He was attended by his brother, Ralph Pettinger, of Atkinson. Both men wore dark suits.

Following the ceremony a breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents to 25 guests, consisting of relatives and friends of the bridal party. Rev. M. F. Byrne was a guest of honor.

A dance was given for their friends at the Crystal Ball Room in Atkinson on Wednesday night.

The young couple will make their home for the present with the groom's parents. This young couple have always lived in the Emmet community and have a host of friends who wish them every happiness in their journey thru life.

Country Club Notes

A dancing party will be held at the club house on the evening of Monday, May 28, 1934. The music will be furnished by the "Harmony Kings," an orchestra that bears the endorsement of music critics who have heard them play. R. L. Jordan made it possible to obtain this music and that alone is recommendation enough. In the past he has secured wonderful music for Country Club affairs. The dancing will commence at 9:30 P. M. and extend until 12:30.

R. M. Sauer, in charge of kitten ball for the season, has called his players together for spring practice. In addition to his players of last season Manager Sauer has some talent among the new members—Bunky Tomlinson, Pete Todson, Steve Gilbert and Lou Zastrow are expected to add strength to the team. Games will be scheduled with neighboring towns and teams in the country, also the Country Club team will not enter a league—the games being played for fun purposes only.

Alberta Van Every visited a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sholes, near Inman.

PLAN AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GRASSHOPPERS

Work Done During Coming Week Will
Prove More Effective Than Wait-
ing Until Damage Is Done.

An intensive grasshopper campaign is planned for Holt county since large numbers of hoppers are reported to be hatching in many communities. Recent observations of state entomologists inform us that for this county the poison bran should be spread largely during the week of May 28 to June 1. A small amount of poison properly spread while the hoppers are small is much more effective than larger amounts spread after damage shows up.

Mr. McRynolds has assured us that relief help can be furnished to poison right-of-ways and abandoned farms if the communities will cooperate in poisoning their own fields and providing some means of transportation for the workers while in the precinct. Precinct committees will be given definite instructions. When he calls on individual farmers for assistance of this kind, they can materially help toward control by planning their work to give this assistance. The poison will be spread between 5 and 9 o'clock in the morning on a bright warm day.

Only with full cooperation on the part of each individual can the campaign be a success. A specialist from Lincoln will be here to oversee the work.

Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

The Golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. John Sobotka, of south of Inman, was celebrated at their farm home Sunday, May 6. The Sobotkas were married in Europe, came at once to Omaha, then to Holt county where a homestead was filed on, and in Boyd county, near Spencer, another homestead engaged their attention several years until they moved to near O'Neill.

Finally another move was made, this time back to the place south of Inman where they still reside. The Sobotkas have one of the largest families in Holt county, 14 children, 10 boys and 4 girls. All are living.

The children are Joseph, John, Frank, Charles, Louis, Anthony, James Henry and Anna, of Inman, Jake, of Lost Springs, Wyo., Mrs. Frank Pribil, of O'Neill Mrs. William Reznick, of Deadwood, South Dakota. Mrs. Clifford Meyer, of Beatrice. This couple has 31 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

All but three of the children were home for the celebration. The couple received many gifts.

Old Revolver Subject Of Much Discussion

The old 15-inch long revolver, possessed by Hank Tomlinson, and unearthed out on Black Bird creek by Eric Borg about two years ago, has created a stir among local devotees of the old fashioned shooting irons. All of them say the weapon is a real relic.

One of the most interesting stories about it is that it may have been owned by Frank or Jesse James, and may have been buried or lost while they, one or both, were in flight after robbing a bank at Northfield, Minn., a job that cost several lives and long prison sentences to several of the Younger brothers. Chadwell was one of those killed.

The trigger and its guard are missing from the gun and one gun student believes these may have been removed by some gun handler for the purpose of more rapid shooting. That was common in early times. The hammer was worked by thumb, and no trigger was needed. Often the trigger guard caught in a holster and caused the owner to swallow a few early day post-holes, a poor occurrence when a man had so many enemies to live for.

One man pronounced the weapon either a Starr or a Remington and all admit it is not a Colt. It is a cap and ball type revolver, six shot, eight inch barrel, and entire length is 15 inches. It is badly rusted.

W. J. Hammond, William Hammond, Jr., and Ira Moss returned last Monday night from their trip to California. They went out there to attend the wedding of Bill's brother, Harold, but did not arrive in time for the wedding as the ceremony was performed on Monday and the boys did not reach Los Angeles until Wednesday. They say that crops are in a deplorable condition all the way to California, on account of the lack of moisture.

Program Of Activities Of St. Mary's Seniors

The Annual banquet of the St. Mary's Academy Alumnae association will be held Sunday, May 27th. Cards will be played in the assembly room at 2:30 and banquet at 5:30.

Class day exercises will take place at 2:30 on Friday afternoon, June 1st. At 9:30 the following morning, June 2nd, the commencement exercises will take place at St. Patrick's church.

Treppish Turned Over To Wisconsin Officer On Forgery Charge

When Earl Treppish, 35, was released last Saturday from the Nebraska penitentiary after serving one year on his conviction for allegedly murdering Clarence Coy, 30, his trapper partner in northwest Holt county on or about April 1, 1932, he was turned over to Detective Charles Nowakowski, of Milwaukee, who wanted Treppish on a charge of forgery.

Treppish said the forgery charge against him is false. He was convicted here and started serving a life sentence on the murder charge and the Nebraska supreme court reversed the case and ordered a new trial. That put the matter up to J. D. Cronin once more, and Cronin and Duffy, Holt county sheriff, made every effort at finding important new evidence without success. Some new evidence was found but not enough to justify a new trial and another trial on the same evidence would be certain to terminate in favor of the defendant when passed on by the Nebraska supreme court.

Spencer Man Is Drowned While Fishing At Dam

Last Thursday night about 11 o'clock Leo R. Fuhrer, 31, farmer living several miles northwest of the Riverside light and power dam on the Niobrara river, about 30 miles north of O'Neill, drowned in about 18 feet of water at the dam when he slipped and fell in while fishing. The man wore wading boots which greatly retarded his efforts at getting out of the water. Others present made every effort at a rescue but their efforts were fruitless until about ten minutes passed. Philip Dempsey was credited with bringing the body to land.

Prolonged work over the body resulted in no sign of life and a Spencer doctor pronounced the man dead. It is presumed the victim had a weak heart or perhaps some other ailment which caused his death so quickly. In some cases, drowning persons have been brought to life after being under 30 minutes.

Fuhrer leaves a widow and two children, a girl of eight years and a boy of six months.

Marriage Licenses

Last Thursday afternoon Raymond Thompson, of Atkinson, and Miss Lucille Transue, of Neligh, were granted a marriage license in county court.

Charles A. Mitchell and Mrs. Annie McNurlin, both of Brunswick, were united in marriage by County Judge Malone at the county court room last Thursday afternoon.

Richard Pettinger, of Atkinson, and Miss Mary O'Donnell, of Emmet, were granted a marriage license in county court last Saturday.

Plen Nichol and Miss Eva Ulry, both of Page, were granted a marriage license in county court last Tuesday morning.

S. J. Weekes returned last night from Omaha, where he had been the past three days sitting as a member of the loan committee of the Agricultural Credit Corporation. Mr. Weekes says that the officers of the corporation find it necessary to move a large number of cattle, upon which the government has loaned money, out of South Dakota, on account of the lack of feed, caused by dry weather, and that there has been a representative in this county for the past few days contracting for pasture for 10,000 head, which they expect to move to this county, as soon as the necessary pasturage can be secured.

Last Sunday while fishing at Riverside dam north of here on the Niobrara river, Chauncey Porter hooked a catfish that weighed nine and a half pounds. Fishing with Porter were Roy W. Carroll, public school superintendent here, and D. H. L. Bennett.

Judge Dickson and Miss Marion drove down to Wayne this morning to bring home Miss Nancy, this being the last day of school at the normal.

RULINGS MODIFIED ON ADJUSTMENT ACT FOR DROUGHT AREA

Corn May Be Planted As A Forage
Crop, But It Shall Not Be
Harvested As Grain.

Modification of the corn-hog rulings will permit Nebraska farmers in the areas designated as drought areas to plant corn for forage on any of the land on their farms excepting the wheat and corn-hog contracted acres, according to a ruling received Monday noon by W. H. Brokaw, state wheat, corn-hog administrator. Just which counties will be designated as drought counties and what date will be set as the release date had not been determined, the information indicated.

Copy of the official statement from Washington follows:

"Fodder Corn and Forage Crops in Drought Areas.—Contracts for acreage reduction and production control of corn or tobacco, covering farms situated in areas hereafter officially designated as drought areas by the Secretary of Agriculture, are hereby modified to permit the planting, in excess of the acreage permitted under each of such contracts, of fodder corn for roughage purposes only (not to be harvested as grain) and of forage crops (including barley and oats) for pasture or hay only. Provided, however, such plantings shall not be made on acres contracted or rented to the Secretary under any commodity contract, nor shall such excess plantings be made before the date established or to be established for each of such drought areas by proclamation of the Secretary. Crops in excess of those heretofore permitted by such contracts planted pursuant to this modification shall not be harvested for grain. At the time compliance is checked each producer will be required to designate the excess acreages of crops to be harvested as fodder or forage under this ruling. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration may designate the date before which fodder corn or excess acreages is to be harvested."

This concession of the agricultural administration means that farmers with abandoned wheat land or those with fields in which the barley and oats have not been making a crop, can put all of this land into corn for forage to be fed on the farm, Brokaw believes.

The ruling also permits the use of forage (including barley and oats) for pasture or hay only. These crops, plus those already permitted such as sudan grass and the grain and forage sorghums, will give Nebraska farmers considerable leeway in handling the drought situation in the state if rain comes within the next few days.

Brokaw said Monday afternoon that he expected to receive more information from Washington within the next few hours so that he could give corn-hog committees and agricultural agents instructions to pass on to their farmers. Information already received indicates that the Secretary of Agriculture will name the counties and states which are to be considered as drought areas, and that he will also get the date on which the land can be released and the corn can be planted on abandoned wheat and abandoned small grain acres.

Since the wheat allotment contract did not prohibit a man from planting any crop on abandoned wheat land, the new concession of the corn-hog section will help practically every farmer in the state to handle his farming operations to get the maximum feed for his livestock, and at the same time, take advantage of the wheat and corn-hog contracts. In very few cases Brokaw predicted Monday afternoon, will farmers drop out of the corn-hog contract in order to get their abandoned wheat land into corn for grain. Benefit payments coming on the hogs and the corn acres amount to crop insurance and in most cases are large enough to make up for the difference between the possible returns from corn harvested as grain and the actual returns from the corn harvested as fodder.

Lloyd Gillespie came rushing into this office last Friday morning and presented the editor with a cigar in honor of his first grandchild, a daughter having been born to his daughter, Marjorie, Mrs. E. R. Wood, of Pomona, Calif., on May 17. The little girl has been named Marlyn Joan. Mother and daughter are doing nicely and Grandpa has finally got back to earth.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Johnson, of Plainview, visited Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards.