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## CONTRACT SIGNERS MAY PLANT WHEAT TO RAISE AS FEED

Modification Expected To Take Care Of Farmers Needing Feed Early Next Spring.

Corn-hog contract signers who do not have wheat contracts on their farm and who live in officially designated drouth counties may plant up to 15 acres of winter wheat on their contract farms and harvest the wheat for feed in 1935. A new ruling regarding the previous statements regarding wheat acreage was received today by W. H. Brokay, state corn-hog administrator at the agricultural college, Lincoln.

The modifications will apply to all counties in Nebraska except Dixon, Dakota, Thurston and Burt which have not yet been designated as drouth counties. The corn-hog contract signer who takes advantage of this modification can increase any small base that he may have on his farm up to 15 acres provided he used all of the wheat for livestock feed.

The modification, Brokay believes, will take care of hundreds of eastern Nebraska farmers who need livestock feed early next year and who will probably not be able to get seed oats and barley to plant next spring. Neither is seed rye available in any quantity for planting at this time.

Under the corn-hog contract the farmer agreed not to increase his wheat seeding in 1935 above what he seeded during the years 1932 or 1933, whichever was higher in those two years.

Both wheat and corn-hog contract signers are permitted to plant all of the wheat they want for pasture and to hold the soil from blowing and washing this winter and next spring. Moisture conditions over much of the state are favorable for sprouting of wheat but the subsoil has not yet been soaked sufficiently to insure that the wheat will live thru the winter, according to the reports which have been coming in to the college of agriculture. Some localities in the state have been favored by heavier rains and have enough moisture in the soil to insure a good growth of wheat this fall. Other sections have only enough moisture in the top soil to start the wheat and will be dependent upon rainfall between now and freezing weather to take the wheat thru the winter.

## Frontier Enlarged And New Features Added

Today's issue of The Frontier is the second in its new form, one column having been added to the page and many new features make their second appearance in today's Frontier. Among them are:

"This Week" by Arthur Brisbane, probably the most famous columnist in the world.



ARTHUR BRISBANE

"Seen and Heard in the National Capital" by Carter Field, will keep Frontier readers informed as to news and gossip in the nation's capital.

Travel articles prepared by the National Geographic Society will give our readers interesting accounts of the "far places," which everyone would like to see.

Bedtime stories for the kiddies, recipes for the housekeepers, as well as a pattern or two, "Question Box" by Ed Wynn, and a cartoon of the week by Kettner will appear regularly.

S. S. Van Dine's most baffling murder story will also appear

weekly, and I believe our readers will feel we have made a wise selection in choosing one of Van Dine's thrillers.

Be sure and look these features over in today's issue—then form the habit of following them every week.

## Should List Cattle For Government Purchase

Cattlemen of Holt county should list what cattle they wish to sell to the government with their local committeemen in order that adequate quotas may be established.

It will be necessary to list cattle even though they are not to be sold for a few weeks with the preferred date of delivery specified.

Holt county cattlemen have sold over 7,000 head to the government and have several thousand listed.

The government is anxious to close the cattle buying as soon as possible, so the cooperation of those desiring to sell will be appreciated.

## Press Comment On O'Neill's Free Day

**O'NEILL FREE DAY**  
Clearwater Record: H. W. Mitchell and wife drove up to Opportunity Monday afternoon and visited the L. C. McKim family and Tuesday took in the big Free Day celebration at O'Neill.

The good people of the Holt county metropolis sure had on their gala day clothes and put over a real entertainment which started in the forenoon with a parade of the town school children and teachers. Each grade being represented. The marchers were led by the Ewing High school band. The main event was the dedication of school exhibit hall which had just been completed on the court house lawn. It was a real building, an honor to the school and the city. It was filled to capacity with school exhibits. State Superintendent Taylor of Lincoln made a very interesting dedicatory talk that seemed to be appreciated.

There were also numerous foot races, basket ball and base ball games. The Antelope county Legion team playing the Red Bird champions of the Holt county league. It was a close game with the kids leading most of the way, but the final score was 9 to 11 in favor of Red Bird.

We didn't stay for the evening pavement dance or to hear the different political speakers that were on the program but we met Karl Stefan, republican candidate for congress; Ray Cochran, democratic candidate for governor and a number of lesser lights.

Taking it all in all we think "Little Ireland" put over a very good entertainment and we will say this for them, they are all boosters all the time and everything goes with a band that appears to be for the best interest of their city and county and that's what puts a town on the map is unanimous co-operation.

## O'NEILL HAS LARGEST CROWD IN ITS HISTORY

Atkinson Graphic: Tuesday was free day in O'Neill and, according to oldtimers, that city had the largest crowd in its history. Streets were jammed all afternoon and the thousands who were at the fair grounds watching the Redbird-Neligh Legion baseball game did not seem to be missed from the downtown streets. Redbird won the ball game, 11 to 9.

Chief attractions were the children's parade at 10:30; foot races at 11; speaking by State Superintendent Chas. W. Taylor at the dedication of the new school exhibit hall; baseball, football and kittenball; Norfolk drum and bugle corps at 7 p. m.; fireworks and a pavement dance.

Den H. Murphy, one of the pioneer settlers of Grattan township and also one of the largest farmers in the township, was a pleasant caller at this office last week and extended his subscription to this disseminator of current events. Mr. Murphy has been a reader of The Frontier for over a quarter of a century and says he could not get along without it.

Dr. Mat Kane came up from Omaha last Friday afternoon and spent a few days visiting old time friends in this city.

## Pheasant Hunters Get Seven Days Shooting

The open season on pheasants this year will be for a period of seven days, beginning at 7 A. M. October 12, and ending at 6 P. M. on October 18, 1934. No hunting is permissible between sunrise and one-half hour before sunrise of each day. All counties in the state are open except Box Butte, Cass, Cherry, Dawes, Douglas, Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Sarpy, Sheridan and Washington.

The daily limit this season shall be four male birds or three male birds and one female bird and the possession limit shall be four male birds or three male birds and one female bird.

## Duck Hunters Must Pay An Extra Dollar

It will cost hunters an extra dollar to hunt ducks this fall. Every person 16 years or over who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have a federal hunting stamp costing \$1.00, obtainable at postoffices in all county seats and in towns with a population of 2,500 or more. This means that Holt county hunters must secure these stamps at the postoffice in O'Neill. Application must be made in person and the stamp affixed to the hunting license.

The "duck stamp" bill is a federal measure and backed by sportsmen from all parts of the country. The funds derived from the sale of these stamps will be used for the conservation of wild game.

## Visits In The East

George Shoemaker came home last week from a three weeks visit with relatives and friends at Stella Niagara, N. Y., and the World's exposition in Chicago, and with relatives at the old family home of the Shoemaker's at Ottumwa, Iowa. George went to Stella Niagara to witness the induction of his daughter, Leonore, into the sister-

hood, her vows being taken there at the mother house of the Order of St. Francis, where she is teaching the seventh and eighth grades. Mr. Shoemaker also visited Niagara Falls and many points of interest in the east. On his way back he stopped and took in the World's exposition at Chicago, where he spent a week. When he reached Omaha, on his way home, he learned that his uncle, who was seriously ill at Ottumwa, Iowa, and he went over there where he spent a week visiting with relatives and friends. His uncle is 81 years of age and has resided at Ottumwa for 75 years. George says that he recovered from his sick spell and is now getting along nicely. From impressions he gained on his journey he says that he believes that business is on the up-grade in the eastern states. He says that he had a very enjoyable trip and saw many interesting sights.

Stephen Carter and niece, of Esbon, Kansas, arrived in the city last Friday for a visit with his brother, E. B. Carter, and his nephew, Dr. L. A. Carter. Mr. Carter is 86 years old but is in splendid health and moves around like a man 30 years younger. They made the trip here by automobile and he drove the car all the way. He has a son who is located on a farm southeast of Chambers and they visited there as well as with relatives here.

Word comes from Omaha that Dr. Oxford, of Chambers, who was injured in an automobile accident southeast of Chambers a couple of weeks ago, and who has been in a hospital in Omaha since, is expected to return home the latter part of the week.

Andy Clark, of Emmet, and Thomas Enright, who are members of the federal court jury now in session at Norfolk, were home over Sunday and returned to Norfolk Monday afternoon.

## Will Give Dinner Here For Dwight Griswold

Several local business men have decided to have a dinner at the Golden Hotel tomorrow evening, honoring Dwight Griswold, republican nominee for governor who will speak here. The tickets are 50c



DWIGHT GRISWOLD

each and anyone desiring to attend the dinner can get tickets at the hotel.

Do not forget to come out and hear Dwight Griswold tomorrow night. Mr. Griswold is a fine speaker, has been meeting with a splendid reception in other parts of the state and should have a nice crowd here. He is a western man and knows the needs of the people of this section of the state. Come out and hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dailey returned last Saturday from their wedding trip to the Black Hills and have gone to housekeeping in the Scott apartments.

Mrs. P. B. Harty will entertain the Martez Club at her home this evening.

## Hospital Notes

Beulah Siders had her tonsils removed Saturday.

Donald Clevinger was dismissed from the hospital Sunday morning.

Little Lenina Kloppenborg, who had her eye injured, was taken to the Norfolk hospital Saturday for an operation and came back to the O'Neill hospital Sunday morning. She went home Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Liermann was dismissed from the hospital Wednesday morning.

Rev. Ohmart is much improved at the present writing.

## Good General Rain Falls In North Nebr.

This section of the state was visited by a nice rain last Sunday night and Monday. The rainfall here was only .67 of an inch, but it was much heavier east and west and north of here than it was here. About ten miles north of town and from there over Boyd county the rainfall amounted to from one inch to 2.25 inches at Butte. The rain was quite general over the state, and heavy in the southeast corner. In Boyd county, near Mound, Iowa, Ponca creek overflowed, taking out about 850 feet of the Northwestern railroad track Sunday night. The rainfall was again heavy in that section Monday night.

## Rebekahs Entertain

About 125 members of the Rebekah lodge from cities from here east to Norfolk were in the city last Friday attending the district convention of the order, which was held in this city. The convention was held in the Odd Fellows Hall and a banquet was served at the Western hotel in the evening. The local members of the order were hosts to the visiting delegates and it is needless to say that they were well entertained.

## Cornstalks

The demand for corn fodder and its sudden rise to wealth as it were, has created a new relationship between landlord and tenant, says the Nebraska City News-Press. Ordinary farm leases make no mention of the stalks in a corn field, assumption being that they are to be turned under the soil or fed as roughage on the farm. But this is a different year and many a lawsuit has evolved from a discussion as to whose stalks they are. Lancaster county, for instance, originated its first suit the other day to determine ownership of stalks from the tenant's share of corn. A similar action in Otoe county is of interest to farmers.

Victor Headman, living southeast of this city, was an O'Neill visitor last Monday. Mr. Headman says that he was in the city last Tuesday, Free Day, and that he had never seen as large a crowd of people in a small town, in this state, as he seen here that day. He also said that the business men and women of this city were to be congratulated upon the splendid show they gave the people of this trade territory on that day. He said that everyone went home well satisfied and that the people of this city could look forward to even a bigger crowd the next time they put on a like celebration.

Dr. L. A. Carter returned last Thursday evening from a trip to LaPlant, S. D. They had a large horse sale up there last Wednesday and Dr. Carter went up with the intention of buying some horses to put on his ranch southwest of this city, but the quality was not as wanted, so he returned without investing. Dr. Carter says that there were 22 carloads of horses sold, or 660 head, and the price per head averaged from \$10.25 to yearlings to \$37.50 for mares. One load of the horses were sold to Iowa parties and two loads to Illinois parties. The balance of the horses were sold to parties from Oklahoma and South Carolina.

E. P. Grubb, farmer living in the Chambers territory, died at his home there last Saturday, after an illness of several years of tuberculosis. Funeral services were held Monday in the Methodist church at Chambers. Deceased was 46 years 7 months and 23 days old at the time of his death. A widow and five children survive.

## HOLD MEETING TO MAKE PLANS FOR SALES PAVILLION

Work On Construction Of Building And Other Plans Held Up By Questions On The Code.

A meeting of those interested in the establishment of a sales pavilion in this city was held last Monday evening and was well attended. They have decided to erect a pavilion and a stock company will be formed and the building erected. Several farmers in this vicinity have signified their intention of purchasing stock in the enterprise, as they are of the opinion that a pavilion would be a financial success in this city.

The building, with ground and equipment, will cost about \$3,000. A tentative location has been selected for the pavilion three blocks south of the County Garage, on land owned by Pete Morgan, south of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad tracks.

The question of the code, applying to the building of the pavilion, came up and it was decided to delay further action until they could secure some definite information.

An article in the Norfolk News last Tuesday—reprinted in this issue of The Frontier—brought the question to the front, and it was thoroughly discussed. The promoters decided to get this matter settled before going any further with their plans for the pavilion. They expect to have this information within a few days and will then take definite action on the matter of a pavilion.

## Code Holds Up Work On Neligh Pavillion

Norfolk News: The building of the new livestock pavilion at Neligh by Smith and Son of West Point has been delayed because of pending litigation in other cases under the NFA building code, according to information received here.

Smith and Sons secured a site and had some old buildings torn down. They also purchased an elevator which they expected to tear down in order to use the lumber in building the new pavilion.

They are now meeting all sorts of difficulties in complying with the provisions of the NFA building codes, they say. If they tear down the elevator themselves they will have to pay over \$600 compensation insurance. If they let this job to a contractor they are responsible for the compensation insurance if the contractor fails to pay it.

If the work is done under the code the hourly rate to be paid for labor is greatly in excess of what Smith and Son had figured on paying, and greatly in excess of what they can hire the labor for.

They cite the case of a builder at Wisner who started a building with local labor both at wages satisfactory to both the builder and workers and who was stopped by the code authority until higher wages are paid.

They also cite the case of Sam Damm of Dickens, Iowa, who started to build a new home on his farm with his own labor instead of hiring a contractor. The code authority has cited Damm for a violation of section 2, article 4 of the code for general contractors.

Smith and Son announced they have decided to suspend all operations at Neligh until they are assured that they can proceed without getting into legal difficulties.

O. H. Johnson, publisher of the Phoenix Labor Press has been arrested and bound over to the district court at Phoenix, Ariz., for being the driver of the car that hit and fatally injured Carl Kiser on the streets of Phoenix on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 2. Kaiser was struck while walking across the street and was dragged over 100 feet by the car. He died a few hours after he was hit, in a Phoenix hospital. Kaiser was a former resident of this county and later operated an automobile sales agency at Cody, Nebr.

## A Letter To The Readers of The Frontier From W. D. Mathews Who Was The First Editor of This Paper

Our family record shows that I was born on the 2nd day of October, 1855, at Eleroy, Stephenson county, Illinois, hence I am about to enter upon the 80th year of existence on this mundane sphere.

And so, I extend felicitations not only to myself, but all Holt county and Nebraska friends who may be on this side of the River Styx.

Then, and no doubt not a few, but many, think of this—of the about 30 (males only) living at the cross roads called "O'Neill City"—for it was so named by the founder, General John O'Neill, and the city so appeared on the post-office stamp when I came there in July, 1880. Only one man remains, Charles C. Millard, always my good friend in business and in politics. (Bless your old soul Charlie.)

And now let's see how good my memory is. I will reminisce:

Father J. T. Smith was the only minister.

Patrick Hagerty was post master and general storekeeper, Mike M. Sullivan his assistant and clerk. Neil Brennan and John J. McCafferty had a hardware and furniture store. Neil also teamed for Hagerty, hauling supplies from Oakdale and Neligh where the Fremont and Elkhorn Valley railroad ended.

Harold M. Uttley and Gilbert M. Cleveland was a firm in the practice of law.

Charlie O'Neill was also a lawyer, while his brother, Hugh, ran the City hotel with old man Murphy helping, especially in the sale of hard liquor.

Doc and Gillie Daggett had a drug and notion store—the drugs being mostly kept in the back room in kegs and barrels. They did well until B. J. Capwell came out from Waterloo, Iowa, and built what was then a big two story building, with a basement which was stocked with all kinds of booze. Barney Kearns was sheriff and clerk for "Cap."

Ed. E. Evans ran the Valley hotel, owned by John P. O'Donnell.

Mike Tierney and Frank J. Tohill operated blacksmith shops.

I think John Purcell had a small notion store—perhaps he came later.

I have a faint recollection that Dan P. O'Sullivan taught school—quite sure.

Quite sure that Patrick Fahy had not yet moved up from Lincoln, although he had a homestead or preemption adjoining the "city," which Ed. Evans contested and got the lots where he built the "big" hotel on 4th street, in a compromise settlement.

I think Denis (one n for him) Daly, the first postmaster, lived in O'Neill, but what his business was can't recall.

Tom J. Smith was publishing a democratic paper—the Holt County Record. James H. Riggs was with him, but came to me when I started The Frontier. Bought a printing outfit with me when my family came from Monroe, Wisconsin.

The milk was supplied by Michael Cavanaugh, Daniel Wisegarver and Daniel Cronin, who lived near the "city." (The present editor of The Frontier, the Hon. Dennis Cronin used to deliver milk at our house. I can see the brook of a boy as he then appeared.) Dennis, I dare you to print this—take or leave it—but know you will let it go in 'cause nothing to be ashamed of—rather to your credit, for those frontier days were hard ones, as to ready cash—and milk brought in a little, eh?

Say, came nearly forgetting the main guys of the town and county. Sanford Parker, county clerk, and his deputy, Mike D. Long. No man had a better or truer friend than I did in Sanford Parker. Requisite at en pace—rest in peace—maybe I will soon be looking you up "over there."

Charlie Millard then had a feed store and a horse hotel for the transients passing thru to the west—as well as for farmers coming to town to trade. Do you feel lone some Charlie, when you think of the past? Do the ghosts of the departed appear and discuss with you the days of old lang sene? Your old friend Doc hereby extends the hand of love and friendship with "God be with you till we meet again"—which, if at all, will be in eternity.

And, my friends, this will probably be my farewell to you all. Goodbye—from the heart.

W. D. MATHEWS.  
Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 25, 1934.

We know that Frotniers will, especially the old timers, be interested in reading the above from the pen of W. D. "Doc" Mathews, who established The Frontier 54 years ago last May.

During the years that Doc was the publisher as well as since it has been a consistent booster for O'Neill and Holt county. No man had more to do with the settlement of this part of the state than Doc Mathews and "The Frontier" and he printed many boom editions of this paper which were sent all over the United States and, had much to do with getting immigration to come to this county.

And since the boom days The Frontier has consistently, year after year, boosted for this city, county and her people. And folks, while we have had hard times and endured many hardships, other counties and states have also, and, taking it all in all this is about as good a place to live as there is in the United States. We have a splendid class of people, no better on earth, and when prosperity again smiles upon us we will be content and happily.

We were particularly interested in reading the above from the pen of our old friend. In one place, however, we believe that his memory served him false. He mentions Denis Daly as O'Neill's first postmaster. As we remember it, and we were here before Doc came, Patrick Hagerty was the first postmaster here. A scrap between the two factions of the republican party—and there were two active factions in the party here in the early days, both active and influential—resulted in Denis Daly getting the postoffice away from Hagerty. At that time Daly was running a little store in the City hotel, as well as the hotel. Let your memory go back to the old days, Doc, and we believe that you will agree that we are right on this—D. H. C.