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## Public School Term of 1935-'36 Will Begin On Monday, September 2

The O'Neill Public Schools begin Monday, September 2 at 9 a. m. Registration for high school students will be held at the school house Friday and Saturday, August 30 and 31, from 9 to 12 a. m., and from 2 to 5 p. m. Please register before the opening day of school.

Children who have reached the age of 4 years and 9 months September 1 will be admitted into the kindergarten.

Several boys and girls have enquired for places to work for board and room. If any folks in O'Neill are in need of some worthy boy or girl we would appreciate your informing us at the office.

The High School is offering some courses such as band and orchestra music, art, mechanical drawing, manual training that should interest many students considering entering high school.

The staff of teachers is complete. Three new teachers have been hired to fill vacancies.

Miss Wind, of Wahoo, especially trained in Home Economics and Normal Training will care for that position.

Miss Mary Morrison, one of our home girls, will teach the pupils of the First grade.

Helen Ryan, of Creighton, will care for the Kindergarten children and grade music.

There are some teachers who will be looking for rooms. Your informing us of rooms now will make it more convenient for the teachers.

Don't forget school opens Sept. 2. We are all looking forward to a most successful year.

Roy Carroll, Superintendent.

## Chickens Disappear While Farmer Away

An unknown number of almost full grown chickens are missing from the farm operated one mile southeast of here, formerly the Thomas Carlson farm, by Mrs. R. L. Lawrence and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawrence. Last Friday evening all at the home attended a show here and next day it was noticed all the larger fies had been plucked from several hundred there. No count had been kept but it is believed about 25 to 50 were taken by some animals or thieves. A week or so before it had been suspected the number of chickens had mysteriously shrunk. In future some one will be found at the home either night or day. The Frontier suggests the practice of leaving a farm home unguarded either by night or day in these piping democratic days and nights is an invitation to serious losses. The woods are full of wandering men looking for something to do or something to eat.

## Whelans Still Hot In California Politics

An airmail letter received here from Mike F. O'Sullivan of California, formerly of this city, gives the news that Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whelan, formerly of O'Neill, had been named as deputy United States district attorney under Pierros Hall at Los Angeles. The district attorneys office handles all government legal affairs in Southern California, comprising a combined population of four millions of persons.

Francis, the letter says, had been associated with his father, Edward, and his brother Vincent in the legal game and of late had been known as Whelan, Whelan & Whelan, located in the San Diego Trust & Savings building in San Diego.

Thomas, another of Ed's sons, is now and has been for five years district attorney—states attorney—of San Diego county, Cal., and has associated with him as his chief clerk Edward Whelan, Jr., and under Thomas there are more than 25 deputies and the office has made a remarkable record and the name of Whelan on the coast has become just about as well known as the Pacific ocean. Tom was elected for his second 4-year term last fall, so the people there must be sold on the California division of the free Whelan idea. Francis takes office in Los Angeles on the 19th of August.

O'Sullivan wound up his airmail with "The Whelans surely are

making marks for themselves in California."

Edward Whelan, Sr., as everyone here remembers, was mayor of O'Neill about 20 years ago and his wife, Susie Quilty before her marriage, sister of Thomas Quilty, taught in the O'Neill public schools for years and was an A-No. 1 educator.

An O'Neill relative of the Whelans not long ago reported back here the Whelans had a sign out reading: Whelan, Whelan, Whelan, Whelan & Whelan, attorneys. He was joking. But they say a California weekly newspaper editor heard that eight more Whelans were graduating from law schools, so he wrote a story about the lawyer family Whelan like this: "Whelan, Whelan, Whelan, Whelan, Whelan, Whelan & Whelan—to be continued next week." "Looks like genuine free Whelan" an O'Neillite remarked on learning of the wholesale taking up of the law business by the family.

## Early Settler of Page Vicinity Dies After A Long Period of Illness

George Elmer Hunter died at his home at Page, Neb., last Thursday afternoon, after an illness of several months of cancer, at the age of 73 years and 6 days. The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church in Page, Rev. Yost officiating and burial in the Page cemetery.

George E. Hunter was born in Genoa, Wisconsin, on August 9, 1862. When a young man the family moved to Merrick county Nebraska, where they lived for about five years and then came to Holt county in the spring of 1880 and settling on a farm near the present village of Page, where he had since made his home. On January 9, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Eva Farr, at Hansen, Nebraska. To this union eight children were born, six sons and two daughters, six of whom survive and, with their mother, are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are: H. H. Hunter, Ft. Collins, Colo.; R. S. Hunter, Los Angeles; F. L. Hunter, Osage, Wyo.; V. E. Hunter, Page; L. E. Hunter, Hanford, Cal.; Mrs. C. Ellsworth, Neligh, Neb.

Mr. Hunter was for many years one of the prominent residents of the eastern end of the county and took a prominent part in the civic affairs of that section. For nearly a quarter of a century he was engaged in the general mercantile business in Page with another pioneer, Mr. Grey. He had been a resident of the county for over fifty-five years and witnessed its growth and development, its prosperity and adversity and he had a large share in the advancement of the eastern part of the county. He had many friends who will regret to learn of his passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gaffer, of Mankato, Minn., were in the city this morning looking over their old home town, as they were residents here something like forty years ago. Mrs. Gaffer was formerly Ada Welton, daughter of one of Holt county's pioneer sheriffs. They were married in this city and left here in 1894. For several years they have been residents of Mankato, where he was an employee of the Northwestern railroad until his retirement on pension some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Christianson and family, of Miles City, Mont., drove to this city last week to visit with Mrs. Christianson's father, Fred Nielsen, who is recovering from an operation he underwent at Norfolk a few weeks ago. They returned home Monday.

Neil Ryan arrived in the city last Saturday from Chicago and will spend a couple of weeks here visiting with his father, J. B. Ryan and with other relatives and friends here.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their untiring efforts and help as well as all others who assisted and comforted us during the long illness and death of our beloved husband and father; also for the many beautiful floral offerings.—Mrs. Claus Storchmann and children.

## Funeral Services Held Sunday At The Home For Claus Storchmann

Claus Storchmann died at his ranch home northwest of this city last Thursday afternoon, after an illness of several months of ailments incident to old age, at the age of 83 years and 13 days. The funeral services were held at the farm home last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. E. E. Dillon officiating and burial in the cemetery at Phoenix, a short distance from his original home in that section. The funeral was largely attended, people coming for many miles to pay their last tribute to this rugged pioneer.

Claus Storchmann was born in Alvsloke, Barnstedt, Holstein, Germany, on August 2, 1852. When a young man he came to the United States and for three years lived in Iowa, coming to Holt county from Minden, Iowa, in the spring of 1884 and settled on a farm near Phoenix, where he lived for several years, then he built a new home on another farm that he had acquired a couple of miles east of the old homestead, where he resided up to the time of his death.

On January 24, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Steenbock, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, who with seven children are left to mourn the death of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are: Henry and William at home and August, who lives on the old home place near Phoenix; Mrs. Emma Butzke, Dallas, S. D.; Mary Devall, Meek; Martha Johring, Red Bird; Rose Goeke, Atkinson. In addition he is survived by 33 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and one brother, Hans, of Spencer.

Mr. Storchmann was one of the pioneers of the Phoenix neighborhood, moving into that section of the county 51 years ago last spring, when there were very few settlers in that section of the county. He endured all the hardships and privations of the early days, when neighbors were few and far between. He went through the destructive blizzard of 1888 and the panicky times of the nineties, but through it all he never complained, having sincere faith in the future of the section that he had chosen for a home. And that hope was realized for he had one of the most commodious farm homes in the county, with all modern conveniences, and one of the best improved farms in this section of the state, at the time of his death.

He was reared in the Lutheran faith but in 1894 he joined the Church of God and was a faithful member of that faith up to the time of his death. For many years he had been known as Grandpa Storchmann and was beloved by all the members of his family as well as his neighbors and friends for his many fine traits of character and his liberality to those in distress. He was an outstanding citizen and his passing will be sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Webster and daughter, Catherine, of St. Paul, Nebraska, arrived in the city last Saturday for a visit at the home of Mr. Webster's sister, Mrs. Fred McNally. They returned home Sunday. Mr. Webster is the editor of the St. Paul Phonograph, one of the leading newspapers in that section of the state and naturally paid this office a short call while in the city. Come again "Dan" the latch-string is always on the outside.

At a meeting of the Simonson Post of the American Legion, held on Wednesday evening, Ira H. Moss and J. D. Cronin were elected delegates to the Legion State Convention, which will be held at Beatrice from August 25 to 28 inclusive.

Because several members of the band are now enjoying vacations, preparatory to the opening of school, there will be no band concert on the streets next Saturday evening, but they will be resumed again a week from Saturday.

Clarence Olson, editor of the Crofton Journal, was an O'Neill visitor last Saturday on his way home from a visit with relatives at Atkinson. While in this city he made this office a pleasant call.

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell

Your correspondent has been surveying the relief-reemployment battle front during the past week and has found the relievers either without ammunition or holding their fire until the whites of the enemies' eyes are discernable. Latest news from the great front:

While officials are admitting that there is some shortage of relief labor, especially in the Republican river and Knox county flood areas, workers who are not on relief but who need employment badly, perhaps, as those who are, are demanding consideration from WPA authorities.

The NERA administrator is attempting to do something about this situation where the stabilization projects on the Missouri river are concerned.

River worry authorities have reported a shortage of relief labor but have been unable to employ non-relief workers because the government specifies that 90 per cent of the labor shall come from relief rolls. The NERA has asked regional offices to allow a more liberal interpretation of employment rules on the Missouri river, but without success to date.

The first WPA work to get under way is that of flood rehabilitation in the Republican valley where approximately 650 men, 400 of whom are from outside the flood area, were employed early this week. These are being paid from the \$150,000 emergency grant obtained by Governor Cochran several weeks ago, and another half million was made available for this work late this week.

A. D. Morrill WPA project engineer, estimates that 2,000 men will be given work in the Republican valley when the rehabilitation program is at its peak. The highway department and the railroads are hiring so many men in the flood area that it is hard to get enough relief employables to fill the demand, but Morrill thinks this condition will be "improved" when the late fall slump in farm and other employment comes around.

Outside of flood rehabilitation the first WPA work available involves a \$175,000 grant which is expected to put 1,000 men to work. More than half of this employment will be in Omaha, but the work of actually getting the men on the job is dragging.

Many Nebraskans not officially connected with relief or politics are wondering why the powers that be found it necessary to appoint a sick man to head the WPA in Nebraska. Administrator Felton, now on a six weeks' sick leave, was incapacitated for duty more than half the time he was director of the state department of agriculture and inspection.

The appointment of James R. Smith, WPA engineer, as acting administrator brought on a political squabble, and the present betting is about even that Smith will stay on.

Smith happens to be the son-in-law of a man who is associated in the banking business with Chas. McClood of York, rock-ribbed republican. Democratic leaders don't like the connection, although the only evidence either way on Smith is that he is a good engineer.

The democratic big shots may be right at that, however, as it probably will take a man with extreme political sagacity to steer the good ship WPA thru the political winds that are due to blow with increasing velocity until 1936 election time.

A Lincoln physician who is a democrat declares that the recent splitup between the NERA and the state medical society will not be regretted by most of the democratic doctors in the state. The relief-medical setup was dominated by republican physicians, he said, and was being used to form an impregnable republican combination in the state association.

Only three banks have been issued charters as a result of the 1935 law allowing the organization of banks with \$10,000 capital in the smaller communities, according to Ben N. Saunders, director of the state banking department. Before the law went into effect last spring, \$25,000 was the minimum capital allowed.

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## Services For Aged Holt County Resident Held Monday In This City

George J. Kohler died in the O'Neill hospital last Friday morning, after an illness of a few weeks of acute indigestion, at the age of 85 years, 6 months and 7 days. The funeral was held last Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the Catholic church, Rev. B. J. Leahy officiating, burial in Calvary cemetery.

George J. Kohler was born in Germany on February 9, 1850. When a young man he came to the United States and for several years was a resident of Ohio, later moving to Johnson county, Nebraska, and from that county came to Holt county in the spring of 1908.

On May 10, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Eva Ann Norris at Clyde, Ohio. To this union eight children were born, six of whom are living to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate father. The children are: Addie Rigney, Chicago; Katherine Riggs, Page; Clara Quaschnick, Herrick, S. D.; Charles and Mrs. Emma Ballentine, Page; Mrs. Inez Bredehoff, O'Neill.

Mr. Kohler came to this county twenty-seven years ago and bought the farm ten miles east of this city, where he made his home up to the time of his death. He made a lovely home out of his place and was noted in this section as a fruit grower, specializing in grapes, with which crop he had splendid success. He was a good citizen and his passing will be regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county.

## Peter Reifers Is Dead After Several Months of Sickness of Cancer

Peter Reifers died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Valla, in this city last Friday morning, after an illness of several months of cancer, at the age of 71 years, 6 months and one day. The funeral was held last Monday morning from the Catholic church, Monsignor McNamara officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Peter Reifers was born at Lafayette, Indiana, on February 15, 1864. He was a resident of his native state for several years and then moved to Nebraska. On February 6, 1885, he was united in marriage at Blair, Nebraska, to Miss Malinda Boston, who passed away several years ago. Five children were born to this union, two sons and three daughters, three of whom survive to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate father. The children are: Mrs. Frank Valla, O'Neill; Mrs. Nora Walter, Stanton, Montana, all of whom were present at the funeral.

Mr. Reifers came to this city in the spring of 1908, coming here from Greeley county, and had made his home here practically ever since except a couple of years that he lived in Montana. While here he was engaged in various lines of business and he built several buildings in the city, disposing of them when he could do so at a profit. His latest business venture here was a second hand store on lower Fourth street, which he disposed of when his health began to fail and he also disposed of the building. He was a giant of a man physically, always an industrious man and one who was successful in a financial way. He was a gruff appearing man, but pleasant and companionable when you got to know him. He had many friends in this section who will miss his passing.

## Small Portions of County Receive Needed Moisture

It is still very dry in this immediate vicinity, but the weather has cooled off considerably the past few days. Last Monday night a great portion of the county received good rains, running from .17 of an inch here to one and a half inches in parts of the county. The most favored portions of the county during the past six weeks, as far as rainfall is concerned, has been the South Fork country and the extreme northern and north-eastern parts of the county where they received a good rain last Monday night and have received several showers within the past few weeks. There will be a good deal of corn in that section, but in this immedi-

ate vicinity, that is within six miles, there will be very little corn, the extreme heat and the long dry spell having put the finishing touches on what, six weeks ago, looked as if it would be a bumper crop.

## Red Birders Still Going Strong On North East Nebraska Ball Front

The super-pronto Red Bird baseball machine cut another couple of swaths through the opposing nines recently, one of them being nothing more than a massacre against the Ponca Valley Indians of near Napoleon. That game was at the Old Settler's picnic and the Red Bird players won the contest by a score of 8 to 1.

Batteries: Red Bird, Schollmeyer, Hansen and Conard; for the Indians, Saul, Premo, Red Horse and Dick Chasing Hawk. Hits, Red Bird 8 and the Indians 6. Struck out: Each side had seven. Errors, Red Bird 1, and the Indians 6.

Sunday the Red Bird boys again went on the war path and they ambled over to Verdel and walloped the lively Butte nine 8 to 4. Batteries in this contest were: Red Bird, Tomlinson and Schollmeyer; Butte, Anderson, Liever and Schlissler. Hits: Red Bird, 9; Butte 6. Errors: Butte 5, Red Bird 2. Struck out: Red Bird 11, Butte 8.

Jack Schlissler made a home run; Albert Carson made a three bagger and a two bagger. The following made two base hits: A. Carson, Charles Richter and Pickering.

Red Bird was scheduled to play Verdigris there Tuesday. The Red Bird nine this season has played 14 games, won 9 and lost only 5. The team is composed of a fine bunch of players and other nines delight to play against them.

Verdigris took the Red Bird boys into camp Tuesday with a score of 8 to 7 in favor of Verdigris. It was a close and exciting game and the result was in doubt until the last man was retired. Batteries: Red Bird, Conard, Carson and Schollmeyer; Verdigris, Alder and Boelter.

## Hold Quarterly Conference At M. E. Church

The fourth quarterly conference of the O'Neill M. E. church was held at the church Monday evening at which the pastor and the officers and presidents of the various societies of the church made their annual reports. Rev. Paul Hillman, the district superintendent, was present and presided. Officers and standing committees were elected for the ensuing year. By a unanimous vote the pastor, Rev. A. J. May, and wife were invited to return for another year. The annual conference of all the churches of the state will meet in Omaha at the Hanscom Park church September 10. Lloyd Gillespie was elected as a lay delegate and Rev. D. S. Conrad as reserve.

J. B. Ryan and son, Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Doyle, of Chicago, returned last Saturday from a weeks trip to Wyoming, where they visited relatives. At Sheridan they visited at the home of Jim's brother, Mike, and family while at Gillette they visited at the home of another brother, John and family. They report having had an enjoyable trip.

Herb Hammond, Mike Horiskey, Ira Moss, Francis Montgomery, George Hammond and P. C. Donohoe left last Monday for Ericson where they intended to spend some time fishing. However, the reports that reached here, were to the effect that it really rained down there and they were forced to come home without even getting their lines wet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellor and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mellor returned last Thursday afternoon from a visit with relatives and friends in Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellor spent several weeks in the Colorado city, while Ralph and his wife went out there last week to bring them home.

John Spellman and son, Billy, of Omaha, arrived in the city last Saturday evening and spent a couple of days visiting relatives and looking after business matters. They returned home Monday.

## Cause of Fatal Accident To Lawrence Stevens Is Not Definitely Known

Lawrence Francis Stevens died at his home near Page last Saturday night at the age of 21 years, 2 months and 7 days. The funeral was held last Tuesday morning from the Catholic church in this city, Rev. B. J. Leahy officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Lawrence was working for his uncle, Edward Boyle, on a farm near Inman. Early Saturday morning he got up early, milked the cows and then took a horse and went out in the pasture after the horses. He did not return and they went out to look for him and found him in the pasture unconscious. He was picked up, taken to the house and a physician called. The latter decided that he was suffering from a fractured skull and he never regained consciousness, passing away that evening. The manner in which the accident happened is not known. They are of the opinion that he was probably out in the pasture an hour before he was found. It is possible that the horse may have fallen, striking him with his feet as he fell from the horse, which would account for the fractured skull. He leaves his parents, two brothers and two sisters to mourn his tragic death.

## Tuor And Phalin Take Honors In Doubles of Tennis Tournament

The doubles tourney, which has held the city agog for the past week, ended last night in a final blaze of glory with James Tuor and Jerry Phalin defeating Larry Phalin and Don Stannard. Tuor and Phalin won easily, the score being 6-3, 7-5, 6-2. The combat was witnessed by a large number of tennis fans who spent their time rooting for their favorites to win. The match itself, was characterized by brilliant play on both sides and was very interesting to watch.

## Tilden To Hold Golf Tournament Next Week

The 12th annual golf tournament of the Tilden Country Club will be held on Sunday and Monday, September 1, 2. Two 18-hole matches will be played each day in all flights. Qualifying scores must be in the hands of the committee by 9 A. M. Sunday. There will be flights suitable for all who qualify with three prizes in each flight. Free lunch will be served on the grounds on Sunday evening, September 1. Visiting ladies attending the tournament will be entertained at bridge. The committee in charge will do everything in their power to provide for the comfort and pleasure of visiting golfers.

The Frontier is in receipt of a telegram from John Latenser, Jr., acting state director of PWA that no public works applications received after September 16 can be considered by the government. If the people of this city or section want to secure public improvements, with the government granting outright forty-five per cent of the total cost thereof it is high time they were getting busy and sending in applications. How about a nice swimming pool for the city? This is something that is badly needed and an appropriation could be secured that would make it cost the people of the city very little. Let us get busy and try and get one?

The Frontier this week is carrying nearly 450 inches of advertising, more advertising lineage than has ever appeared in one issue of an O'Neill newspaper, except in a special edition. The reason: Advertisers know the paper with the circulation and the one that the people read and pay for.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gallagher arrived in the city Wednesday on their way home from a trip through Yellowstone Park and other points of interest in that section. They will visit here for a couple of days before going to their home in Lincoln.

Mrs. William Biglin, accompanied by her sister, Miss Ann Waters, arrived from Jackson Sunday. Miss Waters will spend a short time here before returning to her home.