

THE FRONTIER

CLARENCE SELAH WINS STATE HIGH ORATORY CONTEST

Wins From Six Contestants With A Handicap of Two Front Teeth Missing.

Clarence Selah, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Selah of this city stepped out several days ago at Lincoln and won the state high school oratorical reading contest. Clarence, golden tongued, talked of the upper Elkhorn, went to Wayne about a month ago and there was adjudged best in a confab against Robert Kerl, of West Point. Clarence didn't like that any too well, but he went on to Lincoln and entered the state meet.

A judge there cut the talking time from 13 to 10 minutes. Selah cut loose and walked off with first honors. There were six contestants. In presenting him a cup it was necessary to hunt the speech king up and he was found on a street calmly looking over the buildings and other rare sights of a great city. Selah's friends say he has two front teeth missing and even with this handicap he won full approval of the judges on his jaw offerings.

Selah gives great credit to his elocution teacher here, Miss Helen Ryan, primary and school music teacher, who has acted as his coach. Selah would like to become a lawyer or dramatist. He will graduate from High School next May.

On reaching Lincoln, Selah also was informed his speech was too dramatic for delivery at the meet so he switched to another, and that handicap did not prevent his earning the cup and honor of being the greatest oratorical reader in the great state of Nebraska. It is not known now if there is to be a national school speech tilt or not.

School Notes

Eighth grade promotion exercises will be held on Tuesday, May 26. This will be a public affair and everyone will be cordially invited to attend. Mr. Rosene, director of certification of the state of Nebraska, will be the speaker. A fine program will be arranged for the day.

The Holt county rural track meet will be held in the afternoon of the same day, starting at 1:30 P. M. No admission will be charged. Everyone who is able should attend to help make the day a success. Bring your lunch baskets and spend the whole day getting acquainted with one another.

School vacancies are coming in at a rather rapid rate and for the first year in many years, it looks as if we might have a shortage of qualified teachers in the county. Normay training graduates and ex-graduates should get in touch with the office. We will be glad to assist you in securing a position. If interested mail in a letter to that effect or call personally and we will place your name on the waiting list.

Rural school directors who happen to be in O'Neill before May 18, should call at the office and secure their legal blanks, otherwise we will mail them to you.

Clarence J. McClurg.

Joe Biglin Fine After Operation

F. J. Biglin and sister, Miss Genevieve, took Mrs. Biglin and Joseph to Sioux City last Sunday afternoon where the latter took the midnight train for Rochester, Minn., where Joseph will receive medical attention.

Mr. Biglin received word Wednesday evening that they performed an operation on Joe that afternoon and removed a growth back of his eye, without injuring the eye and that he was getting along nicely.

Woodmen Circle Meeting

The Woodmen Circle met last Tuesday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall. New officers were installed for the ensuing year. The new officers are as follows: Beryl Winchell, guardian; Ella Porter, past guardian; Julia Graves, advisor; Mrs. George A. Miles, secretary; Mrs. Lloyd G. Gillespie, auditor; Laura Parker, chaplain; Bernice Scofield, banker; Mrs. Geo.

A. Miles, junior supervisor; Virg Eidenmiller, attendant; Mrs. John Kee, assistant attendant; Patricia Robertson, inner sentinel; Henrietta Schrier, outer sentinel; Mae Holcomb, reporter.

Mrs. Florence Jensen, of Omaha, state manager and regional director, was present for the installation. Plans are being made for a large number to attend the regional encampment, which will be held at Hollister, Mo., June 15 to 19, inclusive.

Ask For Oil Mat Road

A delegation of Boyd county business men appeared before the county board last Tuesday asking that the Holt county board request the government and state to lay an oil mat on highway 281 from the junction north of O'Neill to the Niobrara river. The Boyd county board adopted a resolution of this character at their meeting a couple of weeks ago.

After a thorough discussion of the matter the Holt county board adopted a similar resolution. Highway 281 is becoming one of the main arteries of travel in this section of the state and the oiling of the highway from O'Neill north to the river would be beneficial, not only to the people of Boyd county, but to the Rosebud country of South Dakota.

State Highway Work

The state highway department will do considerable work in this county this summer, according to notices to contractors published in this issue of The Frontier. They are asking for bids for graveling 19.1 miles of road on the O'Neill-Bartlett and Chambers east road; 18.4 miles of graveling on the Atkinson-Burwell road; 34.1 miles of graveling on the O'Neill-Clearwater road; 24.8 miles of gravel surfacing on the O'Neill-Bristow-Verdel road, and 10.4 miles of oil mat surfacing on the Ewing Clearwater road. The bids are to be opened at 10:00 A. M., on May 21, 1936.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Harold Weir went home Saturday morning. Baby Weir will remain for a week or so in the hospital for premature feeding and care.

Mrs. Emmet Burrell went home Friday evening.

Doris Strong, of Ewing, came in Thursday for medical treatment. She went home Saturday evening.

Harry Wayman was operated on for acute appendicitis Sunday afternoon. He was quite ill for a few days but at present is convalescing nicely.

Orton Young had his tonsils removed Tuesday morning.

Damage Suit

Alice M. Cole started suit in District Court Wednesday against Karl Jeffers for \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained while she was a paying passenger in the Jeffers bus enroute to Atkinson last January 29. She charges that she was placed in the front seat of the bus and that when they reached three miles west of O'Neill a hose that carried water from the radiator to a heater in the back seat burst under her and between her feet spraying her lower body with hot water and steam as a result of which she sustained severe second degree burns on the lower limbs from ankle to hip, which confined her to the hospital for upwards of a month and has kept her from doing any work since. She charges permanent impairment of her nervous system. Mr. Jeffers is the operator of the bus line between O'Neill and Ainsworth and it is understood is protected by insurance, required by law to be carried by all bus and taxi operators.

The O'Neill Dramatic Club entertains this evening for one of their stars who is soon leaving the city for a new home, James Tuor. A dinner will be tendered at the Grand, after which various members of the company will be called upon for short addresses.

Last Thursday Mrs. Hugh McKenna received word of the death of her brother, James Neary, at Sioux City last Thursday night. She left for Sioux City Friday morning to attend the funeral to be held in that city Saturday.

CONGRESS—AS SEEN BY A NEBRASKAN

By Karl Stefan

Members of the prairie states farm group feel that they have won a great victory this year in getting into the regular road bill, an item of \$25,000,000 for secondary or feeder roads, including farm-to-market roads, rural free delivery mail roads, and public school bus routes.

The road bill which was reported out of the committee on public roads favorably, came to the house today and attracted unusual attention because of the new clause on farm-to-market roads.

The farm-to-market road program was started last year when the prairie states group called on the President and many department heads and secured considerable money from the four billion dollar fund for actual farm-to-market road work, on the grounds that this would provide more hours of employment to the unemployed in the rural communities. The plan at that time was to get as much of the relief money into the rural communities as possible, and then start a permanent program thru the committee on roads, with the result that they have put into the regular bill, \$25,000,000 for the farm-to-market roads, which is a starting point for permanent legislation for these formally forgotten roads.

For the first time in history a farm-to-market program becomes a permanent setup in the regular road bill.

In speaking to Harry Hopkins' WPA office today, we are informed that since the farm-to-market road program was inaugurated, Nebraska, up to December, 1935, has had 117 of these farm-to-market projects approved with an approximate cost of \$936,000. While a small percentage of these projects have been completed, the office tells us they are continuing construction of these secondary roads and farm-to-market roads. The WPA office stated that the farm-to-market road will be a permanent part of their work as long as the work is needed for those on relief, and wherever finances are permitted. The importance of the statement is that they are going to continue this farm-to-market policy.

While the WPA farm-to-market road work is auxiliary to the regular road program, it is believed that eventually this farm-to-market road plan will be taken over entirely by the regular highway organization and worked out, in a systematic manner.

The new section to the road bill on which the farm-to-market road advocates have been working for so long reads as follows:

"In addition to any other authorizations which have been made, there is hereby appropriated to the several states to be apportioned and expended under the provisions of the federal highway act of 1921, as amended and supplemented: The sum of \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938; the sum of \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939: Provided, that the sums herein authorized shall be applied to secondary or feeder roads, including farm-to-market roads, rural free delivery mail roads and public school bus routes: Provided further, that there shall be established in the Bureau of Public Roads a section of rural roads, subject to the direction of the chief of the Bureau of Public Roads."

This indicates that from now on farm-to-market roads will have a very important section in the Bureau of Public Roads, and a systematic program for giving farmers access to the main highways at all times. While this particular \$25,000,000 will be spent through the regular organized state and federal road engineers, it will result in giving the farm-to-market road just the same status as the great highways have in the eyes of the road departments.

An echo of the World War was heard at a meeting of congressmen who were speaking at a dinner in the speaker's dining room the other day. A Virginia man was speaking on behalf of 91 claimants who had war claims against the government running into millions of dollars. He claims that the government induced him to dig for

chemicals on five hundred acres of his land in Virginia, and that he borrowed \$97,000 and invested \$46,000 of his own money in the venture, and that these chemicals were for the purpose of making war munitions for the government and that he had made many shipments of this chemical, but before it was sold the Armistice was signed and the war was over, and he claims he was out about \$163,000. Ninety other people are in the same fix and are making claims against the government, and want the support of Congress in making this collection.

The government voted about fifty million dollars to help these claimants out, but they claim they were not paid enough to pay interest on what they borrowed to dig out these chemicals, and they feel the government should pay them, and now they want Congress to help them collect. However, some question was raised as to whether or not they took their own chances during the war in the starting of these chemical plants.

Easter Sunday was a great Sunday in Washington, because of the cherry blossom crowds and the crowds who come to Washington to visit the gigantic churches on that day. Only one other attraction has been known to exceed these crowds and that is the presidential inauguration.

The National Geographic Society has a beautiful building in this town and every Friday night they have motion pictures and lectures on various interesting subjects, including travel and new discoveries.

Last Friday night the lecture was on chemistry, as it related to botany and agriculture. The pictures showed in one place where tomato vines twelve feet high, with gigantic tomatoes ripened within a few weeks were made possible by the assistance of a few tablets containing certain minerals and artificial fertilization.

The picture of the discoverer was flashed on the screen many times. He was Professor William Gerecke of the soil chemists department of the University of California. He was raised a few miles outside of Fremont, Nebraska, where his relatives still live.

Marriage Licenses

Norbert Schaaf and Miss Reta Cleary, both of Atkinson were granted a marriage license on April 28. The prospective groom belongs to one of the old time and prominent families of the Atkinson territory, while the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Cleary, pioneer settlers of the section northwest of O'Neill.

Elmer Devall and Miss Dorothy Harrison, both of the Meek country, were granted a marriage license on April 28. Both of these young people are members of pioneer families of northeastern Holt, the groom being the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Devall and the bride being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Harrison, one of the pioneer families in that section of the county. They start life together under particular happy auspices as a couple of months ago Elmer visited this office and subscribed for The Frontier, his subscription to start May 1. As both the bride and the groom have been readers of The Frontier since they were able to read and it was but ue the visits of their popular newspaper.

Paul Nelson, of Meek, and Miss Marjorie Hendricks, of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license on April 23. Mr. Nelson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, one of the most prosperous and progressive farmers of the Meek neighborhood, where they have resided for over a quarter of a century. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hendricks of the Atkinson neighborhood and is also one of the pioneers families of that section of the county.

Woodrow Beckley, of Coleridge, and Miss Viola Nicholson, of Spencer, were granted a marriage license on April 27.

The owners of the Elkhorn Service station are building three new modern cabins at their cabin camp just south of the Northwest depot. When these are completed they will have nine cabins for the accommodation of tourists.

Heavy Wind Wednesday Night Wrecks Buildings

This section has been visited with three nice showers so far this week and it is still cloudy with the prospect of more rain. Sunday night we had .19 of an inch; Tuesday .21 of an inch and Wednesday night .41 hundredths of an inch, making .81 hundredths of an inch for the week.

The rain last night was preceded by a severe wind and dust storm with a little hail. The wind was very severe for about a half hour, then died down and was followed by rain. A barn on the farm of D. H. Murphy northeast of town was blown down by the wind. Emmet Revell was in from the Dorsey neighborhood this morning and he said that the wind took a couple of his hog houses and tossed them several yards and that on the road into town he saw several telephone poles that were down or badly bent as a result of the wind, which was probably the hardest ever felt in this section.

Following is the weather for the past week.

	High	Low	Moist.
April 23	79	41	
April 24	79	40	
April 25	64	36	
April 26	52	39	.19
April 27	72	44	
April 28	72	47	.21
April 29	64	32	

Republican County Convention Held Thursday

The republican county convention met in the Odd Fellows Hall in this city this afternoon with a fair representation from the various townships of the county.

D. H. Cronin was elected chairman of the convention and F. G. Schmidt secretary.

The following were named as a committee on resolutions: A. J. Runnels of Stuart; Frank G. Schmidt of Golden; J. E. Smith, of Verdigris; Ezra Moor, of Inman; R. O. Anderson, of Ewing, and J. D. Cronin, of O'Neill.

A recess of about an hour was taken while the committee on resolutions prepared their report, and they presented the following resolutions to the convention and they were unanimously adopted:

We, the delegates of the Republican Party in Holt county, Nebraska, in convention assembled at O'Neill, Nebraska, this 30th day of April, A. D., 1936, realizing the seriousness of the situation confronting the country today, both industrially and financially, do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, that we hold the Republican party to be the party of progress and achievement; the party best suited to lead the country out of the present morass of debt, unemployment and bureaucracy; the only party that can and will protect the country and its cherished constitutional liberties.

2. We condemn, without reservation, the policy and practice of the present administration, which has brought about chaos and fear in industry, destroyed private initiative, and taken from individuals their constitutional right to conduct their own affairs without unreasonable governmental interference.

3. We condemn the policy and practice of this administration in establishing a policy and economy of scarcity in agricultural matters resulting in wanton destruction of live stock and removal of land from production, at enormous expense to the taxpayer, while at the same time duties on agricultural products and livestock are reduced, thus permitting the foreign farmer to absorb the American market.

4. We condemn the failure of the present administration to adhere to its party platform which before election their candidate endorsed 100 per cent as a solemn covenant with the people. We especially condemn their failure to reduce governmental costs as promised and call attention to the enormous increase in the cost of government. We direct attention to the historical fact that in our whole history Republican administrations have paid the debts incurred while the Democrats were in power.

5. We commend the administration of republican party affairs in Nebraska during the past year under the leadership of State Chairman, Lyle E. Jackson; we commend his initiative, industry and loyalty and instruct our delegation to the State Convention to work for and support him for an additional term.

6. In order that Nebraska may be represented in Congress by men who hold the interests of their state and constituency above fealty to a party dictator, we endorse the candidacy of all Senatorial and Congressional nominees. We also endorse the candidacy of

Dwight Griswold for Governor and the other nominees on the republican ticket. We commend them to the voters as capable and economical and pledge them our support.

Above resolutions were elected by the entire committee. The following were elected as delegates to the republican state convention, which will be held in Omaha on Thursday, May 7: S. J. Weekes, J. D. Cronin, A. J. Runnels, J. V. Johnson, Ezra Moor, Herbert Rouse, R. O. Anderson, N. F. Crowell, Fred Zink, F. O. Hammerberg, F. G. Schmidt, R. J. Kelly, D. W. Gemmill, E. C. Hammer and F. P. Hunter.

D. H. Cronin was reelected as chairman of the county central committee and he was authorized to fill any vacancies on the precinct committee in the various townships.

Republicans are very hopeful of the outcome of the fall campaign. Many of the delegates voiced the opinion that next November Nebraska would be found in the republican column and that Holt county would again return to the republican fold and help the national and state tickets by giving them all good majorities.

Contracts Signed For Court House Work

The Holt County Board of Supervisors met in special session last Friday with representatives of all the successful bidders on the court house and the architect and contracts were signed for the construction of the building and equipping it, with heating facilities, plumbing and light fixtures. They expect to start work within the next ten days and will try and have the building completed before cold weather starts.

Wins Designing Contest

Miss Mona Melvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin of this city, who is taking a course in art in the University of St. Louis, recently won a prize in a contest put on by one of the large stores of that city, for designing the best sports dress, in a field of several dozen contestants. Last Sunday's Post Dispatch carried a life sized picture of Miss Melvin and the dress she designed.

Pasture Entries Increase

Nearly 400 Nebraska farmers have now officially entered the 1936 pasture contest with the "deadline" for filing entries May 1 nearing, it was announced from the Nebraska college of agriculture this week.

Platte county leads the state thus far in number of entries. There Agricultural Agent Gelwick has 36 farmers officially entered. Nemaha county is second and Adams county third in the state, in number of entries thus far.

More interest than usual is being manifested by farmers in grass and pastures this year. Many are particularly anxious to improve their permanent grazing areas and get temporary rotation systems worked out. Much of the increased interest, it is thought, is due to the soil conservation program.

Unfortunately, however, many new seedlings of brooms and other grasses in permanent pastures earlier have not germinated because of lack of moisture. All such seedlings need rain as the top soil is extremely dry. Fall sown rye has come along slower than usual but is now being pastured.

Bishop Ryan To Be Here

The coming week promises to be a very busy one for the members of St. Patrick's Catholic church. Bishop Ryan is to arrive here Sunday afternoon and a reception will be tendered him that evening at St. Mary's Academy. Sunday morning a large class will receive their first communion and on Monday a class of 275, the largest class in the history of the parish, will receive confirmation.

VOTERS OF HOLT COUNTY

I wish to thank you for your support at the Primary. Should I be elected it will be my endeavor to merit the confidence you have placed in me by your primary vote.

L. G. GILLESPIE.

William Froelich came out from Chicago last Friday and spent Sunday with his family here, returning to Chicago Monday afternoon.

O'NEILL HIGH WINS NIOBRARA VALLEY TRACK MEET HERE

Local Track and Field Men Gather 48½ Points. Atkinson Is Second With 25.

Last Saturday here on the fair grounds occurred the annual track and field meet of the Niobrara Valley schools conference and athletes of the O'Neill public school won one and one half more points than one third of all points made. The score by towns was: O'Neill 48½, Atkinson 25, Lynch 22½, Butte 15½, Chambers 11, Stuart 6, Anoka 5½, Inman 4, Spencer 2, Bristow 2. Individual placings, events and town designation by a capital letter in parenthesis, a new wrinkle to save space, follows:

60 Yard High Hurdles—Bergstrom, (O), winner; Hitchcock, (A), second; Wrede, (L), fourth. Time, 8:5.

100 Yard Dash—Johnson, (A), winner; Spindler, (O), second; Downey, (O), third; McGraw, (I), fourth. Time 10:6.

One Mile Run—Calvert, (O), winner; Maxwell, second; Binkerd, (L), third; Clinton, (S), fourth. Time, 5:14:5.

100 Yard Low Hurdles—Johnson, (A), winner; Bergstrom, (O), second; Hitchcock, (A), third; Chaney, (S), fourth. Time 12:5.

440 Yard Dash—Bjorensen, (L), winner; Spindler, (O), second; Zink, (L), third; Grimes, (C), fourth. Time, 5:6:5.

220 Yard Dash—Downey, (O), winner; McGraw, (I), second; Cambre, (O), third; Schobert, (S), fourth. Time, 24:6.

880 Yard Run—Batenhorst, (S), winner; Greeno, (An), second; Larson, (L), third; Cole, (O), fourth. Time, 2:10:4.

880 Yard Relay—O'Neill, winner; Lynch, second, and Butte, third.

Pole Vault—Johnson, (A), winner; Vincent, (O), second; Johnson, (B), third; Binkerd, (L), fourth. Height, 9:9½.

High Jump—Dennis, (B), winner; Greeno, (An), second; Gallop, (L), third; Bohac, (Br.) fourth. Height, 5:2½.

Shot Put—Johnson, (A), winner; Weisenberger, (B), second; Jutte, (C), third; Anderson, (Br.) fourth. Distance, 40 feet and 6 inches.

Discus—Grubb, (C), winner; Jutte, (C), second; Weisenberger, (B), third; Dennis, (B), fourth. Distance, 94:5.

Broad Jump—Bergstrom, (O), winner; Ashby, (L), second; Cambre, (O), third; Gallop, (L), fourth. Distance 19:6.

James Tuor To Go To Grand Island

James Tuor, who has been one of the efficient and accommodating clerks in the J. C. Penney store here for over five years, has been promoted to a position in the company's store at Grand Island with an increase in salary. Jimmy made many friends during his residence here, who, while they regret to see him leave the city are congratulating him upon his deserved promotion and the opportunities it affords for further advancement with the company. Good luck, James, in your new position. Harold Rose, of Grand Island, will take the position in the store vacated by the promotion of Mr. Tuor. The transfer is effective May 10.

Ask To Quit Telephone Exchange At Emmet

The Nebraska Railway Commission has been petitioned by the owners of the telephone exchange at Emmet for permission to abandon the exchange there. Six patrons of the exchange signed a petition giving their consent to abolishment of the service. When 60 per cent of subscribers agree on abandonment the law permits it. The Emmet exchange is owned by persons living there. A hearing is to be held at Lincoln on the request May 4.

Miss Helen Toy, who graduates from the Wayne Normal next month, has been elected as one of the teachers in the public schools at Cedar Rapids, Nebr. She will teach the second and third grades.

Bill Beha went down to Omaha Sunday for a few days visit. He is expected home tonight.