

THE FRONTIER

MSGR. McNAMARA HONORED ON 40TH YEAR AS A PRIEST

School Children's Mass Held in the Morning and Program At the Academy in Evening.

Honoring the fortieth anniversary of Rt. Rev. Monsignor John G. McNamara's ordination to the priesthood on Thursday, March 4, the day opened with general Holy Communion at St. Patrick's church during the Mass celebrated by him, in which the entire student body of St. Mary's academy received for his intentions. Then at 10 o'clock, followed by a simple but beautiful program in St. Mary's assembly when the pupils tendered our good Monsignor their hearty good wishes and congratulations. He was showered with American Beauty roses by our little tots for this was his Ruby Jubilee.

In the evening the auditorium was filled with parishioners who had planned a surprise. Monsignor McNamara who was quite unaware of the plans, was escorted to the academy door where his twenty altar boys in cassocks and surplices, bearing lighted candles, led him to the auditorium and the O'Neill high school orchestra, under the direction of Professor Durham made the occasion festive with soul-stirring music, fitted to the celebration. An assembly of priests, Sisters and friends from both Bloomfield and O'Neill greeted him. The reception was opened by Emmett Harmon who, after tendering his own felicitations, introduced Father Leahy, Monsignor McNamara's former assistant. Speaking both from diocesan history and from personal contact, Father Leahy told many interesting bits about Monsignor McNamara's life, especially during the time since he was sent to O'Neill to ease the heartaches of a mourning parish.

Following Father Leahy's congratulations, Mr. Harmon introduced Francis Myers who touched the heart of the audience by singing Schubert's "Ave Maria" and "Trees" by Rosbach. One of the nicest events of the evening came when a male chorus, comprised of about twenty-five men of the parish directed by Mr. Myers and accompanied by Mrs. Kubitschek sang, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," "Love's Old Sweet Song," and "Caroline."

Following this bit of musical entertainment Father Beyerdsdorf, pastor of St. John's Deloit, represented the priests of the O'Neill deanery in a tribute to Monsignor McNamara's life from the time of his birth in a small Nebraska town, thru his college life and his ordination, dwelling most beautifully on his sincerity, piety, and priestliness during the forty years in which he has labored for the Church.

Mr. Kilasky tendered best wishes from Monsignor McNamara's former parishioners at Bloomfield, a great many of whom came to O'Neill to attend the celebration. Father Byrne of Emmet, a lifelong friend of Monsignor's, who was his co-assistant at Jackson many years ago contributed a number of interesting episodes in their lives together, and joined in the wish of all that Monsignor would enjoy many more happy and useful years.

At the close of the program, J. J. Harrington presented a small token of the gratitude and esteem in which the congregation of St. Patrick's Parish shall always hold this minister of God.

Gun Lock Ranch, Spearman; Rusler's Valley, Mulford; Dog Named Chip, Terhune; Buff A Collye, Terhune; Adventure Girls at K Bar O, Blank; Secret Hermitage, Keene; Mystery of Ivory Charm, Keene; Mysterious Half Cat, Sutton; Nine Old Men, Pearson; White Oak Harvest, De La Roche; Will Roger's Wit and Wisdom, Lait; Polly's Sutor, Wells; Cadet Days, King; Connie Morgan in the Arctic, Hendryx; 55 New Tin Can Project, Lukowitz; Craft Work and Play Things, Hall.

PIONEER LADY, 81 YEARS OLD, IS DEAD OF HEART TROUBLE

Funeral Services for Mrs. James O'Connor Held Wednesday In This City.

Mrs. James O'Connor died at her home in this city last Monday morning after a short illness of an attack of heart trouble, at the age of 81 years. The funeral was held Wednesday morning from the Catholic church at 9 o'clock and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Catherine Quirk was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1856. She came to the United States when a young woman and settled in Illinois where she was united in marriage to James O'Connor in 1883. Two children were born of this union, one son and one daughter, who with their aged father are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate wife and mother. The children are: Dr. Daniel O'Connor of Eden Valley, Minn., and Miss Margaret O'Connor of this city.

In the spring of 1885 they came to this county and settled on a farm a mile and a half north of this city where they resided for about thirty years, when they moved to O'Neill and she made her home here up to the time of her death, Mr. O'Connor having erected a home here before his removal to the city. Mrs. O'Connor was a splendid woman, a kind and affectionate wife and mother and a devoted member of the Catholic church.

The death of Mrs. O'Connor marks the passing of another of the old time pioneers of the county, whose ranks are rapidly depleting. For fifty-two years she had been a resident of this city and immediate vicinity and she had a host of friends in this section who learned with regret of her passing.

Birthday Party for 88 Year Old Pioneer Lady

A surprise birthday party for Mrs. William Menish in celebration of her 88th birthday anniversary, was held Tuesday, March 9. A group of near friends and neighbors gathered at her home to help celebrate the event. They brought well filled baskets of good things to eat with them. Those present at the gathering were as follows:

Mrs. Robert Marsh, a daughter; Joseph Menish, a grandson; Ed Menish, a son; Mrs. Wm. Dailey, a daughter; John Q. O'Malley, a nephew; Walter O'Malley, a nephew; Mrs. Mary Wilson, a niece; George Wilson, a cousin; and Miss Mary Menish, a granddaughter; also, Mrs. Catherine McNichols, Mrs. Joe McNichols, Mrs. P. V. Hickey, Mrs. John Hickey, Mrs. Herb Jansen, Mrs. James Brennan, Mrs. Walter O'Malley, Mrs. Merzigg, Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. J. F. Donohoe, Mrs. T. J. Donohoe, Joe Donohoe, Miss Martina O'Donnell.

After a sumptuous lunch was served all those present joined in an old time visit and card game talking of early events of other days in Shields precinct.

This grand old pioneer lady can recall early day events with a faculty that is wonderful for one of her age. She is in good health and goes about her household work as spry as one of fewer years. She is the oldest of the pioneers in Shields precinct.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during the long illness and following the death of our beloved sister, Mrs. Susie Horiskey. Your many acts of kindness will long be gratefully remembered.—P. J. McManus and Mamie McManus.

COUNTY'S MONEY SHORTAGE STOPS WISE SPENDING

Supplies Cannot Be Had At Market Price When Payment Held Up Due To Lack of Funds.

Here we delve further into the analysis of taxes and county expenditures in Holt county, from the report made by the tax committee of the Atkinson Service club.

Office Stationery and Supplies
It is quite impossible for us to make the same comparison on the purchase of these supplies with other counties in which surveys have been made for the reason that in the past two years, very few claims have been allowed and it is impossible for us to say definitely that a certain price is paid for this item until the claim is allowed.

The total amount of unpaid bills on file for office stationery, assessment and election supplies as of Sept. 28, 1936, was \$9,047.68.

We might quote prices paid by other counties as compared with prices on a few articles listed in the unpaid claims on file. For instance, motor vehicle licenses are billed at \$45.00 to \$55.00 per thousand, whereas many counties purchase theirs for half this amount. Tax lists are billed at 3 for \$223.50. Cheyenne county purchased three in the same year for \$180.00, while Custer county for several years has purchased its tax lists for \$35.00 each or \$105.00 for three. Complete records \$73.00 while Cheyenne county paid \$50.00 in the same year.

The above are typical of the many articles purchased in this classification and this account is a most excellent example that when a county becomes financially involved thru poor management that it is especially difficult to pay its debts and establish itself on a business basis.

The firms who furnish these supplies can hardly be criticized for not giving the county the low price when they have to wait several years for their pay, and yet to continue purchasing these supplies at two and three times a normal market value makes a bad matter still worse and, as we have stated, greatly handicaps the establishing of business methods in the transaction of the necessary functions of county government.

It has been the common practice in a number of Nebraska counties that are in financial difficulties to continue to buy from old firms and continue to pay two and three times the market price on the theory that these firms carried them when they were in difficulty and that they should continue to do business with them. Certainly it is the poorest kind of logic and the poorest kind of business tactics and is disastrous to the taxpayer who ultimately pays the bills.

Poor Relief

Again we find it impossible to make the proper showing on poor relief as many of these bills are still unpaid. The claims that were paid in 1935 total \$8,402.61 exclusive of the amount of earned relief paid from the County Road Relief fund and the amount paid by the Federal government.

The new Social Security laws passed in the 1935 regular and special session of the legislature are now functioning and should apparently have the effect of quite drastically reducing county expenditures for poor relief.

Schools

It is interesting to note that the total enrollment and cost of operation of all schools in Holt county exclusive of capital outlay and debt service were as follows in the years mentioned:

Year	Enroll.	Cost of Operation
1918-4,204		\$143,177.42
1935-3,975		186,344.58

A decrease in enrollment of 5.4 percent. An increase in cost of operation of 30.1 per cent.

Cash Basis

The practice of paying exorbitant prices for services and supplies, greatly retards, perhaps even makes almost hopeless, the proposition of ever getting the business of the county on a cash basis. We have no hesitancy in making the comment that if Nebraska had proper cash basis laws and made exceeding of a budget a criminal offense as it applies to the state

officials in Kansas, that Holt county would have, at all times, been on a cash basis.

County Indebtedness	
Court House Building	
Bonds Outstanding	
June 30, 1936	\$61,000.00
Unpaid Claims on file all county funds	
September 28, 1936	51,417.71
Registered County Warrants Outstanding	
June 30, 1936	63,594.96

Discrepancies In Claims and County Records
In the years 1912, 1918 and 1929 the records show a total of \$2,969.40 in claims marked "allowed" and warrants drawn and paid that were entirely omitted from the Supervisor's record.

In 1929 there are also many discrepancies between the amounts shown on the Supervisor's record and as paid on the claims. Also claims are shown on the Supervisor's record as allowed on one fund while the claims show allowed on another fund.

We are in no wise charging that there is any fraud in connection with the discrepancies in the payment of these claims but the fact that they occurred clearly demonstrates the utter absence of proper accounting and auditing in the administration of our county affairs and also demonstrates that a very serious condition might develop in any county in Nebraska under our present lax method of keeping our county records and an entire absence of auditing our County Board proceedings as well as county funds.

Irregularity in Allowance of Claims
Holt county is the only county we have found in Nebraska that allows claims and issues warrants shortly after making the annual estimate in January. The usual practice is that these claims cannot be allowed and warrants drawn until after the new levy is made in August unless money is on hand to pay the same.

The law plainly states in Chapter 26-117 Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, 1929 "Each warrant shall specify the amount levied and appropriated to the fund upon which it is drawn, and the amount already expended of such fund." It is apparent that warrants drawn prior to the time the August levy is made cannot possibly show the amount levied as provided by this statute. This might be a violation of the law. The best legal advice we can obtain on the subject is that under our present laws the bill can be allowed after the estimate is made but in no event can the warrant be legally drawn until after the levy in August.

A further discussion of the financial condition of the county from the same report will appear next week. Payment of salaries to county officials being the topic.

Nine Bulls Bring Average of Nearly \$250.00 A Head

R. E. Lucas was in from his ranch north of Page Monday morning. Mr. Lucas with his son is engaged in raising pure bred Hereford cattle and he informed us that he had nine head of bulls at the sale of the North Central Nebraska Hereford Breeders Association, which was held in Valentine last Saturday. The two top bulls he had on sale sold for \$385 each and another sold for \$365. The average received for the nine bulls was \$243.95, which was a very good price, considering that several of them were young calves.

The Weather		
	High	Low
March 4	60	25
March 5	73	33
March 6	72	35
March 7	71	38
March 8	58	24
March 9	38	11
March 10	47	18

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to those who assisted us during the sickness, death and burial of our beloved husband and father.—Mrs. Fannie Valla and children.

Miss Evelyn Mains, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mains, left last Thursday for the Holy Rosary Mission, west of Rosebud, S. D., where she has accepted a position as bookkeeper and stenographer at the Mission. Word from her, received by her parents, are to the effect that she likes her work and surroundings.

LAST RITES HELD SUNDAY FOR MRS. SUSIE HORISKEY

Mrs. Horiskey Dies of Pernicious Anemia After An Illness of Four Years.

Mrs. Susie Horiskey died at her home in this city last Friday morning after an illness of about four years, of pernicious anemia, at the age of 69 years, 7 months and 24 days. The funeral was held Sunday morning at 11:30, after late mass, from the Catholic church in this city, of which the deceased was a devout member. Rev. P. F. Burke officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Susie McManus was born at Benton, Wisconsin, July 11, 1867. She grew to womanhood there and in the spring of 1890 came with her family to this city, her brothers, P. J. and John having come to this city in the spring of 1885. On October 2, 1907, she was united in marriage to Joseph Horiskey, Mr. Horiskey being engaged in the grocery business here. He passed away in 1924 and after his death Mrs. Horiskey continued the store until ill health forced her retirement, four years ago last fall.

In April, 1933, accompanied by her brother, P. J., she went to Rochester, Minn., where she went thru the Mayo clinic and the physicians there informed her that she was suffering from pernicious anemia. Mrs. Horiskey leaves two brothers, P. J. of this city, and James of Chicago, and one sister, Miss Mamie of this city, to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate sister.

Mrs. Horiskey was recognized as an exceptionally able business woman and conducted one of the best grocery stores in the city for several years, and had a host of friends among the citizens of this city and surrounding country. For the past four years she had been confined to her home. But thru the years she was cheerful and uncomplaining, her only regret being that she was such a burden on her brother and sister who gave her loving and faithful care during her illness.

The many friends of the family tender their sympathy to the sorrowing relatives in their hour of sorrow.

First Law Suit In New Court Building Tried Before Judge Malone

The first law suit to be tried in the new court house was tried last Monday, March 8, before county Judge C. J. Malone and a jury. The case was the state of Nebraska vs. Leo Lear, of Merrick county, charged with the violation of the law for the transporting of gasoline by truck. He was tried on two counts, being acquitted on the first count and convicted on the second. Judge Malone fined him \$75 and costs and he filed notice of appeal. The state was represented by County Attorney J. D. Cronin and the defendant by Attorney James P. Marron.

Being first in the line of succession to a throne; first in any sport event; first in a general election, or first in anything in which you engage is always important and as this was the first law suit ever tried in the new Holt county temple of justice and home of Holt county's various officials, it will be in a class by itself, not for the importance of the case but the fact that it was the first case tried to a jury in the new building.

Funeral Services For Emil Kripner

Funeral services for Emil Kripner of Dorsey, who died in the Lynch hospital, Feb. 27, were held from the family home of Dorsey Monday afternoon, March 1, and the last rites were in charge of W. J. Svoboda of Verdigre.

A choir consisting of Mrs. O. A. Newman, Mrs. Carl Grant, Mrs. Charles Cole, Mrs. C. L. Brady, H. V. Rosenkrans and Charles Cole sang three hymns, "We'll Never Say Good Bye," "Some Day We Will Understand" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," during the services. Burial took place in the Bohemian National cemetery at Jelen and the pallbearers were, Walter Wiley, Jeonard Juracek, Raymond Soucek, Leo Phelps, Thomas Alder and William Derickson.

Emil was stricken with appendicitis and was at once taken to the Lynch hospital a few days before he passed away which was on Saturday evening, at 11 o'clock.

Emil Kripner was born on August 15, 1910, in Knox county, Nebraska, on a farm about seven miles northwest of Verdigris in the Jelen community. Here was spent the early days of his childhood and here he attended school. In 1919 at the tender year of nine, together with his mother and foster father, he went to live on a farm in Holt county, and here were spent the carefree days of boyhood.

It was here that he grew to manhood and here just a few short days ago Emil was stricken with appendicitis, which was the cause of his untimely passing, he being 26 years, 7 months and 14 days at the time of his death.

Surviving and left to mourn his passing are his mother, Mrs. Joseph Jerabek and foster father, Joseph Jerabek of Dorsey; his father, Anton Kripner, Chicago, Ill., and his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Tomasek, Verdigris; and a host of other relatives, comrades and friends.—Verdigris Eagle.

COUNTY OFFICERS ALL MOVED INTO NEW BUILDING

Old Building Deserted. Some New Furniture for Some Offices Has Not Arrived.

All the county officers are now domiciled in their quarters in the new court house. The last two to desert the old building were Judge Dickson and Clerk of the District Court Moss. Mr. Moss started moving Wednesday and Judge Dickson this morning. They expect to have their offices in shape for the opening of the regular spring term of district court next Monday morning.

The rest of the officers are comfortably installed in their new quarters and all the moving was made without undue inconvenience to the taxpayers of the county or the people having business with the various offices. Some of the offices are to have new furniture installed, which has not yet arrived, and makeshift equipment is being used pending its arrival.

Hundreds of Holt county taxpayers, as well as people from different parts of the state, have inspected the building during the past week and all were loud in their praise of the beauty of the building, its durability and convenience. We happened to be in the building this morning when a gentleman from Omaha, whose business requires him to visit court houses in practically every section of the state, was inspecting the building. He remarked that it was a beauty and one of the finest structures in the state, not as large as some but stood as a monument to the progressiveness of the people of Holt county. It is a beautiful building and if you have not inspected it go thru the next time you are in town and see the headquarters that have been provided for the officials of the county who are looking after your business. Any of the county officials will be glad to show you thru the building.

Will Open Auto Sales Agency In O'Neill

Ray Eby and Ralph Beckwith have rented of J. B. Ryan the old Sniggs blacksmith building on east Douglas street and under the name of the E. & B. Motor company will handle the Chrysler and Plymouth cars, using the building as their repair shop and salesroom.

Mr. Eby has been a mechanic in a local garage for several years and is said to be a good man in his line of work. Mr. Beckwith has been farming northwest of town for several years, but is retiring from the farm to devote his entire attention to the automobile game. The Frontier wishes the new firm success in their undertaking.

Monday morning workmen started excavation under the Stannard store for the improvements that are to be made on the building. The basement will be enlarged, new foundations put under the building and a new and modern store front installed. The improvement will greatly enhance the appearance of the west side of Fourth street.

PETITIONS OUT FOR FOUR MEN SEEKING CITY COUNCIL SEATS

John Alfs Will Oppose Hugh Coyne In Second Ward. Others Thus Far Have No Opposition.

City election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, and already petitions are in circulation for candidates for the various offices. The election this year affects the councilmen in three wards only. In the First ward the term of J. P. Protivinsky expires this spring and a petition is in circulation asking his reelection to the position for another term. He will probably have no opposition.

In the Second ward the term of Hugh Coyne, who has represented that ward in the council for several years, expires, and petitions are in circulation placing him in nomination for another term. Petitions are also in circulation for John Alfs to fill the position now held by Mr. Coyne.

In the Third ward Norb Uhl has been the councilman for the past three years. Petitions are in circulation placing him in nomination for another term. Petitions are also in circulation asking that the name of Lloyd G. Gillespie, for many years a councilman from this ward, be placed on the ballot for the position.

There is still lots of time for candidates to get into the field in the various wards as they have until ten days before election to file their petitions.

Cattle and Hogs Rule Higher In Brisk Demand At Atkinson Sale

Atkinson, Nebr.—Bullish forces governed both the cattle and hog market at Tuesday's auction. One of the heaviest runs of cattle, estimated at 450 head, passed thru the ring in record time at fully 35 to 75 cents a hundred higher than a week ago. All classes shared in the days advance. Best beef cows sold at 6.00 to 7.50; cutters at 3.85 to 5.00; canners at 3.15 to 3.50; stocker and feeders ruled fully 50 cents higher with all fair to good yearling steers and steer calves selling at 7.00 to 7.90; yearling heifers and heifer calves at 5.50 to 6.25 with reds and roans down to 5.00 and below. Milk cows and stock cows sold at 40.00 to 61.00 a head, depending on quality.

The hog market was a run-away affair for both fats and stockers. About 280 head were sold. All fats sold at 9.85 and 9.90, equaling Omaha top for the same day. Light lights and feeder pigs sold at 7.50 to 9.90; sows at 8.50 to 9.40.

A somewhat better tone prevailed for horses with a complete clearance made on the 30 head offered. While prices ruled no higher than recently, the demand was better for all kinds.

Next auction Tuesday, March 16, starting at 12:30 p. m.

Meadow Grove Man Will Open Meat Market Here

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry J. Matula and family of Meadow Grove, arrived in the city last Saturday and will make this city their future home. Mr. Matula has rented the building on Douglas street where Medlin & Son operated a meat market for several years, and he will open a meat market there as soon as the building has been renovated and repaired. He expects to announce his opening date next week. Mr. and Mrs. Matula are the parents of six children, four of whom came here with them and a son is a senior in the high school at Meadow Grove and will not come here until after the close of the school year. Another daughter is employed at Fairfield, Io. Mr. Matula has been in the meat business for several years and he intends to open a first class market in this city.

John Dailey, of Winner, S. D., came over last Sunday and will visit here for a couple of weeks with his sister, Mrs. P. J. Biglin and with other relatives and friends. Mr. Dailey has just recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia and after recuperating here for a couple of weeks will leave for Virginia where he will visit for a few weeks with his sons who are engaged in business there, before returning to his home and business in South Dakota.