

# THE FRONTIER

## MORE THAN AN INCH OF RAIN GIVES HOPE OF GOOD CORN CROP

Rains The Past Week Cover Most of County With Over 12:30 Inch. Less In Northeast.

The past week has been a good one for the entire state and this county. Early last Tuesday morning this section was visited with a splendid rain, .61 of an inch falling up to 8 a. m. Then about 11 o'clock it started raining again and kept it up until about 12:30 and Observer Bowen measured the downpour as .36 of an inch, making .97 of an inch in the two showers. Then this morning we had another shower that measured .05 of an inch, making the rainfall for the past three days 1.02 inches.

In the southern part of the county, the east side and north of this city the rainfall was much heavier, about two inches being registered at Inman and heavier rain in the vicinity of Ewing. The west end of the county had about one inch. The entire county was well covered, except the extreme northeast corner, where the rainfall was light. From the highway on Eagle creek to the extreme west end of the county the rainfall was over an inch, according to George Syffe and Henry Storchmann, both of Phoenix, who were in the city Wednesday.

Practically the entire state received copious showers Tuesday and Wednesday, and the prospect for a banner corn crop in old Nebraska was heightened considerably by the moisture.

The rainfall this week brings the total moisture for the month of July up to 1.13 inches and the rainfall here since January 1, 1937, up to 11.82 inches.

During July, 1936, were received but 44 of an inch of moisture for the entire month. A year ago today the thermometer registered in this city 106. July 16 and 17, 1936, the thermometer went up to 112 degrees, these two days being the hottest of the long, dry heat wave. Eight other days, during the balance of the month it registered above 100 degrees.

Following is the weather chart for the week:

	High	Low	Mois.
July 8	100	72	
July 9	99	68	
July 10	98	77	
July 11	97	65	
July 12	96	66	
July 13	95	67	.97
July 14	80	67	
July 15			.05

## Small Grain Cut and Corn Mostly Laid By

The small grain harvest is finished and a good deal of the corn is laid by. The rains of last Tuesday morning was a Godsend to the corn crop and with favorable weather the rest of the season, with a few good showers, should assure the county a good crop. The small grain crop was very spotted, some farmers stating that their small grain was better than they expected, while others say it does not meet their expectations. The hay crop will be short this season, on account of a lack of moisture in April and May. Many of the hay men say their hay crop will be about half what it was last year.

## Dry Weather Has Reduced Cattle Herds

Several ranchers have disposed of a lot of cattle during the past ten days. The continued dry weather was having its effect on the pastures and many ranchmen were afraid they would run out of feed, and for that reason disposed of a good deal of their stock. The rains Monday night and Tuesday forenoon will revive the pastures and will be of vast benefit to the hay meadows in the south part of the county.

## Will Solicit Funds For Nebr. Children's Home

Mrs. E. Wilcox, secretary of the local advisory board at O'Neill, announces that Carl O. Ike of Lincoln, district superintendent for the Nebraska Children's Home Society will soon be working in Holt county soliciting funds for the society.

It is pointed out that an emergency exists at the present time with relations to the work of the society. During 1936 300 children were taken care of, this naturally

causing a big increase in expenses. Together with the difficulty in securing funds, it has put the society in a serious financial condition.

The Nebraska Children's Home Society has cared for sixty-four wards in Holt county and since it was chartered in 1893, has placed 4,000 children in new homes and given service of one kind or another to nearly four times that number. The Nebraska Children's Home Society serves every county in the state and is supported entirely by voluntary donations. It is non-sectarian and licensed by the state for the care and placement of normal children who have been neglected, abused, deserted or orphaned.

The Receiving Home is located at 3549 Fontenelle Blvd. in Omaha, where the necessary medical and hospital facilities are available.

## New Bindweed Law Calls For Cleaning of Threshing Machines

Posting of the section of the new bindweed law dealing with cleaning of threshing machines and combines or such machines is necessary, the Holt county farm bureau has been informed by the state department of agriculture. Supplies for the same can be had at the farm bureau office.

The state department of agriculture sent out bulletins describing the law to all threshing machine and combine operators on their mailing list, but it is thought some individuals were missed.

Necessity for controlling the spread of bindweed seed by cleaning out threshing machines and combines is seen in the fact that one bushel of wheat from an infested field contained 26,000 bindweed seeds in a test. This is enough to infest hundreds of acres of other land if carried from farm to farm.

Under the new law, wheat harvested from a bindweed infested area cannot be sold to those except who process the wheat and destroy the noxious weed seed. When wheat is sold at the elevator, the responsibility lays with the elevator or persons to whom the wheat is sold by the farmer. Wheat coming from bindweed infested areas, under the law, cannot be sold by one farmer to another for seed purposes. It may be sold as feed only if processed so as to destroy the viability of the seed. Failure to comply with the law makes an individual liable to a penalty.

## First Health Lecture Will Be Next Tuesday

The first of a series of health lectures sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of Lincoln, will be given on Tuesday, July 20, 1937, at 2:30 p. m., in the Assembly Room at the new court house in O'Neill. The principal address will be given by Dr. Frank Murray of Omaha, and the subject of his discourse will be "The Normal Delivery in the Home." These lectures are open to the public and all adults are urged to attend, as the subject of child health is of the utmost importance to everyone in the community.

## Band Plays At Elgin

A large delegation of O'Neill people accompanied the High School band to Elgin Wednesday afternoon and evening where the band gave a concert that evening. O'Neill visitors say there were about 2,000 people in Elgin last evening to listen to the concert and enjoy the sidewalk dance, which is a weekly event in that enterprising little city.

## New Well Delivers 160 Gallons A Minute

Tuesday and Wednesday the city officials tested the new well that the city purchased a couple of months ago. The report is that the well will throw 160 gallons of water per minute. The city officials intend to purchase a pump for this well and will connect it with the mains, which will add about fifty per cent to the water supply of the city.

## Ram Sale At Lincoln

A purebred ram show and sale will be held in Lincoln, Friday, July 30, where all breeds will be represented. Professor M. A. Alexander of the college of agriculture

will be in charge of the show. Exhibition will start at 9:30 a. m. and the sale early in the afternoon. There will be 75 rams made up of Hampshires, Shropshires, Southdowns, Oxfords, Cheviots and Hambouilllets. In addition fifty head of Southdown ewes of western breeding and 200 head of one and two year old purebred Hampshire ewes will be offered.

## Receives Cuts When Thrown By A Horse

Arthur Wertz of northeast Holt, was thrown from a horse last Tuesday afternoon with the result that he suffered severe lacerations of his legs. He was brought to the O'Neill hospital that evening for treatment and we are informed this morning that he is getting along nicely.

## Fire Burns State Garage

Last Saturday afternoon, fire gutted the State Highway garage in the western end of the city and damaged a highway maintainer. The damage is estimated at \$1,000. The fire started as Leo Carney, a highway department employee was refueling a maintainer. He escaped uninjured. The garage will be rebuilt.

## Holt County 4-H Clubs

**G. A. H. 4-H CLUB**  
A meeting of the G. A. H. 4-H club was held at the home of Miss Eileen Kelly with Miss Kathryn McNichols assisting. Kathryn McNichols was appointed news commentator and Dorothy Valla assistant commentator. A delightful luncheon of ice cream and cookies was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held July 31 at the home of Mrs. Reece.

## HONEY CREEK POULTRY CLUB

The Honey Creek 4-H Poultry club met July 13 at the home of Bill Grutch. The regular meeting was held followed by chicken judging. After the club meeting the parents of the 4-H club members put on a program and gave prizes for different stunts won by the guests and club members. It was a very enjoyable evening.

## HONEY CREEK SHEEP CLUB

The Honey Creek Sheep club met at the home of Ralph Rees July 8, 1937. Judging day at Atkinson was discussed and the leader picked his demonstration team. Bud Vequist furnished entertainment with his accordion. The next meeting will be at the James Curran home.

## GRATTAN PROJECT CLUB

The Grattan Project Club met at the home of Mrs. Joe Jareske for an afternoon meeting July 13. The lesson was on Linens in the Home, which was read and informally discussed. Plans for continuing summer meetings were discussed and it was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Emma Lawrence August 17. Lunch was served at the close of the meeting to the eleven present. Everyone spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Pond arrived in the county last Monday from California to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pond's brother, John Crandall, who was buried in the old Paddock cemetery last Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Pond was in the city Wednesday and made this office a pleasant call and we spent an enjoyable hour discussing olden times in the city. Mr. Pond was a resident of this city in the latter eighties and was an employee of the Northwestern railroad, being in the depot under the agent, Findley Lyon. Mr. Pond left here along about 1890 for Omaha where he resided for several years and then moved to California, which is now his home. Mr. and Mrs. Pond will visit old time friends here for a couple of weeks before returning to their California home.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Sherbahn left last Sunday morning for Lake Okoboji, Iowa, where they will spend the next two weeks fishing and taking in the festivities of this old time summer resort. Doc says that he expects to catch a lot of fish during his vacation and promised to bring back a good supply. They will return home Sunday, July 25.



## Expect Filibuster On Face-Saving Court Bill

The original Supreme Court bill died Tuesday in the Senate when the majority leader introduced the so-called compromise amendment. The long-looked for debate on this important issue opened soon after the Senators came back from their Fourth of July vacation. If a filibuster is successful the court bill may die in the Senate. Otherwise the guess is that the face-saving compromise bill may pass both Houses by a narrow margin. Adjournment of congress depends on when the congress will get thru with the court bill. The House adjourned Tuesday over to Thursday because members wanted to go to the All-Star baseball game.

## Sun and President Turn On Heat

The weather man has turned on the usual Washington heat. The executive department is turning on the legislative heat and the House is just marking time waiting for some of the promised legislation which has been in the making in the executive branch. That will include some kind of a farm bill; some kind of federal re-organization legislation. Most members who are not "in the know" seem bewildered and just seem to be marking time. With the Terrifying heat turned on from Old Sol and elsewhere, whatever legislation does pass will not get the usual serious consideration it is entitled to. For that reason many serious-minded members feel congress should quit and go home and cool off and come back in January and give important legislation real study and consideration before giving it a lick and promise and rush away.

## Wants to Join Nebraska's Navy

Congressman Melvin Mass of Minnesota demands to be made a member of the "Nebraska Navy." His application has gone to Ted Metcalf, the Navy's Commodore. Congressman Mass is a former marine officer. He is now in the marine reserves with a general's rank. He is connected with the air corps and continues to pilot a plane. He is one of the most popular men in the House of Representatives and is considered one of the bravest of the members. Some years ago a "crank" pointed a revolver at the members from the House gallery. Mass was the only member who "talked" the "crank" out of it and eventually got possession of the gun.

## Fight Brings Some Reduction

The fight put up by the Republican side of the House to cut ten per cent from all appropriations has borne some fruit. The President today gave orders for a ten per cent cut in many departments in an effort to balance the budget. As a result many employees of departments are calling congressional offices for information, as to just what departments are to be affected by these promised cuts. A meeting of department chiefs is scheduled with the President on this subject in a very short time.

## Nebraska Scouts Tour Capitol

Thirty-six of the Nebraska Boy Scout troop attending the Jamboree here in Washington, called at the third congressional office July 1, and were guests of the office on a pilgrimage to the Morton Tree and the capitol grounds and trip thru the nation's capitol. Nebraska Scoutmaster Hepfinger of Tilden and Scoutmaster Lyman Burkholder of Fremont, were with the troop and indicated that all of the boys from the Nebraska district are in good health.

## Historical St. Mary's

A lot of people go down into Maryland to look over what was once a town called St. Mary's. It is about 300 years old and Lord Baltimore and other gentry brought over hundreds of immigrants to settle the place. It once had hundreds of citizens who came over the ocean in the ship, Ark, which towed the smaller boat, "The Dove." The settlers came from all over Europe. Today the town is a wheat field. Nothing of the old buildings is left. It has gone back to nature like the town of Warnerville in Madison county. The immigrants of St.

Mary's are the ancestors of some of our most prominent present day Americans.

## Visitors at Congressional Office

Among the visitors at the third congressional office during the past week are the following: Mr. Cooper of Washington, Nebr.; Mrs. Dorothy Billerbeck of Osmond, Nebr.; Mrs. Elizabeth Zook of Lincoln; Owen Meredith, O'Neill; Chris Petrov, Fremont; Austin Cramer, Pierce; Glen Walker, Omaha; Ralph Barrett, Robert Montgomery, James Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Don F. Riordan, Rev. Alvin Katt all of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johanson, South Sioux City; Lyman Burkholder, Henry Reutter, George Townsend and Robert Carson, all of Fremont; Fred Kramer, George Hyatt and William Smith of Columbus; Jim Black of Fullerton; Scoutmaster W. J. Hepfinger of Tilden; Miss Katherine Shea and Raymond Haffey of Wisner, Barton Black and State Engineer Tilley of Lincoln, and Scoutmaster Bader of Ottumwa, Ia., formerly of Fremont.

## Heavy Grass Steers Reach High of \$9.75 At Atkinson Market

Atkinson, Nebr., July 13.—Good rains over a large territory east of here helped to stimulate the cattle market here Tuesday. More buyers than any time this season were present to bid on the 1300 head of cattle offered for sale. Around 200 head of heavy beshy steers were included in the day's run and competition on them was keen. All fleshy cows and heifers sold well, but light stockers showed very little improvement over a week ago.

Representative sales:

800 to 1200 pound fleshy steers at	8.50 to 9.75
Common to fair heavy steers at	6.00 to 7.50
Best quality yearling steers at	7.00 to 8.00
Fair to good yearling steers at	5.00 to 6.50
Fleshy feeding heifers	6.50 to 8.10
Stocker yearling heifers at	5.50 to 6.50
Fair to good heifers	5.00 to 5.50
Choice fat cows at	6.75 to 7.25
Heavy butcher cows at	5.50 to 6.00
Canners and cutters	3.50 to 4.50
Bulls at	5.00 to 6.25

The hog run was light with only 200 head on sale and in line with the recent sharp break on all markets was a very dull affair. Fat hogs were approximately 50 cents a hundred lower than a week ago while thin sows showed even a greater loss.

The horse market was in line with recent weeks with about 25 head being sold. Next auction Tuesday, July 20, at 12 o'clock.

## Pleads Guilty To A Liquor Law Violation

Frank Sessler of Emmet, was arrested Monday on complaint of Edward Murphy, field man for the state liquor commission. Sessler was charged with having on or about July 11, 1937, unlawfully sold beer in the original package for consumption off the premises, without first having obtained a state off sale liquor license from the state commission. Sessler pleaded guilty to the charge and the sentence was deferred. The beer license at Emmet is held by Mrs. Sessler and, we understand she is out of the county.

## Given Farewell Party

A jolly party was held at the Country Club last Wednesday evening, the event being a farewell party for K. A. Wehl, who left today for a visit with relatives in Kansas and will then go to Denver, where he has a good position with the oil company that he has been working for here for the past four and a half years. James Hartly was another honored guest at the party as James leaves in a few days for Portland, Oregon, where he expects to make his future home. The honored guests received the best wishes of their many friends for success in their new homes.

Miss Della Harnish left last Monday for Rochester, Minn., where she will enter the clinic for medical examination.

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

Nebraska politicians, both democratic and republican, are puzzled and confused by the abnormal and unexpected turn of events at Washington. When the stereotyped politician is suddenly confronted with the unusual, the scurrying to and fro always amuses those familiar with the routine of campaigns.

Senator Edward R. Burke, insurging against the President after claiming credit for coining the official definition of the New Deal, seems to be the logical contender for the democratic presidential nomination in 1940. Mr. Burke's Eastern strength is formidable. Now supporting the Nebraska junior senator are Eastern democrats of the extreme conservative type. Lined up behind Mr. Burke are the leading reactionary republicans.

With the battle lines forming in Nebraska, the federal office holders and the party workers do not know where to go. The Mullen Burke element dictated the political appointments in Nebraska. Now Mr. Mullen, Mr. Farley and democratic chieftains are alienated from Mr. Burke. The chaos, disorder and perplexity existing in machine ranks cannot be exaggerated.

The first contest will take place in the 1938 primaries. From present indications conservative republicans will leave the GOP fold in that primary and enter the democratic primary to support Senator Burke on the supreme court issue. The progressive republicans have deserted the party on former occasions and will undoubtedly support the administration in the 1938 fight. With the Old Guard deserting the republican standard the outlook for a respectable primary vote is dismal. National Committee man Hugh Butler has been at work among the republican cohorts, seeking to preserve party cohesion.

Among republicans, there is hope that the President and his advisers will suddenly shift position before the national campaign opens in 1940 and that new issues will be presented. In this way the republicans could present a formal indictment against the democrats and preserve party lines.

On the supreme court issue there is not enough divergence between the views of Senator Burke and the expressions of the republican leaders to maintain party division. The republican national committee, during the last few weeks, has studied the situation, and some of the mid-western leaders expressed alarm over the future of the party. "Along the Atlantic seaboard," said a prominent Landon adviser recently, "politics is entirely a matter of business. There is a marked absence of ideals and adherence to party principles."

Two filings have already been made for the election campaign of 1938. One is that of W. F. Haycock of Calloway, former legislator, for railway commissioner. The other is that of Edward McKim of Omaha, also a former legislator, for the democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

September 11 has been set as the day when Federal District Judge T. C. Munger, Circuit Judge Archibald K. Gardner of St. Louis, and District Judge J. A. Donohoe of Omaha, will hear the injunction suit of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Musicians to prevent the enforcement of the new Nebraska law outlawing the society. The law was passed at the recent session of the unicameral legislature.

Farm labor is not a hazardous occupation, and harvest hands injured while working are not entitled to workmen's compensation, according to a ruling recently made by Judge Frank M. Coffey of the Nebraska workmen's compensation court.

"It is clearly shown where the extra taxes now assigned to homes will be assessed, then a vote on the subject will be fair. Until the people know where the money is coming from, they can't know that" (Continued on page 5, column 4.)

## MORE LIVESTOCK IN COUNTY RAISES TAX VALUATIONS

Per Head Value Lower Than Year Ago, But Total Value Higher From Larger Number.

County Assessor Sullivan completed and mailed to Lincoln last Monday to the state board the 1937 abstract of the assessment of Holt county. The abstract shows that the assessed valuation of the county for the year 1937 is \$18,209,870, as compared to \$17,916,915 for the year 1936.

This abstract shows that there were in the county on April 1, 1937, 87,211 head of cattle and that they were valued at \$1,837,250 or \$21.06 per head. During the year 1936 there were 77,567 head and these were valued \$1,655,950, or an average of \$21.34 per head.

There were 11,738 head of horses in the county on April 1, 1937, valued at \$376,685, or an average of \$32.09 per head. In 1936 there were 11,399 head of horses in the county valued at \$403,075, or an average of \$35.36 per head. There are 671 head of mules in the county valued at \$24,405, for an average of \$36.37 per head.

There were in the county April 1, 1937, and assessed, 4,087 automobiles and they were valued at \$454,165, or an average of \$111.13 each.

According to this abstract the citizens of Holt county have 1,540 radios, valued at \$15,705, or an average of \$10.19.

The farmers of the county have 6,044 hogs of all ages and they are valued at \$55,825. In 1936 there were 9,703 hogs of all ages assessed in the county, a decrease of 3,659 head during the year, which was caused by the severe drouth of last year.

Holt county had 9,624 head of sheep and goats on April 1, 1937, valued at \$22,065. In 1936, 5,685 head were assessed in the county, so this year there is an increase of 3,939 head, which tends to prove that farmers of the county are going into the sheep business on an extensive scale.

There are 376,132 acres of improved land in the county, assessed at \$3,544,245, or an average value of \$9.42 per acre. There are 1,078,775 acre of unimproved land in the county and it is assessed at \$7,058,485. The improvements on lands are assessed at \$1,222,405. The total valuation of the lands and improvements is \$11,825,135. The total valuation of the town lots in the county, of which there are 6,518, is \$1,583,915.

The total cost of the assessment this year was \$5,355.08. This includes the salary of the county assessor for one year, his office deputy, the amount paid precinct assessors and the amount paid for books, schedules and blanks. The precinct assessors filed 5,221 schedules, which is an increase of 250 schedules over the number filed in 1936.

## Grasshopper Bait Supply Almost Gone

When the present supply of grasshopper bait is gone, it will be necessary for farmers wishing to poison grasshopper to pay for the ingredients and mixing as no more federal bait will be available this year. Nearly a carload of federal bait has been spread by Holt county farmers this summer, many reporting excellent kills.

As long as the present supply lasts, farmers can still get this bait from their county supervisors or agricultural agent.

## Has Hip Injury From Fall With A Horse

Milo Eppenbach, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Eppenbach had his hip severely injured last Sunday afternoon when the horse he was riding fell on him. He was taken to a hospital in Norfolk that evening for treatment.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness to our beloved brother and uncle, the late John Crandall. Your many acts of kindness will ever be gratefully remembered.—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Pond, J. W. Miller and family.