

THE FRONTIER

Former Holt Resident Dies At Beatrice

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Higbee visited here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards from Monday of last week until Saturday when word came that Mrs. Edwards' father, John S. Johnson, 71, of Beatrice, was not expected to live and they, accompanied by Mrs. Edwards, left at once for Beatrice. Mr. Johnson was raised on a homestead 23 miles southwest of this city and had been section foreman for the Burlington at Plainview from 1908 until a year ago when he was retired on a pension. He had railroaded for forty-nine years. He is a brother of Mike Johnson of this city and father of Mrs. Thomas Edwards. Mr. Higbee is a captain of the guards at the Nebraska reformatory for men at Lincoln.

Mr. Johnson died last Tuesday and the funeral was held this afternoon, services at Orchard and burial in the cemetery at Neligh. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters.

Youth Struck By Car While Riding Bicycle

While riding his bicycle north from the old Elkhorn river bed Wednesday morning, Morris Kirkpatrick, 16, son of Mrs. Cora Kirkpatrick, was struck by an automobile coming from the south, with the result that he suffered severe cuts on his head and body, and the bicycle was badly damaged. Morris says that he ran over a snake and that his bike swerved causing him to turn in front of the car. He is getting along nicely, and he is getting around on crutches.

Thomas Crimmins Of Atkinson Has Reached The Century Mark

Thomas Crimmins of Atkinson, Holt county's oldest resident, who came to this county when it was nothing but a barren prairie, celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary Sunday, July 24. An article on the occasion, appearing in last week's Atkinson Graphic, appears in part as follows:

"To see him and visit with him one can hardly believe that this sturdy son of Ireland was born when Martin Van Buren was serving as eighth president of the United States. He is strong and active. His mind is keen, and he can tell many an interesting tale of the early days in Holt county, where he has lived for 61 years. "He doesn't have rheumatism. Nor does he suffer any other aches and pains. He has never had any false teeth. With the aid of a glass he keeps pretty well posted by reading the newspaper. He is a bit hard of hearing, and uses a cane when he walks (both legs were broken in a hayfield accident years ago), but there is nothing in his physical stature to indicate that he has crossed the century mark in life.

"If you get up early enough, most any morning you might catch him out in his yard in north Atkinson, swinging an axe on one of the dead trees—that's one of the ways he keeps fit. He lives with his brother-in-law, Thomas Hanrahan, and they 'batch it' together. But don't think that Mr. Crimmins doesn't do his share of the 'batching.' He helps with the housework and does little chores around the place. He is quite able to take care of himself, as evidenced by the fact that he still shaves himself regularly with the old straight-edge blade.

"Mr. Crimmins was born in County Cork, Ireland, on July 24, 1838. He lived in his native land until he was 31 years old, served four years in the Irish militia and worked several years on the docks unloading ships in Queenstown, Ireland.

"In 1869 he came to America, landing at New York in March of that year. He went to Salem, Mass., and for eight years worked on the docks in that city, then in 1877 he came west and settled in Holt county where his brother, the late John Crimmins, had come two years before. He homesteaded on the farm five miles southeast of Atkinson where John Schorn now lives.

"He was married in 1890 to Miss Catherine Hanrahan of Atkinson, who passed away June 27, 1922. They had no children.

"Mr. Crimmins and his wife

moved to town in 1911. For two years after his wife died he lived with Mr. Hanrahan on the farm west of here. Mr. Hanrahan quit the farm in 1924 and they both moved to Mr. Crimmins' home at the north edge of town.

"A few times in his life, Mr. Crimmins was close to death. Once was years ago, before they moved to town, when he was terribly injured when the fork of a hay stacker fell on him. Both his legs were broken and his hands and arms were badly mangled and mangled. He hung between life and death for weeks. Another was ten or twelve years ago when he suffered his most recent serious illness. At that time his relatives and friends despaired of his recovery, but he got well and hasn't been seriously ill since.

"A life-long democrat, Mr. Crimmins is a great admirer of Alfred E. Smith, and was glad of the opportunity to vote for him when he was a candidate for president. He has always been interested in local and national politics, and the city school election last spring is the only time he has missed going to the polls for many years.

"In the early days he was personally acquainted with that notorious Nebraska character of pioneer days, Doc Middleton. Asked what he thought of Middleton, Mr. Crimmins replied, 'Oh, I knew him well. . . Doc was a good man. Regardless of what they say, I know he didn't do any harm to the poor settlers in this territory, nor did he rob them. . . but it was a pretty tough gang that traveled with him. "Mr. Crimmins built the first settler's shack in Long Pine, and later lived for a time in a dugout near where the town of Bassett is now located.

"No special occasion was made of his birthday last Sunday. He received a few callers who congratulated him that day, and on Tuesday the event was celebrated with a dinner at which his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Crimmins, and Mrs. Joe Corrigan, were guests."

The Weather

It has been hot and dry in this section the past week. The last moisture received in this city was Wednesday night of last week .08 of an inch was measured. In the northern part of the county they had a good rain last Friday that reached as high as two inches in places, but it did not cover a great deal of territory. They also had rain Friday night south and west of Atkinson.

Tuesday was the hottest and worst day of the year. The thermometer went to the high of the year, 103 degrees. A hot wind blew from the south most of the day and had it not been for the moisture in the ground the corn crop would have been seriously injured. As it was it is believed that the corn crop was not damaged.

Tuesday night the wind blew a gale most of the night. Rain was predicted for Tuesday afternoon and night and while clouds gathered in the afternoon and night, but a sprinkle fell here, and from radio and press reports there was no precipitation in any section of the state, outside of sprinkles. The weather cooled considerably during the early hours of Wednesday morning and Wednesday was a little more like normal.

Following is the weather chart for the week:

	High	Low	Moist.
July 28	85	61	.08
July 29	81	60	
July 30	81	60	
July 31	93	63	
Aug. 1	98	68	
Aug. 2	103	68	
Aug. 3	90	68	
Precipitation for the year, 16.08 inches.			

BUSY HOUR CLUB

Mrs. Lizzie Pelcer entertained the Busy Hour club on Thursday, July 28, at her home in Atkinson. All but three members responded to roll call by reading a poem. Several visitors were present. The afternoon was spent in playing games and visiting. Linda Wayman received the prize. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, dessert and iced tea. The next meeting will be held at the home of Lizzie Schmoor on Thursday, August 25.

Lee Drayton of Norfolk, was in O'Neill Wednesday on business.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

An apathetic state primary campaign is drawing to a close. Statesmen under the dome of Nebraska's state capitol, always suspicious and apprehensive, mistrust everything and everybody. They fear undercurrents of public opinion; they abhor the double-cross.

"The Lincoln newspaper and radio situation," said one democrat, "is causing a lot of uneasiness among the boys. Rates are higher than a cat's vertebra; schedules to get on the ether waves have been projected above the moon."

"As far as the governorship is concerned," complained another, "a man seeking news has got just as much chance as a Jew arraigned before Hitler. In Lincoln, the censorship is rigid. In Omaha, the candidacy of Cochran is deluged with editorial syrup. We can't tell whether Radke is harvesting any hay or not. We do know that Charley Warner is fitting here and there like a sunbeam."

Politicians familiar with the strategy of Charley Bryan predict that he will start a whirlwind campaign for the governorship immediately after the primaries. The gossip is that the Radke campaign is a minor offensive.

Two pamphlets have been printed and are ready for circulation. One explains the philosophy of old-age pension relief and tax exemption. This document is sponsored by Cecil Matthews. An extensive legislative program has been outlined. The pamphlet is signed by Bryan.

Traveling men and other heavy consumers of gasoline are expected to make a fight for decreased taxation on motor fuels. It is believed that they will stage a fight to cut the tax in half. Hotel keepers and proprietors of tourists camps complain about the traffic, which they claim is diverted through their states. Truckers add to the outcry.

Friends of Governor Cochran assert that the organized petroleum dealers are behind the campaign for decreased gasoline taxation and maintain that most people are satisfied with the present arrangements.

Country newspapers may benefit from the fight which the metropolitan newspapers are putting up against the Eastern Nebraska Public Power district. More than a year ago the district outlined an advertising policy when the system went on a paying operating basis. For sales promotion and line loading, 1½ per cent of the gross income of the district was set aside. It was ordered that the money be spent in the newspapers that served the area that furnished the business. As the customers are all farmers, the weekly newspapers in the vicinity had the largest coverage and gobbled the appropriations. To make the fight more bitter, some of the big newspapers opposed the policies of the district.

At the suggestion of the Rural Electrification Administration, the headquarters of the Eastern Nebraska was moved from Lincoln. The Federal agency also endorsed the educational program of the district. This will be carried on almost entirely through the local newspapers that have the largest number of farmers on the subscription list.

Following the custom inaugurated during the term of Chancellor Avery, of providing a home for the chancellor of the University of Nebraska, the board of regents last week announced the purchase for \$12,000, of the home of Mrs. Dorothy S. Sidles, at 2110 A street, Lincoln, as the official residence for Chancellor C. S. Boucher and his family. The custom was in abeyance during the regime of Chancellor Burnett, as he preferred to continue to live in his own home near the state farm.

As soon as plans and specifications are completed, work will begin on the construction of a new boys' dormitory at the Kearney State Teachers' college. The state normal board last week accepted a PWA grant of \$72,000 for this purpose. The total cost of the building will be \$160,000. Plans were also approved by the board for the

remodeling of a faculty building at Chardon State Teachers' college, the total cost to be about \$25,000, of which the PWA will be asked to share 45 per cent. Approval was also given by the board to a \$10,000 WPA grant for a new athletic field at Kearney, a sewer, and extension of a water main.

The weekly accident survey of the state, compiled by the cooperation of the office of the state superintendent, the Nebraska Press association, and the Nebraska Safety council, shows a happy decrease in accidents for the week ending July 16. The week ending July 9 had 555 accidents, and 380 killed or injured, while the following week had but 469 accidents and 285 on the casualty list. Automobile accidents decreased from 155 last week to 113 for the July 16 period. Farm accidents, however, increased from 88 to 114.

Almost 60 applications have been received according to State Assistant Director Neil C. Vandemoer, from persons desiring to take the examinations under the merit system for state and county assistance workers. Not all the 300 persons now working in the service who should take the examinations have yet applied, said the director. He emphasized the fact that the examination plan "covers the election of personnel for technical positions only, not clerks or stenographers. Only persons taking the examinations and receiving passing grades will be eligible to the state and county registers, from which future vacancies will be filled. The examination plan has been established by the state to comply with promises made to the social security board in order to obtain federal matching of state assistance funds."

Governor Cochran has called attention to a state regulation which prohibits the rejection of automobiles at municipal testing stations on the ground of faulty tires, a point on which a number of motorists have been refused state stickers. The governor also, after hearing the flood of protests that have been coming in concerning "too rigid" inspection, urged municipal testing stations throughout Nebraska "to use judgment, leniency, and discretion" in the inspection of cars. Safety, not business, was the aim of the law, he said.

Recently a Lincoln man went to the testing station with a new car. With him, he took his son-in-law, a young attorney. The car owner got plastered on several counts, despite the protests of the lawyer. "You're a gazabo of an attorney, or else these fellows don't know their business," declared the irate car owner.

At the end of the fiscal year, the state assistance division finds that it has a balance on hand of \$1,024,922.63. During the year ending June 30, the total of receipts was \$7,723,789.50, and \$6,698,875.87 was spent. Of the total expended last year, \$333,689 was used for administration, and \$6,365,186.66 went to assistance clients. The cost of county administration was \$229,899, and the administrative costs for the state were \$103,790.

Judge Polk of the Lancaster district court has set August 10 as the date for hearing on the matter of a temporary injunction in a friendly action brought by the Champlain Refining company to prevent the state department of agriculture from enforcing its order requiring the company to pay the five-cent-per-gallon tax on gasoline it brings by pipeline into Nebraska at Superior. The company, since August, 1935, has been piping into Nebraska from Oklahoma each month, and it has been selling the gasoline to licensed Nebraska dealers at its Superior terminal on the basis that the dealers pay the tax. The department of agriculture has recently demanded that the Champlain company pay the tax, since it is much simpler to collect from one than from many dealers. The company claims that many dealers will be unable to do business if the company has to add the tax to the dealer's price at the time of delivery. Now, the dealers have until the middle of the next month in which to pay the tax. Moreover, the company claims that the order

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State Accident Record Shows Fewer Mishaps

Accidents for the week ending July 23, paralleled the drop indicated in the last report. The total came to 345 accidents as compared to 469 for the week ending July 16. The casualty list totaled 269 which was a slight drop from 285 of the previous period. Deaths dropped from eighteen to thirteen. While not as bad as the previous week, the children's report still shows up bad with four children reported killed, and thirty-nine injured.

Auto Accidents Decrease

Motor vehicle accidents continued to decrease as a slight drop was shown in this week's records. The total came to this week's accidents and ninety-nine injured or killed in contrast to 113 mishaps and ninety-five on the casualty list. A man died of injuries sustained when a tire blew out and wrecked his car, a boy on a bicycle was struck by an automobile and died of his injuries, another was killed when an oil transport overturned and burned and a fourth died after his truck crashed into another stopped on the highway. A man was disabled in a collision and another when he was hit by a car.

Out of thirty-four collisions there were twenty-two injuries. Fifteen were injured when cars got out of control, fourteen as the result of skidding, eight when tires blew out causing wrecks, eight pedestrians were struck by cars and hurt, and five were injured when a car passed a stop signal. Mechanical defects in cars were responsible for two being hurt, two more were injured when cars hit obstructions, excessive speed caused one to be hurt, and another sustained injuries when a parked car was hit. Three men were injured while cranking their cars, two others were hurt when cars came to sudden stops, two were hurt when a car hit the back of a wagon, car doors caused two more to be hurt, a man was caught between his car and the wall with bad results, and a boy suffered a broken leg when an automobile backed into the machine on which he had climbed.

Two hit and run drivers put in an appearance and one intoxicated driver was responsible for one being disabled and three injured.

Public Accidents Follow Trend

Other public accidents followed the general downward trend this week by dropping from 145 last period to eighty-eight for this record. The casualty list dropped from seventy-five to fifty-two. Three more people met death by drowning this week and a woman was accidentally shot and died of her injuries. A girl had an eye removed after it was injured some time ago in a laboratory explosion.

Farm Mishaps Drop

After reaching a record high of 114 accidents last period, the total for this week showed a drop by going to eighty-five. There were sixty-one injured or killed as contrasted to sixty-four of the previous record. A farmer died as the result of an accident with a runaway tractor and a little girl was killed when she caught her head in the barn door and was choked to death. Another was disabled when he lost several fingers in a combine.

Nine persons were injured in falls, six were hurt by farm animals, twenty-four others were injured in runaways, another sustained an injured eye, and still another hurt his back. There were twenty-one rural fires.

Industry Steps Up

Contrary to the other categories which showed a drop, industrial accidents indicated a substantial increase by going from twenty-six accidents with twenty-two on the casualty list last week to thirty-four mishaps and twenty-six injured or killed this period. A railroad employee was killed when he fell off a moving train. Six workmen fell and were injured, seven were hurt by machinery, three railroad employees were injured while at work, five were burned, one man injured his eye, one other suffered a broken hand, still another was struck by falling iron and badly hurt, and a fourth was knocked unconscious by lightning while at work. There were nine fires.

Home Accidents Decrease

After showing an increase last

period, home accidents reversed their trend and decreased from sixty-nine last period to forty-one for this week. Thirty-one persons were injured or killed, however, as compared to twenty-eight of previous record. An elderly woman died of injuries sustained in a fall some time ago, and a small boy badly burned in June died as a result. Fourteen were hurt in falls, three were burned, three were cut, two had hand injuries, lightning struck a house and stunned a woman, another had an injury in her ear, still another an injured eye, and the last was badly shocked when stunned by a wasp. With two more washing machine injuries reported, this makes a total of one hundred twenty-four such mishaps in a little over eleven months. Twelve home fires occurred.

Here And There

A rather unusual sight was observed on the ground of the local country club last Tuesday evening, when a foursome of our young golfers were observed playing on the second green with the aid of matches, the hour being about 8:45 p. m.

We understand the address of Francis Connelly has been changed temporarily from the east part of town to the southwest.

It seems as though the Douglas and Lancaster county commissioners are the only ones that have the courage of their convictions. They have stated that the State Assistance Committee does not have the right to select, hire or discharge their employees for them, and Attorney General Hunter has concurred in this opinion.

Our fire chief is building a new garage with a sleeping porch above and rumor has it that there will be a shiny brass pole down the center of the building.

Eva Protivinsky is still looking for the culprit that attached the toy bomb to her car Wednesday noon. Woe betide the gentleman if Eva catches up with him.

The people of O'Neill seem to be harder and longer lived now than in the old days, for according to the records of the local undertaking parlor, the month of July, 1938, was the first month in the past twenty-five years that no deaths have occurred in the immediate locality.

The weekly treasure hunt held Wednesday night was the usual success. The only casualties reported were a mashed finger suffered by Jim Preston when a car door was accidentally slammed on his hand, and the usual collection of injured feelings.

That the average taxpayer and citizen is coming to the point where he realizes that the New Deal must eventually be paid for is evidenced by the results of the recent primaries in such Democratic states as Texas, Missouri and West Virginia, where the New Deal candidate in several cases went down to defeat.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hiatt of Dorsey announce the birth of a son on July 31, named Jesse Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pichler, of Chambers, announce the birth of a son on July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Walton, of Venus, announce the birth of a son on July 30.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy, of O'Neill, announce the birth of a daughter on July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Dornick Bohn, of O'Neill, announce the birth of a son, Maxwell Frank, on July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Matthews announce the birth of a baby girl, Cecilia Marie, on July 30.

INMAN CALF CLUB

The Inman Calf club will meet at the Karl Keyes home on the night of Monday, Aug. 8.

Small grain harvesting is completed and threshing is the order of the day all over the county. Reports are to the fact that the small grain is not yielding as well as had been anticipated, but that the quality of all grain is good, in fact much better than the average year.

Primary Election Will Take Place Tuesday

Next Tuesday is primary election. Voters should be sure to go to the polls and vote for their choice of candidates for the different offices. Many voters do not think the primary is an important election, but it is where the candidates for the various offices to be voted on at the general election in November are chosen, and if you do not select good candidates at the primary you will not have good candidates for the general election. So, be sure and vote next Tuesday for your favorite candidate on your ticket.

Catherine Lawlor and F. M. Deutsch Are Wed Last Week At Lincoln

Miss Catherine Lawlor, a former member of the faculty of O'Neill high school was married at Lincoln last Thursday to Frederick M. Deutsch of Norfolk. Following is part of the account which appeared in the Nebraska State Journal:

"St. Mary's cathedral was the scene of a pretty morning wedding Thursday when the nuptial mass for the wedding of Miss Catherine Maryann Lawlor, daughter of Mrs. Nicholas Lawlor, of Frederick Moran Deutsch of Norfolk, was read by Rev. Thomas Walsh of Battle Creek. Rev. C. J. Riordan assisted in the mass. The altar was decorated with pink roses and lighted with candles. Baskets of gladioli were on either side of the altar. Reuben M. Walt sang and J. C. Norman Richards was at the organ.

"The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, John Lawlor, appeared in a floor length gown of dusky pink over taffeta, fashioned with a close fitting bodice and a full gored skirt ending in a train. Pink daisies trimmed the right shoulder line to the closing of the V neck, and the same daisy trim was carried out in the skirt, running diagonally from waist to hem line. The waist line was marked by a moire belt. The short sleeves were shirred. The bridal veil of tulle was gathered into a halo of Dutchess lace. Seed pearls trimmed the front of the crown and held the veil in place in the back.

"The bridal bouquet was of flesh colored Sally roses. The ribbon tying them was used as her mother's wedding and she carried the handkerchief carried by her mother at her wedding.

"Miss Margaret Lawlor served her sister at maid of honor, and wore a dress of blue marquiset, over taffeta, made with a close fitting bodice, V neck and a full skirt. A pink moire belt trimmed the waistline. The slip was trimmed with daisies near the hemline and the daisies showed thru the sheer material of the dress. The sleeves were puffed. She wore a blue sailor straw hat trimmed in pink and blue flowers and a veil that tied in a bow in the back. She carried braireiliff roses and blue delphinium. Nancy Lawlor, niece of the bride, was the flower girl and wore a dress of white organdy, embroidered in pink and blue, fashioned with a full skirt. She wore a head band of pink rosebuds and blue delphinium, and carried a rose ball of pink rosebuds and blue delphinium. Accessories were white.

"Best man was Allred P. Deutsch of Cleveland, brother of the bridegroom. C. A. Jeffrey of Omaha, Charles Lawlor and Henry K. Gilman of Sioux City were ushers.

"A reception was held at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mullen following the ceremony. A luncheon was later held at the home of the bride for the bridal party and the family.

"After a trip to Canada the couple will be at home at Norfolk, where the bridegroom is an attorney. The bride chose for travel a black silk chiffon dress made with a jacket. Her accessories were black."

Mrs. A. F. Thompson and children of Oakland, Calif., who have been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Arlo Hiatt and family, left Sunday for Chambers, where they will visit Mrs. Thompson's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hoffman.

Leo Carney returned Tuesday night from Fremont where he went as a delegate to attend the Annual American Legion state convention.