

THE FRONTIER

Holt County Pioneers Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

One hundred and thirteen old-time neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brennan, in Shields township last Sunday to help them celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary.

James A. Brennan and Eliza Casey were united in marriage on January 8, 1889, in Omaha at St. Philomena's Catholic church by Rev. P. F. McCarthy. None of the guests present at the wedding are now living.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brennan moved to a farm northeast of this city, later moving to their present farm home where they have resided for over forty years. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, four daughters and four sons, seven of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Nora O'Laughlin, Walter L., Frank J., James E., Mary, Bessie and Dr. Louis V. There are six grandchildren.

At their home last Sunday the color scheme was carried out in yellow and white. A three tier golden wedding cake was made by Mrs. John Schmidt and decorated with a bride and groom in front of a church door. The wedding cake was served from a cake stand, which was a wedding gift to the Brennan's fifty years ago. Each guest received a piece of the cake, during lunch which was served at 3:30.

Many nice gifts and cards were presented by those in attendance, the presentation being made by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Whaley, who were selected for this position because they had lived beside the Brennan's for over forty years. Among the gifts was a set of dishes, service for twelve, decorated in gold. These dishes were given by the neighbors and friends of this estimable couple. Mr. Brennan has reached the age of 78 while Mrs. Brennan has reached her 72 second birthday and both are hale and hearty. After the presentation of the gifts both Mr. and Mrs. Brennan responded briefly to the presentation remarks and with marked feeling thanked the donors for their many good wishes and the valuable gifts presented.

Mr. Brennan was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and came to this county in 1880 when he was twenty years of age. Mrs. Brennan was born in Scranton, Pa., and came to this county when she was twelve years of age in 1879. At the time of the arrival of the families of both of these old pioneers in this county O'Neill had but one grocery store, that owned and operated by Patrick Hagerty, on the corner where the Golden hotel now stands. And by the way the old building that stood there is now the Horiskey building on Douglas street recently vacated by the O'Neill Food Center. There was also a small Catholic church and Father Smith looked after the spiritual wants of the members of the congregation.

In the olden days horses were few and far between and oxen were the principal means of transportation, as well as being used on the farms for the work that is now performed by tractors. At that time the C. and N. W. railroad came as far as Wisner and the trip from there to this county had to be made by wagon. The railroad did not reach here until 1881.

Mr. and Mrs. Brennan endured all the hardships and privations of the early day settlers of the county. Indian scares, grasshopper plagues and droughts, but they persevered through it all and now, in the heyday of life, are resting content in their farm home with all cares and worries far behind them. They are an estimable couple and have a host of friends throughout the county who wish for them many more happy wedding anniversaries.

James Keith Ernst

James Keith Ernst, the three and a half year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernst, died at his home west of this city last Tuesday morning after an illness of nine days of pneumonia. The funeral was held last Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church, Rev. Ohmart officiating. Music was furnished for the funeral services by Mrs. Grace Spind-

ler, pianist, Atkinson, and songs by a mixed quartette consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Hubby, Mrs. Frank Silverstrand and Mrs. Ray Elders. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

James Keith is survived by his parents and two sisters, Gladys Mary and Vera Jeanne and a large number of aunts, uncles and cousins. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of the community in their hour of sorrow.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely desire to thank our many friends, neighbors and relatives for their many acts of kindness and comforting words spoken to us during the sickness and death of our little son and brother and also thank those who gave such beautiful flowers.—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernst, Gladys Mary and Vera Jeanne.

Fifty-one Years Ago Today — Blizzard

Today is the fifty-first anniversary of the Great Blizzard of January 12, 1888, that cost hundreds of lives in Nebraska and the loss of thousands of dollars worth of live stock throughout the middle west. There are several old timers still here who have vivid recollections of the storm, some of whom were out in it, and managed to escape with their lives. There never was anything like it in the west and probably never will be again. At that time with settlers many miles apart and very little timber in the county there was nothing to stop or even check the wind and when the storm reached here about 11:30 of a balmy morning, it was less than an hour until the wind was blowing a gale of forty miles an hour and snowing heavily. The heavy wind kept the snow in the air and much stock was smothered to death during the storm. After the storm was over it turned bitterly cold, thermometers here then would register 40 below zero. One in town reached the bottom and could go no lower, so it is impossible to tell just how cold it did get, but it was undoubtedly the coldest ever recorded in this section of the country.

Dickason-Simonson

Burt L. Dickason, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Miss Mayme Lou Simonson, of O'Neill, daughter of Calmer Simonson, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage last Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating, in the presence of a large number of the relatives of the bride. The bride's sister, Carol, was bridesmaid. The father of the bride presented her and the wedding ring and a simple ring ceremony was used.

The bride wore an ensemble in the little "Boy Blue" shade, trimmed in grey wolf, with a corsage of gardenias. The brides bouquet was of beautiful white roses. The bridesmaids corsage was of pink roses.

After the ceremony the newly married couple and relatives partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Simonson, after which the bridal couple left for Kansas City, Mo. After two or three weeks in the south the newly weds will return to Council Bluffs where they will make their future home.

The groom is a practicing attorney in Council Bluffs and is prominent in his profession there, having served the people of that county as prosecuting attorney, and has in her letter she says she noticed of Iowa and in the eastern part of Nebraska.

The bride is a native of this county and a graduate of the O'Neill public schools and the Omaha University after which she taught school in various points in this state and in Iowa. She is a charming young lady and has a host of friends in this county who extend to her and the man of her choice best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright and son left last Sunday for Plattsmouth, where they visited for a day and then visited friends and looked after business matters in Lincoln before their return home. They returned Wednesday evening.

Another Coyote Hunt Will Be Held Sunday

Another coyote hunt will be held in the northern part of the county next Sunday afternoon, according to Preston Jones, who is the manager of the coyote association of that section of the county. The coming hunt will take in the territory, starting at Eagle Creek, along the highway and will go north to the river; thence east five miles and will then head west along the Eagle Creek to the highway. The coming hunt will start at 2 o'clock and all those desiring to have an afternoon's sport hunting the elusive coyote are invited to participate.

Clement Bollen

Clement Bollen died at his home northwest of Ewing last Friday evening at 7:40 after an illness of several months of asthma and heart trouble at the age of 68 years 10 months and 4 days. Funeral services were held last Monday afternoon at the U. B. church at Orchard, Rev. Wintz officiating and burial in the Enterprise cemetery near Venus.

Clement Bollen was born at Atkinson, Ill., on March 2, 1870. He was a resident of northeast Nebraska for several years and then moved to Minnesota where he resided for a few years and then came back to Nebraska and this county in 1909 and lived for three years south of Ewing when he purchased the farm northwest of Ewing, moving thereon in 1912 and resided there until his death.

On August 14, 1895, he was united in marriage at Hartington, Nebraska, to Miss Lillian Trow. Six children were born of this union, four of whom with his devoted wife are left to mourn the passing of a kind and devoted husband and father. They are: Clifford, Detroit, Mich.; Bernice, Venue, Neb.; Everett, Orchard; Earl, Page; Beatrice, Orchard. In addition to his immediate family he is survived by two brothers, Floyd, of Lincoln, and Lee, of Detroit, and one sister, Mrs. Alice Simpson, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. Bollen was a good citizen and had a host of friends in the eastern part of the county who learned with regret of his passing.

Agricultural News

The Ash Grove Baby Beef club met at the George Rector ranch on January 9, with all members present. Leader R. E. Lucas gave an interesting talk about care of calves. After the meeting lunch was served.

The next meeting will be at the Clarence Faulhaber home on January 30.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. W. J. Froelich entertained at a dinner at the Golden Hotel on Saturday night, in honor of her guest, Miss Frances Polly.

C. P. Uhl left Tuesday for Mapleton, Iowa where he went to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. H. Strict.

Herb Schroeder spent Sunday in Bloomfield, visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Schroeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stone, of Coleridge spent Sunday in O'Neill as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kersensbrock.

Mrs. J. W. Rooney, of Atkinson returned to her home on Thursday after spending a few days here visiting friends.

Misses Carol and Mamie Lou Simonsen, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, arrived Friday to visit at the home of their father, C. T. Simonsen.

Charles Yarnell and Miss Marion Dickson left Monday morning for Grand Island where they will attend a conference of Brown-McDonald employees there.

Miss Frances Polly, of Chicago, who has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich since New Years, left Monday for her home.

Mrs. Tom Semlock, of Norfolk, spent the week-end in O'Neill visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Enright. She returned to her home on Monday.

Holt County Board Organizes For The Ensuing Year, 1939

The county board met last Tuesday and organized for the coming year by electing Walter K. Smith, of Stuart, as chairman for the ensuing year. His name was the only one presented and his election was unanimous.

The chairman named the following committees to serve for the coming year:

Court House—Sullivan, Stein, Matousek.

Finance—Reimer, Matousek, Gibson.

Printing—Stein, Reimer, Carson. Taxes—Gibson, Carson, Stein.

Bonds—Sullivan, Matousek, Carson.

Bridges—Matousek, Reimer, Sullivan.

Settlement with county officers—Gibson and entire board.

Claims—Reimer and the entire board.

Establishes Training School At Bellevue

The National Youth Administration is established a resident training project at Bellevue, Nebraska, January 3rd. Approximately 125 boys from 18 to 25 years old will be enrolled and will continue in residence for six months. The purpose of this project is to provide inexperienced young men with a practical knowledge of occupations and experience in the type of work for which they are best fitted. A majority of the youth will be from small communities or rural areas where they have little opportunity for vocational guidance or work experience.

The boys will live in a dormitory where each will do his share of maintenance work. Meals will be served in the dining room under the supervision of an experienced chef. Laundry service will be provided. Each youth may earn enough to cover all essential living and instructional expenses plus \$10.00 a month for personal use. Aside from general rules and regulations the boys will govern themselves, under adult supervision, through the establishment of a house council.

A complete physical examination will be given each boy at the time of entrance. A staff doctor will take care of all ordinary sickness and disabilities. Arrangements have been made with Omaha hospitals to provide emergency hospital and medical care.

There will be seventeen units of work experience. Each will be under skilled supervision. They include cooking, carpentry, commercial work, commercial art, drafting, electrical, shoe repairing, auto mechanics, photo-processes, plumbing, heating plant operation, wood-working, sheet metal work, agriculture, welding, painting, and masonry. Each youth will be given opportunity to work in three units. Related instruction will be given outside working hours and will parallel the work experience.

BRIEFLY STATED

Jack Davidson, Charley Reka, Bill Lewis and H. J. Bauman drove to Ewing on Wednesday on business connected with the American Legion Post of this city.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Hart and Mrs. C. E. Lundgren drove to Omaha Wednesday on business, returning late the same day.

Mrs. Lou Yearout, of Boulder, Colo., arrived here Saturday and will remain here for the next two weeks visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Roseler.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stone and daughter, Ardith Ann, of Coleridge, were guests at the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brennan.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stannard and daughter, Mary, arrived Tuesday from Tuft, California, and will remain here for the next two months, visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Dave Stannard.

Dave Bright, sophomore at the Wayne State Teacher's college, returned to Wayne Sunday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Bright.

St. Mary's Wins Two Good Close Games

During the past week St. Mary's won two games giving them a total of four victories so far this season, defeating Inman Friday by a score of 22-15 and Sunday defeating Sacred Heart, of Norfolk by a score of 17-14.

Against Inman, St. Mary's displayed a tight defense, holding Inman to three field goals. Bob Shoemaker and Connelly were tied for scoring honors with 7 points a piece. Stevens led Inman with seven points.

On Sunday St. Mary's journeyed to Norfolk where they defeated Sacred Heart in a low scoring game 17-14. Loisel again was troublesome to St. Mary's making 10 of their 14 points. John Shoemaker led St. Mary's with six points.

The Weather

Nebraska has enjoyed some real nice weather the past week, at least this section of the state. The coldest night during the past week was last Friday night when the thermometer dropped to 22 above zero. During the day, however, it climbed and was real spring-like. Sunday night we had .09 of an inch of rain and Monday morning it was as balmy as a day in April and some farmers who were in town that morning said it made them feel as if they should be getting ready for spring work.

Following is the chart for the week.

	H.	L.	M.
Jan. 5	42	25	
Jan. 6	44	24	
Jan. 7	54	22	
Jan. 8	57	32	
Jan. 9	48	33	.09
Jan. 10	42	28	
Jan. 11	45	25	

Farm Bureau Meeting In O'Neill January 20

The annual meeting of the Holt County Farm Bureau will be held in the court room of the old court house in O'Neill, at 10:30 a. m. on January 20. The public is invited to attend this meeting which will be attended by H. G. Gould, the assistant director of Extension service in Lincoln. The program will also include a financial report of the Farm Bureau, a report of the work of the County agricultural agent and presentation of the certificates of achievement to each 4-H club leader whose club earned this award in the past year.

Women project club members, 4-H club leaders and Farm Bureau members are especially asked to be present in order that a larger Extension program may be planned for Holt county. A covered dish luncheon is planned so that those planning to attend may come and spend the day.

A Correction

The Frontier regrets an error made last week in the wedding notice of Clement Cuddy and Miss Margaret Cannon. The notice stated that they were married in the Parish house, when as a matter of fact they were married in the Catholic church. The Frontier regrets the error and hereby extends apologies for it to the aggrieved parties.

Spring Like Weather In Nebr., Also Oregon

The Frontier is in receipt of a letter from an old time reader, Mrs. Owen F. Herring, of Eugene, Oregon, enclosing a renewal of her subscription. Mrs. Herring was raised in the southern part of the county and has a warm spot in her heart for the land of her girlhood. In her letter she says she has noticed that Nebraska has enjoyed a mild fall and winter, and they have had a delightful winter so far in her section of the country. She enclosed a clipping from the Eugene Register-Guard, of January 5, 1939, headed "Pussy Willows and Robins Hint Breath of Spring in January" which follows:

"Is spring just arriving, or has it really departed? That's the 'contest' problem right now.

"Gordon Gullion, Eugene, says, after reading about the robins in Tuesday's paper: 'There was a report that spring must be coming fast because the robins have arrived. But the robins have not left the vicinity of Eugene yet, so

they are not coming back. To further verify the report that spring is just around the corner is the fact that willow goldfinches (though they do not leave) and western bluebirds are much in evidence at present. In my mother's garden the peonies and stillbells are coming up and fiberts are in full bloom.' Apparently, spring is here!"

"Up Culp Creek way, Frances Thrun sends the paper a bouquet of pussy willows and the little blue flowers frequently referred to as 'blue bells.' She found them New Year's day, Jan. 1. Frances, who is 10 and in the fifth grade, says there is no question but that spring is here, whether just leaving or just coming."

Mr. and Mrs. Herring sent New Years greetings and best wishes to all in the old home County.

Page Will Entertain Basket Ball Teams

Holt County basket ball teams are to meet Friday and Saturday at Page for a Holt County Tournament. Sponsored by Holt County schoolmen, it will have teams from all ten schools in the county. There will be five sessions with at least two games in each session. The pairings: Friday at 2:30 St. Joseph vs. Page; 3:30 Ewing vs. Chambers; 5:00 Atkinson vs. Amelia; Friday night at 7:00 O'Neill vs. Inman; 8:00 Stuart vs. first game winner; 9:00 St. Mary's vs. second game winner. Saturday at 10:00 consolation; 2:30 semifinals; 7:00 three final games.

O'Neill Woman's Club

O'Neill Woman's club meets Wednesday afternoon, January 18, at the home of Mrs. C. J. Malone. Vocal selection by Mrs. Elmer Stolte. Mrs. Ira George will review "Dark River" by Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall, discussion will be led by Mrs. Bennett Gillespie.

Free Concert at the High School Next Thurs.

The Dramatic and Vocal music departments of the Public school will give a free concert in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, January 19.

Two plays, "The Telegram," and "At the Sign of the Cleft Heart," and a humorous reading "Brotherly Love," will be given by the dramatic department. The glee club and grade chorus will each give two numbers. The girl's sextette, boys' octette and vocal solos will complete the program.

Grinding Grain Sorghums

To grind or not to grind is the question facing many Holt county farmers and livestock feeders who are getting their first experience with grain sorghums this year. Experiments made at the Nebraska College of Agriculture and released to the county agricultural agent show that it all depends upon the classes of livestock the grain is to be fed.

Sorghum seeds are small and without exception best results are secured from them as cattle feed when they are coarsely ground. Fine grinding is not only costly but produces a feed less palatable. The entire head may be ground for cattle feeding, produces a feed quite similar to ground ear corn. The stalk of the head provides roughage which serves to reduce hay consumption.

Sheep according to experiments, handle sorghum seed well enough so that grinding is not essential. For horses coarse grinding is considered desirable.

Pigs can be self fed sorghum without grinding while coarsely ground they give the best results when hand fed. Ground heads and feeding of the entire heads gives considerable waste and not nearly as good results when fed to hogs.

These tests also point out that grain sorghums, like corn, are deficient in protein and should be fed with dairy by products, oil meal or some other good protein supplement.

Jimmie Herre returned Sunday from Fremont, where he spent the week-end as the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Herre.

Production Credit Held Annual Meeting In This City Wed.

The annual meeting of the O'Neill Production Credit Association was held in O'Neill on January 11, 1939, with two hundred and fifty stockholders and borrowers present from Holt, Garfield, Wheeler and Rock counties. D. C. Schaffer, of Emmet, and C. F. Clark, of Burwell were re-elected directors for a three year period. J. W. Rooney, of O'Neill was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and Edith J. Davidson was re-elected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. D. C. Schaffer, of Emmet was re-elected president, and A. U. Dix, of Butte, Boyd county, was re-elected as vice-president. The annual reports of the President and the Secretary was read and approved by the meeting. Walter E. Anderson, Vice President of the Production Credit Corporation, of Omaha was present, and addressed the meeting. Luncheon was served at the K. of C. Hall to all present, and trumpet solos were given by Howard Graves and Woodrow Melena, accompanied on the piano by Miss Elizabeth Henry, under the direction of Ira George.

BRIEFLY STATED

John Sullivan left Wednesday for Lincoln on business.

Art Kiehl and son, Wendel, of Ainsworth, were here visiting Art's father, Gus Kiehl on Sunday.

James Marron left Sunday for Lincoln, where he went on business.

John Miller left for Omaha on Wednesday and will undergo medical treatment there.

Mrs. Anna McCartney returned Thursday from Butte where she has been visiting friends.

P. B. Harty and Emmet Moore made a business trip to Spalding last Friday.

Mrs. J. B. Brown entertained the Contract club at her home on Sunday evening.

Earl Watson, of Inman was in O'Neill on Tuesday transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griffen, of Atkinson spent Sunday in O'Neill visiting friends.

John Murray, of Spencer was in O'Neill on Thursday transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Sauser entertained twelve couples at their home on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lod Janousek drove to Bristow on Sunday and visited friends there.

Mrs. Marvin Johnson left Tuesday for Sioux City where she will visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. LaMonte Horn entertained the 9 FF club at her home on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman and son, James, and Miss Marjorie Lyons drove to Omaha on Saturday on business.

Miss Helen Biglin returned Sunday from Hays, Kansas where she had been visiting friends for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kubichek returned Tuesday from Casper, Wyo., where they have been visiting at the home of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vitt left Thursday for Omaha where they will visit relatives over the week-end.

C. J. Gatz returned Thursday night from Kansas City, Mo., and Topeka, Kansas, where he had been on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Liddy moved into O'Neill last Monday from the old Liddy place in the northern part of Holt county.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lund, of Omaha arrived here Sunday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reardon until Monday.

Mrs. Mabel Gatz entertained the Delta Dek club at a seven o'clock dinner at the M & M Cafe followed by cards at her home on Thursday evening.