

THE FRONTIER

SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

A great life insurance company claims assets of over two and one-half billion dollars, but does not show as a liability close to seven billion insurance in force. Should the two and three-quarter million policy holders pass out within a year the beneficiaries would be shortchanged in the settlement.

Cities, villages and hamlets are over-run with various so-called credit organizations. The mortgage forms of some of them come just short of providing you be shot at sunrise.

Clutch the thrifty citizen by the throat, reach in his pocket for what he has and hand it to a bum—that's "humanitarianism."

What's become of His Honor the Silver Dollar?

I fear these heavy black headings The Frontier has adopted attach unwarranted importance to anything that may appear in this column. Type faces undergo changes of style, perhaps not quite so erratic as clothing. Gothics had a run of popularity, but are now giving way to the bolder styles in combination with a semi-script face. For the purpose of newspaper head-letter the style The Frontier now uses will doubtless serve for a long time.

Digging gold out of the earth in one section of the country and burying it in the earth under government seal in another section of the country is in harmony with the federal policy as applied by PWA directors, who assign workers to move a quantity of earth from one location to another and send other workmen around next day to move it back where it lay in the beginning.

One whose moral discernment is highly esteemed takes me to task for referring to a person whom I had met only by proxy with an un-honored phrase. It was one of the minority, though amusing, group, which soars in the vainglorious altitude of public notice on the strength of the solid sense and practical ability of others who remain in the shadow. The adjective may be taken either as descriptive or derogatory, but in our scheme of complex social and industrial life there seem to be jobs to do for which only an egotistical ass is qualified.

A ten thousand ton cruiser of the U. S. Navy sails from Annapolis the 18th for a Japanese port bearing the cremated remains of the former ambassador from Japan that might have been put in an envelope and transmitted by mail.

The serum laboratory and the race track are two places left for the horse.

This is the story as John Brennan gave it to me: Some men in a town at the mouth of a canyon watched a mountain lion track some deer down from the mountain. The deep snow drove every thing to the valley. A big black dog came between the deer and the lion and a fight ensued. The first round the dog whipped the lion but the lion came to the attack again and this time was the victor. When the fight was over the lion was too tired to remember what he was fighting for and turned back into the mountain. The dog made his way toward the city. He had put up a good fight, won nothing, not even praises. No one knew the dog, but he had done what he could to save the deer with no consideration of reward or praise. Maybe when he got into town people threw stones at him because he was so mused up from the fight. There are a lot of good dogs we don't know anything about.

Mrs. Mattie Soukup, Mrs. O. W. French and Mrs. F. D. McMillian returned Sunday from Lincoln, and Omaha where they visited relatives and friends over the week-end.

NEW 4-H CLUB IS ORGANIZED

The Prairie Hill Calf Club held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy DeLong, March 5, under the supervision of our County Agent.

The club was organized and the following officers were elected: Francis Musil, president; Leo DeLong, vice-president; Mae DeLong, secretary; Marion DeLong, reporter; Frank Musel, leader, and Roy DeLong, assistant. Dean DeLong, Joseph Musil and Dorothy Musil complete the membership.

FRONTIER READER ALMOST LIFETIME

Fred Cronk was in the city last Saturday from his Verdigre farm and was a pleasant caller at this office, where he extended his subscription to this purveyor of local news. Fred has been a resident of this county since 1879, when his parents moved to the county, and ever since he has been one of our stalwart citizens. When the Frontier was established Fred's father, was one of the first names entered upon the subscription list and Fred says that it was the first paper he ever read, as it was a welcome visitor in his home and as he grew up he read it each week. When he started out for himself one of the first things he thought necessary in his home was The Frontier and he ordered it sent to his address and he has been receiving it ever since, so it has been going to his home for fifty-eight years. This is quite a record for a newspaper in any man's country and The Frontier force are glad to have upon their list of readers such faithful and persistent supporters and hope that Fred Cronk will live for many years and enjoy the weekly visits of The Frontier to his home.

BUILDING CONTRACT FOR NEW SCHOOL ADDITION TO NORTH PLATTE FIRM

Work Expected to Start Right Away and to Be Rushed to Completion; General Contractor to Make Residence Here During Building

WILL CELEBRATE ST. PATRICKS DAY

The pupils of St. Mary's Academy are hard at work on the operetta, "The Days of the Kerry Dancing," which they will present in the K. of C. Hall on the evenings of March 16th and 17th at 8:15. They have planned a matinee for the school children and will give it on Thursday afternoon at 2:00. The operetta contains a variety of features, one more amusing than the other. Those in the cast include Lou Birmingham as Granny O'Malley, loving the wholesome world, but Patrick the most. James Golden as Patrick O'Malley, one of the "rale old stock," Nora, their granddaughter, the Pride of County Kerry, with Beverly McCarthy; Leprechauns — Edward Campbell, Ann Hart, Bonny Hynes, Jimmie Merriman and Bobby Wallace.

Rose O'Malley, Patrick's mother, Mary Hickey.

Act II—Pat O'Malley, "Broth of a boy," James Golden; Eileen Eagen, Rose O'Malley's adopted daughter, Lu Birmingham; Witch, uncanny and cruel, Margaret Higgins; Dinny Sheeley, a "crabbed ould skinflint" as mean as you make 'em, James Hillock; Irish Dancers, Billy Froelich and Donna Gallagher, "make their feet behave themselves." The Golden Fish, John Protovinsky, under the Giant's spell in the Wishing Well. The Donkey — ??? Star Fairy, Mary Miller.

Mrs. Thomas Brennan, who gives so unsparsingly of her time, will accompany the singing. The high school orchestra, under the able direction of I. B. George, will render the good old Irish melodies which awaken memories in every true Irish heart.

SCHOOL BOARD MAKES SELECTIONS OF FACULTY FOR COMING YEAR

Present Staff Re-elected Except Three Who Made No Application; Vacancies Not Yet Filled; New Course Added to Curriculum

At a meeting held Friday, Mar. 10, the Board of Education re-elected teachers. It is generally felt that the O'Neill City schools are enjoying one of the best years in the history of the schools. All teachers and pupils are eagerly looking forward to the coming year with the new building and the added opportunities made possible by it. A Smith-Hughes department will be added to the present curricular offerings. The instructor for that department has not yet been selected.

The faculty for the past year consists of the following instructors:

Eileen Duffy, kindergarten and music; Elizabeth Henry, first grade; Loretta Enright, second grade; Hilda Gallagher, third

grade; Mildred Miller, fourth grade; Eleanor Kvam, fifth grade; Bessie Jones, sixth grade; Neva Wolf, seventh grade; Frances Tom-jack, eighth grade; Warren Thompson, commercial; Marie Wind, home economics and normal training; Jean Gist, English and dramatics; Ruth Kraemer, social science and Lath; Elmer Stolte, science and physical education; Ira George, band, English and history; C. F. Grill, principal; F. E. Alder, superintendent.

Three teachers, Warren Thompson, Jean Gist, and Eileen Duffy, have announced their intentions not to return next year. The community appreciates the excellent work these teachers have done and wishes them the best of success in their new fields of endeavor. xxx

LAST COYOTE HUNT OF SEASON

The last coyote hunt of the season will be held next Sunday. Those desiring to participate, and all are invited, are requested to meet at the Midway store at 1:30 p.m., from which point the hunt will start. At the conclusion of the hunt, coffee and doughnuts will be served to all participants. Manager Jones says that he would like to have all those who have participated in hunts the past winter to be on hand on that date, but they are to bring their own cups. There will be lots of coffee for everyone and plenty of doughnuts. Why not make the last hunt of the season the banner one?

SECOND ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY 275 TAKES TOLL IN HEAVY DAMAGES

Students Injured When Light Auto Crashes Parked Truck and Trailer Near Scene of Last Week's Accident Which Took One Man's Life

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Lillian Coombs died in the Lynch hospital last Monday morning about six a.m., after an illness of about three weeks of bronchial pneumonia, at the age of 64 years 9 months and 2 days. The funeral services were held from the Methodist church in this city Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating and burial in the cemetery at Spencer, at the side of a son, who passed away many years ago.

Lillian Ross was born at East Dickinson, N.Y., on June 11, 1873. When she was eight years of age her parents moved to this county, coming here in 1881 and located on Eagle creek northwest of this city where she grew to womanhood. When she was seventeen years of age, she went east and spent two years attending school in Vermont, living at the home of an aunt. She then returned to Holt county and Holt and Boyd counties had been her home ever since.

On May 18, 1896, she was united in marriage to Josiah Coombs, the ceremony being performed at the home of her parents on Eagle creek by Rev. George, of this city. To this union two sons were born, one dying in infancy, the other, Cyril, now being a resident of Los Angeles and holding a responsible position with the U. S. Government. He came for the funeral, flying from Los Angeles to Omaha. She also leaves a brother, Colmer, who has been her constant companion for the past twenty years, and one sister, Mrs. Estella E. Twiford, of San Diego, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Coombs separated over twenty years ago and since that time she has made her home with her brother in Spencer and on her farm, the old home place, northwest of O'Neill.

Mrs. Coombs had a busy and useful life. Prior to her marriage she was a nurse employed in the office of Dr. Skelton, one of Boyd county's earliest and most beloved physicians, a position she retained after her marriage. Then her husband was appointed postmaster at Spencer and he engaged in the newspaper business as editor of their only paper and Mrs. Coombs' time was fully occupied, as she put in most of her time on the paper.

Mrs. Coombs was a notable woman in many ways, as evidenced by her remarkable foresight or intuition, proven by the fact that last August, while in the best of health, she came to this city and entered into a contract with the Biglin Mortuary to take care of her when she passed away, picking out her casket and informing them of the services she wished performed. The

ENTERTAINS FORTY AT STAG PARTY

Mrs. James F. O'Donnell entertained about forty guests last Sunday evening at a stag party honoring her husband's birthday anniversary. Jim has been a resident of the city for so many years, none will predict how old he is, but he has been past the voting age for a quarter of a century and then some. The guests were entertained with various card games. A delicious lunch was served at 11:30 and as soon as the tempting viands had been disposed of the card games were resumed. About 1:30 all departed for home after wishing James many more happy birthdays and thanking Mrs. O'Donnell and daughter, Mrs. Meech, who were responsible for the party, for the delightful evening they had spent. It was a real party and brought together many of the old timers who have not feasted together for many years.

\$15,000 PERSONAL DAMAGE SUIT TRIED IN DISTRICT COURT; SECOND CASE SLATED FOR JURY FRIDAY

Alleged Careless and Negligent Driving Charges Denied by Defendant; Brown Attempts to Show Accident Unavoidable

THREE LICENSE DELINQUENTS PAY FINES

J. W. McKinney, a trucker from Colome, S.D., was arrested on complaint of Patrolman Brt. of the state highway patrol, on March 13. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle on the highways of Holt county without a number plate for 1939 on front end back, as provided by law. He appeared in the county court on March 15, pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$10.00 and costs, or a total of \$13.10 which he paid.

W. T. Latta, of Cady, was arrested Monday for not having a 1939 license plate on his car, the complaint being made by Patrolman Lawrence Russell. He pled guilty and was fined in the county court \$1.00 and costs, a total of \$4.10.

Omer McClellanahan, of Chambers, was arrested on March 15 on complaint of Harry Brt patrolman charged with reckless driving. He was taken before the county court where he pled guilty to the charge made against him and was fined \$10.00 and costs of \$3.10, a total of \$13.10.

RECREATION CENTER EXTENDS INVITATION

A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies living in the country, when they are in town on any Thursday afternoon, to visit the Recreation Center, which is located on the second floor of the Old Court House Building. We will show you many entirely new ways of making rugs, as well as other crafts that would be vitally interesting to you.

OLDEST PIONEER CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, March 9th, was Mrs. William Menish's birthday, when she was 90 years young. Consequently a large crowd of friends and old time neighbors gathered in to help her celebrate this occasion.

Those present were as follows: Mrs. James Brennan and son, Walter, Mrs. Alice Minton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Malley, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jansen, Mrs. T. J. Donohoe, Mr. and Mrs. John Jansen, Mrs. J. B. Donohoe, Mrs. F. F. Donohoe, Mrs. James Earley, Mrs. Mayme Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Donohoe, Mrs. Al Sauer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donohoe, Con O'Connell, Mrs. John Hickey, Mrs. Joe McNichols, Mrs. Steve Hicks and Richard Bowden;

Evelyn Ferris, Evelyn Peatroy, Frank Turay, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dailey, a daughter; Mrs. John Welsh, a daughter; Mrs. R. J. Marsh, a daughter; Ed Menish, son; Joe Menish, grandson; Mary Menish, granddaughter.

A nice birthday present was presented to Mrs. Menish as a token of esteem for her on this occasion.

The afternoon was spent in card and checker playing and recalling incidents of long ago. This grand old lady is sure a wonder at her age of 90 years, and is the last one left of the early pioneers of Shields Township. Several letters and telegrams were read from grand children with greetings and well wishes for her anniversary.

A nice lunch was served to all those present, after which the guests departed wishing Mrs. Menish many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. C. E. Yantzi and Mrs. R. M. Sauer entertained at a one o'clock luncheon at the M & M Cafe on Thursday, followed by cards at the home of Mrs. Sauer.

District court convened last Monday morning with Judge Dickson on the bench and Reporter McElhanehan at his desk.

The first case on the docket was that of Ruth Spangler, guardian of Walter Spangler, a minor, plaintiff, vs. Jerry A. Brown, defendant, being a suit for personal injuries. The amount sued for is \$15,000.00; \$15,000.00 for injuries sustained by the boy and \$400 for medical care and nursing and \$200 for the horse that was injured in the accident and had to be killed. J. D. Cronin and Judge J. J. Harrington are representing the plaintiff, while Fred Deutsch, of Norfolk, and W. J. Hammond of this city are representing the defendant.

A jury was selected to try the case last Monday and the presentation of evidence began. The plaintiffs concluded their evidence in chief on Wednesday, shortly after noon and the defense started. The case is still on and may not go to the jury before tomorrow.

This case grew out of the collision of an automobile being driven by the defendant and a horse upon which the plaintiff's ward was returning home from school. The plaintiff's petition alleges: "That on September 7, 1938, at about 4:30 p.m., the said Walter Spangler was returning home on horseback from school and while traveling on a country road and public highway, going east on the south half and south of the traveled portion of said country road and public highway, at a point about six miles south and about one and three-quarter miles west of the Village of Ewing, in Holt County, Nebr., he saw an automobile coming from the east at a high rate of speed on said country road and highway, which automobile was being driven by the defendant. That before the automobile reached the point where Spangler and his horse was, he stopped his horse on the south bank and south shoulder of said highway. That defendant rapidly, carelessly and negligently and at a dangerous rate of speed and with great force and violence he struck with said automobile the said Walter Spangler and the horse he was riding and carried the horse and him for thirty or forty feet west on said highway on the front part of the automobile and then threw them clear across the highway and into the north ditch."

That as a result of this collision Spangler sustained a fracture of the left leg and injuries to his shoulder and his entire body. They allege that as a result of the injuries received to the left leg, from his ankle up and his entire body from hips to shoulders, after medical treatment, were sealed in a plaster paris cast. That the injuries sustained in said accident and the pain therefrom caused the said Walter Spangler to become exceedingly sick and nervous and will continue so. That the injuries are permanent.

The defendant, in answer, denies that he was running his automobile in a reckless and at a dangerous speed and claims that the ward of the plaintiff recklessly came off a side road onto the highway in front of his car and that he was riding recklessly and that the collision was unavoidable.

The case was submitted to the jury about 5:30 this afternoon.

Mrs. W. J. Biglin and son, Bill, left Thursday for Dennison, Iowa, where they will meet Ruth Ann and Rose Mary Biglin, who are students at the University of Iowa at Ames, and bring them home to spend the spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bruening of Hendley, Nebraska, returned to their home on Thursday after spending a few days here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Yarnell, and attending the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Calvert.