

THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Frontier, July 2, 1885
The first annual exhibition of the Holt County Agricultural Society will be held in O'Neill on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 7, 8 and 9.

Fifty Years Ago

The Frontier, July 3, 1890
The Short Line track will be completed to O'Neill by Saturday, July 12, if nothing happens to prevent.

A system of electric lights and a street railway are among the possibilities in O'Neill within the present year.

Forty Years Ago

The Frontier, July 5, 1900
Since the last issue of The Frontier 1.71 inches of rain has fallen. While the small grain crop suffered much from the long drouth during June, the recent rains have caused the corn to develop rapidly and a good crop is looked for.

At the populist convention held in this city last Saturday S. B. Howard was endorsed for the nomination for State Treasurer and after a squabble of several hours he was permitted to select the delegates to the state convention. He named the following: M. F. Harrington, G. F. Smith, E. S. Eves, H. R. Henry, D. J. Cronin, A. F. Mullen, T. V. Golden, Frank Hopkins, John A. Robertson, O. F. Biglin, G. A. McCutcheon, T. V. Norvell, J. P. Mullen, M. H. McCaffrey, J. J. Harrington and Joe McCaffrey.

The democrats in convention on the same day selected the following delegates to the state convention: A. T. Blackburn, John McNichols, Arthur Cruse, Al Miller, Frank Campbell, J. A. Harmon, J. S. Harrington, G. W. Smith, J. M. Flannigan, R. M. Johnson, L. Ratcliffe, Fred Feltz, G. W. Brant, Levi Van Valkenburg and Martin Sanders.

Thirty Years Ago

The Frontier, July 7, 1910
A light hail storm visited the country northwest of town this morning, but so far as we have been able to learn no damage was done to crops. The hail was followed by a drenching rain which made everyone happy.

Twenty Years Ago

The Frontier, July 1, 1920
This section of the county was visited with another splendid rain last Thursday night which measured 1.70 inches.

Last Sunday afternoon Charles Carrol of Carrollton Council of the Knights of Columbus initiated a class of fifty, and Knights from several sections of the state and from South Dakota were present for the ceremonies.

John Hickey, after an illness of several months passed away at his home two miles northwest of this city on Saturday, June 26. He was 72 years of age.

Ten Years Ago

The Frontier, July 3, 1930
The four star mail routes out of O'Neill changed carriers on July 1. Bartley Malloy relieved Glen Tomlinson, former carrier to Star; John W. Abbott relieved John G. Green on the star route to Chambers; Henry Viquist relieved Wallace Johnson on the Ann Car route; Otto Clausen relieved Frank Spindler on the Meek route.

Frank Campbell passed away at his home in this city about 9 o'clock Wednesday evening of heart disease. He was over 81 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Schmiwall left Wednesday for Omaha, where they will spend the Fourth visiting relatives and friends.

Examinations To Be Given For Employees in Assistance Office

Forthcoming merit examinations for various positions in the County Assistance Offices and in the Nebraska Department of State assistance and Child Welfare are announced today by the Merit System Council. All State and County positions administering the State assistance program and the child welfare services are filled on the basis of a merit system. This system provides both for the promotion of the most competent employees in the service to higher positions as they become qualified for them, and for the recruiting of eligible applicants by means of competitive examinations open to all who can qualify under Merit System Regulations for any particular position.

Positions for which merit examinations will be offered this summer include:

SALARY RANGE	per per	
	Mo.	Mo.
SERIES I	\$ 75	\$110
Visitor	100	150
County Director III	100	150
County Director II	150	225
County Director I	225	300
(Douglas Co.)	225	300
SERIES II		
Case Worker	100	125
Child-Welfare Worker II	100	125
Child-Welfare Worker I	130	155
Junior Case-Work		
Supervisor	120	150
Senior Case-Work		
Supervisor	150	195
Chief, Division of		
Public Assistance	215	255
Chief of Field Services	215	255
SERIES III		
Chief of Personnel	215	255

The total number of positions of these grades in the service ranges from about 315 in County Assistance Offices, to one of each of the following positions: County Director I; Chief, Division of Public Assistance; Chief of Field Services; and Chief of Personnel. The turnover for all positions listed totals 142 since July 1, 1939.

Application forms and information concerning the duties of these positions and the qualifications required of applicants may be obtained by writing to or calling at the office of Dr. E. Glenn Callen, Merit System Supervisor, Room 414 Main Building, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln. They may also be obtained from one of the following offices:

Any County Assistance Office
Any office of the Nebraska State Employment Service
Chief of Personnel, Department of State Assistance and Child Welfare, Room 1110, State Capitol.

Applications must be filed with the Merit System Supervisor, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, on or before July 27, 1940. The exact time and place of the examinations will be announced when applicants are notified of their eligibility to take examinations. Written examinations will be held at the following towns: Ainsworth, Chadron, Falls City, Hastings, McCook, Norfolk, Omaha, Broken Bow, Columbus, Grand Island, Lincoln, North Platte, Scottsbluff and South Sioux City.

The Merit System Council, established March 11, 1940, in conformity with the Federal Social Security Act as amended August 10, 1939, and with the Nebraska state assistance and unemployment compensation laws, is in charge of all examinations for positions in the Department of State Assistance and Child Welfare, the Nebraska State Employment Service and the Unemployment Compensation Division of the Department of Labor, and the Department of Health. Examinations for clerical, stenographic, accounting, and statistical positions in all these agencies will be arranged next autumn.

The Population of O'Neill Officially Given Is 2528

Mayor John Kersbrook received a letter Monday from Mrs. Bosse, of Norfolk, district supervisor of census for this district, stating that the population of O'Neill was 2,528, or a gain of 509 for the past ten years. In the list of cities O'Neill was in forty-third place ten years ago while her population now places the city thirty-fifth in the state. We are constantly growing.

Judging Day of 4-H Clubs Attracts Large Crowd

Over 350 4-H members, leaders and parents from Holt, Rock, Boyd and Keya Paha counties braved the high wind and dirt storms that were so disagreeable to attend the district 4-H judging school which was held in Atkinson last Friday.

While two hundred members of home economics clubs were receiving instructions at the Atkinson High School nearly 150 boys and girls were taken to the nearby farms of Wilbur West, Walt Jones and August Brinkman to spend the day learning to become better judges of livestock. In spite of the disagreeable weather which prevailed, 4-H members and leaders showed keen interest in this work.

While this feature of the 4-H work was arranged by the local county agent, Lyndle R. Stout, with the assistance of the specialist staff of the Nebraska college of agriculture, the cooperation of Atkinson officials and interested persons was greatly appreciated in making the day a success.

The program was conducted not as a contest but as a school of instruction in the particular fields of agriculture and home economics in which 4-H members have shown their interest.

The group gathered at the Atkinson Park for a picnic lunch at noon and many comments were received on the valuable training which the 4-H members were receiving.

Band Concert Program Next Saturday Night

March—"Hosts of Freedom" by K. L. King
March—"Notre Dame Victory March" by O'Shea
Waltz—"Beautiful Texas" by O'Daniel
Vocal Solo—"Sunshine of Your Smile," by Lillian Ray; John Sullivan, vocalist.

March—"Chicago Tribune" by Chambers.

Ballad—"Home on the Range," by DeLamater

Selection—"Best Loved Southern Melodies," by Hayes

March—"Spirit of Peace" by Kiefer

Selection—"The Old Church Organ" by Chambers

Star Spangled Banner.

examination, and personal aptitude, their original employment and their advancement depending in no way upon political preference but on their ability to do the job.

"Under this policy of merit rating, the agencies make possible a career service and the assurance to employees of permanent positions.

"The Merit System Council, composed of seven non-salaried members, supervises the administration of merit examinations and acts as a Board of Appeal for any employee who might have a grievance in regard to examinations and in regard to rating or removal from the register, dismissal, suspension and demotion. The Merit System Council does not operate any of the agencies but does provide a register from which its employees are chosen on their ability and merit. The Council urges all those who are interested in a career of public service to file their applications and take these examinations."

Other members of the Merit System Council, besides Mr. Hellmers, are: Dr. Hattie Plum Williams, Lincoln, Vice Chairman; Mr. E. W. Augustine, Grand Island; Mr. William D. Lane, Omaha; Mr. George F. Williams, Lincoln; Mr. Thomas J. Dreda, Crete; and Mr. Fred A. Wright, Omaha.

Willkie and McNary Are Republican Leaders

At the republican national convention in Philadelphia last week Wendell L. Willkie, of New York, was nominated for president on the sixth ballot, having a majority of the delegates when the balloting was about half over and then being made the unanimous choice of the convention.

The nominees rise in public favor in the past three months is one of the sensations in political history. He had no campaign manager and no one was extolling his virtues in the various states of the Union, yet he won the nomination hands down, after a sharp contest. Dewey led the balloting in the first three ballots, with Wendell Willkie gaining votes slowly on each ballot. Senator Robert Taft of Ohio was in the running until the last ballot, he being runner up to Willkie on the fifth ballot and the other candidates being practically out of it.

On the first ballot Willkie had 105 votes to Taft's 189 and Dewey's 360. Dewey's vote continually kept deserting him until on the fifth ballot he received only 67 votes, with Willkie and Taft far in the lead.

The nomination for the presidency reads like a fairy tale. He had none of the prominent members of the republican party behind him in his campaign and his nomination is proof of the fact that the convention was unbiased, the delegates were their own masters, which speaks volumes for the future of America, the land of the free. And with Willkie in the White House it will be kept the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

Wendell Willkie is 48 years of age and was born in Elwood, Ind. His father and mother were both members of the Lulliana bar, his mother being the first woman ever admitted to the practice of law in that state. He secured his education the hard way, working at anything he could get to do to assist him through school and to enable him to take a legal course.

With such determination he succeeded and he was finally admitted to the bar and started practicing his profession. When the United States declared war on Germany he enlisted and served through the war. After the war he started practicing his profession in Akron, Ohio, and was one of the successful members of the bar of that city, being noted as an able trial lawyer.

In his earlier years Willkie was a staunch democrat and was a delegate to the democratic national convention in 1924, where he was one of the bitter foes of McAdoo for the presidential nomination. In 1932 he was one of those supporting Newton Baker of Ohio for president.

For the past eight years Mr. Willkie has been president of the Commonwealth and Southern, a gigantic utility corporation. He resigned the presidency last Monday.

Fortune Magazine, in its May issue, had the following to say about Mr. Willkie:

"It was Mr. Willkie's personality that first got him mentioned as a presidential possibility, and few persons who have ever come under the spell of that personality will deny its political potency. The principles he stands for are American principles. They are progressive, liberal and expansive. One cannot dare to doubt that they will eventually prevail."

"I believe in certain principles," says Mr. Willkie, "and I believe that these principles must be accepted in Washington if life is going to be comparable to those it has yielded in the past. If I were given the choice of remaining a common citizen privileged to fight for those principles or of becoming President of the United States on a political platform from which they had been excluded, I would choose to remain a common citizen. I will not accept any position that will deprive me of the privilege of standing for that in which I believe."

At the convention Friday Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, majority leader of the republicans in the senate, was nominated for vice president, he receiving over 800 votes on the only ballot taken. So the ticket this fall, and we verily believe the next leaders of this

O'Neill Boy Receives Promotion to Colonel In The Regular Army

Word of the promotion of Major F. M. Brennan of Fort Benning, Georgia, to that of Colonel in the United States Army, was recently received by relatives in this city. Colonel Brennan is a native of O'Neill, having been born in this city, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brennan, who were pioneer settlers of O'Neill and Holt County, and has a sister, Miss Bernadette and a brother, Tom, still living here. Colonel Brennan's son, John, has been in O'Neill for the past year, staying with his aunt, Miss Bernadette, and attending St. Mary's Academy. Colonel Brennan left O'Neill when he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, and has remained as an officer in the army since that time. He served with the American Expeditionary Forces overseas and with the army of occupation in Germany after the World War. Since that time he has been stationed at various army posts in the United States, and as an instructor in the War College at Washington, D. C. For the past two years he has been stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, as an officer in the 29th Infantry.

Colonel Brennan had expected to spend the summer in O'Neill, but has not received his orders from the War Department, so will be obliged to remain at Fort Benning, however Mrs. Brennan and the children are expected to arrive in O'Neill about July 15th to spend the balance of the summer.

BRIEFLY STATED

Ed M. Gallagher, Ira Moss, Dr. O. W. French and C. W. Porter returned Sunday from a week's trip to Park Rapids, Minn., where they spent the week fishing.

Msis Peggy Cambre of Lincoln, Illinois, and Bob Sauers, of Sargent, Nebraska, are expected here on Thursday morning to spend the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sauers.

Mrs. O. F. Rummel, son Albert, and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Rummel will leave Saturday for Albert Lea, Minn., where they will spend a week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rummel and family.

Mrs. John Quig and her mother, Mrs. George Pace, left Tuesday morning for St. Joe, Mo., where they plan to spend the Fourth visiting at the home of Mrs. Quig's brother, and with other relatives and friends.

Miss Mae Hammond and Mrs. Mary Fitzsimmons Massie, of Omaha, are expected to arrive in O'Neill Wednesday evening to spend the Fourth visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moss and other relatives and friends.

R. R. Morrison sold the balance of his grocery stock and fixtures to his son, Terrance, of Anamosa, Iowa, and the stock and fixtures were taken to Iowa Monday. Bob says that he intends to remain in O'Neill and will take things easy for a while.

Mrs. Clea Van Lueven and daughter Darleen, of Omaha, left Wednesday for their home, after visiting here for the past week at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Tibbets. Dick Tibbets accompanied them to Omaha, and will visit there for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steinmiller, of Lincoln, came up last Friday for a couple of days visit at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Guthman. They returned home Sunday afternoon and Mrs. Guthman accompanied them to Lincoln for a couple of weeks visit.

LUTHERAN SERVICES

Lutheran services at the Episcopal church on Wednesday, July 10, at 8 p. m., conducted by Rev. Vahle of Atkinson.

country, will be Willkie and McNary.

Hail Does Considerable Damage In Northern Holt Last Thursday

A severe hail storm last Thursday afternoon was very destructive to several farmers in the northern part of the county. From what we have been able to learn the storm first hit near Phoenix and then went southeast, destroying about everything in its path. The strip of hail was about four miles wide and in many places cleaned all the small grain in its path. Other farms, where the hail struck, the damage was not complete and some of the farmers were of the opinion that they could salvage a little of their small grain. Corn in that section, while severely damaged, it is believed will be able to recover from the severe lacing it received, although it will be very late. The storm took a southeasterly direction across northern Antelope and into Pierce county. Severe damage was done in the vicinity of Osmond, where thousands of acres of small grain and corn was severely damaged.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

V. C. Wright, Minister

Sunday School 10 a. m., H. B. Burch, Superintendent.

Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Special music by the quartet and sermon by the pastor.

Epworth League 7:30 p. m. Election of officers will be a part of the program.

The young people attending Institute from O'Neill are Helen Hagensick, Beatrice Harris, Don Loy and Roy Johnson.

The official board will meet Monday evening, July 8, at 8 o'clock. There will be only one more meeting of this conference year. The annual conference meets in First Methodist church, Omaha this year.

BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Constance Biglin went to Norfolk Sunday and is visiting at the home of Miss Jane Manefeldt.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eves and daughter, Lorraine, of Seattle, Wash., arrived in the city Monday for a short visit with old time friends while on their way home from a visit to New York City. Mr. Eves was a resident of this city for many years, his father having formerly been engaged in the newspaper business here.

Some time early Wednesday morning sneak thieves entered the Elite Cafe, and after partaking of some food took a number of packages of cigarettes and then left. As far as is known, nothing else was disturbed. The thieves entered through the back door, after pushing back the lock from outside.

From present indications this city will be pretty well deserted Thursday. Many of our citizens are going on fishing trips, while a large number are planning on attending the celebration to be held at Inman, so there will not be many left in town. Some of the business places are figuring on keeping closed all day, while others will be open until noon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Harty entertained sixteen young couples at a dancing party at the O'Neill Country Club on Tuesday evening, honoring their daughter, Miss Ann, who was celebrating her twelfth birthday. Dancing started about eight, refreshments were served at ten, after which dancing continued until eleven o'clock, at which time the happy youngsters went home, after wishing Miss Harty many more happy returns of the day.

The nomination of Wendell Willkie, of New York, for president and Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, for vice president, has been received with gratification by the people of this city and county. Tuesday we heard three old time democrats say they were going to vote for Willkie, no matter who the democrats nominated. They were of the opinion that if American liberties were to be retained that it was time to get rid of the New Deal and all New Dealers in Washington.

Meeting To Be Held Here Wednesday Next To Discuss Stamp Plan

The Holt County Board of Supervisors, County Clerk, County Assistance officers, leading grocers, bankers, and businessmen are calling a meeting for eleven (11) counties to discuss the F. S. C. C. Stamp Plan at 2:00 P. M. on Wednesday, July 10, at the assembly room in the Court House at O'Neill, Nebraska.

We will have with us L. R. Doyle, General Council of the Nebraska Association for Federal Stamp Plan who will explain the ways and means to set up the plan in each of our counties.

We would like to have the county represented to the fullest extent so that we will have a very impressive meeting.

Guy R. Bowden

Guy R. Bowden died at the home of his mother in this city last Tuesday morning after an illness of several years of asthmatic trouble, at the age of 42 years and 8 months. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church in this city on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Guy R. Bowden was born on the old family homestead northeast of this city on November 2, 1897, and had been a resident of the county all his life. On April 8, 1928, he was united in marriage to Miss Audrey Closson. Two children were born of this union, Helen and Glea, who with their mother are left to mourn his passing. He is also survived by his mother, four brothers and two sisters. They are: Mrs. George Bowden, Clyde, Chester, Harold and Elvin, and two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Spangler and Mrs. Lily Wettlaufer, all of O'Neill.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
June 27	92	62	.03
June 28	78	55	
June 29	90	47	
June 30	89	67	
July 1	83	60	
July 2	72	53	

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

From County Superintendent

The next Teachers Examinations will be held in O'Neill at the Public School on Saturday, July 13. The schedule for subjects is the same as has been used since last July. This is the last Teachers Examination until November.

Mrs. John Kersbrook entertained three tables of bridge at her home last Thursday evening. Mrs. Guy Cole won high score, Mrs. Arlo Hiatt, low, and Mrs. C. W. Porter, the all out.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rose and daughter, Norma, returned Saturday from Grand Island, where they spent the past two weeks visiting at the home of Mrs. Rose's parents and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Morrison and daughter, Nancy, of Anamosa, Iowa, spent the week end in O'Neill, visiting Mr. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison.

Mrs. Emmet Harmon, son, John and daughter, Jeanette, of Creighton, Nebraska, returned to their home on Tuesday after visiting here at the home of Miss Mary McLaughlin for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNally drove to Wayne on Sunday, taking Mrs. Bernard McNally and daughter back to their home. Miss Betty McNally accompanied them to Wayne and will visit for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hancock and family drove to Tyndall, S. D., last Saturday and spent the week end there visiting at the home of Mrs. Hancock's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ward.

Misses Edna and Isabella O'Malley left Wednesday evening for Schuyler, Nebr., where they visited over the Fourth at the home of their sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dowd.