

THE FRONTIER

SMALL DOSES PAST AND PRESENT

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The curtain drawn, the world's undying story announced 700 years before it was written on the sacred page.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God. . . Isa. 9:6.

The Board of Supervisors had a heart. With Christmas just around the corner the board met Tuesday to allow salary claims of county workers.

Union leaders are forecasting an unemployment problem "equal to any the nation ever faced." Well, boys, haven't you brought it on yourselves.

Washington issues an ultimatum to China that "strife must cease." The Chinks have a big sleeve to laugh in and wink a slanting eye at the Yankee industrial strife.

Iran, the faint remnant of the once great empire of the great Cyrus which stretched from India to Ethiopia, a "hundred and twenty provinces," like poor little Palestine, seems destined to be the mouse for the Lion and Bear to toy with.

Wages have increased from a dollar a day to a dollar an hour. There was more solid contentment when the dollar a day worker sat down on the sawbuck at noon and ate his dinner of crackers and cheese than he can buy anywhere in the country today with his dollar an hour.

About an inch of snow lies undisturbed by winds out there in the street while those little weather tubes indicates a temperature around zero. Weather reports credit Buffalo, N. Y., with 40 inches of snow and more piling up. It was a clear half a night job finding a highway out of Buffalo last summer and I pity any stranger caught there in three and a half feet of snow.

Anyway there is nothing modest about the C. I. O.'s estimate of their worth on the job. Two a day raise for all hands and no extra output. Steel workers, auto workers, electricians and now the railroads say the trainmen have plans for a two billion increase in their pay per annum. All of which is to come out of the people of the small towns, villages and those toiling on the land.

Governor Griswold informs the pressure groups that there are to be no political roads built in Nebraska. Surveys are to be made and highways authorized on the basis of needs. No doubt there are other sections of the state needing better travel routes but none that I know of present the crying need that the sand hill cattle country does. The movement of beef to market is a major Nebraska undertaking every year and the state road builders may well look the sand hills over.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the life story and death notice of the mistress of O'Neill's first grand residence, Mrs. Dave Darr. I was one of a group of young blades first to be entertained at a social function at the Darr mansion, as we spoke of the town's recently erected stone front. Miss Mazie acted as hostess and graciously refrained from any sort of a break that would remind her guests of their more humble abodes. This residence passed into the hands of John McHugh, then to Ed F. Gallagher and is still in the Gallagher family. That was the beginning of fine homes in O'Neill, the first step from the simple four-wall abodes of the town's beginning and it has now become a city of fine homes.

"Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind; it is a temper-

of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a predominance of courage over timidity, of appetite for adventure over love of ease." Is that so? I suspect the fellow who wrote that for one of those wordy-wise monthly publications is near the border-line and is trying to kid himself by turning a wistful gaze toward life's sunrise. Youth is a fact; maturity is a fact; age is still another fact, inexorable, absolute. Fountain of Youth, monkey glands, face lifting, the longing and striving can not withhold the onward sweep of time one moment. Childhood, impetuous youth, staid maturity, serene age—these are life's stages. Happy those who pass gracefully from childhood's joys to the quietness of venerable years.

The 25th of December does not even approximate the date. But that is immaterial. The greatest fact of history, the greatest human event since Father Adam bowed to the divine decree and left his happy garden home for a thorn cursed world, is called to memory again this coming December 25. Maybe we have been so absorbed in buying and planning that the deeper significance of Christmas has been lost sight of for the moment. But before the day closes many hearts will thrill to the simple story of Bethlehem, a story that lives and touches lives with kindly impulse in a world of bitterness, cruelty and bloodshed. Life is made the richer, the fuller, because we accept the story of Bethlehem in its beauty and simplicity.

Has Daily Weather Record for 30 Years

Do you want to know what the weather was like any day in the past thirty years? Just ask Bob Schulz. Mr. Schulz has made a hobby of keeping tabs on the weather. And its simpler than turning to an almanac. At the close of business he makes a note on the day's sales record what the weather has been for the day. He says there is a striking similarity in weather conditions from year to year. Storm periods, high and low temperature do not fail of falling at regular intervals and are not more than a week earlier or a week later from season to season. He learned to swim and catch fish where the waters of the Baltic sea splash the German shore line but has acquired the "weather habit" in Nebraska the past thirty years.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The date for the regular Teachers' Examinations is Saturday, January 19.

They will be given at O'Neill, Stuart, Atkinson and Ewing. The April and July examinations will be given in O'Neill only. The time schedule will be the same as used in previous examinations with Arithmetic being given at 8 o'clock.

A Special Examination for Temporary Examinations will be given at O'Neill on Saturday, January 5.

ELA McCULLOUGH, County Superintendent.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the shareholders of the O'Neill National Bank, O'Neill, Nebraska, will hold their annual meeting in the banking rooms of said bank between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., on Tuesday, January 8, 1946. The purpose of the meeting is for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

F. N. CRONIN, Vice President

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Fisher left Tuesday morning for Los Angeles, Cal., to spend the Christmas holidays with the Doctor's mother. They expect to return home about January 4th.

Mrs. Frank Griffith departed Saturday morning for San Antonio, Texas, for a protracted visit at the home of her daughter.

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Mrs. Dave Darr Dead at Age 94

John Horiskey, of Cody, Wyo., sent us last week the following taken from a Basin, Wyo., newspaper regarding an early settler of this city and county, widow of David L. Darr, once a prominent banker of this city:

"The Rev. J. A. Estey of Powell officiated at the funeral services held here Sunday at the Atwood mortuary for one of Basin's earliest residents, Mrs. Ella Darr, who died Thursday, November 29 at her home.

"Mrs. Clark Musgrave and Miss Jones of Greybull, sang 'In the Sweet Bye and Bye,' 'Nearer My God to Thee,' and 'Shall We Meet Beyond the River?,' accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Estey.

"The pallbearers were Frank T. Brigham, Josh Ellis, Chas. A. Hime, James A. Berry, Charles Galusha and Mike Brandt.

"Ellen Sophia Jones, daughter of Thomas W. and Adeline Jones, was born at Monroe, Wis., July 12, 1851, and was at the time of her demise 94 years, four months and 17 days.

At Monroe, in 1867, she was married to Frank Hoyden. Two daughters were the result of this union, one of them, Mrs. G. M. Cleveland, died in Basin in 1936; the younger daughter, Mrs. M. B. Rhodes, of Basin, is the survivor.

"In 1880 the deceased then a widow, settled with a brother at Redbird, in northeastern Nebraska. The following year she was united in marriage with David L. Darr, a pioneer merchant of that place.

"In 1898, while they were residing at McCook, Nebr., Mr. Darr came to Basin and organized the Big Horn County bank, of which he became cashier, and afterward president. Big Horn county then comprised the territory now including Big Horn, Park and Washakie counties and part of Hot Springs county, and was the county's first bank.

"In August of that year, Mr. and Mrs. Darr took the train from McCook to Sheridan, after first shipping their personal effects. Upon arrival at Sheridan, foreseeing a delay of several months in transporting their goods to Basin, they reshipped to Billings with the exception of the cook stove, some dishes, bedding and clothing; this they loaded into a wagon and the two drove over the Big Horn mountains to Basin, where they passed the remainder of their lives.

"Mr. Darr died April 20, 1929. "Mrs. Darr had been a member of the Rebekah order for nearly 60 years and was instrumental in the institution of Eliza Rebekah lodge No. 26, in 1909. During Basin's infancy, she was prominent in social and civic affairs, was one of the original members of the Baak Lovers' Club, organized in 1906, which was the forerunner of the Basin Woman's Club. Ill health had of late years precluded her from active participation.

"The body was laid to rest in Mountview cemetery under a beautiful mound of floral tributes. "Interment was in charge of Atwood and Atwood, morticians."

DECEMBER WEATHER

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December 1	48	29	.15
December 2	32	20	.65
December 3	23	05	
December 4	28	06	
December 5	39	18	
December 6	44	27	
December 7	46	28	
December 8	44	28	
December 9	35	09	
December 10	15	09	
December 11	20	02	
December 12	25	08	
December 13	27	12	.10
December 14	23	08	
December 15	20	-7	
December 16	10	-13	
December 17	14	-12	
December 18	4	-7	

Hugh Ray departed Saturday on a drive to Blue River, Wis., for a few days visit at the home of his parents.

Seen on the street: 25 dogs, a gent able to whistle a tune with the temperature at 4 below, a battered and blood spotted automobile, a Chery county car pulling a trailer loaded with a saddle horse, a big truck from the other side of the Mississippi, a fine looking class of people scurrying along to get in out of the cold.

Assemble for a Bit of Fun

What has become to be known as the annual employees party was held last Saturday at the Golden by Consumers Public Power. A business meeting was held during the afternoon and at 6 o'clock the sixty-five in attendance sat down to a turkey dinner. It was a dinner rather than the frills of banquet and no speeches.

This Power District serves fifty-two towns and covers most of north Nebraska. Towns represented at the gathering last Saturday were: Valentine, Bassett, Ainsworth, Neligh, Elgin, Creighton, Hartington, Wausa and Butte. The purpose of the annual gathering is, as one official expressed it, more for a bit of fun than anything else after a year of close attention to work though business can not be entirely forgotten.

Following the turkey feast dancing and cards amused the guests and furnished the opportunity for all to get better acquainted. It was strictly an affair for the employees and their wives.

C. & N. W. Railroad Taxes

A narrow strip of land stretching from the Missouri river to the northwest corner of the state, that you can step across anywhere in five seconds, two shining steel rails, some dreary depots and empty box cars from which the assessors in twenty-eight Nebraska counties extracted taxes in 1945 \$277,901.58. Holt county received more than thirteen thousand dollars of the total sum. The amount received by Holt and five neighboring counties will be of interest to Frontier readers and is as follows: Holt \$13,666.65, Boyd \$8,927.32, Antelope \$9,744.92, Knox \$10,170.44, Rock \$5,649.34, Brown \$8,017.18.

The sum that came into the Holt county treasury was divided as follows: State \$1,849.21, County \$1,838.89, Township \$1,062.28, School \$7,930.63, City or Village \$985.64. Total \$13,666.65. It is noted that more than half of this sum went to the support of the schools. These are the taxes on the Northwestern railroad.

Mrs. Glen Tomlinson and Mrs. Ray Hill took Douglas Hill to Rochester, Minn., a week ago for medical examination.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dailey, of Inman, have received the announcement of the marriage of their son, Orville K. Dailey, seaman first class, to Miss Marion W. Weston of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin are anticipating a visit from their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton of St. Louis, who expect to start for O'Neill Saturday to spend the Christmas week here.

Word from Bob Britnell, at one time deputy sheriff here, informs friends that he has bought a home and cabin camp at Vancouver, Wash., where the family are making their permanent home.

St. Mary's Academy and the O'Neill Public Schools will each close Friday afternoon, December 21, for the holiday vacation. The Public School will resume activity again on Wednesday, January 2, and the Academy on Monday, January 7.

Lt. Margaret Bosn, USN, arrived home Tuesday from Brooklyn, N. Y., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bosn. Lt. Bosn has received her discharge from the navy. Lt. Dorothy Bosn, USA, also arrived home Monday to spend the holidays with her parents. Lt. Bosn is stationed at Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Holt County Men In On the Win

Six farmers and ranchers from Holt county received state recognition at a recent P. F. L. meeting in Omaha, and were awarded a total of \$170.00 in War Bonds and Stamps. These men were recognized for their methods and results obtained in producing beef from native grass pasture, harvesting native hay with minimum labor requirements and in establishing and maintaining stands of grass or legumes to be used in crop rotations. The Pasture Forage Livestock program is sponsored by the Extension Service, with the Omaha Chamber of Commerce co-operating and giving awards as follows:

Carl Hallgrimson, Stuart, first, beef from grass, \$50 War Bond. He produced 94 lb. beef per acre of pasture. Record was kept on 75 head of yearlings. They were weighed on the pasture in the spring and weighed off in the fall. Carl believes the management of the pasture, watering facilities and salting practices helped to give him this high gain.

Alfred Drayton, O'Neill, second, beef from grass, \$25 War Bond. By rotational grazing 150 head of yearlings made an average gain of 263 pounds per head in four months and seven days, and produced 50 pounds beef per acre of range.

Robert Clifford, Atkinson, fourth, beef from grass, \$10 War Stamps. This range land was probably undergrazed and a large acreage used, with twenty-nine pounds of beef per acre.

Skrilla Brothers, Stuart, first, hay making, \$50 War Stamps. Lawrence and Don averaged thirty-six minutes to cut, rake, sweep and stack a ton of hay. The contest field was 160 acres. It produced approximately 165 ton of No. 1 hay. The power trail mower helped them to make the good record. Don has just been released from the army. Both boys flew their own plane to Omaha for the meeting.

Lynn and Harvey Tompkins, Inman fourth, hay making, \$10 War Stamps. Here it took one hour and thirty-three minutes to put up a ton of hay. It was very fine quality, and was put up early in the season. Due to wet conditions at that time, more time was required to put up a ton of hay. The condition of meadow was excellent this fall and is being used for winter range for Black Angus cattle.

Ray Siders, O'Neill, second, grass growing, \$25 War Bond. Disked a four acre field of cornstalks twice. Broadcast 12 pound bromegrass, three pound alfalfa with half bushel oats per acre. During 1945 he grazed 24 yearling steers from June 3 to July 13. In addition, 24 shoa's grazed the field from May 1 to October 1.

Holt county had probably the largest number of persons to be recognized by the state. This is a boost for the county. The County Agent wishes to stress that even more interest in P. F. L. is needed for the coming year. One of the highlights of the state finishup meeting was the address given by the mayor of Kansas City, John B. Gage, which stressed the care of the soil and livestock and the decentralizing of labor and industry. Approximately 500 farmers and ranchers attended the meeting.

Eugene Owen tarried in town a few minutes Tuesday on his way from the ranch in the Phoenix neighborhood to Lincoln where he went for Mrs. Owen who is in college and comes home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen had a telephone talk with their son, Donald, at Farragut, Idaho, last Friday noon, Donald having called them by telephone. He is serving at the Idaho navy station in the capacity of musician.

Marriage Licenses

Martin B. Miller, O'Neill, and Miss Ophal M. Johnson, Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tomlinson enjoy a family get together last Sunday at their son, Arthur Tomlinson's home near Inman. Beside the senior Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson there were present a daughter and her husband from Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner, a daughter from Inman and her husband and family, the James Coventry's and Glen Tomlinson, of O'Neill.

BRIEFLY STATED

Tom Coyne is in St. Vincent's hospital at Sioux City seriously ill.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone everywhere.

Mrs. Loren Nelson will leave this week for Columbus, Ohio, on a business trip.

Supt. Ira George, of the O'Neill Public schools, was in Lincoln last week looking after school matters.

Sister M. Calixa, of Chicago, and Miss Genevieve Biglin, of Sioux City, are spending the holidays with relatives in the city.

The Northwestern passenger and mail train from the east has been from two to eight hours late the past week. Its time in O'Neill is 5:17 a. m. Yesterday the mail train pulled in at 12:30, out at 12:45.

Lt. Stephen Price didn't wait for a discharge from the army to take on a job at the Spelts-Ray lumber yard. But he expects release from Uncle Sam's forces early next year and in the meantime will help out the lumber men.

The fire department hustled out a cold night last week-end in response to an alarm turned in from the Nu Way Cafe. A chimney accumulations of soot and ashes was making a lurid streak skyward that resulted in nothing detrimental to the building.

O'Neill youngsters are invited to be up town at 3:30 Friday afternoon. Santa Claus invites you to meet him in person, accept his bag of gifts and enjoy an hour's association with him. This promises to give you a good start for the holiday season. As schools close at 3:00 you can be on time for Santa's initial appearance and take it all in.

Mariane Hansen vs. Charles Lawrence, a suit in county court to recover \$1,000 alleged damages. Allegations set forth that defendant loaded a consignment of cattle at Ewing to be delivered at plaintiff's place east of O'Neill, plaintiff being a passenger in the truck. The truck left the highway and overturned when the defendant, who operated the truck, is alleged to have slept. The suit is for personal injury. Facts were presented to the court Tuesday and recess taken for a day while attorneys prepared citations for the guidance of the court in its findings. J. J. Harrington represents plaintiff and J. D. Cronin the defendant.

December eclipse of sun or moon means subzero temperature. Tuesday evening between 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock the earth interposed its shadow over the moon, effecting a near total eclipse by 7:45. A clear sky, a calm evening and the early appearance of the lunar ball over the treetops above the eastern horizon made ideal conditions for O'Neill citizens to witness the celestial phenomena. If you were out early Wednesday morning you would have observed that the earth no longer stood in its light and the moon's full orb in all its golden glory looked upon the cold and sleeping town at an hour when hoar frost had pushed the mercury down to 7 below.

Frank Howard accompanied by his daughter, Margaret, went to Sioux City today and Frank expects to undergo hospital treatment there. His friends here trust he will find help to regain his customary vigor and good health.

O'Neill Couple Married 50 Yrs.

A reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Curtis in the southwest part of the city Tuesday afternoon was the occasion for the observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

As a singular coincident fifty guests registered during the afternoon. Ladies of the Rebekah's, under the direction of Mrs. L. G. Gillespie and Mrs. Peter Heriford, were the instigators of the plan to bring a number of friends to the Curtis home on the occasion of their golden wedding, and the loads of gifts and large purse of money brought to them the occasion became golden in a material sense as well as in the warm throbs of human friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis started life together fifty years ago down in Custer county and have shared life's lights and shadows along the way. Their deepest sorrow was the loss of an only son some years ago. They came to O'Neill in the early nineteen hundred's and are held in high esteem in this community.

Besides the O'Neill friends who called during the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Evans of Berwyn, Nebr., and Miss Marion Curtis, of Sioux City, a granddaughter, were here to join in the reception and congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis are leaving soon for a visit at Berwyn with Mr. and Mrs. Evans. Mrs. Evans being a sister of Mr. Curtis. They desire The Frontier to express for them their sense of gratitude to the friends who made this occasion such that it will ever remain a pleasant memory.

The ladies served cake and coffee to the friends who called.

F. B. I. Nab A Deserter

James W. Skeels was arrested at the Western Hotel Wednesday night and taken to the county jail. F. B. I. agents have been his trail since September, 1943, when he is charged with desertion from the army air field at Lincoln. An agent from the Omaha division of the F. B. I. came to O'Neill and in conjunction with Policeman Bert Peterson and Sheriff Hubbard the arrest was made.

Skeels's home is at Hammond, Oregon. He has been employed here in Boyd county for some months. The provost marshal's office has been notified of his arrest and a military police is expected here to return the prisoner to the army base from which he deserted for military trial.

Death of Pioneer Woman

Mrs. Ella Riley died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Cronk in this city last Saturday afternoon at 1:20, after an illness of several months of diabetes and other ailments, from which she had suffered for several years, at the age of 72 years eight months and one day. Funeral services were held from St. Patrick's church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock Mnsgr. McNamara officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Ella Marley was born in Scranton, Pa., April 14, 1873, and came to this county with her parents in 1881, the family coming here from Iowa. The family located on the Elkhorn river near Inman where Mrs. Riley grew to womanhood.

In 1895 she was united in marriage to William H. Riley, the ceremony being performed in this city. To this union one daughter was born, Mrs. James Cronk, with whom Mrs. Riley had made her home for several years, as her husband passed away in 1918.

Mrs. Riley leaves to mourn her passing her daughter and three sisters: Mrs. Tassie Babcock and Miss Sarah Marley, Douglas, Arizona, and Mrs. Frank Line-man, Adel, Iowa.

Her parents were among the pioneers of the Inman community and she spent practically her entire life in this county. She had many friends and neighbors in the eastern part of the county, where she was well known, who will regret to learn of her passing.