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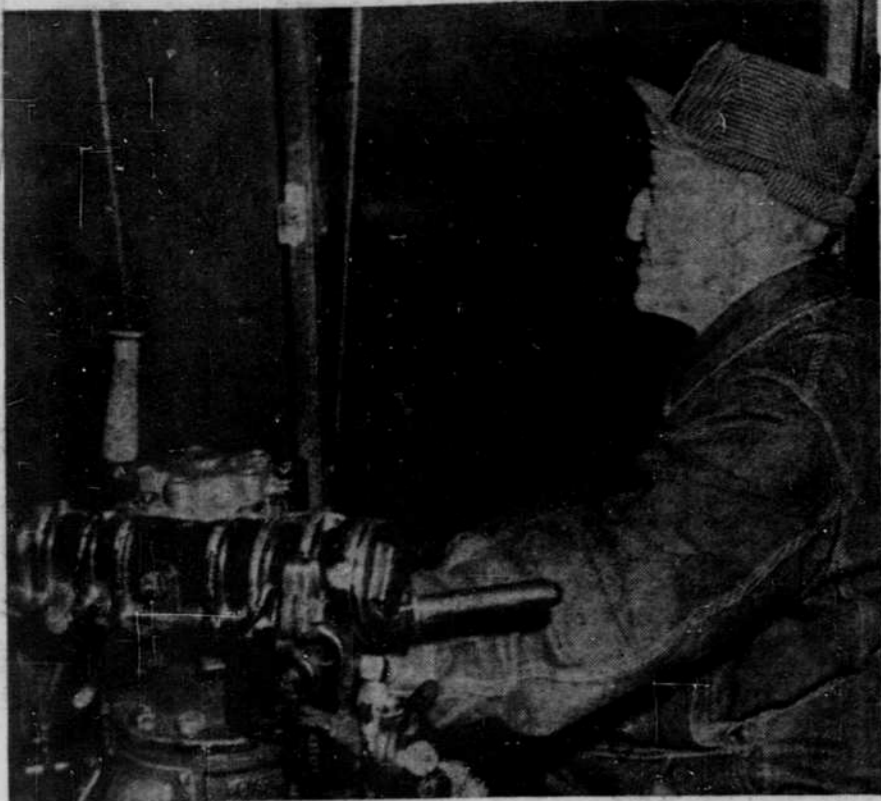
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Sydney A. McNeely... "driving" C&NW train 13. — The Frontier Photo.

Jobs for 48 Train Crewmen in Balance

Eugene Krier, 74, Expires in Hospital

Rites Wednesday for Retired Farmer

Eugene Krier, jr., 74, retired O'Neill farmer, died at 11:10 p.m. Sunday, November 21, in St. Anthony's hospital here. He had been in failing health about a year and had been seriously ill about a week. He was admitted to the hospital two days before his death.

Funeral services were to be conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 24, at Biglin's funeral chapel with Rev. W. B. Smith, church pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in Pleasant Valley cemetery.

Pallbearers chosen were John Crutsch, Ardell Curran, Vern Hardng, Maurice Grutsch, Loyall Hull and Hugh Benson.

The late Mr. Krier was born November 26, 1879, at Farragut, Ia., in Fremont county. His parents were the late Eugene Krier, sr., and Katherine Hamann Krier. His father was a native of France; his mother a native of Germany.

Mr. Krier moved from Iowa to Fremont, in Dodge county, in 1894, and to Holt county in 1905. He made his home with his brother, Henry, and sister, Miss Eugenie, for many years northwest of O'Neill, residing on several different ranches. In the fall of 1950 the trio, two brothers and their sister, moved into O'Neill.

Survivors include: Brother — Henry O'Neill; sisters — Miss Eugene O'Neill and Mrs. Julia Hintz of Inman.

Pleads Innocent to Shooting Charge

LAKE ANDES—Mrs. Blanche Conzemius, 36, mother of 10, Monday pleaded innocent of murder in the shooting death of her husband last September 9. Date for the trial was not set.

Mrs. Conzemius' husband, Bernard, 39, was shot and killed with a single shot from a 22 calibre rifle as he sat in the family farm home 10 miles northeast of Lake Anides. The couple's eldest daughter, Eileen, 12, testified at the inquest that the shooting occurred after her father made improper advances.

Weichman Gets Navy Separation

STUART—BTS/c Milton Weichman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Weichman, arrived home Saturday night, November 10, from Boston, Mass., where he received his discharge from the navy November 16.

He was attached to the USS Power, DD839, a destroyer, at the time of his discharge.



Bowen at Ft. Bliss

Army Pvt. John R. Bowen (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen of O'Neill, is now at Ft. Bliss, Tex., where he has begun basic training with the ground forces. He volunteered for duty October 20 through the selective service office. Bowen's address: Pvt. John R. Bowen US 3548068, Btry. A-10 Tng. Bn., AAA-Rtc., Ft. Bliss, Tex.

By CAL STEWART Editor, The Frontier

I had a ride in the comfy cab of the diesel locomotive last Thursday—enroute to the public rail hearing at Valentine.

There is merit to the criticism that some of the Chicago & North Western's passenger-mail-express rolling stock is not of the latest type. The company officials have answered this, agreeing to place modern, lightweight coaches in service on an eight-month trial basis beginning in January.

But there's nothing backwoods about the locomotive. This iron job I was aboard has been in continuous service more than a year, grinding out the miles from Omaha to Chadron and return each 30 hours.

The engineer, Sydney A. McNeely, 69, told me the Chadron line has been completely dieselized for more than two years and the efficiency of the 1,500-hp. General Electric locos is "amazing." The locomotive we were riding hadn't been in a shop for a year.

"No time-out for water, steady pull and quick pickup of speed are the main features," McNeely explained as we buzzed along between Bassett and Long Pine.

"On our schedule (58-mph top speed) our power doesn't have to labor at all," he said. Each notch of the throttle steps up the generators 75 rpm. There are eight notches and, of course, the locomotive will deliver more speed than is needed on this line.

The diesel makes more noise than a steam engine and you must raise your voice to be heard in the cab above the din of the powerful diesel engine.

Mr. McNeely explained drivers on the steamers "pound" the roadbed. The diesel delivers "uniform power" to many wheels, distributing the pull.

He pointed out there is 90-pound steel from O'Neill west to Chadron. Originally, when the tracks stretched across the endless prairie, the steel was 60-pound.

Besides riding in the cab, I rode in the day coach and also in the vice-president's business car. I can honestly say the roadbed is good—compared to lots of others I've ridden. McNeely told me the roadbed has ballast all the way. Thus, contrary to public conception, lots of money has been turned back into the road.

Withdrawal of trains 13 and 14 "would be a pity," Mr. McNeely says. This is understandable. He has devoted a big chunk of his lifetime to those two trains. Mr. McNeely could retire tomorrow if he wished. On January 12, 1955, he will round out 50 years of service. He holds engineer (and mechanical) seniority in the western (Omaha) district. His father was an engineer before him.

The engineer and firemen aboard the diesels have lots of comforts, too, including soft seats, lavatory, and an indoor toilet.

Perched way up in the air above the ribbons of steel, they have a rare vantage point. Pulling into Long Pine there are picturesque curves, bridges and streams. I wouldn't tire of that run if I were in the driver's seat.

Mr. McNeely lives in Norfolk with his wife, Hattie. They have two adopted children—Mrs. John (Frances) Urban of Washington, D.C., and Robert, who is a veteran in the air force. In addition, they reared one of Mrs. McNeely's nieces, Jean Powell.

The veteran Engineer McNeely would view loss of trains 13 and 14 with heartbreak. The 47 other crewmen on the Omaha-to-Chadron run might be obliged to look elsewhere for work if the experiment doesn't work. The unions could eliminate the unnecessary flagman's job alone and save the C&NW nearly one-third of the present operational losses.

As an outsider looking in, I'd think the union chiefs would suggest some other economies. We didn't get into such a discussion with Syd. But the engineer and the camera-bearing newspaperman were agreed there should be no death, now or ever, for numbers 13 and 14.

Try The Frontier want advs.

North-Holt Pioneer Dies at 78

Wm. F. Kaczor Rites to Be Held Friday; Ill Three Weeks

A north-Holt county pioneer, who came here from Canada at the age of 8, died at 2:40 p.m., Tuesday, November 23, in St. Anthony's hospital. Dead is William ("Bill") Kaczor, 78, O'Neill farmer, who had been ill three weeks.

The late Mr. Kaczor had been in failing health for several years, and had been seriously ill three weeks.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Paddock Union church at 2 p.m., Friday, November 26, with Rev. A. L. Nabholz of O'Neill officiating. Reverend Nabholz is a former pastor of the Paddock church. Burial will be in the Pleasant Valley cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers will be State Sen. Frank Nelson, Fred Lindberg, Axel Borg, Walter DeWall, Gerald Risor and Lawrence Rouse.

The late William Frederick Kaczor was born January 20, 1876, at Wellesley, Ont., Can., a son of Frederick and Ernestine Ehlert Kaczor. He came to Holt county in 1884 with members of his family. He was only a lad when the Kaczors made the trip from Canada and settled in the community 13 miles north of O'Neill. In 1900, Mr. Kaczor moved onto the present farm located two miles east of Midway where he continued to make his home.

On May 1, 1912, he married Ethel Mae Hall. They became the parents of one son. The late Mr. Kaczor for 45 years was secretary of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery association.

He was a member of district 27 board of education for many years and also was a veteran member of the Paddock township board.

Survivors include: Widow — Ethel; son—Edward; one grandchild; brother—John of Spencer; sisters — Tina Kaczor of O'Neill and Mrs. Minnie Bay, also of O'Neill.

Sight 5-Point Deer Frolicking in Yards

Mrs. Dave Widfeldt and Frank Fritton, residing in the northeast section of the city, early Friday reported sighting a five-point deer.

Mrs. Widfeldt said she spotted the frisky animal leaving the yard at the Grenier residence. It was moving into an alley. Mr. Fritton said he saw the deer in the yard at the John C. Watson residence.

No other sightings were reported to The Frontier. But it can be said the unusual visitor was rather bold.

2 Sentenced for Breaking, Entering

Two Holt countyans appeared before District Judge D. R. Mounts last Thursday and received sentences. They were charged with breaking and entering.

Glen ("Jack") Montgomery, 27, of Stuart had waived preliminary hearing and admitted four burglaries at Stuart. He was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary.

Sylvester Zakrzewski of O'Neill drew a one-year sentence in the men's reformatory at Lincoln on a charge of breaking and entering at the O'Neill Grain company on November 1.

Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjak said he would take the prisoners to Lincoln the day after.

60 Participate in Winkler Husking Bee

About 60 people participated in the cornhusking bee held on Monday at the Ed Winkler home north of Emmet. There were 13 pickers in the fields and over 100 acres of corn was picked. Women served dinner to the men at the Winkler home.

Mrs. Winkler, 29, died November 13 from complications following a Caesarian section birth.

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J. E. Goodwin (seated in center) entertained delegates bound for the public rail hearing at Valentine aboard his special business car. Left-to-right: Robert Hornby, George Hammond, Mr. Goodwin, T. Joseph Biglin and James W. Rooney. Goodwin is vice-president in charge of operations for the Chicago & North Western.—The Frontier Photo.

Will Zimmerman, Ewing, Succumbs

Rites Wednesday at Orchard

EWING—Will Zimmerman, 64, longtime farmer and insurance man, died Monday, November 22, in St. Peter's Lutheran church in Orchard. He had been ill several years and had been hospitalized four weeks.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 24, from St. Peter's Lutheran church in Orchard. Pallbearers were to be nephews of the deceased. Rev. Martin J. Schmidt, church pastor, was to officiate and burial was to be in the Lutheran cemetery at Orchard.

The late Frederick William Zimmerman was born November 2, 1890, at Battle Creek, a son of Peter F. and Minnie Dinkel Zimmerman. He was reared in Battle Creek, attended the Lutheran parochial grade school and the public high school.

Mr. Zimmerman came to Holt county in 1915 and farmed for many years northeast of Ewing. He never married.

Survivors — Charles of Battle Creek; Joe of Ewing; George of Hudson, Wyo.; sisters—Miss Esther of Ewing; Mrs. M. G. (Barbara) Helmicks of Orchard; Miss Laura of Ogden, Utah, and Miss Dorothy of Stalt Lake City, Utah; four nephews; six nieces.

Mrs. Axtell at 103d Milestone Thursday

STUART — Thanksgiving day, November 25, will be another milestone for Mrs. Alice Axtell, Stuart's oldest resident, who will be marking her 103d anniversary.

It was 74 years ago, Alice Butterfield came to Holt county with her parents in a covered wagon. As a young lady, she had come west for her health.

Married in 1887 to Joseph Axtell, she shared the lot of the pioneer homemakers. She is the mother of one daughter, Pearl, with whom she makes her home in Stuart.

Mrs. Axtell always has been able to keep busy about the house. But last winter she was injured in a fall and now is compelled to spend much of her time in a wheel chair.

But the woman with the distinction of being the oldest person in Holt and adjoining counties continues to keep busy with her hands, doing small tasks.

Civic Chorus Is Preparing 'Messiah'

The O'Neill Civic chorus will present Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, December 5, at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the O'Neill public school. There will be no admission charge.

People participating represent O'Neill, Neligh, Atkinson, Spencer, Ainsworth and Ewing. The "Messiah" is under the direction of Charles B. Houser. Mrs. Charles Houser accompanies on the piano. Soloists this year are Mrs. Donald Loy, alto; Mrs. Grant Peacock, soprano; Robert Martel, tenor, and Richard Smithson, bass.

Arrive for Visit—Mrs. Robert Parks and two children, Dennis and Linda, both of Scottsbluff, arrived Saturday to spend a week with Mrs. Parks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sargent.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hargarten and Rev. Joseph Hargarten visited with Mother Agnesine on Monday.

Road Vice-President Agrees to Trial of Modern Coaches

(See editorial and "News, Views, Gossip," page 2; pictures on page 9.)

A Chicago & North Western railroad vice-president promised the road will continue its passenger service between Omaha and Chadron on an eight months trial.

The trial period represents a compromise. It was reached at a meeting last Thursday in Valentine after the railroad officials, J. E. Goodwin of Chicago, Ill., suggested six months and representatives of western Nebraska communities had asked for a year. Goodwin is the C&NW's vice-president in charge of operations.

Goodwin said the eight months will begin after new passenger cars are put into service on the Omaha-Chadron line.

Two lightweight coaches of latest design will be placed in service on the line "sometime in January." Ironically, they presently are in use on a line elsewhere about to lose trains.

If the people along the route deliver "one-third of the things they've promised at this meeting," said Goodwin, there is reasonable assurance the service will be continued after eight months.

The trial period will make it clear whether operation of the service is feasible, he said. Goodwin spoke to a crowd estimated at 450-to-500 which jammed the Valentine auditorium after the meeting was arranged by the Western Nebraska United Chambers of Commerce.

The railroad disclosed some time ago it wanted to drop passenger service between Omaha and Chadron because it said it was losing \$60,000 a year operating trains 13 and 14 on the 447-mile line.

A storm of protest followed and interested parties asked the railway to abandon its plan, insisting the two trains are "indispensable to the economic welfare of northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota."

Twenty-eight towns were represented at the hearing. They are O'Neill, Clearwater, Inman, Atkinson, Stuart, Bassett, Long Pine, Ainsworth, Wood Lake, Valentine, Crookston, Kilgore, Merriman, Gordon, Rushville, Norfolk, Meadow Grove, Neligh, Hay Springs, Chadron, Crawford, Springfield, Alliance, Omaha, and O'Neill.

Towns not on the road but represented were Springfield, Spencer, Martin, S.D., Rosebud, S.D.

Organizations, besides civic groups, include the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Antelope County Farm Bureau, Sandhills Cattle association of Valentine.

Food processing firms extensively using the trains also were represented, including Ben Vidricksen, manager, Harding Creamery, O'Neill; James Connor, western, Lakerville Creamery, Lakeville, Minn.; Ocoma Foods, Omaha.

Arrangements for the meeting were made by Lloyd Pipher of Crawford, president of the Western Nebraska United Chambers of Commerce, after the C&NW indicated in press releases it was considering taking necessary steps to withdraw the last passenger-mail-express service in the area.

The meeting was called to order by Valentine Mayor Emmett Curry of Valentine. He introduced Pipher, who, in turn, introduced Goodwin.

Pipher opened the meeting by saying personalities would not be permitted to be drawn into the meeting and that Mr. Goodwin was a guest and was to be accorded that sort of treatment.

Pipher then called upon Carroll ("Cal") Stewart, publisher of The Frontier, who had been designated as spokesman for the so-called eastern group, representing cities and towns from Battle Creek to Ainsworth.

James W. Rooney of O'Neill read the resolutions which had been adopted at a "preparation meeting" at O'Neill on November 15. The resolutions pledged "every reasonable effort" to help make the two trains operate on a profitable basis and proposed a plan of "coordinated effort."

The resolutions, which were entered in the minutes of the Valentine hearing, declared the eastern delegates "realize that efficient and profitable operation of the railroad is hampered by unwieldy governmental regulations, subsidized competition and many unreasonable union practices."

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Veteran Statistics-Keeper Is Honored

Miss O'Malley Notes 18,656 Holt Births

Miss Elizabeth O'Malley, member of a pioneer O'Neill family, Tuesday was presented a scroll signed by Nebraska Gov. Robert Crosby and Clair L. Chism, director of the bureau of vital statistics, Nebraska department of health. Mr. Chism made the presentation at Miss O'Malley's home.

Mr. Chism said Miss O'Malley ranked among the top 10 recorders of vital statistics in the nation, in point of service, and was undisputed holder of the title in Nebraska.

Miss O'Malley began recording births and deaths for the state records in 1910. Since that time she has reported 18,656 births and 4,648 deaths. In the latest census count, Holt county numbered 14,859 persons.

Relocation of 281 Is Not Discussed

The Nebraska state highway advisory commission, in session Monday at the statehouse in Lincoln, was pressed for a decision on state highway 35 relocation between Wayne and Wakefield, spent considerable time discussing the Omaha outerbelt line, and heard a delegation from Dannebrog.

The packed agenda prevented coming around to the U.S. highway 281 subject—choosing between three or four proposed routes linking the junction with state highway 12 and the Ft. Randall area. The 281-12 junction is in Boyd county.

A spokesman for the commission said the 281 matter would be tabled until the December 20 hearing.

In the highway 35 contention, the commission reversed the recommendation of State Highway Engineer L. N. Ress. Gov. Robert Crosby might issue a statement on the matter "within a few days."

O'Neill Students at Music Clinic

Ten students from the O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy attended the state music clinic held at Beatrice from last Thursday through Saturday. They were:

Band: Marilyn Lindberg (flute), Regina Hynes (French horn). Choir: Patricia Grenier, soprano; Mildred Crabb, alto; Ardyce Alton, alto, and David Anderson, bass.

Twilight: Mardelle Gaskill, Mary Elizabeth Gatz, Mardy Johnson and Margaret McElvain.

The group was accompanied by Richard Smithson, O'Neill high vocal instructor, and Charles B. Houser, O'Neill high and St. Mary's band instructor.

There were 16 guest lecturers and clinicians and four guest conductors.

Highlighting the three-day clinic was a concert by the University of Nebraska orchestra with saxophonist, Sigurd Rischar, as guest soloist; a student mixer and a concert in the Beatrice auditorium Saturday with a 175-piece orchestra; 203-piece band and a 500-voice chorus group.

A new addition to the clinic this year was a baton twirling demonstration with 125 students participating.

David, Burge Sales Next on Calendar

There are two auctions on The Frontier's sale calendar: Monday, December 6: W. H. David, residing 21 miles south of O'Neill, will offer 75 head of cattle, machinery, some household goods. (Advertisement on page 7.) Cols. Roy David and Ed Thorin, O'Neill, auctioneers; Chambers State bank, clerk.

Friday, December 10: Glen Burge, residing 1 mile west of Inman, will offer 45 head of cattle, three IHC tractors, machinery, household goods; Col. Ed Thorin, O'Neill, auctioneer; O'Neill National bank, clerk.

Union Thanksgiving Rite Planned

A union Thanksgiving worship service was to be held Wednesday evening, November 24, at 8 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church in O'Neill.

Miss Eleanor Nickelson and Sam Stearns, both of Winner, S.D., spent Sunday with Charles and Mrs. M. Jensen.