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OLDEST CITIZEN OF HOLT COUNTY DIES

Thos. Crimmins Who Lived Here 64 of His 102 Years, Dies After Brief Illness

People of this community paid their last respects Monday morning to one of the earliest pioneer settlers of this vicinity and by many years the oldest resident of Atkinson.

Thomas Crimmins, who was past 102 years of age, has died. For this sturdy son of Ireland who was born in 1838, when Martin Van-Buren was serving as president of the United States, the end of life's journey came peacefully about 3 o'clock last Friday afternoon at his home in the north part of town. He had been ill only five days.

The last rites were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic church, the mass being celebrated by the Rev. A. A. Lehmen. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. The pallbearers were Ed. J. Matousek, H. L. James, Wm. P. Morgan, Francis O'Connell, Chas. Bauman and T. L. McDonald.

In spite of passing the century mark, Mr. Crimmins was an active man until the Sunday preceding his death. On his one-hundredth birthday, July 24, 1938, the Graphic found him limbering up by swinging an ax on a large, dead tree in his yard, and not many days later he had finished chopping it down.

At that time he was doing his full share of housework in the home where for 17 years he and his brother-in-law, Thomas Hanrahan, lived together. Although a bit hard of hearing, he could converse intelligently about many historical events as well as current happenings, as he kept fairly well posted in his daily reading and his mind was clear and his memory was good.

He was able to be up and around and take care of himself—he even shaved himself with his old straight-edged razor—until the Sunday preceding his death.

Mr. Crimmins was born in County Cork, Ireland, on July 24, 1838. He lived in his native land until he was 31 years old, served four years in the Irish militia and worked several years on the docks unloading ships in Queenstown, Ireland. He was a powerful young Irish lad who thought nothing of hoisting a two or three hundred pound load on his back and walking off with it.

In 1869 he came to America, landing at New York in March of that year. He went to Salem, Mass., and for eight years worked on the docks in that city, then in 1877 he came west and settled in Holt county where his brother, the late John Crimmins, had come two years before. He homesteaded on the farm five miles southeast of Atkinson where John Schorn now lives.

He was married in 1890 to Miss Catherine Hanrahan of Atkinson, who passed away June 27, 1922. They had no children.

Mr. Crimmins and his wife moved to town in 1911. For two years after his wife died he lived with Mr. Hanrahan on the farm west of here. Mr. Hanrahan quit the farm in 1924 and they both moved to Mr. Crimmins' home at the north edge of town. Mr. Hanrahan is also a pioneer of this community, having come here in 1880.

A few times in his life, Mr. Crimmins was close to death. Once was years ago, before they moved to town, when he was terribly injured when the fork of a hay stack fell on him. Both his legs were broken and his hands and arms were badly mangled and mangled. He hung between life and death for weeks. Another was about fifteen years ago when he suffered a serious illness. At that time his relatives and friends despaired of his recovery, but he got well and was never again critically ill until last week.

Mr. Crimmins built the first settler's shack in Long Pine, and later lived for a time in a dugout near

Holt County Draft Board Still Has 25 Volunteers

Out of the twenty-six boys from Holt County, who left on the early morning train on Wednesday, February 19, for Omaha, where they were to be inducted into the army as draftees, five were rejected by the Army medical examining board, and returned home that evening. The five were: William Holsclaw, Harold Sanders and Clarence Devall, all of O'Neill; Oliver Szama, of Page, and Raymond Calvelage, of Stuart. The local draft board, has as yet, received no word as to when they will be obliged to send five more men to take the place of those rejected.

The next draft contingent to leave from Holt County, will be on March 5th, when three brothers from Atkinson, all volunteers, will leave for Omaha. The boys are Hans, Benny and Theodore Braun. Three more men will leave on March 17, but these have not as yet been chosen by the board. Following is the list of volunteers to duty:

- Harold Childers
- Hans Braun
- Bennie Braun
- Theodore Braun
- Raymond Joseph Seiler
- John Dwight Raymer
- Albert Phillip Smith
- Herman Frickel
- Steve Cieslak
- Wilson Spangler
- Don Lawyer
- Thomas Doolittle
- Frank Wondercheck
- Frank Wondercheck
- Frederick Krugman
- Peter Head
- LaVern Wedge
- George Wettlauffer
- Robert McCaffrey
- Charles Weller
- Eugene Weller
- Herbert Stevens
- Melvin Rickerson
- Jerald Snyder
- Lyle Slaymaker

Daughter of A Pioneer Holt County Family Wed Two Weeks Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Boshart are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Opal Nell, to Dwight Hammerlin, son of Elmer Hammerlin, of Anoka, Nebr., on February 14, the ceremony being performed at Center, Nebr. The young couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Botcher of Fairfax, S. D.

The bride is a graduate of O'Neill High School and the Green Beauty School at Rapid City, S. D. Since finishing school she has practiced her profession. The groom attended Butte High School, and since finishing school has been engaged with his father in farming. He had enlisted to serve a year in the service of the U. S. Army and left on February 19 for Fort Robinson, Ark., where he will be located. Mrs. Hammerlin will remain with the Borden Shop at Spencer, Nebr., where she has been employed the last three months until Mr. Hammerlin returns. Their many friends extend congratulations.

Ready To Organize A Commercial Club Here

It has been decided to start a Commercial Club in this city. A petition is being circulated today by Mayor Kersensbrock and being very liberally signed by the business men of the city and it is believed that between seventy-five and eighty professional and business men will enroll in the club. A good active Commercial Club, no matter what name it is called by, so long as it works for the advancement of the city, is a real asset to any city and O'Neill, as the largest city in this section of the state, needs a good active organization. So lets keep the good work going.

where the town of Bassett is now located.

Only relatives who survive him are his brother-in-law, Thomas Hanrahan, and some nieces who live in Salem, Mass., one of whom is Mrs. Mary Lorenz, who came here after the death of Mr. Crimmins' wife in 1922 and for a short time made her home with him.—Atkinson Graphic.

FORMER O'NEILLITE DIES IN WYOMING

The residents of this city were shocked last Monday evening when word was received that Bernard J. McCafferty had been found dead in a cabin camp at Sheridan, Wyo., that morning. Bernard was in the city Saturday afternoon and night, driving up from Omaha that day. Shortly before noon Sunday he left for the west, headed for Billings, Montana. About 10 o'clock that evening he visited with John Ryan at Gillette, Wyoming, according to word received here. John wanted him to stay with him all night, but Bernard said he wanted to go on as he had to be in Billings, Mont., the following morning at 10 o'clock and he drove on to Sheridan, where he stopped at a cabin camp.

The next morning when his body was found the coroner held an inquest and their verdict was that he had come to his death from accidental asphyxiation in the cabin camp. The room was tightly closed and being heated by gas it is thought that Bernard lit the gas when he entered the room and being tired and worn out from his 600 mile trip dropped off to sleep without extinguishing the gas. In the close room the fire soon consumed the oxygen therein and he was the victim of asphyxiation.

The body was shipped to this city, arriving here early this morning from Sheridan on the Northwestern at 1:40. The body was taken to the home of his brother-in-law, R. E. Gallagher, and the funeral was held this morning from the Catholic church, Monsignor McNamara officiating and burial in the Catholic cemetery.

Bernard McCafferty was born in this city on March 23, 1889. He grew to manhood here and attended the local schools. For several years after completing school he was a resident of this city and about twenty-five years ago he went to Butte, Mont., where he remained for a few years, then went to Casper, Wyoming, where he lived for several years. About ten years ago he went to Omaha, where he had made his home since that time. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary A. McCafferty, O'Neill; and three sisters, Mrs. John Melvin and Mrs. R. E. Gallagher, of Omaha, all of whom were at the funeral services.

Bernard was a genial and companionable young fellow and always in good spirits. We visited with him for a few moments last Saturday afternoon shortly after his arrival from Omaha and he never looked or felt better. He had the faculty of easily making friends and retaining them. His tragic death in the prime of life was a severe shock to his relatives and many friends in his old home town. The many friends of the family in this city and county tender to the bereaved relatives their sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Lutheran Church Now Organized In O'Neill

During the week the Lutheran people of O'Neill have organized into a congregation, choosing the name, Christ Lutheran. Eight men have signed the constitution and officers have been elected. 25 communicants are registered and some fifteen children are enrolled in the Sunday school. Services will continue to be held in the Episcopal church which they have used for the past two years.

Dave Eugene Bowen

Dave Eugene Bowen, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Bowen, died in the O'Neill hospital last Saturday at the age of one month and twenty-six days, after a short illness. The funeral was held from the home northeast of Page on Monday afternoon, at 2:30, Rev. Leo Carpenter, of Page, officiating and burial in the Page cemetery. The grieving parents have the sympathy of their many friends in the county in their hour of sorrow.

Holt County Girl Wins Honors As Novelist

Miss Neigenfind joined in the "Chi Bachelor of Science Contest" at the New York Book Shop, sending a story of true experience of the life of Addison Spauigh titled the "Lonesome Cowboy." This story won first prize from 113 stories, and is said to be the best short true story that ever has reached this book shop in thirty-five years of book work. Judges were Orville Hease, Washington, D. C., and Bill Kirtch and Leland G. Cole, of Larchmont, New York.

Miss Neigenfind hailed from Winnetka, S. Dak., about five years ago, is well known in and about Nebraska as well as Dakota. She was born at Pierce, Nebr., and when two years old, with her parents and sister, moved to South Dakota. She has lived in Dakota for twenty years. Her school days were spent in a school on the lone prairies and plains, where the coyotes howled for their prairie brothers. Since coming to Nebraska she has made a wide circle of friends who are glad to learn of her success.

Miss Neigenfind is the daughter of Mrs. E. Neigenfind, of O'Neill, and a sister of Mrs. Elmer Wille of Rochester, Minn. She is a niece of Charley Nieman, a Holt county resident for some twenty or thirty years, and is also a niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barrett.

In a short time she will be employed as a short story writer for Mr. L. G. Cole, of Larchmont, N. Y.

Miss Neigenfind was named "Nebraska's Cattle Queen."

"Lonesome Cowboy" was the first life story written by Miss Neigenfind.

Frances Eileen Hull

Frances Eileen Hull, the fifth victim of the automobile accident which took the lives of her husband and three others near Tilden on Wednesday of last week, passed away at a Norfolk hospital last Sunday. She had been in the hospital since the morning of the accident and at no time was there much hope of her recovery. The body was taken to the home of her parents at Page and the funeral was held in Page last Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the M. E. Church, Rev. Leo Carpenter officiating, and burial at the side of her husband in the Marquette cemetery near Meek. The funeral was very largely attended.

Frances Eileen Hull was born at Oakdale, Nebr., on June 10, 1913, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Cork. At the time of her death she was 27 years, eight months and thirteen days old.

On October 16, 1937, she was united in marriage to Bernard Hull, the ceremony being performed at Ogallala, Nebr. There are no children. She is survived by her parents, who are residents of Page, brothers and sisters. The grieving parents and relatives have the sympathy of the people of the county in their hour of sorrow.

St. Mary's Cardinals Are Still Winning Games

St. Mary's slumped Long Pine's chances of going to Lincoln Tuesday night when they defeated them 32-16. Next week these same two teams will probably meet again in the Class B tournament and from the score of this game, St. Mary's should turn them back then.

The game started slow but the pace increased as the game went on, but was occasionally marred by fouls.

Long Pine pulled out, scoring first and staying ahead for a time, but as soon as the St. Mary's machine started to roll, it was all St. Mary's.

Excitement was added at different times throughout the game when the ball seemed to stand on the ring of the basket and then fall out. The Cardinal Seconds came thru with an easy win, 50-21, to wind up their season with 11 wins and five losses.

Miss Jean Biglin left Thursday for Lincoln, where she will remain until Sunday, visiting friends.

P. J. McMANUS VISITS OLD TIME RESIDENTS

P. J. McManus returned Wednesday evening from a short visit to Denver, Colo., and also visited old friends at intermediate points. At Denver he visited John Hecker and his sister, Miss Mary. They were former residents of this city, Mr. Hecker being for several years a member of the firm of Mann & Hecker, who had one of the largest mercantile establishments in western Nebraska in the latter eighties. Incidentally it was with Mann & Hecker that P. J. first started in the mercantile business, entering their store as a clerk in the early eighties. Mr. Hecker disposed of his interest in the store to J. P. Mann and left for Colorado over fifty years ago. He located at Monte Vista, Colo., where he still resides, making the trip to Denver to meet P. J. The latter said they had a great visit and as they had not met in over fifty years they had many things to talk about, chief among which were the old times in O'Neill when they were both youngsters. P. J. visited many other O'Neill people in Denver, among which were Billie McNichols, who is, and has been for the past eleven years, city auditor of Denver.

On the way home he stopped at Sterling, Colo., and visited a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Evans, formerly of this city. He also visited at Scotts Bluffs and met there Mrs. J. P. Gilligan and her son, Bennet, and daughter, formerly Marion Gilligan. He made another stop at Valentine and visited Mrs. W. E. Haley, formerly of this city and at whose wedding something over fifty years ago, P. J. was best man. P. J. says that he had a dandy trip and thoroughly enjoyed it, in fact so much so that he says he will probably be tempted to take other trips the coming summer.

Bernard L. Hull

Bernard L. Hull was born at Meek, Nebr., August 7, 1911, and died at Tilden, Nebr., February 19, 1941, at the age of 29 years, six months and seven days. He attended the public schools of Holt county and graduated from the O'Neill High school with the class of 1928. On October 16, 1937, he was united in marriage at Ogallala, Nebr., to Miss Eileen Cork, of Page, Nebr. He engaged in business at Valentine but disposed of his business there and had purchased a business at Oakdale, Nebr., and was to have taken possession on February 20, 1941.

The funeral was held last Monday afternoon at the Methodist church in this city, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating and burial in the Marquette cemetery, northeast of this city. Despite the inclement weather the funeral was largely attended.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hull, one brother, Loyal and family of Meek, and many other relatives and friends. Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. John Chilton and John Manson, Smithland, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hull, Crookston, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Haynes, of Parmalee, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hull, of Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Merritt, of Gretna, Nebr.

The deepest sympathy of this community goes out to these stricken friends in this, their hour of sorrow. We are sad to relate Bernard's wife has joined him in death.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many relatives, neighbors and friends we desire to express our sincere heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness and sympathy expressed following the death of our loved ones. Your kindness to us in our affliction will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hull and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Cork and family.

O'Neill Girl A Princess In Duchesne Celebration

Before an audience of 700 people, Miss Marcella Comforto, Duchesne's student from Rome, Italy, gave a violin concert preceding the coronation ceremonies at Duchesne College on Friday evening. The concert was in connection with the Annual Mardi Gras of Duchesne and the crowning of the Twelfth Queen, Miss Winifred Baumer, who was surrounded by the usual number of maids and princesses as becomes a lady of that title. One of the princesses was Miss Janet Kubitschek, of this city, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek.

A description of the gowns worn by the princesses, as described by an eye witness, might be interesting to our feminine readers. "The princesses were all gowned alike, their dresses featuring high necklines, which tied in front with dropped tight-fitting waistlines, onto which were gathered full skirts with long trains. The sleeves of the gowns were very full at the shoulder and came to a shirred point just below the elbow. The princesses carried bouquets of yellow gladioli and acacia, which stood out stiffly in graceful sprays."

Albert Leo Shorthill

Albert Leo Shorthill died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. James J. Shorthill, in this city last Monday evening, after an illness of several months, at the age of 52 years, ten months and twenty-two days. The body was embalmed here and on Wednesday morning it was shipped to his old home at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for burial.

Mr. Shorthill was born at Pittsburg, Pa., where he lived practically all his life. He was a brother of the late James J. Shorthill, for many years a resident of Emmet. Mr. Shorthill came here last September with his mother, as he was then in failing health. His condition seemed to improve in this climate and he remained here, while his mother returned to her home in Pittsburg. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Catherine Shorthill and one sister, Mrs. Anna Miller, both of Pittsburg, Pa.

The Weather

The past week has been real snappy in this section of the state, as well as the rest of Nebraska, and all of the middle western states. The thermometer dropped to 10 degrees below zero last Friday night, which was the only below zero mark during the week, until this morning when the official record disclosed 5 below zero. The entire week has been below freezing, the warmest days of the week being Sunday and Monday, when it registered 28 above zero on both days. We had two snow flurries during the week, one last Thursday and the other Tuesday. The precipitation during the week was .26 hundredths of an inch. Following is the chart for the week:

	High	Low	Prec.
February 20	15	5	.10
February 21	15	3	
February 22	19	-10	
February 23	28	18	
February 24	25	7	.04
February 25	17	4	.07
February 26	26	10	.05

O'Neill High Aviation Class Very Busy

The Aviation Class at O'Neill High School has just completed the study of the Civil Air Regulations Bulletin. The rules for right of way, altitude of flight, weather minima for flight on civil air ways were studied and also the regulations on securing pilots certificates and certificates for airplanes. One of the requirements to be met for a students pilots certificate is to pass a written examination on the Digest of Civil Air regulations.

The unit that is being studied now is taken from the Civil Aeronautics Bulletin, "Practical Air Navigation" and will require about three weeks time. Since Mr. Anderson left, the class is being conducted by K. L. Martyn.

O'NEILL HIGH WINS ONE LOSES ONE

Perhaps it was the winter weather that got the best of the O'Neill boys as they took a 30-36 setback at the hands of Valentine. Anyway, Valentine went out ahead 10-2 in the first four minutes of play. Lowery then hit the hoop for 2 points and Vincent followed with 2 free throws. Butterfield sank another as the quarter ended 6-12 in favor of Valentine. The score was 14-18 at the half. In the third quarter Valentine again fired a round of one-hand shots, connecting to the tune of 20-31 at the end of the period. Burgess took over the offense as the final period began with two quick shots and a free goal but Valentine held the ball and the game ended 30-36.

Summary	fg	ft	pf
Vincent	2	2	2
Lowery	4	0	0
Burgess	2	1	1
McKenna	1	2	1
Leach	0	0	0
Calkins	1	1	2
French	2	0	3
Cole	0	0	0
	12	6	9

Valentine	fg	ft	pf
Butterfield	7	1	2
Chicoine	0	0	0
Ballard	4	0	2
Carr	0	0	0
Ferris	2	0	3
Yeast	1	2	2
Simms	2	1	1
	16	4	10

Friday, February 21, the O'Neill Bluejays journeyed to Oakdale and presented Coach Don Anderson a victory for his last game as Coach at O'Neill. Vincent started the scoring with a quick basket, but Lingfelder, of Oakdale, came back with two baskets. McKenna and French then connected and O'Neill led 7-4 at the end of the first quarter. From that time on the lead never changed until the third period. The score at the half time was 15-10. Oakdale came back strong after the intermission, with Burke leading the offensive drive. Just as the quarter ended Oakdale took a 20-18 lead. Lowery soon mounted the score; McKenna and French then pushed it to 26. With less than three minutes to play Oakdale made a free shot as the overtime began and held the ball up to the final thirty seconds, but Lowery took things in his own hands and sank two baskets to give O'Neill a 30-27 victory.

Summary	fg	ft	pf
Vincent	3	0	4
Lowery	3	4	1
McKenna	2	0	3
Leach	0	0	0
Calkins	0	2	1
French	4	0	1
Cole	0	0	0
	12	6	10

Oakdale	fg	ft	pf
Burke	5	0	0
Hayes	1	1	1
Hughes	2	1	2
Lingenfelder	2	0	3
Johnson, W.	0	0	0
Wakefield	1	1	3
Johnson, L.	1	0	0
	12	3	9

Four H Club Members Winners of Awards

A trip to 4-H club week at the Nebraska college of agriculture in Lincoln has been awarded by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce to Gene Higgins, of O'Neill. He was a high ranking member of the 4-H better pastures work in the state. 4-H members in Holt county will have an opportunity to compete for a similar award this year.

Marvin Stauffer, who has been the leader of the Roaming Ranchers club at Page will also receive the Burlington Leadership award to club week. Marvin has been an outstanding member of the Page poultry club and is certainly deserving of this recognition for his work.