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## A Holt County Native Passes Away

MRS. CLAYTON MESNER

Rhoda Jane Sherman was born at Mineola, Nebraska, April 2, 1884, where she grew to womanhood. She received her education in O'Neill schools and afterward taught in Holt county public schools. She worked in the J. P. Mann store for three years. She was united with the Methodist church, of O'Neill, July 5, 1896 under the ministry of the Rev. E. T. George. Was a member of the Rebecca's.

She was married to Clayton Mesner, June 21, 1911 at O'Neill. One child was born to them, Alita Rea, who lives at home.

After their marriage they lived 25 years on a farm south of O'Neill and then moved nine miles north-east of town on the George Robertson farm. Mrs. Mesner has been in failing health since the fourth of July last.

Death came to her at the home on October 31, 1938, at the age of fifty-four years, six months and twenty-nine days. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband and daughter, three sisters, Mrs. Viola Morgan of O'Neill; Mrs. C. L. Bright, Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Phoebe Hicks, Martin, South Dakota; and three brothers, Henry, of Lusk, Wyoming; Charles, of Martin, South Dakota; and Harry of Long Pine, Nebraska, besides a host of friends.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their kindly assistance and sympathy extended us during the sickness and following the death of our beloved wife, mother and sister. Your kindness to us in our hour of sorrow will ever be held in grateful remembrance. — Clayton Mesner and family and brothers and sisters.

## Brown-Kurtz Wedding

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Marie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brown, of O'Neill to Robert V. Kurtz, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kurtz, of Long Pine, took place Friday morning, October 28th at the Presbyterian church. The ring ceremony was performed by Rev. H. D. Johnson. The bride and bridegroom dispensed with attendants.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wine colored costume suit with black accessories, and a shoulder corsage of white carnations. She carried a small white bible.

Only members of the two families and Miss Geraldine Yarnall, who played the wedding march were present at the ceremony.

The bride attended O'Neill Public schools, where she was graduated from high school in the class of 1936.

The groom is a graduate of Long Pine High school and is at present employed by the Interstate Power Company.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony on a short wedding trip to Lincoln and Omaha.

## Here And There

As the Roving Reporter Sees It

Miss Eva Protivinsky was very agreeably surprised on her birthday last Tuesday evening, by a number of her friends who gathered to help her celebrate.

A certain very popular member of the younger set deserves much credit for her attempt to save humanity last Sunday evening, for as she rushed home after listening to part of the broadcast of the H. G. Wells story, "War of the Worlds", she stopped all and sundry who would listen to her, and informed them that the invasion of the U. S. by men from Mars was a fact, and that she was rushing home so that she could die with her friends. She is now being designated by her friends as "Paul Revere, the Second," and looks rather sheepish when the matter is discussed.

Hallowe'en is over for another year, but it might be well to remind some of the younger generation that the writing of indecent, obscene statements on steps, wind-

ows and houses with crayola, which cannot be removed from a painted surface, except with more paint, is not conducive to the good nature of the property owner, and that defacing or destruction of property is against the law.

The pheasant season is over for another year, and if there were only as many pheasants as hunters, there wouldn't be quite so many complaints, and everyone would be much happier.

We are informed that a certain Kansas oil man called an O'Neill Bank last week in an attempt to ascertain how his heart interest was doing.

The football forecasters are feeling rather blue this week, especially those who picked Nebraska to beat Missouri by at least seven points. The Cornhuskers so far this season have had very hard luck, but we venture to predict that they will win one game this season at least, but we are not going to predict which one.

The Democrats in O'Neill held a rally at the K. of C. Hall, on Wednesday evening, which was as far as we can gather, was not very well attended, even the Speaker of the evening, failing to appear.

Mrs. Julius Eppenhach recently returned from accompanying Mr. and Mrs. J. L. North, of Greybull, Wyoming, on a trip through Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. They went by way of Omaha, where they visited the mother of the two ladies and a sister. They next stopped for a visit with a sister and brother at Denison, Iowa. From that point they went to Vail, Iowa, and visited at the home of another sister and then on through to International Falls, Minn., where they visited at the home of their brother, Raymond and family and viewing the beautiful scenery of that section.

From International Falls they crossed into Canada and spent a couple of days sightseeing. They were especially interested in the many logging camps and the paper mills. On their way home they stopped at Hibbing, Minn., and visited at the home of their brother, Edward, and family and seen a sight that was new to all of them for they visited the largest open pit of iron ore in the world and brought back specimens of the ore. They also visited Duluth, Minn., and crossed the channel of Lake Superior and watched them loading the iron ore on the boats. From there they went to Virginia, Wisconsin, where they visited their brother, Howard and family and viewed the great stone quarries and brought back crystals from the quarries. From here they came on home and on the way visited friends at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in Omaha on their return. Mr. and Mrs. North returned to their Wyoming home after a short visit at the Eppenhach home.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Couch, of Butte, visited in O'Neill Wednesday.

Gerald Greybeil made a business trip to Norfolk Monday.

Emmett Moore transacted business in Spalding on Tuesday.

Ralph Mellor left Tuesday for Omaha on a short business trip.

S. J. Weekes left Monday for a business trip to Omaha.

McKinley Simonson made a business trip to Lincoln last Saturday.

C. J. Gatz left Friday on a short business trip to Omaha, returning home Sunday evening.

Miss Mary Holliday went to Orchard on Sunday where she visited relatives and friends.

Miss Catherine McCarthy spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in Norfolk.

Mrs. John Conard, of Emmet, entertained at a one o'clock luncheon at the M and M cafe on Thursday.

Vance Kline attended the Norfolk-Neligh football game at Norfolk last Friday.

Merle Hickey returned Monday night from a two weeks business trip through the western part of the state.

## Hurrah! Hurrah! Lets Vote Democratic West Coast Needs Jobs

The following news item appeared in the morning's edition of the Omaha World-Herald; under a Lincoln date line:

"Frank E. Brown, of San Francisco, was appointed field representative of the state assistance department today with headquarters at O'Neill."

"He replaced Mrs. Gertrude Allen, who resigned to attend the University of Nebraska. His salary will be \$150 per month."

## Last Party at the O'Neill Country Club

The closing party at the O'Neill Country Club will be held Friday night with Mrs. R. R. Morrison and Mrs. J. J. Harrington, Co-Chairmen, assisted by Mrs. Simar, Mrs. S. J. Weeks, Mrs. D. H. Claussen, and Mrs. Wm. Biglin. The party is to be a barn dance, and promises much fun for all present.

## PROJECT CLUBS

The Grattan project club met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Weingartner, Wednesday, October 19, for an afternoon meeting.

The lesson was given by Mrs. Larson and Mrs. E. Wolfe, on repairing clothes and the lesson was enjoyed by all.

They also gave demonstrations of different patches to be made.

A delicious luncheon of sandwiches, pie and coffee was served.

There were 11 members and one visitor present.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Barret's home.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Max Benson, of Yankton, S. D., was in O'Neill on Tuesday visiting friends.

Art Barnes returned Tuesday evening from Omaha where he had gone on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Rhode and Mrs. Wiley Richards drove to Norfolk Monday and visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrison and children returned Tuesday night from a short trip to Omaha.

Mrs. Ira George left Wednesday for Osmond where she will visit friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, of Norfolk have been visiting at the Herman Klinger home the past two weeks.

John Tenborg, of Omaha, returned to his home Tuesday after visiting relatives and friends in Emmet and O'Neill.

Homer Mullen arrived from Omaha on Tuesday evening and will spend his vacation visiting his wife and other relatives here.

Jimmie Merriman entertained eight of his young friends at a Hallowe'en party at his home on Monday evening.

Lutheran services at the Episcopal church on Wednesday, November 9, at 7:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. Wm. G. Vahle, of Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lattman, of Howells, Nebraska, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stolte returned Sunday night from Lincoln where they had attended the Nebraska-Missouri foot ball game.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Johnson left Saturday for Hastings where they visited their sons, Ralph and Virgil, who are attending school there.

H. W. Tomlinson returned Monday from Lincoln where he had been attending a convention of Nebraska real estate dealers.

Gene Kilpatrick, of Norfolk, spent Tuesday here visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Kilpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beatty and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fredericks, of Butte, visited here Saturday at the home of Mrs. Anna McCartney.

Mrs. Sophie Fuhr, of Butte, arrived in O'Neill Monday and will remain here for the winter taking Study Center work.

C. E. Wyant, Ralph Andrews and Fred Saunto drove to Cody Satur-

## LAYTON-LOY

A very pretty wedding occurred Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, when Miss Grace Loy became the bride of H. L. Layton, of San Pedro, California, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Loy. The bride was attired in a royal blue carded crepe gown with black accessories and the bridesmaid, Miss Edna Layton, of Whittier, California, the groom's sister, was gowned in dove gray with British tan accessories. The groom, dressed in his uniform, was attended by Richard Loy, brother of the bride.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Eugene Maxey of Inman, a friend of Mr. Layton. The bride, a graduate of O'Neill High school, grew to womanhood in O'Neill and for the past year has lived in southern California. The groom is a graduate of Silver Creek High school, Silver Creek, Nebraska, and for the past four years has been in the Navy, stationed at San Pedro, California. At present he is a radio operator on the U. S. S. Maryland.

Following the ceremony a lovely wedding dinner was served for the wedding party and immediate family, at the home of the bride's parents.

After November 20, Mr. and Mrs. Layton will be at home in Long Beach, California.

## Son of Local Pioneers Now Visiting Here

Dr. J. Milton Murphy, of Portland, Oregon, arrived in the city Wednesday evening for a visit with his aunt, Mrs. Thomas Enright and with other relatives and friends here. Dr. Murphy is the son of John Murphy, formerly one of the leading citizens of this city, but who passed away many years ago. His mother, the former Mary Gibbons is still living in Portland and the Doctor says she is in fine health and expects to visit O'Neill next Spring. There are not many left who knew Mary in her youth, when she was one of most charming young ladies of the city, but if she expects to see any of them she will have to come soon for they are passing away rapidly. Age will tell.

## The Weather

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| Oct. 27 | 79 | 34 |
| Oct. 28 | 77 | 42 |
| Oct. 29 | 62 | 26 |
| Oct. 30 | 71 | 37 |
| Oct. 31 | 68 | 43 |
| Nov. 1  | 70 | 47 |
| Nov. 2  | 65 | 39 |

day and spent Sunday hunting ducks.

Miss Alice Sexsmith left Saturday for Griswold, Iowa, where she will visit at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Selders.

Mrs. Dean Selah returned Sunday night from Hastings, where she had been visiting her son, Clarence, who is an employee of a radio station there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shriner returned Saturday from Ute, Iowa, where they had been visiting for the past week at the home of her brother, William Hitchens.

Mrs. John Robinson, of Hampton, Iowa, arrived Saturday and will visit here at the home of Mrs. F. J. Dishner and other relatives for a few days.

Mrs. C. W. Porter, Mrs. Harold Rose and Mrs. John Kersenbrock entertained at a seven o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Kersenbrock on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Radeker and daughters, Jane and Catherine, of Newman Grove, were Sunday guests here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sauers.

Mrs. Gertrude Shimborg, of Los Angeles, California, arrived Wednesday and will make an extended visit here at the home of her son, Mahlon Nettleton.

Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mrs. L. A. Burgess, Mrs. Frank Parkins and Mrs. A. Crandall left Tuesday for Omaha where they will visit friends for a few days.

Mrs. F. J. Dishner, Mrs. R. R.

## Congressman Stefan Here Last Thursday

Congressman Karl Stefan came up from Norfolk last Thursday and spent the afternoon visiting his many friends in this city. Karl did not make a public address here but got around the city and met many of the voters while here. Karl has been an active and energetic member of Congress and that he will be returned by the voters of the Third district at the coming election is conceded on all sides. He has made good and should be returned.

## Give Charley Simmons A Birthday Party

A bunch of friends of Charles Simmons, from this city and surrounding country, drove to the Simmons home about twelve miles east of here last Sunday and helped Charlie celebrate his birthday anniversary. The guests were regaled with a splendid feed of spring chicken and they all had a delightful time.

## Marriage Licenses

Edward Brandt and Josephine Mick, both of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license in county court last Saturday.

Henry L. Layton, of San Pedro, Calif., and Miss Grace Loy, of Rancho Santa Fe, California, were granted a marriage license in county court last Saturday.

Robert V. Kurtz, of Long Pine, and Miss Myrtle M. Brown, of this city, were granted a marriage license in county court last Thursday. They were united in marriage on October 28, by Rev. H. D. Johnson.

Glenn Taylor, of Chambers, and Miss Elsie Brotherton, of Chambers were granted a license on November 2.

Morrison and Mrs. Max Golden entertained at a one o'clock bridge luncheon at the Golden hotel on Thursday.

J. O. Walker left Monday for Sturgis, S. D., where he will make an extended visit at the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker.

Mrs. Zack France, of Norfolk, returned to her home on Monday after visiting for the past week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Donohoe, Mrs. Hugh Coyne and daughter, Veronica, and Mrs. Herb Hammond drove to Sioux City on Tuesday on a business trip.

Dr. J. P. Brown returned Friday night from Omaha where he had been in attendance at the Mid-West Clinic, which had been in progress there the past week.

Mrs. R. E. Hill, daughter Jennell and son, H. O. Jr., of Orchard, spent the week here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kilpatrick.

Mrs. Robert Smith, Jr., entertained eight guests at dinner at her home on Monday evening, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Ernest Nelson of Omaha.

Mrs. James Walling of Pierre, South Dakota, arrived here Wednesday night and will visit here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Starlin and other relatives for a few weeks.

O'Neill relatives received word the first of the week of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Selders, of Griswold, Iowa, born on October 29. Mrs. Selders was formerly Miss Esther Sexsmith of this city.

Mrs. George Story, Mrs. Rose McLaughlin and Miss Stella Miller, of Butte, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heins, of Wapello, Iowa, visited Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Anna McCartney.

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service  
Lincoln, Nebraska—Unnoticed by the politicians engaged in the current political fracas, the Department of Public Assistance and Child Welfare has grown, multiplied, and manifolded until it may become an important cog in someone's political machine.

The agency is under the state board of control. Neil C. Vandemoer is executive secretary. For public assistance, the state is di-

vided into nine districts. The distribution of surplus commodities requires more help. Under this set-up there is a distended payroll.

The September report of the department shows that surplus commodities to the value of \$183,772.73 were distributed by the counties to 23,416 cases. The average is given as 07.85 a case. In the child welfare division, the September report shows that 286 state wards are maintained outside the home for dependent children. There are 225 children under supervision in foster homes. The foster homes under supervision number 173. Eleven children were placed in foster homes during the month, and 93 prospective foster homes were investigated.

According to reports from out in the state, the development of the department of assistance has puzzled some of the legislators interested in the bill which created it. The Solons thought that the existing machinery of the state board of control could be used. Also, there is criticism because some of the functions of the WPA seem to be duplicated.

"Several months ago," stated a legislator, "I was approached and urged to favor a scheme to displace the present WPA organization by having the work shifted to the state department of assistance. I opposed the idea because I believe that under the present set-up, Dwight Felton has kept the federal relief agency remarkably free from politics. The next legislature should give the department of assistance a thorough looking over, with the idea of getting more results with less expense. Of course, any effort to lobby Congress for more authority should be discouraged."

Echoes from the campaigns in the legislative districts indicate that the superfluous bureaus and commissions will be sharply criticized during the next session of the legislature. The professional men will be represented by powerful lobbies. Architects, engineers, and lawyers have been organized and "integrated" since the last session. Paid representatives will be on hand seeking special legislation.

An effort will be made to submit an amendment to abolish the railway commission. One ambitious legislator announces a plan to reduce the number of judges in the compensation court to one, and requires that the proceedings be conducted according to the rules followed in district courts. If this is done, every person seeking redress in the compensation court will have to be represented by an attorney.

Sales tax legislation will be introduced. There will be a fight over the income tax.

Members of the legislature can be sued in civil actions, declared Judge E. B. Chappell of the Lancaster county district court in annulling a fine assessed against Franz C. Radke by the house of representatives of the 1935 legislature. A house committee, investigating judicial receiverships of failed banks, criticized Radke. He sued the members of the committee on a libel charge. The committee retaliated by having Radke cited before the bar of the house for alleged contempt. The house members assessed a fine of \$50, but remitted it. Radke appealed. The district court held with Radke. The libel suit is still pending.

The Lancaster county justices of the peace, abolished by act of the last legislature, have won a partial victory. Judges Broady, Chappell, and Shepherd have ruled that the names of C. B. Woolsey, F. W. Barney and William O. Brown must go on the ballot for the November election. The judges held that the law, reducing the number of justices, will not go into effect until 1940.

Insurance Director Smrha recently received a request for advice from officers of the Western Union Mutual Insurance company of Wilber. They wanted to know whether they are liable on a policy issued to a farmer member whose cows got into a sorghum field, poisoned themselves, and died. The farmer declares that this could not have

## To The O'Neill and Grattan Taxpayers

We need a Supervisor for Grattan Township and O'Neill city that realizes what it is to pay taxes in large sums.

That kind of a Supervisor might be very careful as to how he spends the money that causes taxes.

Tom Brennan is running for County Supervisor for Grattan Township and O'Neill city, and being as he and his folks own both land and city property, and have large sums of taxes to pay each year, he would know that the smaller expenditures the County has, the less will be taxes.

Thomas Brenna looks after and conducts the business of his folks and himself and knows that real estate taxes now are higher than it is necessary for them to be.

A vote for Tom Brennan might mean that taxes will be held down to as low a point as possible.

John Sullivan is running against Tom Brennan, and being as John Sullivan has had the office for several years, it seems that a change might be proper. Why should one man hold the office for ever?

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happened had not lightning knocked down a fence, thus making it possible for the cows to get into the field. The policy covers loss by lightning. Director Smrha is still considering the case.

M. B. Jenkins, chief of the forestry research department of the University of Nebraska, who, with his assistants, has recently completed an intensive study of tree growth in Nebraska and in direct relation to soils and other factors of environment, has come to the conclusion that available soil moisture, rather than rainfall, is the most important factor in tree growth and the development of timbered areas. Another thing of prime importance, he points out, is some knowledge of tree species which will thrive and persist in the varied soils and climatic conditions of the state.

In explanation of the general fund overdraft, which now amounts to \$630,000, State Treasurer Walter H. Jensen made a formal statement last week, saying: "Prevailing conditions have made it impossible for many persons to pay their taxes. Then, the proceeds of the liquor tax, under the act of 1935, went into the state general fund, and when the state levy was made in 1936, it was estimated that the revenue from this source would amount to \$1,138,007. The legislature of 1937, however, transferred the liquor tax from the general fund to the state assistance fund."

The recent decision of Judge Shepherd of the Lancaster district court, in which he declared unconstitutional the section of the 1937 safety patrol act which related to the automatic revocation of driver's licenses in cases of drunk driving, is to be appealed by the state to the Supreme court, according to announcement from the attorney general.

November 17 has been set by the state board of control as the date when bids will be opened at the state capitol on the construction of two new buildings and two improvement projects for the Norfolk state hospital. A seventy-bed ward building to cost about \$73,500 is included also and employees' building at \$74,000; rebuilding elevator shaft and installing elevator, \$8,000; and facilities for hydro-therapy, \$6,000. According to C. W. Eubank, member of the board, a total of \$161,500 in state and federal funds is available for this work, which is a part of the institutional building program covering \$900,000.

Experiments in the use of color in floodlighting the base of the tower of the state capitol building are now in progress under the supervision of Capitol Custodian Leo N. Swanson. For a week green lights have been used, and next week a trial is to be given to amber lights.

Ernest F. Witte, of Lincoln has been elected as vice president of the Nebraska Prisoners' Aid society, and C. Philip Ross as secretary. (Continued to Page 9)