

# THE FRONTIER

## O'NEILL BLUEJAYS LOSE TO AINSWORTH AND DEFEAT ATKINSON HIGH SCHOOL

**While Losing to Ainsworth In A Close Game The Bluejays Trimmed Atkinson in a Hard Fought Game Last Tuesday Night**

O'Neill High lost to Ainsworth 30-27 in basketball last Friday. O'Neill trailed the first half, not getting started until Ainsworth had scored three field goals. The quarter and half-time scores were 10-5 and 16-11. O'Neill rallied in the final period and took the lead 24-22. Lowery scored in the final period to make the margin 26-22. Ainsworth got two field goals and Ryan's free throw put O'Neill in the lead 27-26. Ainsworth had a chance to tie the count on a free throw but missed. However Eee, took the rebound and scored to put Ainsworth in the lead. With 45 seconds left to play, Ainsworth stalled and time ran out without a scoring opportunity for O'Neill. Grubough and Farber carried the Ainsworth offense scoring 26 of the 30 points. Brown sparked for O'Neill.

The referee scheduled to officiate failed to appear so Connors of O'Neill and Hunt of Ainsworth took the whistle blowing job.

**Summary**

| O'Neill (27) | FG | FT | F  |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Lowery f     | 3  | 0  | 1  |
| Sirek f      | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| French f     | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Valla c      | 4  | 1  | 3  |
| Mitchell c   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Ryan g       | 1  | 2  | 2  |
| Brown g      | 2  | 0  | 2  |
| Total        | 12 | 3  | 12 |

  

| Ainsworth (30) | FG | FT | F |
|----------------|----|----|---|
| Farber f       | 5  | 0  | 0 |
| Williams f     | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Richardson f   | 1  | 0  | 1 |
| See f          | 1  | 0  | 2 |
| Grubough c     | 6  | 4  | 1 |
| Bell c         | 0  | 0  | 1 |
| Graham g       | 0  | 0  | 1 |
| Larson g       | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Giles g        | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Pearson g      | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Total          | 13 | 4  | 6 |

O'Neill High won a sizzling game from Atkinson, Holt County Champions, last Tuesday, 27-25. The score was tied twice and neither team was able to get more than a three point lead at any time.

Valla opened the scoring with a field goal, Atkinson made a free throw and went on to lead 5-4. O'Neill pushed ahead and was in front 11-8 at the quarter. Atkinson rallied just before the intermission and pulled up to tie the score 15-15.

Ryan's free throw put O'Neill ahead in the second half but McKee canned one from out in the court to put Atkinson ahead. Lowery and Valla connected to put O'Neill ahead. At the quarter it was 25-22. Atkinson knotted the count 25-25 but Sirek put O'Neill ahead 27-25. Neither team scored in the last three minutes of the game. O'Neill playing safe and Atkinson pitching at the basket from mid-court.

O'Neill plays away from home in its next three games. Then on February 20, Spencer will play here. Spencer was runner-up in the Butte County Tournament last week, losing to Butte in two overtime periods in the final game.

**Summary**

| O'Neill (27) | FG | FT | F  |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Ryan         | 2  | 2  | 2  |
| Sirek        | 2  | 0  | 1  |
| Lowery       | 3  | 1  | 2  |
| French       | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Grown        | 3  | 0  | 2  |
| McKenna      | 1  | 2  | 1  |
| Total        | 11 | 5  | 10 |

  

| Atkinson (25) | FG | FT | F |
|---------------|----|----|---|
| Babeck        | 1  | 2  | 1 |
| Gloor         | 0  | 1  | 1 |
| Peterson      | 3  | 1  | 1 |
| Frost         | 4  | 2  | 1 |
| McKee         | 1  | 1  | 1 |
| West          | 0  | 0  | 1 |
| Warren        | 0  | 0  | 3 |
| Total         | 9  | 7  | 9 |

## Approve Plan For Farm Health Aid In County

Emergency medical treatment will soon be available for many Holt and Boyd County farm families through the cooperation of the Holt County Medical Society, the newly formed Holt County Medical Aid Association, and the Farm Security Administration.

Announcement of the new health plan was made today by Dr. R. E. Kriz of Lynch, President, and Dr. J. P. Brown of O'Neill, Secretary of the Holt County Medical Society.

Only farm families who are Farm Security clients or families eligible to become such clients may obtain membership in the health association. It is estimated that 250 families in these two counties will participate.

Cost per family will be approximately \$30 annually and families unable to pay this fee may obtain from FSA a loan at 5% for this purpose. Applications are being received at the county FSA offices.

The medical plan involves forming of an association with a local board of directors to administer its affairs. All participating families will receive emergency medical attention but the service will not include treatment of chronic illness. Through cooperation of physicians, dentists, hospitals and druggists, fees and supplies will be available at reduced cost. Participating families may choose any physician they wish provided the physician is co-operating with the program. In general, service will include emergency hospitalization, treatment and diagnosis either at the home or the doctor's office, obstetrics, physician-advised dentistry and prescribed drugs and medicines.

Drs. Kriz and Brown explained the plan is similar to those operating in hundreds of counties throughout the United States and affording adequate medical care for distressed farm families who have not been able to properly safeguard their health due to present economic farm conditions.

Officials of FSA feel that it is highly important to protect the health of the families being rehabilitated through the various phases of its farm program.

Officers of the newly formed local association are: Gerald S. Graybiel, President; Mrs. Julie M. Hefferman, Vice President; and J. B. Grady, Secretary-Treasurer.

## Hall Implement Company Has Quit Business

Ed Hall, who started the Hall Implement Company here last July 1st, for the handling of McCormick-Deering machinery, has retired from business. The building that he occupied has been leased by the Booth Transportation company and they will have their offices therein and use the back part of the building as a warehouse in which to house their freight shipments. Last fall Mr. Hall purchased a ranch northwest of this city and afterwards rented fourteen hundred acres of pasture land and he now has his place well stocked with cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. He says he is more familiar with that game than he is the implement game, as he put in more years at it.

## The Weather

The weather has been fairly moderate the past week and a good deal of the snow melted, thus helping open the east and west highways over the county, connecting with the main highways. We had a little snow again Wednesday and it snowed again last night and this forenoon, but at this time, 10:30 a. m., it gives evidence of clearing up. Following is the chart for the week:

|                         | High | Low |
|-------------------------|------|-----|
| Thursday                | 35   | 24  |
| Friday                  | 26   | 13  |
| Saturday                | 26   | 19  |
| Sunday                  | 29   | 23  |
| Monday                  | 31   | 22  |
| Tuesday                 | 42   | 13  |
| Wednesday               | 39   | 13  |
| Precipitation Wednesday |      | .02 |

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sanford announce the birth of a daughter, Alice Dian, on Saturday, February 3rd.

## Former O'Neill Resident Dies at His Home In Valentine Friday

William E. Haley

William E. Haley died at his home in Valentine last Friday morning after a two weeks illness at the age of 77 years. His funeral was held Tuesday morning, interment in the Valentine cemetery.

Mr. Haley was a resident of this city in the early eighties and went from this city to Valentine over fifty years ago, with the late J. S. Harrington, where they engaged in business together. After a few years Mr. Harrington left and came back to O'Neill but Mr. Haley remained there, where he continued to be one of the most prominent citizens of that county up to the time of his death. He held many public offices in that county, all of which he filled with credit to himself and the people of the county.

In 1889 Mr. Haley was married in this city to Miss Emma McNichols, sister of the late S. F. McNichols, of this city, who with several children are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. Mr. and Mrs. Haley celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary last year. Mr. and Mrs. Haley had many friends in this city who join with the friends of the family in their home city in extending their sympathies to the family in their hour of sorrow.

## Another Pioneer Passed Away Sunday Morning

JOHN DONLIN

John Donlin died at his home, about twenty miles northwest of this city last Monday morning, after an illness of several years of cirrhosis of the liver. He had not been in good health since before Christmas. The funeral services were held at 9 o'clock this morning from St. Patrick's church, Father Parr officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

John Donlin was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in 1871 and was 69 years of age at the time of his death. He was six years of age when he came to this country with his parents, who came here in 1877 and for sixty-three years he had been a resident of this county. The family first located about nine miles northwest of this city, but two years later they moved to the home on the Eagle, where John lived practically all his life. He never married and leaves to mourn his passing, one brother and one sister, besides several nephews and nieces. His brother is, Thomas Donlin, O'Neill; his sister, Mrs. John McCaffrey, of Pittsburg, Pa. She arrived in O'Neill this morning for the funeral services.

John was one of the real old pioneer stock. Coming here when a small child, when the country was "wild and wooly" with Indians to the north of us and horse thieves and desperados on our north and west he grew to manhood. Brought up in the cattle business, he knew the game from A to Z and had been remarkably successful in that line of endeavor. He never tried to farm much, except for a small amount of rough forage feed, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his growing beef.

Fifteen years ago he was considered wealthy, with a lot of good farming and fine grazing land and a large herd of good cattle. Then the depression of 1930 struck and the bottom fell out of the price of cattle, which did not improve for several years and he, like many other cattlemen, lost heavily, but he was again on the road to success when the grim reaper called him. He was a splendid citizen, a devoted son and brother and a neighbor that was loved and esteemed by everyone in his section of the county.

One by one, the pioneers are falling to the grim reaper and soon they will be but a memory to those of the younger generation. They paved the way and made possible many of the conveniences the people of today are enjoying. They won their spurs in the school of hard knocks and we hope that the Divine Creator will give them due credit for their many good deeds while on this earth.

## A City Official of Denver Visits Old Home Town

W. H. McNichols, of Denver, Colo., and daughter of his brother, John, Mrs. Loretta Nelson, of Pine Ridge, S. D., and Miss Laurentia Haley, of Valentine, drove down from Valentine Wednesday to visit several old time friends in this city.

Mr. McNichols was a resident of this city in the early eighties and had been to Valentine attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, W. E. Haley. Billy had not been here for several years and as he was that close to the "old home town" decided to drive down for a short visit with old friends and schoolmates, and he put in a busy afternoon visiting his many old friends.

About fifty years ago Billy left here and went to Colorado and settled in Aspen county, where a couple of brothers were then located. He had been in that city but a few years when he was elected county treasurer, a position he held for four years, with entire satisfaction to citizens. He then went to Denver where he was deputy state auditor for several years and then entered the office of the city and county tax auditor as deputy auditor. A few years after he entered the office the City Auditor was elected Mayor of Denver and Billy was appointed City and County Auditor, of the city and county of Denver, to fill the unexpired term. The next election he was elected with a splendid majority and has been elected twice since then, receiving a larger majority at the last election than any man on the ticket. At the conclusion of his present term he will have served the people of the city and county for twelve years as their auditor, which will be a record not possessed by many public officials.

Official business used to take us frequently to Denver and we always found time to call on Billy and discuss olden times in the Emerald Tinted City and he returned the compliment yesterday and we spent a pleasant half hour in this office. He looks good, but like the rest of us, father time is making inroads, but he is the same old Billy as he was in the later eighties when he left O'Neill to seek his fortune in the west. Like most of the young people raised here in the early days he took to politics like a duck to water and he has been remarkably successful in his political career, all of which is pleasing to his many friends in his old home town.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Chas. McKenna drove to Grand Island, last Thursday, taking Mrs. Pete Todson and children to that city, where they will take the train to Mexico, Missouri, where they will join Mr. Todson, who left for that city a short time ago.

The Worthwhile project club met at the home of Mrs. Peterson Wednesday with eight members and one visitor present. Company dinners, table setting and serving were demonstrated by the leader, Mrs. Stout. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lockman.

The Bar Association of the Fifteenth Judicial District will hold their annual meeting at the Golden Hotel in this city on the evening of Monday, February 12th. Mr. Charles F. Bongardt of the faculty of the College of Law, Creighton University will deliver the principal address.

The Ewing Advocate reports that Ora Keeler, a rancher living in the Deloit neighborhood south of Ewing, and who is the owner of an airplane, has been making daily plane deliveries of mail and supplies from Ewing to Bliss for redelivery to snowbound farmers and ranchers in that community. Thus do times and customs change.

The Golden Rod Project Club met February 3, at the home of Mrs. Fernholz and the subject was "Care and Repair of Walls and Floors." Mrs. H. B. Burch was the leader. Two visitors were present, Mrs. Joan Briggs, of Bartlett, and Mrs. Osborn, of O'Neill. Mrs. Ralph Beck and Mrs. H. B. Manson served.

## STORY FROM LONG BEACH, CAL., PAPER BRINGS BACK OLD TIME MEMORIES

**Many Old Timers Will Recall The Famous Sail Wagon That Was Operated Over The Holt County Prairies About Forty-five Years Ago**

A short time ago, we received a letter from Tom Joyce, now residing at Long Beach, California, in which he enclosed two clippings from the Long Beach Independent, telling of the Horseless Sail Wagon of Jeweler F. C. Cole. The story follows:

It's a far cry from the little town of O'Neill, Nebraska, to Long Beach, but the results of a small story appearing in the Independent December 20, makes one want to make the oft-repeated statement, "My what a small world this is."

Mrs. W. A. Huff, of 1210 Chestnut avenue, brought to our attention the little notice which told the story of the horseless sail wagon at O'Neill.

The story said that the "old legend was revived with the discovery of the remains of wagon irons in a dry lake bed near O'Neill. The find revived the frontier legend of Jeweler F. C. Cole. Jeweler Cole, so the story goes, shortened the tongue of his wagon and took advantage of the free prairie wind for driving power behind the sail rigged up in the middle of the wagon."

Mrs. Huff, who came to Long Beach in 1931, has passed the stage of life that usually makes women conscious of their age and said,

"If that is a legend, well, I must be one too, because I rode in that horseless sail wagon."

"When I was a girl," she said, "I worked for Dr. Cole in his jewelry store and many times I would go out for rides in the wagon with his daughter, Senah, and son, Charles."

"Mr. Cole used to like to play with things and had an inventive mind, so he devised this wagon, which was sort of a joke in town. The wind would blow 30 and 40 miles an hour on the Nebraska plains for days at a time, and he and his daughter would go to their farm a few miles out of town."

"Many were the times that Senah would be late to school because the wind died down."

Mrs. Huff said she didn't know that the wagon had become a legend. After a few years it just drifted from use and minds of the people and later was completely forgotten."

The Long Beach woman said she rode in the famed wagon as late as 1886. Two years later she left for California with her husband.

Cole is said frequently to have run the strange conveyance up to 40 miles an hour, stampeding all animals who saw it.

The horseless sail wagon was supposed to have struck loose gravel and bounced into the lake shortly after Mrs. Huff left O'Neill.

## Get Ready Now For The Census Enumerator

Inventories are being taken all over the nation at this time of the year, but the biggest inventory of them all is the 1940 Census. Every American is every county should be vitally interested in the growth of our country; therefore, we should deem it a privilege to be part of this important undertaking—the 16th Decennial Census.

The Business Census must be completed by March 31st, so the enumeration of the Population, Housing, and Agricultural Census may begin. You can readily understand, therefore, the reason for the need of your cooperation in this tremendous task.

Please don't regard the questions or the enumeration of them as interference with your business. Remember one question you are never asked is how much profit you made. You business men who may think you are being pestered will someday be more successful and happy because of the information which the United States Census Bureau can give you about the business or manufacturing projects in which you may be interested.

Remember this census is an inventory of the nation, giving us a balance sheet of its people, its industries, and its resources. It will give the nation the facts pertaining to what class of people joined the migration movement—were they factory workers, farmers, or unskilled laborers? What occupations have been hit hardest by unemployment? What new skills are being called for? There are new questions relative to soil improvement, crops, irrigated acreage, part-time farming, electrical distribution lines, and for each dwelling unit in the United States, whether occupied or vacant, rural or urban, and concerning the equipment of that unit.

The Act of Congress that makes it mandatory that all questions be truthfully and completely answered, also provides for penalties to those employees of the Bureau who give out any information received as a result of the canvass.

Remember, this Census is about you, and for you.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer announced Wednesday that they had signed a contract with Father Flannigan of Boys Town, for the filming of a sequel to the movie "Boys Town," which depicted the founding of the home for boys built and operated by Father Flannigan. It is understood that the new picture will relate the story of a former mayor of Boys Town, now in the business world, and that it will star Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney, the stars of "Boys Town."

## Butte Residents Seriously Injured In Auto Wreck Near Stuart Sunday

Mrs. Kenneth Whitla and Mrs. William Whitla, both of Butte, are in a hospital at Stuart to which they were taken Sunday afternoon after being severely injured in an automobile accident while they were enroute home from Long Pine where they had attended funeral services for a relative, Webb Whitla, of Long Pine.

Mrs. Kenneth Whitla Sunday evening appeared to have more serious injuries than her mother-in-law.

The accident happened at a highway intersection between Newport and Stuart. Kenneth Whitla was driving the car which collided with one piloted by J. E. Jamison, Bassett, impact of the collision throwing the Whitla machine into a ditch where it upset.

Jamison was turning his car around at the intersection at the time of the collision. Kenneth Whitla and Mr. and Mrs. Orchard Frederick, also of Butte, who were riding in the Whitla car, escaped with minor injuries.

Whitla's automobile was badly wrecked.

## Spangler-Brown Damage Case Is Affirmed By The Supreme Court

The case of Ruth Spangler as Guardian of Walter Spangler against Jerry A. Brown, which was tried to a jury in District Court here about a year ago and in which she was awarded \$2,000.00 damages for injuries sustained by her son when he was struck by an automobile driven by Brown while he was riding his pony home from school was affirmed by the Supreme Court last Friday. Brown had appealed the case to that court. The Spanglers live southwest of Ewing in this county.

## CARD OF THANKS

To our neighbors and friends and all who so faithfully assisted us during the illness and death of our loving mother, we wish to express our most sincere gratitude and appreciation.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ott, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Spenser and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bellar and family, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Oswald and family.

## CARD OF THANKS

Through the medium of The Frontier we wish to thank our old friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness to us and ours following the death of our beloved husband, father and uncle. Your kindness in our hour of sorrow will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—Mrs. Patrick O'Donnell, family and relatives.

## Mrs. J. U. Yantzi

Catherine Ernst was born September 27, 1868, at Wellsley, in the province of Ontario, Canada. She died Saturday evening, February 3, 1940, at her home in O'Neill, being past seventy-one years of age.

Having spent her childhood in Ontario, she moved with her parents to Holt County, Nebraska, in the spring of 1884. The family lived on a farm northwest of O'Neill.

She was united in marriage to Joseph U. Yantzi on December 20, 1886. To them four children were born, Mary, now Mrs. W. L. Shoemaker of Starton; Adrian, who died in infancy; Mattie, now Mrs. C. A. Ives of Bend, Oregon; and Christian E. Yantzi of O'Neill. Mrs. Yantzi and her husband resided in Holt County throughout their married life except the years from 1894 to 1901, which were spent in Minnesota. After 1901 they lived in O'Neill.

She was united with the Mennonite church when a girl. She had been a member of the Presbyterian Church in O'Neill since 1919. Her Christian faith and perseverance and love will long be treasured in memory by those who knew her.

Mrs. Yantzi is survived by her husband and three children, all mentioned above. Also by three sisters and a brother, Mrs. David Riser of Milford; Mrs. Henry Rose-ler of O'Neill; Mrs. Frank Kubichek of O'Neill; and J. K. Ernst of O'Neill. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and other relatives.

The funeral was conducted in the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon with the pastor in charge. Burial was made the same day in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Miss Evelyn Stannard left Thursday night for Denver, Colo., after visiting here at the home of her mother, Mrs. D. Stannard.

## Judge Stewart of Norfolk Held Court In O'Neill Last Saturday

District Judge Stewart, of Norfolk, was in O'Neill on Saturday, to pronounce sentence on Elmer Schmeichel of Ainsworth, who pled guilty to a charge of grand larceny. Schmeichel pled guilty to the charge of grand larceny, in the county court of Brown county, after a charge of breaking and entering against him was dismissed. He was taken to the penitentiary at Lincoln on Saturday by Sheriff I. M. Reed of Brown county, who brought him to O'Neill. District Judge Stewart, pronounced sentence in the absence of Judge Dickson, who is in Louisiana, and is expected home the first of the week.

## Robert Biglin Receives Honors at Mid-year Uni. Graduation Exercises

Robert F. Biglin of O'Neill was one of the 190 students who were graduated at midyear from the University of Nebraska. Biglin received a bachelor of science degree in medicine from the College of Medicine.

This year's class was the largest at midyear in the history of the institution, totaling eleven more than the 1939 group. Seven doctor of philosophy degrees were awarded and twenty master's degrees.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who were so thoughtful with their assistance and sympathy during the last illness of our beloved wife and mother and following her death—J. U. Yantzi, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ives and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yantzi.