



MARY . . . HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? . . . In the annual kindergarten program Wednesday at the O'Neill public school, Little Linda Rae Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson, helped dramatize *Mistress Mary of nursery rhyme fame*. Also in the act were Bonney Lawrence and Norma McClellan. Other dramatizations included: *Hickory, Dickory, Dock*—Geraldine Lindquist, Jimmie Green, Harold Parks, Darrell Clyde, Sammy Strong, Beverly Peterson, Dean Larson, Billy Eby, Gary Allen Anderson and Norma McClellan; *Ten Little Indians*—Fred Snowward, Alois Warner, Ralph Wagner, Kenneth Plessel, Gayle Boyle, Jerry Kilcoin, Rodney Sullivan, Kennie Sanders, George Ferris, Jimmie Green; *Crooked Man*—Eugene Farr; *Mary Had a Little Lamb*—Marge Marcellus; *Little Miss Muffet*—Beverly Peterson; *Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?*—Emerson Steele; *Rock a Bye Baby*—Lois Strong and Norma McClellan; *Little Boy Blue*—Dicky Laursen; *Sing a Song of Sixpence*—Shirley Boies, Georgie Porgy—Harry Bellin, Beverly Peterson, Geraldine Lindquist, Ralph Wagner, Alois Warner; *Jack and Jill*—Dean Larson and Geraldine Lindquist. Mrs. Harry Peterson is the kindergarten teacher and Miss Loretta Enright provided piano accompaniment. — The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

INMAN COUPLE WED 40 YEARS

Floyd Keyes and Wife
Hold Open House;
75 Attend

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Keyes, well-known Inman residents, on Sunday, May 9, observed their 40th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the home of their son, Emanuel, followed by open-house at the Keyes home in Inman.

Present at the dinner besides the honored guests, were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hansen, Roland, Ruth Ann and Warren; Muri and Cecil Keyes, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clark, of Harrison.

Open-house was attended by 75 relatives and friends, including 10 who were present at the marriage rite 40 years ago.

Marjorie Rouse was in charge of the guest book. The home was decorated with bouquets of tulips, red and white carnations and lilacs.

Guests from a distance included: the Clarks, of Harrison; Rev. E. B. Maxcy, of Glenwood, Ia.; Charles Edwards, of Omaha; G. E. Moor, of Elkhorn; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Butler, of Neligh; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hansen, of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Erik Nielsen, of Creighton; Mrs. Louise Hansen, of Creighton; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomsen, of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rouse, Marjorie and Marvin, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Risor, all of O'Neill.

Mr. Keyes and Miss Estella Clark were married May 5, 1908, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Clark, in Inman.

They began housekeeping on a farm near Inman where they resided until 5 years ago. They are the parents of 3 sons and 5 daughters: Ermand, Mrs. Ruth Hansen, Muri and Cecil, all of Inman, and Lorin, of Columbia, S. C.

All of the children were present except Lorin, who is a first sergeant in the Army stationed at Columbia. He and his wife and daughter, Mary, were unable to attend.

Service Officer Is Located in Courthouse

The newly-appointed full-time Holt county service officer—Keith Abart—this week announced that he has established offices on the second floor of the Holt county courthouse.

ESTIMATE 2,770 PERSONS IN CITY

Chamber Committee
Notes 'Substantial'
Growth Since 1940

O'Neill's population has been swelled by about four hundred persons since the official 1940 census was taken, it was revealed Tuesday night at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

A Chamber census committee headed by J. L. McCarville, jr., made a report on an unofficial census recently completed. No house-to-house canvass was made by the committee, but 2 or more citizens were contacted in each block and the report is declared to be "reasonably accurate."

Assisting McCarville in the off-the-record census-taking were: Ted McElhane, R. H. Shriner, L. G. Gillespie and Melvin Ruzicka.

Gillespie counted 475 persons residing in the 16-block square that represents the heart of the city. McElhane counted 556 in the northwest residential section; McCarville 557 in the northeast; Shriner 558 in the southwest, and Ruzicka 624 in the southeast.

Many workers in O'Neill commute daily from nearby towns and communities. Chamber officials think that increased housing facilities will easily swell the population to more than 3,000.

In an election of officers, Leo Moore, lumberman, was elected to succeed Henry Loehaus, garageman, as president of the Chamber. H. L. Lindberg was elected first vice-president, succeeding R. E. Armbruster, who is leaving the city. G. C. DeBacker was named second vice-president, and J. B. Grady was reelected treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors were: Tony Asimus, James G. Fredrickson and L. D. Putnam, all for 3-year terms.

Gov. Val Peterson's highway advisory committee is scheduled to convene here Wednesday, May 26.



Knights of Columbus initiates here Sunday included (left-to-right): Daniel DeBacker, of O'Neill; Robert Snider, of Ewing, and Hugh Benson, of O'Neill. Photograph was taken during the banquet attended by Knights and their ladies. Mrs. Benson is shown at right. (Story below.)—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.



Rev. Daniel P. Twohig . . . principal speaker . . . flays atheistic-communism. — The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

**CHAMPION FISHER
REDBIRD** — Clifford Wells caught the first catfish of the season in the Niobrara river this week. It weighed 10 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Karr, of Spencer, spent Sunday visiting with Mr. Karr's mother, Mrs. Ella Karr.

Rev. Mullis Accepts Call from New Hampshire

Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, the Methodist church pastor here since September, 1945, next week departs with his family for Canaan, N. H., where he has accepted a call from the Canaan Street Methodist church and the Canaan Methodist church.

In addition to serving the 2 parishes, Rev. Mullis will also be on the faculty of the Cardigan Mountain boys' school where he will teach a Bible school course and possibly other courses.

During the stay here Rev. Mullis has served Methodist churches at Chambers and Inman in addition to his work here. He has also been Norfolk district director of young adult work in the Methodist organization.

A successor will be named at Lincoln in June when the annual Nebraska Methodist conference convenes.

Mrs. Mullis and their 1-year-old son, Robert, will accompany Rev. Mullis eastward next week. Their eldest son



Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis . . . served Methodists at O'Neill, Chambers and Inman.

David, 3, left for Massachusetts Saturday with his mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dudley Churchill, who had been



MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET HELD . . . Mrs. J. K. Ernst was the oldest mother present and Christine Hurley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Hurley, was the youngest at the mother-daughter banquet held last Thursday evening in the Methodist church. One hundred and three attended. The banquet, a community-wide affair, was sponsored by the Young Adult Fellowship group of the church and the men of the Fellowship served. Mrs. Ralph Rickly was the principal speaker on the program. — The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

Father of 5 Killed in Tractor Upset

JOSEPH MARTIN DIES SUDDENLY

O'Neillite, a Befriender
of Children, Expires
in Sleep

Joseph Martin, 57, veteran drayman and a befriender of 2 generations of O'Neill youth, died Monday in his sleep about 8 a. m. He had been ill for 3½ months, and suffered 2 light apoplectic strokes during that period. Death was attributed to a weakened heart condition.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a. m. in St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

The late Mr. Martin was born at O'Neill on January 23, 1891, a son of Adam and Julia Martin, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, Germany.

He was reared and educated in O'Neill and spent virtually his entire life in this community.

Though he was never married, he was especially fond of children. His dray truck was usually frequented by growing youngsters.

Survivors: Brothers—William, of O'Neill; George, of Wichita Falls, Tex.; Henry, of O'Neill; sisters—Mrs. Henry Odeke (Clara) Godek, of Omaha, and Mrs. F. J. (Ruby) Bazelman, of O'Neill.

The pallbearers at the rites were: Harry Landsworth, James M. Corkle, James G. Fredrickson, F. B. Hartly, Norbert Uhl, Clarence Wrede, Dean Reed and Merle Hickey.

The late Mr. Martin had been making his home with his sister, Mrs. Bazelman.

SEARLES RITES SET FOR FRIDAY

O'Neill Farm Woman,
48, Succumbs After
5 Years' Illness

Funeral services will be held in the Holiness church here Friday at 2 p. m. for Mrs. Frank A. Searles, 48, O'Neill farm woman, who died at 2:45 p. m. Wednesday at her farm home 2½ miles west of here.

Mrs. Searles had been ill for the past 5 years.

Rev. Melvin H. Grosenbach, Holiness church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Chosen for pallbearers are: Ronald Borg, Donald Borg, Dwayne Borg, Vincent Osborne, Robert Friedrich and Lloyd Waldo.

The late Mrs. Searles, formerly Frances B. Johnson, was born at LeMars, Ia., on July 4, 1900, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson. She came with her parents to Holt county from LeMars in 1909.

On November 26, 1923, she was married to Mr. Searles at Sioux City. They became the parents of 2 sons and 3 daughters. Her father preceded her in death.

Survivors include: Widower; sons—Austin B. Searles, of O'Neill, and Zane E. Searles, of Eureka, Calif.; daughters—Helen M. Searles, G. Irene Searles, Jo Ann F. Searles, all of O'Neill; mother—Mrs. Seraila Johnson, of Emmet; brothers—Sewell S. Johnson, of Emmet; Lowell A. Johnson, of O'Neill; Custer E. Johnson, of Waverly; sisters—Mrs. Mattie Weller, of Atkinson; Mrs. Agnes Osborne, of Mitchell, S. D.; Mrs. Phanie Friedrich, of Omaha, and Mrs. Calella Lech, of Norfolk.

REA WORK BEGINS IN BOYD COUNTY

Preliminary work on the new rural electrification lines in connection with the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation has been started in Boyd county, according to Edward Wilson, of O'Neill, manager of the Niobrara REA organization.

Engineers have begun staking the pole locations. This work will require about 60 days, after which the work will be launched in Holt county.

Percy B. Sweet, 49, Stuart Farmer, Is Crushed to Death

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER

STUART—A tractor upset Friday afternoon claimed the life of Percy B. Sweet, 49, Stuart farmer and father of 5 children. Mr. Sweet was disengaging in a field when his tractor upset in a gully, pinning the driver under the machine and killing him almost instantly.

He is believed to have suffered a crushed chest and other injuries.

His wife discovered the accident. She summoned help from the neighbors before the tractor could be righted and the body removed.

It is believed that Mr. Sweet had unhitched the disc from the tractor before attempting to drive the machine out of the gully.

The accident took place 21 miles north of Stuart where Mr. Sweet had farmed for a number of years. He had been a resident of Stuart township since the age of 11.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in the Cleveland rural Presbyterian church. Rev. Orin C. Graff, of Atkinson, was in charge and burial was in the Cleveland cemetery.

Mrs. Sweet is the former Elsie Berry.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—John, of Omaha; Edwin, a student of Doane college, Crete; Leslie, of Stuart, a junior in Stuart high school; daughters—Evelyn and Alice, both of Stuart. The ages of the children range from 6 to 21.

Pallbearers at the funeral services were: James Allyn, Elmer McClurg, James Deming, Charles Mulford, Lawrence Lofquist and Warren Posnecker.

BODY OF PILOT BEING RETURNED

The remains of Second Lt. Robert L. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Murphy, formerly of Page and now of Plainview, will arrive in about 2 weeks and final burial will be made in the Page cemetery.

Lieutenant Murphy, an Air Force pilot in the southwest Pacific during World War II, was injured in action over enemy territory early in the war. He died later back at his air base.

The remains arrived at San Francisco, Calif., last Thursday aboard the Army transport Cardinal O'Connell, which sailed from Honolulu, Hawaii, carrying the remains of 2,024 Americans.

The late Lieutenant Murphy graduated from Page high school in 1936 and later attended the University of Nebraska.

Survivors include: Widow, Doris J. Murphy, and daughter, Marion, who reside at 4319 Knox street, Lincoln; parents; sisters—Beth, of Lincoln; Mrs. Russell (Margaret) Sorenson, of Plainview, and Virginia, of Lincoln.

The final burial will include short services at the Page cemetery, relatives said.

CHITTICK RITES HELD IN STUART

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER

STUART—Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 4, for Robert E. Chittick, 80, pioneer Stuart merchant, civic leader and a former Holt county treasurer.

He died in his sleep 4 days earlier.

Mrs. Chittick, who fell and fractured a hip some time ago, was in a Lincoln hospital when Mr. Chittick died.

Survivors, besides the widow, include: sons—Martin B. Chittick, of New York City; Robert E. Chittick, jr., of Casper, Wyo.; Dr. Rupert A. Chittick, of Waterbury, Vt.; and Ralph J. Chittick, of Balboa, Canal Zone; daughters—Mrs. Robert (Florence) Mains, of Casper, Wyo.; Miss Ethel Chittick, of Stuart.

The late Mr. Chittick was born at Blue Grass, Ia. He was educated in Stuart, Ia., high school and attended Simpson college.

NEW MARSHAL NAMED
LYNCH — Arthur ("Bus") Greene is the new water commissioner and marshal here, succeeding Harry McColey.