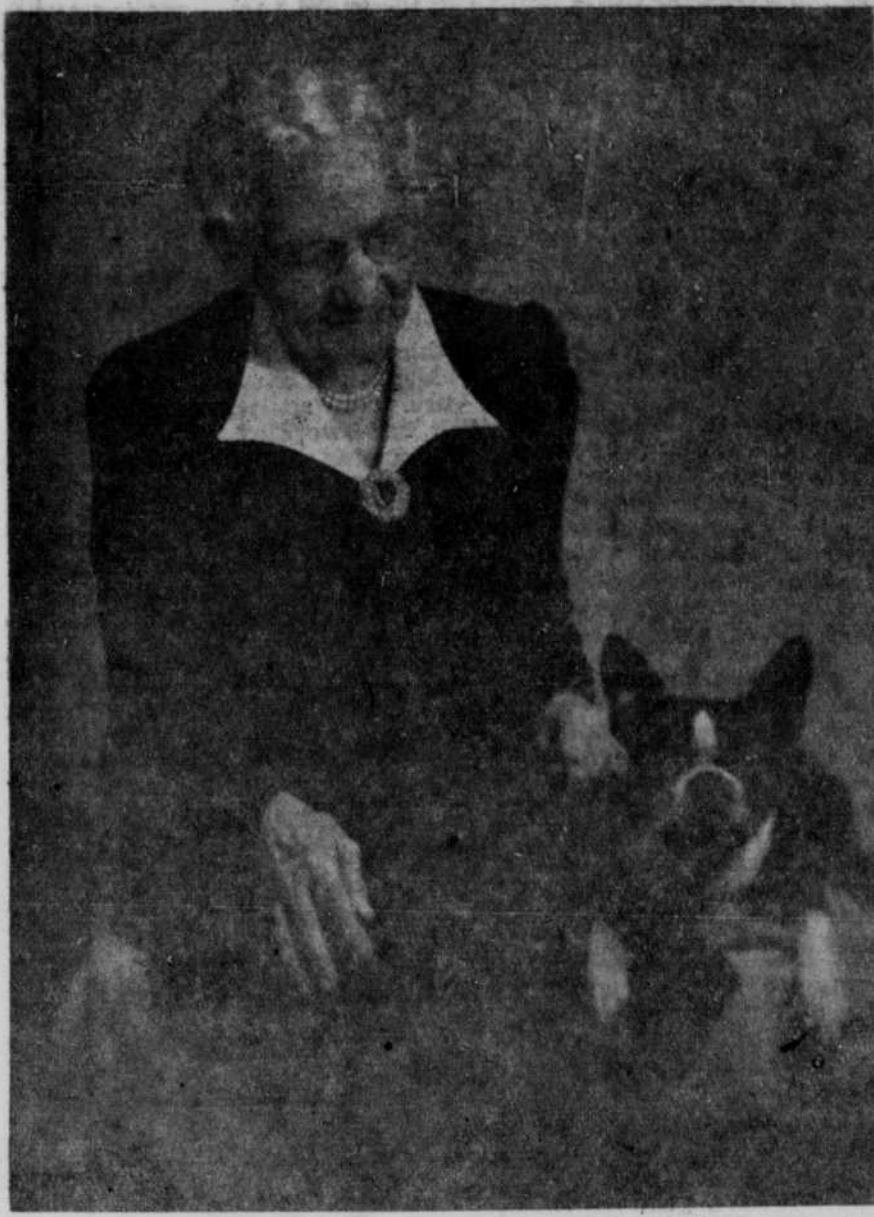


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GRANDMA BENSON AT 93d MILESTONE

Born in Ohio, She and Late Husband Settled Here in 1883

Still Keen and Active

Mrs. S. J. ("Grandma") Benson, one of Holt county's oldest residents, celebrated her 93rd birthday anniversary Saturday, August 28, when a birthday supper was held in her honor at her old home-stead site, situated 15 miles north and three-fourths of a mile west of O'Neill.

Close relatives and friends helped her mark the occasion quietly.

Mrs. Benson, the former Alice Purdy, was born in Toledo, O., a daughter of an American-born couple. She was reared and educated in Ohio and at Iowa City, Ia. She and her husband were married in Illinois and began housekeeping there.

The Bensons came to Holt county and settled on a home-stead north of O'Neill in 1883. Mr. Benson died in April, 1935, at the age of 83, after they had survived together the trials of pioneer life and had successfully reared their family.

There are five children, all living: C. L. Benson, of Norfolk; Mrs. G. J. Hess, of Wayne; Della Harrison, of Norfolk; Jess, of Owanka, S. D.; and Blake Benson, of O'Neill. Still keen and active, Mrs. Benson enjoys "very good health," her relatives say, and makes her home with her son, Blake. She reads and writes well and keeps abreast of the times.

A recent fall, which was capable of hospitalizing a person many years younger, has slowed Mrs. Benson, but has not stopped her. On the day of her birthday party she was getting around with little assistance from any one else and without the use of crutches or a cane.

Those attending the birthday supper were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Benson, Della Harrison, Hugh Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thornton, Stanley Benson and Mrs. and Mrs. Blake Benson.

Mrs. Hess was unable to attend the supper because of illness, and C. L. Benson is in St. Louis, Mo., visiting a daughter.

Rebekah's Sponsor a Family Night

INMAN—Arbutus Rebekah lodge met Wednesday evening, August 25 for a regular meeting at the IOOF hall. The meeting was followed by a family night with the Theta Rho girls as special guests. The evening was spent socially and lunch was served.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Percy Merrill Anderson, 22, O'Neill, and Ilene Marie Searles, 20, of O'Neill, August 25. Leonard Young, 35, of Orchard, and Mrs. Alice Victoria Wecker, 30, of Orchard, on August 31.

STORE ENTERED

CHAMBERS—Ed Smith's store here was entered during Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. Some cash was taken out but the full loss has not been determined.

Schollmeyer Quits as a Supervisor

Joseph Schollmeyer, veteran Holt county farmer and county official, has resigned his post as supervisor because of ill health. Mr. Schollmeyer, who is over 80-years-old, tendered his resignation as the board was closing a meeting here Tuesday, August 24.

Herbert Jansen, a Shields township farmer, has been appointed to complete the unexpired term in the Second district, which is comprised of Antelope, Iowa, Paddock, Scott, Shields, Steel Creek and Willowdale precincts. Mr. Schollmeyer was not a candidate in the April primary election. Axel Borg, Republican, and George D. Hansen, Democrat, won the nominations.

FRANK TOMJACK DIES SUDDENLY

Heart Attack Fatal to Ewing Resident; Burial Today

EWING—Frank J. Tomjack, 63, well-known resident of the Ewing community, died suddenly Sunday night at Spaulding. He had suffered a heart attack and had been ill only 3 hours.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 9:30 a. m. at St. Peter's Catholic church at Ewing with Rev. Peter Burke, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Ewing.

The late Mr. Tomjack was born at Ewing on November 15, 1884, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tomjack, who were natives of Poland.

On October 24, 1914, he married Lena Torey, at Ewing. They became the parents of 4 sons and 2 daughters.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Frank Tomjack, jr., of Ewing; Maurice Tomjack, of Hawarden, Ia.; LeRoy Tomjack, of Baytown, Tex.; Donald Tomjack, of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Mildred Starkey, of Spaulding, and Miss Marcella Tomjack, of Ewing; brothers—Thomas Tomjack, Anton Tomjack and Michael Tomjack, all of Ewing; sister—Mrs. Dora Rosno, also of Ewing.

The pallbearers will be: Leo Tomjack, Walter Tomjack, John Rosno, Joseph Rosno, David Burke and Leo Hawk, all of Ewing.

Mrs. Hermonie, 72, Dies in Lincoln

ATKINSON—Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Hermonie, 72, were held Wednesday, August 25 at Lincoln. She died 3 days earlier in St. Elizabeth's hospital at Lincoln. The funeral rites were held at Ebenezer Congregational church with Rev. Ferdinand Sotcler officiating.

Mrs. Hermonie had made her home in Lincoln for 41 years. Survivors include: Sons—Jacob, of San Francisco, Calif.; Harry, of Lincoln; daughters—Mrs. Lella Reis, of Atkinson, and Mrs. Rachel Brown, of Omaha; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. The late Mr. Hermonie died on August 10, 1944.

GODEL JOINS LOHAUS Lloyd M. Godel, a custodian at the O'Neill public school for the past 11 years, has resigned to work for the Lohaus Motor Co.

MRS. WINKLER DIES IN OMAHA

Death Claims Holt Farm Woman Who Had Been Ill for 4 Years

Mrs. Henry Winkler, who would have been 60-years-old in October, died Tuesday in Omaha following a 4-years' illness. Twice during the past 2 years Mrs. Winkler submitted to major surgical operations in an Omaha hospital. The last operation took place on February 25. She never recovered and was bedfast until her death.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of the Epiphany at Emmet on Friday morning and burial will be in Calvary cemetery at O'Neill. Rev. Joseph Lane will officiate.

The late Mrs. Winkler, formerly Tena Lesemann, was born in Omaha on October 5, 1888. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lesemann, now deceased, moved their family to Hooper, then to Lincoln and in 1911 to Holt county. Mr. Lesemann was a farmer and settled 10 miles northwest of O'Neill.

The Winklers were married at Hillsboro, N. D., on October 14, 1914. Mr. Winkler, a lifelong Holt countyman, farmed at Hillsboro for 3 years following their marriage. After returning to O'Neill for 2 years, the Winklers resumed farming on a place 12 miles northwest, where they continued to reside.

Survivors include: Widow; daughter—Mrs. Percy (Dorothy) Watenpaugh, of Omaha; 2 granddaughters—Donna Jean and Darlene Watenpaugh, also of Omaha; sister—Mrs. J. E. Taylor, of Lincoln. A brother, William Lesemann, of Billings, Mont., died 4 months ago.

EXAMINATION SET

There will be a teachers' examination given today (Thursday), August 26, for a temporary certificate for rural schools according to Elja McCullough, county superintendent of public instruction. Candidates must have either 12 college hours or normal training and 6 college hours in order to take the examination. F. B. Decker, of the state department, will be in charge.

Ridgeway Rites Held Wednesday

The body of Pvt. Robert R. Ridgeway, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Ross Ridgeway, of O'Neill, arrived here early Wednesday and final interment was made in Calvary cemetery here following brief semi-military rites at Biglin Brothers funeral home. Flags in the city were flying at half-mast.

Private Ridgeway was killed on Leyti on January 13, 1945, while in combat with the Thirty-second infantry division. He was 29-years-old at the time of his death.

Rev. J. G. McNamara, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, officiated. Pallbearers were: John Grutsch, Clyde McKenzie, William Conard, Charles Felber, Orville Eppenhach and William White.

The deceased soldier was born at Scottville, reared and educated there. He was single.

Survivors include: Parents; sisters—Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, of Grand Island; Miss Margaret Ridgeway, of Santa Clara, Calif.; brothers—Wilfred and Charles, both of O'Neill; Joseph, of North Platte, and Donald, of Tacoma, Wash.

2 Chambers Families Move into New Homes

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Merle Fagon and family are moving into their new home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomson and family have also completed their home and will move into it this week. The homes are both located in the east part of Chambers.

Waller Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waller attended a family reunion at St. Edward on Sunday, August 22. Mr. Waller's mother, Mrs. Margaret Waller, returned with them for a week's visit. Donald Waller arrived Wednesday, August 25, to spend the rest of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waller. He left for his home in Sioux City on Sunday. Mrs. Margaret Waller returned with him.

Missing Cearns Youth Is Found

ATKINSON—Freddie Cearns, 15-year-old Atkinson farm youth, who disappeared from the Joe Hendricks farm home on Tuesday, August 24, has been found.

He had located a job at Belvedere, S. D. On Sunday, August 29, an appeal from the youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cearns, was broadcast over radio station WNAX, Yankton, S. D. The boy's new-found employer recognized the boy and ordered him to step to the telephone and call his parents.

Irwin Parsons took the parents to Belvedere.

ANXIOUS EYES WATCHING CORN

Prolonged Heat Brings Downward Revision in Yield Estimates

Hay 75% Put Up

In this hay country, where the crop is usually put up and forgotten by September first, the 1948 haying is lagging several weeks behind schedule. The last week of August saw only about 75 percent of the crop put up, and the crop this year rates only about two-thirds of normal.

Meanwhile, anxious eyes have been watching the corn. Prospects continue good—exceptionally good for Holt county—but prolonged heat during the last half of August forced downward revisions in yield estimates.

Most of the late corn that wasn't laid by when the intense August heat moved in is suffering worst, according to Holt County Agent A. Neil Dawes.

"Holt corn is withstanding the heat well," Dawes explained, "and many farmers anticipate record yields despite the unusual growing season."

Pastures are in good condition, most observers report, but rainfall is needed.

Many farmers have already cut two crops of alfalfa where it was decided not to let the first stand go to seed.

Heavy shipments of cattle this week have been headed to market as producers hastened to take advantage of the high prices. This flow of stock has been in evidence here.

The week's weather summary:

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist
August 26	95	63	
August 27	88	62	tr.
August 28	87	62	
August 29	95	69	
August 30	101	61	
August 31	92	66	
September 1	97	60	

JOHN C. KELLY FUNERAL TODAY

Retired O'Neill Farmer Came to Holt from Michigan in 1875

A Holt county resident for 71 years, John C. Kelly, 73, died Monday at 11 a. m. at his home here.

He had suffered a lingering illness for a number of years, but had been seriously ill only 3 weeks.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at St. Patrick's Catholic church at 10 a. m. and burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

The body was taken from the Biglin Brothers funeral home to the Kelly residence at 3 p. m. Wednesday. A rosary service was to have been held Wednesday evening at the Kelly home.

Following the death of his parents, Mr. Kelly carried on at the family place. Survivors include a sister, Miss Mary A. Kelly, also of O'Neill. The brother and sister had made their home together for many years.

Pallbearers are: D. N. Murphy, Bartholomew Murphy, Tim Harrington, Patrick Sullivan, H. E. Coyne, Francis Sullivan, Edward Hanley and Harry Jolley. Honorary pallbearers are: William Hanley, Laurence Barret, Philip Harrington, D. F. Murphy and Charles Fleming.

300 to 400 Attend Knights' Picnic Sunday

Charles Carroll of Carrollton council of the Knights of Columbus held a picnic at the Frank Deiterman ranch, Sunday, August 29. The picnic was held in a huge grove of trees and was reported as the coolest spot in the vicinity. Footraces and sackraces were held for the girls, boys and men. Everyone brought a basket lunch.

Later in the day, ice cream and pop were served to the children.

Between 300 and 400 people from O'Neill, Atkinson, Emmet, and Stuart attended. The picnic turned out so well that plans are being made to make it an annual affair.

INMAN FARM SELLS FOR \$50.25 AN ACRE

The E. H. Smith quarter section of land, located 4 miles west of Inman, sold at auction Wednesday afternoon to Francis Musil, of O'Neill, for \$50.25 per acre, a total consideration of \$8,040. Ernie Weller, of Atkinson, was the auctioneer.

Youth Fractures Neck in Diving



Herbert Longfellow, 19, little hope is held for his recovery. (See story at right.)

Herbert Longfellow, 19, an Ohio Tourist, Injured Critically

Flown Back to Ohio

A western vacation trip for 3 Greenville, O., farm youths ended abruptly late Sunday when they stopped-off for a swim in the Elkhorn river near the junction of highways 20 and 275, southeast of Inman.

Herbert Longfellow, 19, suffered a fractured neck as a result of a dive into water less than 3 feet deep. For 2½ days he lay in critical condition in the O'Neill hospital, and at 2 p. m. Wednesday he was transferred to an air ambulance and flown to Dayton, O.

Herbert's companions were Kenneth McClure, 19, and Wayne Arnold, 23. They had departed from their farm homes, in the Dayton vicinity, at noon Saturday, and were enroute to Yellowstone national park via the White Horse Ranch in Boyd county.

They had planned to reach the ranch Sunday evening and upon crossing the Elkhorn they decided to take time for a plunge.

Longfellow had been a life-guard at a Greenville pool for 2 seasons and this Summer had served as a part-time guard.

He was with Arnold when he made the dive. Arnold said Herbert was completely paralyzed from the neck down from the moment he entered the water.

His companions related that Herbert knew the water was only 3 feet deep and was intending to "dive shallow."

Arnold remained with the injured youth while McClure went to find a doctor. Unfamiliar with the towns, he first went to Ewing, found no doctor there, retraced back to Page and found no medical assistance there. Later Dr. O. W. French was summoned from O'Neill. Nearly an hour elapsed before help arrived, McClure said.

Hospital attendants held little hope for youth's survival, and Wednesday his condition remained unchanged. He never lost consciousness.

His father, Alva Longfellow, was advised of the accident by long distance telephone. It was exactly 4 years ago when the youth's mother died.

The father, a sister, Marlene, and her husband, John DeWeese, and Harry McClure, father of the McClure youth, arrived in O'Neill early Tuesday.

An air ambulance was summoned from Lincoln. The injured youth was attended on the flight by a registered nurse.

CHAMBERS MAN FIRST REGISTRANT

Troxel E. Green, Family Man and World War II Vet, First to Sign

The first Holt county man to register under the 1948 peacetime draft law was Troxel E. Green, of Chambers, a 25-year-old veteran of World War II.

A married man and a father, Green reported at the selective service office on the second floor of the First National bank building shortly after the doors opened Monday morning.

Fifty-nine other 25-year-olds registered the first day, according to Mrs. W. H. Harty, a Gold Star mother who has been appointed clerk. Sixty-seven registered the second day—Tuesday. Most of the early registrants are veterans, Mrs. Harty said.

Assisting with the early "rush" of registrants on the first day were Mrs. James Harty and Mrs. Fay Robeson. Helping with the clerical work the second day were Mrs. Mabel McKenna, who was clerk for the wartime draft board, and Jack Harty.

Meanwhile, Brig. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, of Lincoln, head of the state selective service system, has not formally announced the names of the new draft board members.

All men being registered Monday were born between August 30, 1922, and January 1, 1923. Tuesday and Wednesday all men born in 1923 were registered.

95 Boarding Pupils at the Academy

Classes were in full swing Wednesday at St. Mary's academy following registration Monday and Tuesday for high school pupils and half-day classes for grade school pupils.

Mother Superior M. Boniface, formerly of the St. Francis mission at St. Francis, S. D., is the new head of the academy.

One hundred and ninety pupils were enrolled in the grade school; 167 in high school. These include 95 boarders—a capacity number. The boarders come from 5 states—Colorado, Wyoming, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska.

O'Neill public school classes begin Tuesday, September 7. Both schools will be idle Labor day—a national holiday.

Supt. Ira George, of the public school, said Tuesday that Miss Nita Bellinger, of Arcadia, a recent University of Nebraska graduate, has been signed as home economics instructor, filling a vacancy. A teaching vacancy still exists in the vocational agriculture department.

Football Coach Marvin Miller issued the first call to grid-deres Monday. Thirty-two candidates reported.

Coloradoans Here — Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lane, of Colorado Springs, Colo., are spending the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ned Allendorfer. Mr. Lane is a brother of Mrs. Allendorfer. They plan to return home Saturday, Sept. 4.

56th Annual Holt County Fair Opens

CHAMBERS—All roads lead to Chambers this weekend, Wednesday through Saturday, September 1-4, as the 56th annual Holt county fair and rodeo is held here. Fair officials early Wednesday reassured Holt countyans that the 1948 exposition would be the biggest and best in history.

Playoff Series Is Arranged

Arrangements were completed Wednesday for a 2-out-of-3 game playoff series between the O'Neill and Atkinson entries in the Holt county baseball league. They are respective champions of the first- and second-half of the split season.

The initial rub contest will be staged Sunday, September 5, at 2:30 p. m. at Atkinson. The second contest will be played under the lights in Carney park at O'Neill on Wednesday, September 8. If a third game is required, it will be played under the O'Neill lights on the following Sunday, September 12.

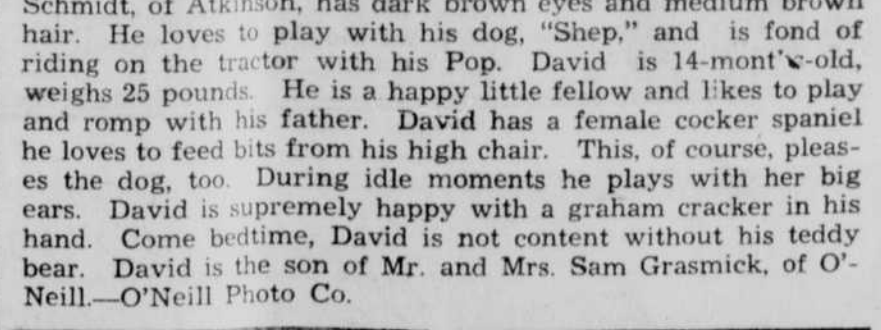
Final standings in the second-half follow:

	W	L	Pct.
Atkinson	5	1	.834
O'NEILL	4	2	.667
Page	3	2	.600
Ewing	3	2	.600
Stuart	1	4	.200
Chambers	0	5	.000

Results Sunday, August 29: Atkinson 5 . . . at O'NEILL 4



DOGS IMPORTANT IN THEIR LIVES . . . Folks, these young men are Johnny Ray Schmidt (left) and David Michael Grasmick. Johnny, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Schmidt, of Atkinson, has dark brown eyes and medium brown hair. He loves to play with his dog, "Shep," and is fond of riding on the tractor with his Pop. David is 14-month-old, weighs 25 pounds. He is a happy little fellow and likes to play and romp with his father. David has a female cocker spaniel he loves to feed bits from his high chair. This, of course, pleases the dog, too. During idle moments he plays with her big ears. David is supremely happy with a graham cracker in his hand. Come bedtime, David is not content without his teddy bear. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grasmick, of O'Neill.—O'Neill Photo Co.



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