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Cliff Adkins . . . typical air hero of Blizzards of 1948-'49. —The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville

## Ted Malone to Honor Cliff Adkins

O'Neill's Cliff Adkins, one of the mercy mission air heroes of the historic blizzards of 1948-'49, will be honored on a nationwide radio network on Wed., March 16 at 10:30 a. m. From the New York City studios of the American Broadcasting Company, Ted Malone, famous poet-commentator-philosopher, will pay a tribute to the O'Neill airman, who will be represented as a "good American" and a typical hero of the worst winter on record in the West.

During the course of Adkins' relief work, he was mentioned frequently on the "Voice of the Frontier" radio programs on WJAG. One Sunday afternoon, Bill Beha described Adkins' work as representative

of the many airmen in many communities who were rising to new heights when people were running low on food and fuel because they were snow-bound. Later, Beha interviewed Adkins on WJAG.

Arrangements for Malone's broadcast have been in charge of Bill Beha. Two years ago Malone saluted another Holt countyman—Donna Mae Fuhrer—on the occasion of her graduation from the eighth grade. Donna Mae is a bedfast victim of polio and is almost completely paralyzed.

Next Wednesday's coast-to-coast salute of Cliff Adkins—a "good American"—may be heard here over radio station WNAX at Yankton, S. D.

## L. A. Becker Buys O'Neill Cleaners

L. A. Becker, of Randolph, has purchased from Charles A. Weatherford the O'Neill Cleaners plant and took possession Monday.

At Randolph Mr. Becker operated a shoe store since June, 1944. Prior to that time he was in the dry cleaning business in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker have four children: Barbara Ann, Donavan, James and Roberta, all of school age.

The Beckers will move into the house owned by the Weatherfords as soon as the Weatherfords make other arrangements.

The Weatherfords came to O'Neill from Sioux City in May, 1946, purchasing the plant from Mrs. W. H. Hart, whose late husband operated the O'Neill Cleaners for many years. The Hartys own the Douglas street building.

The Weatherfords have two boys, Marvin and Kenneth. They have not announced their plans for the future.

### FIREMEN CALLED

ATKINSON—Firemen were summoned to the residence of Mr. Porter, the well-digger, at noon Wednesday. Damage was slight.

Need printing? See The Frontier.

## JOHN T. FLEMING DIES AT ATKINSON

Retired Farmer, Native of New York, to Be Buried Friday

ATKINSON—John T. Fleming, 74, retired Atkinson farmer, died at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday at the Stockman's hotel, where he had been residing for several years. Mr. Fleming, who spent most of his life in the Atkinson community, was well-known in Holt county.

A son of Michael and Ellen Fleming, he was born May 20, 1875, in New York state. In 1882 he came with his parents to Atkinson where the Flemings homesteaded four miles Southeast of the town.

He was reared and educated in the Atkinson community but never married. He lived on a farm until retiring several years ago.

His father died in 1931 and his mother died in 1941. Survivors include: Sister—Mrs. Earl (Elizabeth) Baker, of Atkinson; brothers—Henry, of Ardmore, S. D., and William, of St. Louis, Mo.; six nephews and three nieces.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a. m. Friday in St. Joseph's Catholic church with Rev. A. A. Lehman, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Atkinson.

## AAA SIGNUP DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

Precinct Meetings to Be Conducted March 12 Through March 26

The Holt county AAA committee has set up the following schedule of meeting dates to give the most farmers in the county an opportunity to sign a farm intention sheet.

As in the past, a farm plan has to be set up and the practices listed have to have prior approval by either the county committee or the state committee. There will be a member of the county committee as well as precinct committeemen present at each of these sign-up meetings. Farm plans may be signed by either the owner, or operator, or both.

Harry E. Ressel, chairman of the Holt AAA committee, explained that failure to sign at a precinct meeting makes it necessary for cooperators to contact the county office. Sign-up schedule follows:

Shields and Grattan—Saturday, March 12, courthouse annex.

Stuart—Monday, March 14, North town hall.

Scott—Monday, March 14, town hall.

Atkinson and Sheridan—Tuesday, March 15, Memorial hall.

Verdigris—Tuesday, March 15, Page IOOF hall.

Deloit—Wednesday, March 16, basement St. John's church.

Josie—Wednesday, March 16, Amelia cream station.

Fairview, Wyoming, Swan, Steel Creek—Wednesday, March 16, school district 4.

Ewing and Golden—Thursday, March 17, Ewing library.

Cleveland and Dustin—Thursday, March 17, Cleveland church.

Lake and McClure—Friday, March 18, Martha school.

Emmet and Pleasantview—Friday, March 18, O'Connors hall.

Willowdale—Friday, March 18, school district 96.

Conley—Saturday, March 19, school district 120.

Sand Creek—Saturday, March 19, school district 74.

Green Valley, Francis, Holt Creek—Saturday, March 19, Collins school.

Iowa and Antelope—Saturday, March 19, Allen's school.

Inman—Monday, March 21, ladies' aid parlor.

Paddock—Tuesday, March 22, town hall.

Chambers and Shamrock—Wednesday, March 23, firehouse.

Rockfalls—Saturday, March 26, school district 33.

Coleman and Saratoga—Saturday, March 26, school district 51.

Meetings this year are for all day, starting at 9 a. m. and lasting until 4 p. m.

## Chamber Tables Gas Tax Matter

In a regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening, the controversial proposed one-cent additional gas tax problem, now hanging fire in the state legislature, was discussed pro and con. But the subject was finally tabled.

Chamber members were reluctant to go on record either way. Feeling was in favor of the tax if the state highway planners would give an indication where the money thus raised would be spent.

The body voted to send a wire to Gov. Val Peterson urging him to veto LB 138, which pertains to the abandonment of numerous secondary roads throughout the state which are considered by proponents of the bill as "local" roads.

The O'Neill Chamber is primarily interested in fighting the proposed abandonment of state roads of highways 108 and the 16-mile road linking Lynch with the Star highway.

Under the plan, the state's secondary roads considered "local" roads would revert to county maintenance.

A plan was heard to establish a Civil Air Patrol wireless short wave communications station here. The Chamber was asked for \$150 to help finance the station, but the matter was turned over to the board of directors.

Mention was made of O'Neill's forthcoming 75th anniversary. First colony settled on May 12, 1874. Plans for a civic commemoration will be discussed at a later meeting. President J. Leo Moore said.

Meeting Date Fixed—The O'Neill Rural Youth group will hold its regular meeting Friday, March 11, at the courthouse annex assembly room at 8 p. m.



## ELKHORN REACHES FLOOD STAGE . . .

The Elkhorn river Sunday reached flood stage in the Emmet and O'Neill vicinities. Top picture shows ice and snow in the swirling waters of the main channel near the Charles Abart farm, East of Emmet. In the bottom photograph residents of the Emmet community are sandbagging an approach to one of the

two bridges that span the stream on a new county road running South from U. S. Highway 20 from a point one mile East of Emmet. The new grade was in peril throughout Sunday and Monday. Approaches to the bridges were badly damaged, but the sandbagging saved the day. Working with shovel is Charles Fox. —The Frontier Photo.



## OKAY STREET LIGHTING PLAN

Consumers Given Go Sign for Lighting O'Neill's Main Thoroughfares

The city council Monday night issued a "go ahead" to L. C. Walling, manager of the O'Neill district of the Consumers Public Power district, towards improving street lighting facilities on two of the city's main thoroughfares—Douglas street and Fourth street.

Under the plan, latest-type light poles and fixtures will be installed.

A Consumers engineer will make a detailed study of street lighting requirements and submit a plan to the council.

The new lighting will extend from the American Legion club corner West on Douglas street to the city limits. Fourth street will be lighted from the O'Neill public school auditorium corner South to the Chicago & North Western railway tracks.

Consumers will make the new equipment available on cost basis for both material and labor.

The business district will be lighted with eight units per block and in the residential sections the lighting units will be three per block.

Walling told the board that 11- to 15-months delay will be required before the lights can be in use. Fixtures will resemble those now in use on Norfolk avenue in Norfolk.

## Jungman Reburial May Be Sunday

ATKINSON—Final burial is tentatively scheduled Sunday afternoon for 2/Lt. Robert Jungman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jungman, who died in Europe during World War II. The remains of Lieutenant Jungman, originally interred in France, were held in Chicago, Ill. during the recent siege of bad weather.

Survivors include: Widow, son, parents, and brother—Jay.

MARRIAGE LICENSES  
Delane Jackson, 23, of Star and Miss Fern Walton, 17, of O'Neill, March 7.

## Frank Moore Burial at Bassett

Frank Moore, father of Mrs. James G. Fredrickson, of O'Neill, died at 9:30 a. m. Friday at the Fredrickson home here, where he had been seriously ill. Mr. Moore had been a longtime resident of Rock and Keya Paha counties.

His wife, three sons and three daughters were near his bedside when he died.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in the Methodist church at Newport with Rev. Gene Anderson officiating. A male quartette furnished the music. Pallbearers were six longtime friends of the deceased. Burial was in the Bassett cemetery.

Among relatives who came from a distance to attend the rites were: Mr. and Mrs. George Canfield, of Essex, Ia.; Mrs. Carrie McClure, of Silver City, Ia.; Mrs. Carrie Pickin-up and son, George, of Omaha; and Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCoy, of Silver City, Ia.



NEW TATTLER . . . The Frontier's readers remember Miss Mary Devine Brennan's column, Teen Tattler, which appeared regularly until scholastic duties at Clarke college, Dubuque, Ia., won precedence over her newspaper writing. But Mary Devine's sister, Pat, a junior at St. Mary's academy here, this week takes up where the original Teen Tattler left off. Turn to page 4, section 1. — O'Neill Photo Co.

## ARC CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN TUESDAY

Holt's Quota in 1949 Fund Drive is \$3,075, Mrs. Cole Says

Holt county's 1949 American Red Cross fund-raising campaign will get underway on Tuesday, according to Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet, who has been made county fund chairman. Quota this year, she explained, is \$3,075.

The national campaign began the first of March.

Mrs. Cole said the start of the drive was purposely delayed because of adverse road conditions. Meanwhile, community drive chairmen have been named as follows:

O'Neill—Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher; Atkinson—Mrs. Minnie Shaw; Emmet—Mrs. P. W. McGinnis; Page—Mrs. R. D. Copes; Ewing—Mrs. Bessie Spittler; Chambers—John W. Walter.

Chairmen for Stuart and Inman communities are yet to be selected. An overall chairman for rural solicitation also is to be named before the kick-off.

Mailed contributions should be addressed to: Mrs. Guy Cole, Holt County ARC Fund Chairman, Emmet, Neb.

Mrs. Cole said that because of bad roads it will be impossible for ARC volunteer workers to contact all rural people in the county.

"If," she continued, "you are not reached by worker or by letter, please mail your contributions to me and you will be properly credited. The Red Cross has done such a fine job in our recent disaster. I know Holt countyans will want to send the drive way over the top as a measure of appreciation."

## Auction Calendar

The Frontier's farm auction sale calendar follows:

Wednesday, March 16—William Kraft, of O'Neill, owner; Geo. Colman, auctioneer. (See advertisement on page 6, section 1.)

Friday, March 25—Will Sitz, of Atkinson, owner; Ed Thorin, auctioneer.

## MELTING SNOW FLOODS VALLEYS

High Water Threatens Residents but Run-Off Thus Far Orderly

Holt countyans have been keeping more than a watchful eye on the Elkhorn river and its tributaries. They have been measuring inch-by-inch its rise cause by melting snow.

Since Saturday most lowlands in the county have been a veritable sea of water. Water threatened to take out two new bridges on a new county road grade that was built last fall. An ice gorge in Holt Creek, a tributary, was released early Sunday and the rapidly-raising Elkhorn placed a heavy burden on the new spans.

Residents of the Emmet community turned out Sunday to place sandbags on the approaches to both bridges. Approaches were damaged but the bridges withstood the test. Had one of the bridges yielded, the entire grade would have been lost, observers said. The road runs South from U. S. highway 20 from a point one mile East of Emmet.

Glea H. Wade, Holt county disaster preparedness director, made a reconnaissance of the valley throughout the day Sunday and flood warnings were issued by the Norfolk weather bureau to valley residents downstream.

Meanwhile, Dry Creek and South Fork, principal tributaries of the upper Elkhorn watershed, were overflowing and inundating hundreds of acres of Holt county lowland.

The river reached its high point at O'Neill Sunday about mid-afternoon.

Flood water has been moving slowly in comparison to run-offs and cloudbursts of other years. This has been attributed to almost nightly freezing and the fact that the abundance of snow and ice holds back the water. Observers say the frequent freezes have been a godsend. More moisture is allowed to be absorbed into the ground, which is getting into excellent conditions for spring operations.

Dry Creek for a quarter of a mile has been running over state highway 281, four miles South of O'Neill, since Sunday. Considerable damage has been done to the oil surface. One approach to a bridge spanning a Dry Creek overflow, about a mile from the main stream, was washed out. The highway 281 span across the old Elkhorn river bed, about a mile South of O'Neill, was damaged, but traffic is moving over planks.

A South Fork bridge, across an overflow, about 14 miles South on 281, was washed out early Sunday and through traffic from O'Neill South to Bartlett and Grand Island has been detoured over highway 14 South from Neligh, or highway 11, South from Atkinson.

An Elkhorn river bridge on U. S. highway 20, East of the junction of highways 20 and 275, gave away late Monday and traffic has had to be routed via Page over highway 108. Dynamite had to be used to blast ice in the Elkhorn near the Harry Harte bridge, two miles Northeast of Inman.

Chambers has been virtually isolated from the North and East for several days. Practically the only access to the town Tuesday from these two directions was by air. Later, a bridge South of the Chambers junction was damaged and cut-off traffic from the South. (Continued on page 8.)

## EDITH NEILSON, 61, DIES AT CHAMBERS

CHAMBERS—Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church for Mrs. Louis Neilson, 61, who died Monday after a lingering illness. Burial was at Chambers.

Mrs. Neilson had been bedfast for 10 days prior to her death.

Edith Odell Duncan, daughter of the late John and Lyroka Duncan, early residents of the Chambers community, was born near here on April 27, 1887.

She graduated from high school at Fremont. She taught school for several years and worked in Omaha for three years. In 1916 she married Louis Neilson at Fremont. The couple moved to Holt county the following year.

The Neilsons farmed for many years 2½ miles West of Chambers, moving recently into town to retire.

The late Mrs. Neilson was a member of First Church of Christ Scientist of Boston, Mass. Survivors include the widow, Edith Neilson.