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Father Isadore... first O'Neill youth to enter Roman Catholic priesthood lived a "monastic life."

Priest Dies at 81

Rev. Isadore Dwyer, C. P., 81, who was the first youth from the O'Neill colony to enter the Roman Catholic priesthood, died in his sleep early Friday at the Sacred Heart retreat in Louisville, Ky.

Funeral services were held Monday at Louisville and burial was there.

Father Isadore was born Richard Dwyer in Hancock, Michigan, on January 23, 1868, and came with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Dwyer, to Holt county. The Dwyers homesteaded near O'Neill.

He taught in a rural Holt county school and won fame on the day of the historic January 12, 1888 blizzard by tying seven children together with a string and escorting them to safety through the storm.

Later his brother, John V., and his sister, now Mrs. C. E. Stout, left him at the door of the Passionist seminary at Dunkirk, N. Y., when he entered to study for the priesthood.

It was in the Cathedral at Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1894 when he was ordained priest. For 10 years he ministered on the plains of South America, and for several years he worked in the Canal Zone, Central America.

He was a linguist and learned to speak seven languages fluently. He was also stationed at Chicago, Ill.

He spent 17 years at the Passionist Fathers' Retreat House at Sierra Madre, Calif., where he celebrated his golden jubilee in the priesthood in May, 1944. At Sierra Madre he became known as "padre" because of his work with people of Mexican ancestry.

While at Sierra Madre he conducted more than 100 missions along the Pacific coast.

Coming from a family of nine children, only two survive, John V. Dwyer, of Butte, Mont., and Mrs. Stout.

Father Isadore was granted audiences by two popes in Rome—Pope Pius X and Leo XIII. During his extended European trips he visited Ireland.

Relatives say that Father Isadore lived a "monastic life."

Among relatives going to Louisville for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. John V. Dwyer, of Butte, Mont.; Mrs. C. E. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich, all of O'Neill.

William J. Froelich, Jr., a grand nephew of Father Isadore, entered the Society of Jesus as a candidate for the priesthood three years ago at Florissant, Mo.

ARC Fund Drive Gets Underway

Holt county's 1949 American Red Cross fund-raising membership drive was launched Tuesday, according to Mrs. Guy Cole, county fund chairman. The county's quota is \$3,075, she said.

There will be no personal solicitation in rural areas, she explained, because of adverse road conditions. However, there will be direct mail rural solicitation.

Zahradnick Rites to Be Held Today

ATKINSON — Final burial for Pvt. Harry Zahradnick, who was killed in action on the Philippine Islands on May 3, 1945, will be held today (Thursday) in Woodlawn cemetery. Rev. W. C. Birmingham, Methodist pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow 2:30 p. m. funeral services in the Methodist church.

The late Private Zahradnick was born at Stuart on January 6, 1923, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zahradnick, who live five miles northeast of Atkinson.

Irish Airs Heard on 'Voice' Program

Nancy Beha and Pat Brennan, St. Mary's academy high school students, were heard on Wednesday's "Voice of the Frontier" program in two appropriate St. Patrick's day selections, "Mother Macree" and "Did Your Mother Come from Ireland?"

Miss Beha is a soprano and Miss Brennan played a flute accompaniment.

Bernard Troshynski Narrations Winner

ATKINSON — Seven pupils participated in the annual narrations contest sponsored by Farley-Tushla post of the American Legion.

Those participating were: Douglas Rossman, Maxine Mitchell, Bonnie Dickau, Anita Ford, and Dean Gilman, all from Atkinson high school; James Millio and Bernard Troshynski, from St. Joseph's high school.

Judges were Fred Jungman, Rev. E. G. Ihrig, and Rev. Orin C. Graff.

Bernard Troshynski took first place, which was a \$25 war bond, and represented Farley-Tushla post in the district contest held Tuesday at Elgin. Maxine Mitchell placed second and received \$5.

Cliff Adkins Gets Network Tribute

Cliff Adkins, O'Neill airman and a hero of the Blizzards of 1948-49, was saluted at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday by Ted Malone, well-known reporter-poet-philosopher, on the American Broadcasting Company network.

Adkins was cited for his heroic aerial work when rural Holt was snowbound.

Other O'Neillites mentioned in connection with the Adkins story were Mrs. Ida ("Grandma") Noble, Gordon Harper and Matthew Beha.

Visit at Neligh

Saturday business callers in Neligh were Mrs. Thomas Murray and Miss Demaris.

Winter Revisits O'Neill Region

Winter revisited the O'Neill region early this week. On Monday morning the citizenry awoke to find a blanket of snow, measuring more than two inches in depth, once more covering the ground.

Early Tuesday morning the mercury dropped to one degree above zero—coldest mark of the week.

Wednesday dawned dull and cold, but by midday the sun broke through and practically all of the fresh snow disappeared.

Week's summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily, follows:

Date	High	Low	Pre.
March 10	31	12	.02
March 11	25	17	.01
March 12	40	17	.02
March 13	35	24	.02
March 14	34	15	.08
March 15	17	-5	.05
March 16	25	-1	

PLAN ST. PAT'S DANCE

Simonson post of the American Legion is sponsoring a St. Patrick's dance tonight (Thursday) at the Legion ballroom. Leo Barron and his orchestra will furnish the music.

Joins Survey

LeRoy Wert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wert, who has joined the reclamation branch of the U. S. Survey, reported for duty at Lincoln, Kans., on Sunday.

DEATH SEPARATES PAIR WED 60 YEARS

Mrs. H. W. Grubb, 76, of Chambers, Dies After Year's Illness

Burial at Chambers

CHAMBERS—Death came at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday to Mrs. H. W. Grubb, 76-year-old Chambers woman, who had been in ill health for more than a year. She had been bed fast for several days.

Funeral arrangements were not completed Wednesday morning, but rites will be held at Chambers Friday or Saturday, from the Methodist church and burial will be in the Chambers cemetery.

Mrs. Grubb was born August 5, 1873, at Trenton, Mo. Her maiden name was Gertrude Leonora Davis, and she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Davis.

The Davis family came to Holt county in 1900 from Carthage, Mo.

The Grubbs were married on March 9, 1889, at Trenton where they lived for a time before moving to Holt. Mr. Grubb farmed in the Chambers vicinity for a number of years and sold real estate.

For 40 years the Grubb family lived in Chambers. The Davis's homesteaded near Chambers.

On Wednesday, March 9, the Grubbs observed their 60th wedding anniversary. They had the distinction of being one of Holt county's longest married couples. No celebration was held because of Mrs. Grubb's critical illness.

Survivors include: Widower; daughters—Mrs. Seth (Grace) Cooper, of Chambers; Mrs. Clarence (Corra) Wyant, of Chambers; Mrs. William (Elizabeth) Renninger, of Chambers; Mrs. Ned (Florence) Bradley, of Geneva, Calif.; Mrs. Roland (Gladys) Jackson, of Seattle, Wash.; Sons—Charles Davis, of Magill, Nev., and Donald Davis, of Washington state. Sisters—Mrs. Anna Grubb, of Chambers; Mrs. J. L. Greenstreet, of Sedro Woolley, Wash.; Mrs. Frank Meheron, of Eugene, Ore.; Mrs. Hubert Smith, of Chambers, and Mrs. Rudolph Martin, of Chambers. Brother—Claude Davis, of Debeque, Colo.

One daughter, Mrs. Esther Red, is deceased.

She also leaves numerous grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Student Government Date April 13

New date set for the American Legion-sponsored student government activity in Holt county is Wednesday, April 13.

The all-day program was originally scheduled in January, but had to be postponed because of storm conditions.

Details will be announced later, according to Miss Elja McCullough, Holt county superintendent of schools, who is the chairman of the activity, and Glea H. Wade, who is assistant chairman.

Duration of the 10,000-pound limitation has not been stated. Roads affected in the O'Neill region were posted on Monday night at midnight.

Many semi-trailer outfits have been kept off the roads by their owners since the limit was imposed. To conform to the law, the owners say, it is impossible to carry a pay load.

The restriction is based upon a law in the Nebraska statutes.

CLOSES THURSDAYS

Kieth Abart, Holt county Veterans' service officer, announced this week that his office will be closed on Thursdays from now on for field service.

TO FINISH ROOM

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of Simonson post of the American Legion, it was decided to finish the second floor of the club room here, according to Post Commander John R. Gallagher. Wiring will begin soon.

Need printing? See The Frontier.

Cambridge (Neb.) Lions Club Forwards \$100 for O'Neill Blizzard Sufferers

Last week the O'Neill Lions club received a letter from Cambridge (Neb.), signed by Dr. H. I. Stearns, president of the Lions club there.

It read:

"Dear Lions: 'The Cambridge Lions club is sending you a check in the amount of \$100. We hope that you can use this money to in some way help those who have suffered as a result of the blizzards this winter. We would like to make this a bigger check but hope that even this amount will be of some assistance.

'If you have the time our club would appreciate a short note on what this money has accomplished.'

Members of the O'Neill club were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Southwest Nebraskans, who, they remember, a few years ago were victims of extensive flood loss.

Finally, at a recent meeting, the O'Neill Lions decided that the check would be returned to the donors with a message of profound gratitude.

Hugh Ray and William McIntosh, who were named to make disposition of the check, explained that storm suffering in this region has ceased. By returning the check, they pointed out, the Cambridge club might be able to befriend distressed persons elsewhere.

PROTEST TRUCK WEIGHT LIMITS

10,000 Pounds Per Axle Restriction Threatens Region's Economy

Weight restrictions of 10,000 pounds per axle, which went into effect on certain Nebraska highways Tuesday morning, "threaten the economy of the region," according to the board of directors of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce.

The board met in special session Wednesday afternoon and wired vigorous protests to Gov. Val Peterson, State Sen. Frank Nelson, State Railway Commission and State Engineer F. H. Kleitsch, head of the state highway department.

The Chamber went on record in favor of lifting the weight ban, arguing that the restriction is so severe that loss in business soon would amount to more than highway maintenance costs.

Kleitsch ordered the ban on gross weights to "prevent insofar as possible," he said, "further deterioration of highways that have suffered under unusual weather conditions during the past winter."

Principal roads affected in the O'Neill region are U. S. highway 20, from Laurel West through O'Neill and on to the Wyoming line from O'Neill North to the South Dakota state line, and most other highways which lie West of highway 281 between highway 20 and the South Dakota line.

State highway patrolmen have been instructed to make sure that truck loads are restricted to 10,000 pounds per axle, provided the tires rate 10,000 pounds. Normal limit is 18,000 pounds per axle.

Chamber officials expressed the view that if the normal limits were enforced the deterioration in the O'Neill region could be checked.

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Funeral services were held here at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Former Page Resident Sails for Germany

PAGE — Mrs. Royal Manville, whose captain-husband is pilot-instructor on "Operation Vittles," sailed Sunday, March 6, for Germany to join her husband and make her home there. Mrs. Manville was Esther Luben. For the past four years she has been working as chief teleoperator at Hill Air Force Base at Ogden, Utah.

Mrs. Manville formerly lived at Pgae.

Verdigre Boy, 9, Blast Victim

Gary Cihlar, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cihlar, farmers eight miles southwest of Verdigre, was the tragic victim of a shotgun accident at his home late Friday afternoon. A charge from the 20-gauge weapon struck the lad squarely in the stomach, killing him almost instantly.

The boy came home from school about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, and remarked to companions that it was "a nice day to go hunting."

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Goldfuss Burial to Be Saturday

ATKINSON — Remains of Pfc. Charles P. Goldfuss, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Goldfuss, of Atkinson, will arrive here early Friday and final burial will be Saturday in Woodlawn cemetery. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in the Seger funeral home.

Private Goldfuss was killed in action at Iwo Jima on April 19, 1945. He had been in service only seven months. Branch of service was the infantry.

Prior to entering service he assisted his father on the farm. He was born at Atkinson.

Farley-Tushla post of the American Legion will be in charge of the military burial rite.

Survivors include: Parents; brothers—Elmer, Harold and Leonard, all of Atkinson; sisters—Edith and Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Risor, both of Atkinson.

DAILEY RETIRES FROM EMMET BANK

Vet Holt Bank Official Sells Interest to Conard and Mullen

O'Neill Man Cashier

EMMET — W. P. Dailey, 65, who for 42 years has been an official of the Emmet State Bank, retired Monday. He sold his interests to Homer F. Mullen, of Emmet, and John Conard, of Emmet. Mr. Mullen has been elected cashier, succeeding Mr. Dailey.

Retiring from the banking field enables Mr. Dailey to take what he has described as his first vacation. He has been with the bank since 1907 and has never had a vacation.

The Emmet institution was one of the banks in the country which never closed during the financial panic of a score or more years ago.

In September, 1948, Mr. Dailey became "laid up" and has not been as active since before that illness.

He was born in a sodhouse three miles west of the present site of Emmet, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dailey, who were Irish immigrants who had located for a short time in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Conard is an Emmet merchant. Mr. Mullen has worked with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at Omaha and spent several years in the banking business at Scribner. He returned to O'Neill in 1946. Recently, he has been traveling for a Sioux City wholesale fruit company.

Officers of the bank are: H. J. Birmingham, of O'Neill, president; Mr. Conard, vice-president, and Mr. Mullen, cashier.

Mr. Dailey told The Frontier that he and his wife plan to spend some time in a warmer climate.

Mr. Mullen already has assumed his duties at the bank.

World-Herald Vet, Heart Victim, O'Neill Visitor Last Week

Eldon K. Langevin, 47, veteran member of the Omaha World-Herald editorial staff and ex-chief of the photographic department, died Monday afternoon of a heart attack. He was stricken suddenly.

Mr. Langevin spent three days in the O'Neill vicinity last week. His work here may have been his last outside assignment for that newspaper.

He came here to report for his newspaper flood conditions along the Elkhorn river. For two days—Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8 and 9—he toured the valley with Glea H. Wade, chairman of the Holt county disaster preparedness committee.

Mr. Langevin had been a World-Herald employee since 1926. In 1928 he was put in charge of that newspaper's photo department. In August, 1948, he was made a roving reporter to cover special stories in the World-Herald area. Among the notable series of articles that he has written in recent years were one on Nebraska towns, one on the operation of the World-Herald, and one on Nebraska's involved road problem.

Langevin played an important part in the layouts of the World-Herald's two special editions, "Blizzard of '49" and "Operation Snowbound," both recently off the press.

Langevin leaves a widow and two sons.

Langevin's widow is a daughter of the late R. D. George, of Broken Bow, a brother of R. L. George, of O'Neill.

Winifred Lee Expires at Lynch

LYNCH — Winifred Lee, who had been in ill health for some time, died suddenly Sunday night at her home Northeast of Lynch.

She had been residing in the Sunshine Bottom locality.

25 Attend Home Demonstration Meeting

Officials and members of the Holt county chapter of the Nebraska Council of Home Demonstration clubs met Tuesday in the assembly room of the courthouse here. Delegates were present from numerous project clubs. There were 25 in attendance.

Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, of Page, president of the Holt chapter, presided.

JGM Club Convenes

ATKINSON — The JGM club met at the home of Mrs. Greager last Thursday.

Music Pupils Vie in Elimination

City's Schools Select Entries for District Music Contest

The elimination contest for St. Mary's academy and O'Neill high school music pupils was held Monday in vocal and instrumental competition at both schools.

Each school is allowed only 24 entries in the annual district music contest, which will be held in O'Neill in April, and the elimination contest was held for the purpose of narrowing the field to 24 for each school.

Vocal soloists from St. Mary's who will be eligible to compete in the district meet are:

Made Birmingham, Bernadette Hynes, Mary Ellen Steele, Joan Bauer, Nancy Beha, Lorraine Simonson, girls' high voice; Mildred Larson, girls' medium voice; Francis Flood, boys' high voice; John O'Neill, boys' medium voice.

The St. Mary's small groups will include girls' trio, girls' sextette, girls' octette, triple trio, glee club and the mixed chorus.

Instrumental entries from St. Mary's:

Rose Anderson, piano solo; Sue Kyner and Rose Anderson, piano duo; Patricia White, Mary Ann Knerl, Larry Morris and John O'Neill, piano quartette.

Those from the O'Neill public school are: Patty Johnson, Janice Johnson, Claude Cole, Shirley Johnson, Dick Godel, Colleen Hartrout, vocal solos; girls' sextette, triple trio, girls' glee club, boys' glee club and mixed chorus.

The instrumental soloists from both schools include: Patricia Brennan, flute; Larry Morris, cornet; Catherine Ann Golden, French horn; Patricia Brennan and Helen Harty, flute duet; Ivalyn Brady, saxophone; Ted Lindberg, cornet; Eddie Bridges, cornet; Wally Shelhammer, trombone; Don Peterson, trombone; Bruce McElhane, trombone; Don Calkins, bass; cornet trio, brass sextette, saxophone ensemble; Phyllis Seger, piano solo.

Although Duane Booth received high rating, he will not be able to enter the contest due to the fact he is a seventh grader. The contest is for high school students only. Duane plays a cornet in the O'Neill band.

Public attendance at the elimination contests was considered "good" by school officials.

Annual Weed Control Meeting Is Slated

Annual meeting of the Holt County Noxious Weed district will be held in O'Neill next Wednesday. Session will begin at 10 a. m.

In the afternoon there will be a district weed control meeting and demonstration, beginning at 1:30 p. m., at the courthouse annex. Members from Holt, Boyd, Rock, Keya Paha and other weed districts will attend. Feature of the program will be an indoor panel discussion and demonstrations by local chemical and machinery firms in connection with weed eradication.

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Gary Cihlar Struck in Stomach by Discharge from Weapon

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