

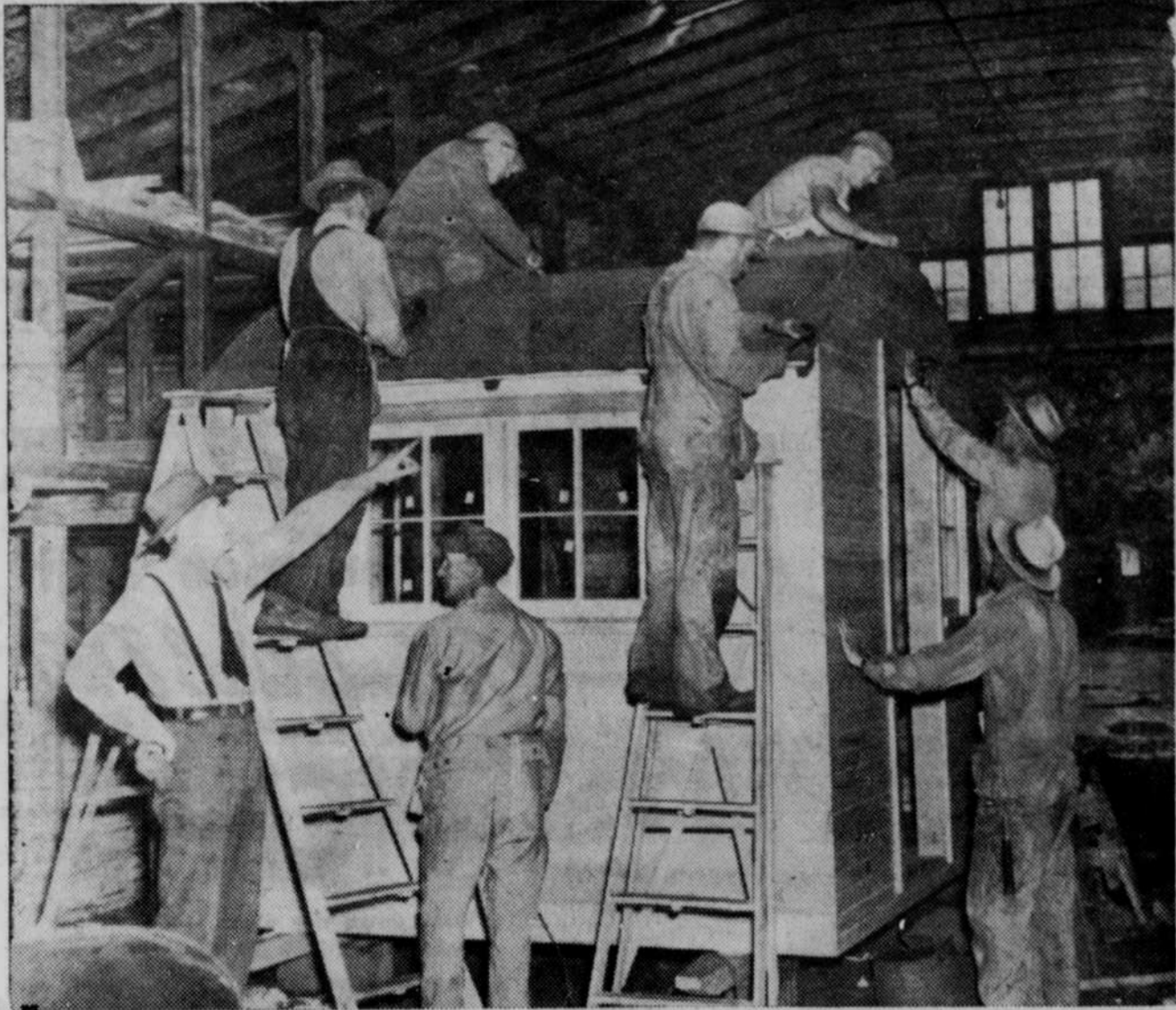
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**HURRY UP JOB . . .** A building bee took place Saturday when carpenters, painters and an electrician hurriedly pieced together a frame structure to serve as headquarters for St. Anthony's hospital building fund. On Monday the tiny building was positioned on the Northwest corner of Fourth and Douglas streets and an appropriate sign was erected. It read: "Office Headquarters, St. Anthony's Hospital Building Fund . . . A Modern Hospital to Serve

the Sand Hills Area." In the photograph (left-to-right) are: On the ground—J. Leo Moore, who directed the project, and the following carpenters: William Luben, Francis Gilg and John Kazda (right rear); on left ladder—John Miller; on roof—L. M. Sergeant and Charles Richter, jr.; on right ladder—Dan Gilg. Not pictured are Matthew G. Beha, electrician; Harnden Anspach, carpenter; James Masterson and Philip Dempsey, painters.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## IRRIGATION ALONG NIOBRARA NEARER

Reclamation Bureau's Surveys May Reach Hands of Next Congress

## Burdick, Lang Speak

A progress report on the Niobrara river basin development was heard Tuesday noon in O'Neill with 35 farmers, business and professional men attending the session, representing a half-dozen communities. Clyde Burdick, of Ainsworth, area engineer for the bureau of reclamation, and Roy Lang, secretary-treasurer of the Nebraska Reclamation association, brought the audience up-to-date on basin activity during the past year. Burdick told of intra-basin developments while Lang told of inter-project progress in Nebraska.

Investigation of the Niobrara basin has revealed that 50 percent of the irrigation will directly benefit the landowners in that production will be "tremendously" increased, Burdick said. The other half will be widespread and will indirectly affect the landowners through recreation and wild life, flood control and power.

Burdick also told the group the development is now in the fourth of the preliminary steps that are necessary before the final report is submitted to the national reclamation bureau for congressional action. The report, due on June 30, 1951, may be finished by the end of 1950.

A scheme for the entire basin was outlined by Burdick, telling how each irrigable area will be supplied by water:

**MIRAGE FLATS:** in Sheridan county, to be supplied by Box Butte county reservoir. Water released into natural flow of Niobrara, flows East to the Dunlap diversion dam near the West end of the flats then by a 12-mile artificial channel to the irrigable lands.

**LAVACA FLATS:** supplied by a pump in the Niobrara 90 feet from the land to be irrigated.

**BOILING SPRINGS:** North half to be supplied by a proposed reservoir on Bear creek through a two-and-a-half mile artificial channel. The South half to be supplied by a pump on the Niobrara.

**AINSWORTH AREA:** To be supplied by a proposed dam on the Snake river, 25 miles South.—(Continued on page 8)

## Red Cross Push Closes with \$3,766

EMMET—Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet, chairman of the Holt county membership and fund-raising drive, Wednesday closed the books on the 1949 campaign. Receipts totaled \$3,766.89—several hundred dollars over the quota. Receipts in campaigns conducted from towns follow: O'Neill, \$1,122.94; Atkinson, \$622; Emmet and territory, \$330.25; Chambers, \$186.50; Inman \$275.50; Page, \$158.20; Stuart, \$256.50; Ewing, \$177.50.

Receipts by townships follow: Iowa, Verdigris, Willowdale and Antelope, \$68; Amelia (one club), \$10; Chambers Conley and Shamrock, \$151; Ewing, Deloit and Golden, \$113; Shields, Rock Falls, Padlock and Coleman, \$169; Scott and Steel Creek, \$131; Inman and McClure, \$85.50.

City and town collections totaled \$2,930.89 while rural community and township collections totaled \$836.

## 'Voice' to Carry Baseball Scores

The Merri Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., of O'Neill, will sponsor Monday morning roundups of baseball scores in the O'Neill region to be broadcast on the "Voice of The Frontier" program at 9:45 a. m. This was announced Wednesday by L. M. Merriman, head of the O'Neill bottling firm.

The roundup will bring complete reports of Sunday afternoon and evening games in the North-Central Nebraska night-and-day league, including O'Neill, Atkinson, Stuart, Ainsworth, Valentine, Page, Chambers and Ewing; North-Central league, including St. John's Petersburg, Elgin, Creighton Orchard, Brunswick, Niobrara and Center; Interstate league, including Lynch, Verdel, Spencer, Butte, all in Nebraska, and Winner, Pickstown, Bone-steel and Fairfax, all in South Dakota.

Arrangements are being made to have all baseball scores telephoned to The Frontier in time for Monday's broadcast.

First roundup will be heard Monday at 9:45 a. m. Regular "Voice of The Frontier" programs are heard at 9:45 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Full details of the games will be published in The Frontier—North-Nebraska's sports newspaper.

## MARY C. MEER DIES WEDNESDAY

Store Operator Came to Holt County in 1902

Mary C. Meer died at 1:20 p. m. Wednesday at the home of relatives in O'Neill. She has been ill four or five months.

For over 40 years she was employed by and operated the J. P. Gallagher store in O'Neill. She came to the county in 1902 from Clinton, Ia., the town of her birth. She was 65.

Survivors include: a niece, Mrs. Mary Ann Whittaker, of Lawndesboro, Ala., Mrs. Marie Hobbs, a sister-in-law, of Valentine, and distant cousins Dr. Frank Gallagher, of LaCrosse, Wisc., and Hilda and Helen Gallagher, of O'Neill.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a. m.

## BUYS SALON

Miss Donna Humpal is now the sole owner of the O'Neill Beauty Salon, having purchased the interest of her partner, Melcina Martin. The change became effective Saturday.

Miss Humpal and Mrs. Martin had been in partnership for two years in the Weingartner building on Douglas street.

## Robinetta Malone Expires at Peru

INMAN—Funeral services were held Sunday, May 22, at 2 p. m., from the Methodist church in Inman for the late Robinetta Malone, widow of Mrs. L. H. Malone, County Judge C. J. Malone, of O'Neill.

Mrs. Malone, 71, died after a prolonged illness May 19, at Peru.

Mrs. Malone was born near Frankton, Ind., March 5, 1878. When six years old she came with her parents in a covered wagon to Holt county, where they homesteaded.

Childhood days were spent in Inman and in 1895 she married Clarence J. Malone. To them were born three children, Lawrence, Florence and Mildred.

A resident of O'Neill for many years, Mrs. Malone engaged in many church and club activities.

Rev. Roy Wingate officiated at the rites. Survivors include: Daughters—Florence M., of Omaha, and Mrs. Mildred Haigh, of Peru; son—Lawrence H. of Altadena Calif.; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Claude P. Hancock of Los Angeles, Calif., Wilbur C. of Arcadia, and John J., of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and one sister—Mrs. June Bowen, of Okama Park, Md.

Interment was at the Inman cemetery. Pallbearers were Karl Keyes, A. N. Butler, Elmer Tavenner and Elvin Smith, all of Inman and Edward Hancock and Royal Hull of O'Neill.

Hymns were sung by Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, jr., Mrs. Donald Luben, Kenneth Smith and Harvey Tompkins. They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Harvey Tompkins.

## ST. ANTHONY'S IS HOSPITAL TITLE

Building Fund Headquarters Established for Project Here

## All - Out Push Begins

St. Anthony's hospital is the official title for the proposed 300 thousand dollar medical center to be built here. The new title became official this week with word received from the Sisters of St. Francis mother house—Marycrest—in Denver, Colo.

Title was decided upon by Mother Erica, provincial head of the Sisters of St. Francis, and her counsel.

St. Anthony is a special patron of the order and a patron of the sick, it was explained by members of the order here.

The Sisters of St. Francis, a Roman Catholic order, have donated the building site and have agreed to assume "any reasonable indebtedness" on the project. They will also staff and operate the hospital after its completion.

The 40-bed hospital will be geared to serve the Sand Hills area. The U. S. public health service and Nebraska department of health estimate a minimum of 30 thousand people in the region will be served by the O'Neill institution.

Announcement of the new official title came as the committee prepared to launch an all-out campaign for funds to transform the three-year-old plan into reality.

Already the sum of 55 thousand dollars has been raised toward the 40-bed hospital. A government grant of 100 thousand dollars will be made available when the St. Anthony's building fund has reached the 100 thousand mark.

A building fund headquarters has been erected on O'Neill's main intersection and Mrs. Glen Tomlinson, of O'Neill, will maintain the headquarters and help the committee administer the fund-raising job.

Minimum objective of the hospital committee is to boost the fund from the present 55 thousand dollar mark to over 100 thousand dollars.

The thermometer on the building registers about \$54,000. The unfilled portion reads about \$46,000, the goal of the drive.

## Holt School Land To Be Upgraded

School lands in Holt and Cherry counties will be upgraded, according to a decision by the state board of educational lands and funds, in Lincoln, Tuesday.

The per acre boost in Holt county will be 4.5 cents and will go into effect with new leases.

Under the higher classification Holt county school land valuation was increased from \$699,379 to \$757,715.

School lands have three classifications upon which valuations are based: Agricultural, hayland and grazing, in that order. Rent is six percent of the valuation.

## Auction Calendar

Three special sales are listed this week with The Frontier's auction sale service. The advertising includes newspaper advertising, handbills and "Voice of The Frontier" radio announcements.

The sale schedule: Wednesday, June 1—Special dairy sale at Bassett Livestock Co., Bassett, featuring 25 head of Wisconsin Gurnseys. James G. Fredrickson, of O'Neill, and Ed Thorin, of Chambers, are managers and auctioneers. Shadow Lawn Farm, of Spooner, Wisc., is the consignee. (See ad on page 7.)

Monday, June 6—Public auction at the Charlie E. Clark place, 12½ miles South and 2½ miles West of Chambers, including 28 head of cattle and a lease of 480-acres of land with all improvements. (See ad on page 6.) Col. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, will be the auctioneer.

Wednesday, June 8—Sale of livestock and ranch equipment by the Mills Brothers, to settle the estate of the late Dr. B. J. Mills. Place is located 11 miles South of O'Neill on highway 281. Ed Thorin, of Chambers and James G. Fredrickson, of O'Neill, are the auctioneers. Included in the sale will be 200 head of cattle. (See ad in June 2 issue of The Frontier.)

## MILLION DOLLAR RAINS VISIT HOLT

2.47 Inches Precipitation Recorded Here During Past Week

Grateful Holt countyans during the past five days have welcomed made-to-order million dollar rains totaling 2.47 inches of precipitation.

Heaviest rainfall of the week fell during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. Saturday. Beginning about midnight, the rain continued through the rest of the night and totaled 1.38 inches.

Intermittent showers continued through the day and more rainfall was recorded Sunday and Monday.

From most corners of the O'Neill region came word that the rainfall was "just right."

In South - Holt county, farmers and ranchers are declaring there's enough moisture. There's as much water standing in the fields and lowlands now as at any time during the Spring floods. Some rural roads are almost impassable.

There has been no flooding damage, however, according to highway reports.

Most farmers have delayed corn planting because of the beneficial moisture. By Wednesday afternoon, however, planting was in progress in practically every field.

A handful of farmers are still gathering in last year's corn crop.

First cutting of alfalfa appears to be only a few days away, according to County Agent A. Neil Dawes. The alfalfa crop is in "excellent" condition. Small grain prospects are "good."

Early Tuesday there was a touch of frost that damaged tender vegetation. The Orton Youngs, of the Opportunity vicinity, reported damage to beans that were ready to bloom.

The frost was not considered severe enough to damage the new crop of bluegrass, and hopes are running high for a banner year—although there are variable factors that can upset the plans. Several outstate bluegrass buyers and strippers are already in O'Neill.

One truck loaded with a stripper was also equipped with a motor boat—suggesting lots of water in the fields or a desire to mix business with pleasure.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec.
May 19	65	41	
May 20	61	42	
May 21	61	49	1.38
May 22	60	49	.52
May 23	66	46	.30
May 24	53	35	.27
May 25	69	47	



**FULL - TIME WORKER . . .** Mrs. Glen Tomlinson (above), prominent American Legion auxiliary worker and one of Holt county's most active persons during Operation Snowbound, has been named a full-time worker for St. Anthony's hospital building fund. Mrs. Tomlinson will head the staff at the building fund headquarters in a temporary building on a downtown intersection. (See photo above and story in column 7.)—O'Neill Photo Co.

## MATTHEW MICK DIES MONDAY

Longtime Resident South of Atkinson Retired 4 Years Ago

ATKINSON—Matthew ("Mat") Mick, 73, of Atkinson, died late Monday night, May 24, in an Omaha hospital.

Mick, an 1899 homesteader six miles South of Atkinson, had been retired about four years. He originally came from Darlington, Wisc., and in 1903 married Carrie Seger. She died in 1945.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mary Keithley, Mrs. Joseph Brand and Mrs. Elizabeth Stull; a son, John. All are of Atkinson.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 27, at 9:30 a. m. from the St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson with Rev. A. A. Lehman officiating.

## June 1 Deadline for Certifying

June 1 is the deadline for certifying small grain—oats, rye and barley, according to County Agent A. Neil Dawes. Date for certifying alfalfa will be later.

WJAG . . . 780 on your dial.

## PAGE COUPLE WED 50 YEARS

PAGE—June 6, 1949, is the golden wedding anniversary date for Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes, of Page. On Sunday June 5, they will hold open house from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 until 9 o'clock in the evening at their home in Page.

Miss Susie Reed and Allen Haynes were married June 6, 1899, at the home of Mrs. Haynes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pulaski Reed.

The couple began housekeeping on the farm where Orville Kemper now lives, 1½ miles Northeast of Page. The next year they moved to a farm of their own 3½ miles from Page.

They have lived in this community since they were married except three years they spent in Kansas.

Mr. Haynes was born at Hopedale, Ill., on December 11, 1872. He came to Beemer when nine-years-old and came to Holt county a few years later.

Mrs. Haynes was born at Mahonet, Ill., on October 30, 1877, and came to Holt county with her parents when five-years-old. They settled on a homestead and this was her home until her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are the parents of two sons, Roy, of Denton, and Laurence, of O'Neill, and one daughter, Miss Viola, at home. There are eight grandchildren.



**STUDENT PROCESSION . . .** The Frontier's staff photographer, John H. McCarville, captured this dramatic picture Wednesday night, May 18, in St. Patrick's Catholic church, following the coronation of the May Queen. The procession of St. Mary's academy grade school pupils is shown moving away from the altar. The aisle is lined by girls from the sophomore and junior classes. Members of the senior class are attired in caps and gowns down front.

## Jubilee Editor Issues Final Call

Any Frontier readers who have photographs or recall incidents of pioneer life in Holt county that could be appropriate for our Diamond Jubilee Edition are invited to see the editor at once.

While interesting and important developments and incidents have been recorded during the past 49 years, it is the plan of the Jubilee Edition to confine most of the stories to the period from 1873 to 1900, though a section will be devoted to experiences of the past Winter.

There has been unavoidable delay in the publication of this special number but we would suggest that you get your orders in now for extra copies as section after section is now coming off the press.

ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Editor-in-Chief Diamond Jubilee Edition.