

Hospital Fund Hits \$70,000

Rural Folk Mail Gifts and Mercury Mounts Steadily

St. Anthony's hospital building fund this week marked the 70 thousand dollar mark as many persons, mostly rural folks, responded to half-page advertisements that appeared last week in most newspapers in the region.

James M. Corkle, chairman of the building fund, said he was "very gratified" with early responses from the advertisements.

At the same time he urged folks who haven't been contacted to not wait for a solicitor—because solicitation is costly and consumes valuable time.

The advertisement, entitled "Appeal for Help", appeared in the June 9 issue of The Frontier. The message dealt with background information on the hospital, pointed out that up until then approximately 60 thousand dollars had been raised, stated that the goal by solicitation was 100 thousand dollars.

Under the plan, the U. S. government will grant 100 thousand dollars to match the money raised by subscription. The Sisters of St. Francis, who will staff and operate the hospital, will assume the indebtedness.

When completed the hospital will cost in the neighborhood of 300 thousand dollars and have a 40-bed capacity.

Many persons are stopping at the building fund headquarters, at the corner of Fourth and Douglas streets, and making their contributions there. (See page 2, section 2 for a list of donors between January 20, 1948 and June 11, 1949.)

The Catholic Daughters of America will hold a St. Anthony's hospital benefit dance and box social Sunday, June 19, at the American Legion hall in O'Neill. The CDA will admit free every lady bringing a box lunch.

Father Lehmen in Silver Jubilee

ATKINSON—Rev. A. A. Lehmen, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Atkinson for the past 10 years, Sunday celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest.

Father Lehmen officiated at a solemn silver jubilee mass on Sunday morning in St. Joseph's church. His brother, Rev. A. B. Lehmen, of Chester, Ill., was arch priest. Very Rev. F. J. Tecklenberg, of Evansville, Ill., was deacon of the mass and gave the jubilee sermon. Rev. J. W. Averill, S.J., of Creighton university, Omaha, was subdeacon.

Father Lehmen was ordained on June 8, 1924, in St. Louis, Mo. He was assistant at St. Cecilia's in Omaha and served also at St. Mary's at West Point, St. Henry's at Howells, and St. Mary's at Leigh before coming to Atkinson on June 24, 1939.

Reverend Lehmen was honor guest at a dinner, Sunday, which was served at the Memorial hall by members of the Christian Mothers Society. The dinner was open to the public.

James Beringan, who is now studying for the priesthood, was master of ceremonies. James is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beringan.

Dr. W. J. Douglas presented the priest with a silver jubilee purse. Out-of-town guests included, Father Lehmen's sister, Miss Claire Lehmen, of Chester, Ill.; Miss Hedwig Foster, of Evansville, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reichmuth and Miss Margaret Walker, of Leigh; Bernard Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Becker and Rudolph Becker, all of St. Helena; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reise and Hubert Wiese, of Howells.

Accident Victim Undergoes Surgery

Bernard Hynes, son of Mrs. Leota Hynes, of O'Neill, underwent surgery in St. Joseph's hospital at Sioux City last Thursday morning, June 9, the result of an injury received in an auto accident early Sunday morning, June 5.

Hynes' shoulder was operated on because of torn ligaments and shoulder muscles. He is expected to be released soon.

Water in Basement Used to Fight Fire

PAGE—A fire shortly after noon Friday badly damaged the wash house on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rakow live, South of Page. They were fortunate to have several inches of water in their basement. This water was used to combat the flames. The Rakows were assisted by men from town.



S/SGT. WARREN F. WOOD—O'Neill Photo Co.

REBURIAL FOR PAGE AIRMAN

Common Graves for Remains of Sergeant Wood and 7 Comrades

PAGE—The remains of S/Sgt. Warren F. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood, of Page, were given reburial Wednesday, June 8, in Keokuk, Ia., national military cemetery.

Sergeant Wood's remains were among those of seven others, who were members of a B-29 Super Fortress crew based in China. They lost their lives at the start of an aerial combat mission during World War II.

The reburial was the largest of five group reburials that had taken place at the Keokuk national cemetery.

The bodies contained in three caskets were those of Maj. Edward F. Parsons, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Capt. Harold W. Barber, of Patterson, N. J.; 1/Lt. Argyle E. Hanscom, of Whitefield, Me.; 2/Lt. Boyd W. Ebel, of Wisner; 2/Lt. Franklin J. McDonald, of Leadville, Colo.; T/Sgt. Rube E. Puckett, of Lacey's Springs, Ala.; S/Sgt. Warren F. Wood, of Page; Cpl. Wallace B. Martin, of Galena, Kans.

Military rites were conducted by the Veterans of Foreign wars, assisted by the American Legion and the Keokuk War Dads.

Three special stones, placed together and carrying the names of the crew, will mark the grave.

It was pointed out by the Veterans of Foreign wars that many such reburials are not made at the request of the next-of-kin. Many of the air force personnel who lost their lives over enemy territory were interred in common graves and the war department is bringing the remains back so that they may rest in a fitting place.

S/Sgt. Warren F. Wood was born April 21, 1922, and raised on a farm near Page.

He graduated from Page high school in 1939 and later attended a Lincoln flying school.

He was employed at Bell Aircraft at Buffalo, N. Y. for a year and a half, when inducted into the army in December, 1942.

He was united in marriage to Miss Betty Howell, of Page, on July 27, 1942, at Buffalo, N. Y. To this union one son, Larry, was born.

Warren received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla., received special schooling at Denver, Colo., and was stationed at Salina, Kans., when assigned as a senior gunner on a B-29.

He arrived in India April 1, 1944, and had been on several missions over Japanese territory.

These flights were made over extremely rugged terrain where unfavorable weather made flying hazardous and for which he was awarded the Air Medal posthumously.

When the accident occurred the airmen were just taking off from a base in China for an attack on aircraft assembly and repair installations at Omura, on Kyushu Island, in Japan.

Sergeant Wood's survivors include: son—Larry, of Neligh; his parents—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood, of Page; sisters—Mrs. Earl Bollen, of Neosho, Mo.; Mrs. Vernon Wiseman, of Eagle; Mrs. Ervin Held, of Orchard; brothers—Robert Wood, of Orchard, and Lester Wood, of Ewing.

All of the immediate relatives, except Mrs. Earl Bollen, of Neosho, Mo., were present for the reburial rites.

TRUSTEE RESIGNS
EMMET—Mrs. John Conard, recently reelected to the Emmet village board of trustees, has resigned. No appointment has been made to date to fill the vacancy.

FRED SHRINER DIES
BASSETT—Fred Shrinier, about 48, of Newport, died early Wednesday in the Bassett hospital. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

RUZICKA CHOSEN CHAMBER HEAD

Wilson, Diehlman, Lucas, Jacobson Other New Officials

Melvin Ruzicka, hardware dealer, Tuesday night was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce, succeeding J. Leo Moore. Election highlighted the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber.

H. L. Lindberg, first vice-president and in line for the presidency, declined to be a candidate for the top chair.

Ruzicka is a veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion.

Four newcomers in the city were selected for other elective posts, including: Ed Wilson, first vice-president; L. M. Diehlman, second vice-president; M. E. Jacobson and R. V. Lucas, members of the board of directors for three-year terms.

J. B. Grady was re-elected as treasurer.

Other members of the board of directors carried over are: William McIntosh, J. L. McCarville, Jr., James G. Fredrickson, Tony Asimus and L. D. Putnam.

A committee was appointed to meet with the city council and recommend solutions to the parking problems, including improving and lighting alleys in the downtown section of the city. Committee members include John Daly, H. L. Lindberg and Arnold Doering.

A new date for the Diamond Jubilee celebration was discussed. Directors will fix the date. Care will be taken to avoid conflict with other celebrations in the region where dates already have been set. Originally, O'Neill planned to celebrate its 75th birthday anniversary on July 4, but the date was abandoned because of conflict with the Stuart celebration and rodeo.

MAN DIES IN BOAT ON LAKE

EWING—Henry Wegner, 67, of Ewing, was stricken with a heart attack while in a boat on a Sand Hills lake near Valentine and died immediately about 7 p. m. last Thursday. He was with Arthur Marquardt and Fred Bollwitt when he died. The fishing party had left Ewing early that morning.

Funeral services were held on Monday at the Wegner residence and at the Lutheran church in Orchard where interment was made.

Mr. Wegner was born at Scribner, married there, and came to Holt county in 1919. He was a farmer and a livestock raiser.

Survivors include: Widow—Bertha; daughters—Mrs. Lowell Herley, of Clearwater; Mrs. Lionel Phillips, of Scottsbluff; Mrs. Henry Stelling, of Orchard; Mrs. Lester Gamel, of Page, and Mrs. Roger Wunner, of Lagrange, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Narigon and daughter, Nichola Ann, of New Jersey arrived to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Calkins. Mrs. Narigon is a sister of Mrs. Calkins.

Sister Killed in Saving 4 Lives

EMMET—A woman heroically pushed four boys off a trestle and saved them from death, but she was killed in so doing. The dead woman is Mrs. Ruth Merryman, of Malone, Wash., sister of Mrs. Robert Fox, of Emmet.

The accident occurred when the group became trapped on the trestle with a locomotive bearing down on them.

Mrs. Merryman pushed two grandsons into the Chehalis river then overtook her two foster sons, who had started running for the edge of the trestle, and pushed them off seconds before the locomotive hit her.

FUNDS SOUGHT FOR PLAYGROUND

Equipment to Be Setup Temporarily at O'Neill Public School

The Parent-Teachers Association Wednesday launched a solicitation for funds with which to purchase playground equipment.

Immediate goal is one thousand dollars and equipment purchased will be placed temporarily on the O'Neill public school playground for use of children of the community and visiting youngsters.

At a later date, P-TA officials explain, the equipment will be removed to Ford's park, which has been turned over to the P-TA on a franchise basis.

In charge of solicitation work are: Mrs. Robert Kurtz, Mrs. Virgil Laursen, Mrs. James Sullivan and Mrs. A. W. Carroll. Robert Kurtz is P-TA president. Mail contributions are being received by Mrs. W. B. Gillespie and Mrs. Kurtz.

A P-TA meeting will be held Friday night to bring members up to date on progress of the fund-raising campaign and make preparations for procuring the equipment.

Ford's park will be cleared and fenced before the equipment is to be moved there. Being considered for purchase are swings, climb-arounds and slides.

250 to 300 Chicks Perish in Blaze

ATKINSON—Between 250 and 300 baby chicks were burned in a fire that destroyed the Elvin Alton brooder house in Atkinson about midnight, Friday night, June 10.

Mrs. Alton said the fire started when they attempted to light the stove after it had gone out. Oil had overflowed from the tank and ignited almost immediately after the stove was lighted.

School Board Grapples with Re-Roofing Problem

The O'Neill public school board of education is "grappling" with the problem of having a new roof put on the old O'Neill school building, according to Ira Moss, secretary.

Moss "guessed" that the new roof for the building will cost somewhere in the \$4,000 to \$5,000 bracket.

Aphids Destroying Small Grain Crop

Missionary and Family Honored in Gift Shower

CHAMBERS—Rev. and Mrs. Ward Smith and children, of Chambers, were the honored guests Friday evening, June 10, at a farewell shower, in the Baptist church here.

The Smith family plans to leave next week for Wisconsin where they will visit relatives. Reverend Smith will also conduct meetings in Wisconsin and then teach at Camp Joy during July.

In August, they will leave for Honduras, Central America, where Reverend Smith will do missionary work.

The Smiths and their three children will leave from New Orleans, La., by boat for Honduras. They will serve as independent missionaries and be gone about four years.

Refreshments, served by the ladies of the church, followed the program and shower. The Smiths were recipients of many gifts appropriate for use on their journey and upon arrival at their destination.

Where they will be stationed there is no electricity. Kerosene and gasoline are available but very expensive. The Smiths will teach their own children.

PAGE SCHOOL TO BE REBUILT

Officials Plan Classes for 12 Grades for Fall Term

PAGE—More than 100 patrons of the Page public school district attended a meeting Monday night in the theater building.

It was voted to conduct classes for all 12 grades during the 1949-50 term, and efforts will be made to have school housing facilities ready for the term opening.

For several weeks workmen of the Sorenson Construction Co. of Sioux City, have been clearing away debris and preparing for reconstruction of the plant which was practically destroyed by fire March 25.

The gymnasium wing, built in 1929 and only partially destroyed, will be restored completely, while the old portion of the plant, built in 1915, will be partially rebuilt.

Originally, it was considered building two floors with sub-basement. Under present plans, according to Board President C. E. Walker, the sub-basement and one floor will be reconstructed.

Estimates for the work will not be in hands of school officials for another week.

Insurance covered only a portion of the fire loss. Bonds on the district's original indebtedness were retired in February.

During the balance of the last term classes were dispersed to the Methodist church basement and Odd Fellows hall.

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ASIMUS PROPERTY GOES TO SCOUTS

5,500 Seedlings Planted on 40-Acre Gift Tract Near City

A 40-acre tract of land in the Elkhorn river valley officially became the property of the Covered Wagon council of the Boy Scouts of America on Monday, June 13. The property was conveyed to the Scouts by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Asimus, well-known O'Neill residents.

Recently Mr. Asimus and his wife proffered the tract to the Scouts for youth recreational purposes. Formal acceptance of the land was received this week, whereupon the deed was executed.

The Scout committee of the Chamber of Commerce arranged details for receiving the gift.

The tract can be described as 40 acres of valley land located 3.6 miles East from the O'Neill city limits on highways 20-275 and a quarter of a mile North. The river flows across the property. Legal description is Southeast quarter of Southeast quarter of section 3, township 28, North, Range 11, West of 6th principal meridian.

Partially wooded, the Scout committee has already set out 5,500 seedlings.

Scout officials explain that the tract will be used extensively for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as well as other youth groups.

In presenting the property, Mr. Asimus and his wife, Anna, stated simply that they for sometime had contemplated a contribution to the youth of the community.

Scout officials explained that the gift from Mr. and Mrs. Asimus, who have been "very liberal in community giving," came as a complete surprise and a marker will be erected on the property in memory of the donors.

Formal presentation of the deed to Boy Scout troop 210 was to have taken place Wednesday night.

At the same time, 20 boys were to have been elevated from the tenderfoot rank to first-class Scouts.

The boys were officially invested into troop 210 by a representative of the Covered Wagon Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The troop committee was formally chosen and the Scoutmaster A. A. McMasters was officially picked.

The meeting closed with the boys giving a demonstration and the scoutmaster giving a short talk.

'Sales Are Huge Successes'—Thorin

According to Ed Thorin, Chambers auctioneer, the big Mills Brothers sale and the Lyle R. Childers sale were both a "tremendous success," with an extra large attendance at both. The two sales were held last week.

The cattle market was "exceptionally good" at both sales with everything selling for a good price.

There were buyers from the entire region at both sales with seven states being represented at the Childers sale and five states at the Mills brothers sale.

The Chambers Legion auxiliary netted about \$75 from its lunch stand at the Childers sale.

Thorin told of a Battle Creek man who heard the "Voice of The Frontier" broadcast of the sale in the morning, jumped into his car and attended. Battle Creek is 15 miles West of Norfolk.

"Those were two of the best sales I have ever conducted," commented Auctioneer Thorin.

Janet Judge Wins 'Election'

ATKINSON—Miss Janet Judge, who returned Monday, June 13, from girls' state at Lincoln, was elected district judge at the "state" elections. Janet said she "didn't do much campaigning" but her slogan "Janet Judge for District Judge" did the trick.

Oats Deteriorate Rapidly Under Assault from Tiny Insects

Aphids (tiny green bugs) have launched an all-out assault on small grain fields in Holt county with the result that the threat has become "serious".

County Agent A. Neil Dawes said Wednesday that if the aphids are not checked the ultimate damage might rival grasshopper losses in the 1930s.

Observers point out that until now the small grain crops, with the exception of oats, range from 75 to 80 percent of normal. But the oats outlook has deteriorated rapidly during the past fortnight, largely due to the aphids. Late oats have been damaged most severely.

Most reports of crop damage attributed to the tiny insect have come from South and East of O'Neill and extended through the state in those directions, Dawes pointed out.

The aphids now are moving into barley and there are reports of their presence in rye and corn. Hot, dry weather would check damage to the corn.

The county agent, who has received more than 50 reports of "serious infestation", indicates that some of the oats fields already are so far gone that expense of spraying cannot be justified.

Already in many instances farmers will be obliged to convert to grain sorghums—Martin milo, Midland milo, Coe's milo and kalo.

Aerial spraying was undertaken Wednesday in the Page community. Results after spraying should be apparent within a half-day, according to Dawes.

If your small grain looks yellow or turning brown in spots, the county agent advises you to check closely for little green aphids on the leaves and next to the stems.

Control measures recommended or dusting or spraying with benzene hexichloride at the rate 10 pounds of the three percent gamma isomer per acre. The spray should come in contact with the insects. Nicotine sulphate (black leaf 40) is a second control measure. However, this treatment must be applied when the temperature is above 70 degrees, Dawes explains.

The Spring grain aphid, commonly known as the green bug, occurs in periodic outbreaks primarily in the central portion of the United States.

This aphid passes the Winter in the Northern region as eggs on the wheat plants and in the Southern part of its range it passes the Winter in the active stage.

Development can take place at a temperature of 40 degrees F and young are born at that temperature. Its greatest rate of reproduction is around 55 degrees F which accounts for its ability to build up under cool moist conditions. The generations are successive, one after the other, as long as the plants are growing.

It is primarily a pest of wheat and oats but also attacks other small grains and can survive on certain native grasses. During the growing season all the aphids are females and give birth to from one to eight young per day over a period of two or three weeks. The young can reach maturity in a period of seven to eight days, although under adverse conditions the development may be slower.

The aphid for its greatest development is dependent upon volunteer growths of small grain or early planted wheat fields, therefore, control will revolve around the control of volunteer grain and delayed planting in the Fall. By destroying volunteer grain and delaying wheat planting the aphids will have no major host to develop on and therefore their population will remain low. The destruction of volunteer grain will need to be county and state wide to give good results.

Legislative Council Names Nelson to Committee

State Senator Frank Nelson, of O'Neill, was assigned to the management of state school lands committee Tuesday, June 14 by the Legislative Council for the 1949-'51 biennium.

Mrs. Ed Latta, of Omaha, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham.



CHARWOMEN FOR AN EVENING... Tuesday night was clean-up night at the Country club and there was a wholesale turn-out of members—both men and women—to scrub and paint in preparation for the Summer season. Left-to-right (above) are: Mrs. M. J. Golden, Mrs. H. E. Coyne, Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher and Mrs. Homer F. Mullen (background).—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.