

NONAGENARIAN EXPIRES AT PAGE

Prince Thomas Stevens Homesteaded in Holt County in 1886

MANY DESCENDANTS

PAGE—One of Holt county's few nonagenarians, Prince Thomas Stevens, died at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday at his home in Page. He had been a resident of Holt county since March, 1886. He passed his 90th birthday milestone in January.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Gospel Mission church at Page with Rev. R. L. Gowan, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Page cemetery.

The late Mr. Stevens, a son of Consider and Harriet Stevens, was born in Franklin county, Maine, on December 21, 1856. As a youth he immigrated West to Iowa, where he grew to manhood. He was united in marriage with Mrs. Hannah Sarchett on September 2, 1882, at Walker, Lynn county, Iowa.

In 1886 he moved his family, consisting of a wife and three small children, by rail from Iowa to Coleridge, from where they drove in a covered wagon to Middlebranch. He filed for a homestead in the Middlebranch vicinity and resided there until 1906, when the family moved into Page. For a number of years Mr. Stevens operated a harness shop in addition to a small farm on the west edge of Page.

Mr. Stevens was the last survivor in a family of 11 children. He and his wife reared a family of nine. He was a member of the Gospel Mission church.

Survivors included the widow; four sons—Herbert O. of Atkinson; Ralph D., of Page; Guy E. of Lincoln; and Lloyd E., of Lancaster, Calif.; five daughters—Mrs. Blanche Dorr, of Hollywood, Calif.; Mrs. Evelyn Gray, of Page; Mrs. Lelia Snell, of Portland, Ore.; and Mrs. Earl Neilen, of Sioux City; 31 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Page Infant Dies from Pneumonia

PAGE—Melvin Lee Hall, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, of Page, died Sunday at the home of his parents following a short pneumonia illness. He was 15-months-old.

The child was born December 29, 1945.

Survivors include the parents; one sister, Betty; one brother, Arnold; one grandfather, Herman Korneck.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1 p. m. at the Hall home and at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's English Lutheran church at Orchard with burial in the church cemetery. Rev. P. J. Wirth officiated. Pallbearers were Herbert Kemper, Forrest Henderson, J. W. Finch, jr., and Edward Sukup.

Future Subscribers

MULLIS—Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Mullis, a son, Robert Wilson, weighing eight pounds, born Tuesday, April 15, at the Lutheran hospital, in Norfolk.

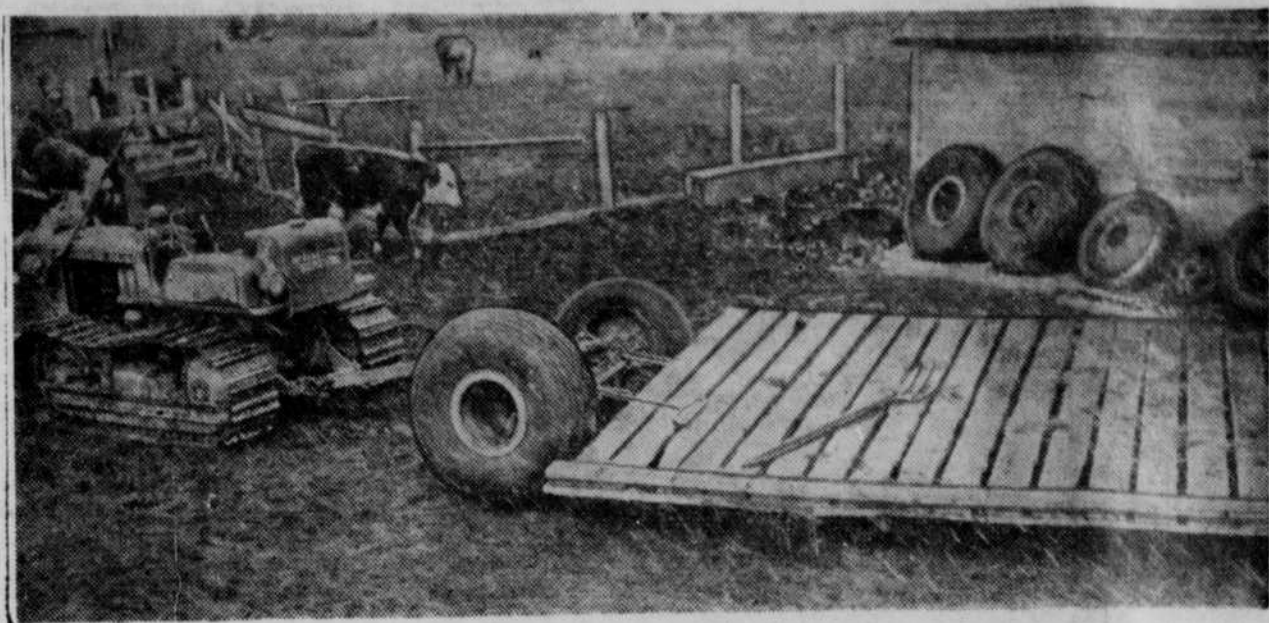
NISSEN—Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Nissen, of Omaha, an eight and one-half pound son, born Thursday, April 10, at Omaha. Mr. Nissen was formerly of Chambers.

SANDERSON—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sanderson, of Chambers, a four-pound son, born Thursday, April 10, at the Lutheran hospital at Norfolk.

SPENCER—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spencer, of Schuyler, a daughter, weighing six pounds, eight ounces, born Saturday, April 12, at Columbus. Mrs. Spencer was formerly Geratide Hull, of O'Neill. The infant has been named Diana Lynn.

STREIT—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Streit, of Portland, Ore., a daughter, weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces, born Friday, March 28, at Portland. The infant has been named Jana Marie. The mother was the former Dorothy Zach, of Lynch.

COURTNEY—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Courtney, of Lynch, a daughter, born Saturday, April 12, in the Lynch hospital.



B-29 GEAR SERVES RANCH PURPOSE

Dewey C. Schaffer, O'Neill rancher, has found a useful peacetime purpose for surplus

B-29 wheels and tires. He mounted the wheels on a 12x8 foot hay sled platform with the

result that he has one of the parts. — World-Herald News Service Photo.

DELAYED SPRING WORK UNDERWAY

Farmers About 2 Weeks Behind; Elkhorn Goes Out of Its Banks

The Spring farm work, definitely delayed about two weeks in this area, is now well underway, according to a recent survey in Holt and Boyd counties. Cold, wet and changeable weather, which characterized all of March and the first half of April, prevented earlier entry into the fields.

In the lowlands the farmer's report it is still too wet to make any progress.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes estimates that by the end of this week 25 percent of the small grain will be in the ground.

Ranchers Conserve Hay Ranchers continue to guard their dwindling supply of hay, and there have been instances already of livestock being turned onto the range because of the hay shortage.

The critical hay situation has been brought about by the half-crop last year and the high price, which took surplus hay out of the territory.

The Elkhorn river, after reaching a Spring high last Friday, has been receding steadily. It was out of its banks for several days, but no flood damage was reported.

Frequent changes in the weather during the past seven days are shown in the weather summary which follows. The summary is based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily:

Table with 4 columns: Date, Hi, Lo, Moist. Rows for April 11-16 and Totals.

29 Knights Initiated Sunday at Stuart

The Knights of Columbus initiated a class of 29 into the order at Stuart Sunday. After the initiation, a banquet was served by the Christian Mothers society.

During the banquet, musical and vocal selections were presented by a girls' trio. Addresses were given by Rev. A. J. Paschang, pastor of St. Boniface church at Stuart; George W. Detrick, district deputy, of Norfolk, and Steven Price, grand knight of the council of O'Neill.

A large delegation from O'Neill and Atkinson attended.

Among those from here attending the initiation were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Neil B. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper, Mr. and Mrs. John Donohoe, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Holly, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Corkle, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker, J. B. Ryan, M. H. Horiskey, Thomas Enright, Joseph Bazelman, Henry Schatt and Mr. and Mrs. George McCarty.

Comes from Omaha to Hear Daughter Sing

Mrs. J. A. Frenking, of Omaha, arrived Wednesday to attend the district musical contest, in which her daughter, Joan, who boards at St. Mary's academy, is a contestant. Mrs. Frenking is staying with her sister, Mrs. R. E. Gallagher and will remain in the city Sunday. Mr. Frenking and daughter, Mary Ann, and son, John J., will arrive Friday. Mrs. Frenking to Omaha Sunday for Gallagher will accompany the a short visit.

Corkles Guests at Atkinson

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Schaff, of Atkinson, had Sunday dinner at the home of Mrs. Schaff's sister, Mrs. James W. Corkle and Mr. Corkle.

O'Neill Cadet Figures in Army-Navy 'Merger'

O'Neill's Cadet Herbert Brennan, of the United States Military academy at West Point, N. Y., recently made a personal contribution to the well-known Army-Navy "merger" program. He spent three days at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, Md., as the guest of a prep school friend, Midshipman William Monaghan.

A student exchange plan is the approved way of bringing the Cadets and Midshipmen closer together.

Brennan's visit at Annapolis included attending academic classes, a formal dance, and chapel services.

It is planned that in the Summer the academies will cooperate on an amphibious training course on the Atlantic ocean.

BURNS FATAL TO FORMER PAGE MAN

Earl Scott, 45, Dies in Wyoming Hospital After Gas Accident

PAGE—Word has been received here that Earl Scott, 45, was fatally injured April 7 while he was helping install a gas system on a farm south of Lingo, Wyo. His body was badly burned and mangled and he died shortly after being taken to a Torrington, Wyo., hospital.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott and spent all of his early life in the Page vicinity. He married, with his mother, to Ft. Laramie, Wyo., about 30 years ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Pearl and Frank. He is survived by three brothers, Marshall, Amos and Charles, and three sisters, Mrs. Rose Johnson, Mrs. Gertie Milnes and Mrs. Linnie Wagner.

CHARLES BOWMAN DIES AT ATKINSON

ATKINSON—Charles Bowman, about 60, retired Holt county farmer and a lifelong resident, died today (Thursday) at his home in Atkinson. Death was caused by influenza with which he had been ill for several days.

Funeral services will be held at the Catholic church here Saturday morning and interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Never married, Mr. Bowman's survivors are five sisters: Mrs. William Ullrich, of Stuart; Mrs. William Morgan, Mrs. Charles Zornaller, Miss Ella Bowman, and Miss Mabel Bowman, all of Atkinson. His only brother, Henry Bowman, died January 1. His parents also preceded him in death.

Baler Club Seeks to Incorporate

ATKINSON—The Atkinson Baler club, sponsors of the well-known annual "Hay Days" celebration, has prepared articles of incorporation, which are expected to be filed soon. The title of the organization will be the Atkinson Baler Club, Inc.

The club has outlined its purpose "to promote and sponsor the 'Hay Days' celebration."

Bowen's Return—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen and son, Donald, returned to O'Neill late Sunday. Mrs. Bowen and Donald had been in Omaha where Donald was a patient in a hospital, and Mr. Bowen had spent four weeks in Phoenix, Ariz. He made the trip from Phoenix to Omaha by air.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Crabb and daughter and Mrs. Dorance Crabb spent Monday in Yankton, S. D.

FEAR KIN VICTIMS OF TEXAS BLAST

Fay Persons and Wife Appeal to Red Cross for News

In a fear that their daughter and her family and other relatives may be among the 800 persons killed in the chain of explosions Wednesday at Texas City, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. Fay Persons, O'Neill residents, have appealed to the American Red Cross at Galveston for information.

The Persons' daughter, Mrs. Arnold Block, her husband and her son, who is eight-years-old, have been residing since 1940 at Texas Heights, about two miles from the scene of the disaster. Mr. Persons has a brother, Floyd, and Mrs. Persons has numerous relatives in the Texas City area.

"It is possible that a number of the relatives might have been in the downtown and dock area at the time of the explosion," Mr. Persons told The Frontier. The Persons are intimate with the Texas City vicinity.

Mr. Persons said the dock area was populated principally by Mexicans and Negroes.

An estimated 800 persons were wiped out by the blast, and between one and two thousand were injured, many of them critically. The blast, which occurred at 9:15 a. m. central standard time, was touched off when a French ship loaded with nitrate exploded.

The Persons said the Galveston Red Cross headquarters would relay information as soon as it was available.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Westlake, of Alhambra, Calif., visited here Tuesday at the Herman Klingler home.

AMELIA RANCHER KILLED AT STUART

Fronk W. Prewitt, 44, Father of 6, Dies as Car Overturns

STUART—Frank W. Prewitt, 44, Amelia rancher and father of six children, was killed about 7 p. m. Tuesday when the automobile he was driving left an angling road at Stuart and overturned. Forest W. Sammons, 31, of Amelia, escaped with bruises and cuts, and Henry Traver, 35, also of Amelia, was uninjured. They were occupants of Prewitt's machine.

Funeral services for the crash victim will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church in Atkinson with Rev. W. C. Birmingham, church pastor, in charge. Burial will be in the Chambers cemetery.

State Patrolman R. R. Shorney, of Ainsworth, who investigated, said that Prewitt evidently missed a stop sign on the angling road and his car ran off the highway.

The accident occurred near the Newman service station and a number of persons witnessed the crash.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

James M. Root, 20, of 4324 North 70th, Lincoln, and Miss Alice L. Robinson, 19, of Page, April 17.

Harlan Kubart, 21, and Dorothy Dobrovolsky, 19, both of Atkinson, April 14.

Richard Porter, 31, of Atkinson, Lenora Backus, 21, of Amelia, April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher were in Sioux City Monday on business.



DRAFT ENDS

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service head, is shown checking office records. Records will be filed in state capitals. Gen. Hershey must end work in one year.

\$20,000 ADDITION FOR BELL BUILDING

Work to Begin Soon on Expansion of Phone Facilities

The O'Neill telephone building will be enlarged substantially this year to house additional telephone equipment which is required to meet the greatly increased telephone needs of O'Neill, it was announced by Mgr. Harry Petersen, of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company here. Work will be started this Spring on an addition to the rear of the present building, and it is expected that construction will be completed early next Fall. The cost of the expansion is given at \$20,000.

Since 1940, the number of telephones served by the O'Neill office has increased from 594 to 863, or 45 percent. The number of long distance calls is more than double the prewar average and is running about 16 per cent higher than a year ago, Mr. Petersen said.

Due to the increase in telephones and telephone calls, four additional switchboard positions will be added within a year, and the number of operators will be increased from 18 to about 30, he added.

In connection with the construction of the building addition, a three-car garage will be erected on the rear of the telephone company lot to accommodate three maintenance trucks. The present attached garage will be converted into a store and heater room.

The walkout of 17 telephone switchboard operators and four maintenance workers here, members of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, tomorrow (Friday) will enter its 12th day. Local service continues normal here, but long distance phoning is hampered.

The workers quit their posts in a labor-management nationwide wage dispute.

For the Love of Allah' Cast Goes to Lincoln

Students presenting the district one-act play winner, "For the Love of Allah," will attend the all-state fine arts festival and dramatic contest next week in Lincoln. The following students and the parts they play are: Queenie—Jean Callaway; Beedie—Keith Anspach; Paw—Guy Harris; Cricket—Gayl Widfeldt; A. A. Beard—Dick Connell; Maw—Alta Boatman; Josephine North—Wally Shelhamer; Josephine South—Gordon Elkins.

Miss Jean Callaway, appearing as "Queenie" in the play, was awarded the outstanding actress award at the district contest. Miss Gayle Widfeldt, who plays "Aunt Cricket," was one of five students to be picked for outstanding actresses and actors.

Also attending the contest will be Dick Connell, who won a superior rating in the district dramatic reading, "Afraid of the Dark."

Mrs. Charlotte Resseieu, director of the group, will accompany them to the contest.

Go to Scene of Kansas Tornado

CHAMBERS—Lewis Rothchild drove to Woodward, Kans., Saturday to take Mrs. Rothchild's father, who had been visiting them, to his home.

Woodward is one of the towns that was swept last week by a destructive tornado.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Birmingham left Saturday for Sioux City to visit the latter's mother, Mrs. C. E. Stout, who is ill. Mr. Birmingham returned Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward Davidson, of Cassper, Wyo., arrived this week to visit her father, R. R. Morrison, who is ill.

Dr. Burgszkowiak Heads Country Club

The directors of the O'Neill Country club met Wednesday and elected officers as follows: L. A. Burgess, president; R. M. Sauters, vice-president; E. M. Gallagher, treasurer, and J. B. Grady, secretary.

President Burgess named committees for the coming season: Club house committee—M. J. Golden, chairman, and P. C. Donohoe; grounds committee—J. B. Grady, chairman, M. J. Golden, Allen Jaszkwaiak and P. B. Harty; dance committee—H. J. Lohaus, chairman, John W. Dale Kersenbrock, Dale French and Ralph Rickly; July 4th picnic—R. E. Armorer, chairman, Charles Weatherford and H. F. Mullen; membership committee—R. M. Sauters, chairman, E. M. Gallagher and P. B. Harty; tournament committee—A. P. Jaszkwaiak and M. J. Golden, co-chairmen.

The date of the opening dance was set for May 29, and June 15-16-17 were named as dates for the annual invitation golf tournament. It will be the 26th tournament to be held by the club, which for many years has been "homecoming week" for former residents of O'Neill.

A large membership is expected this season and a special invitation is extended to newcomers and any others who are interested in the many activities offered by the club during the coming season, the officials said.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Carl Widfeldt went to Omaha Sunday to attend the funeral services for Mrs. Fred Widfeldt. The rites were held Monday. Mrs. Widfeldt is a former O'Neill resident.

Farm Bureau in First Session in Boyd County

NAPER—The first Boyd county farm bureau meeting was held April 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Poppel, with Henry Engel, of Central City, serving as chairman.

The following officers were elected: Carl Tienken, president; John Davis, vice-president; Mrs. William Poppel, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Art Martin, news reporter; Ward Barnes, legislative chairman, and William Poppel, membership chairman.

The members voted to designate the group as the White Horse Farm Bureau unit.

The second meeting will be held on May 13 at the ranch where the personnel will stage a western program.

CDA in Social Session

The Catholic Daughters held a regular social meeting Tuesday evening at the Golden hotel. Mrs. Ber. Winchell was chairman of the entertainment committee and the evening was spent playing Monte Carlo whist.

Mrs. John Melvin won high score. The door prize went to Mrs. John Turner. Mrs. Winchell was assisted by Mrs. William Martin, Mrs. Augusta McPharlin, Mrs. Carsten Hansen, Mrs. Simon Bosn, Mrs. Harold Donohoe, Berniece Huigens, and Geneva Pribil.

FARM INCOME SET AT \$8,270

The average gross income on a Nebraska farm last year was \$8,270, according to the department of agriculture's gross farm cash income for the state. Nebraska's gross was \$929,294,000, which is divided by 111,756 farms.

The department estimates Nebraska cash receipts from farm marketings for 1946 at \$899,710,000. Government payments for 1946 totaled \$24,584,000. They total \$924,294,000.

Non-money income to farmers would raise the total close to one billion dollars. This represents the value of such items as produce raised and consumed on the farm, and annual rental value of farm residences. This usually runs about seven or eight percent.

Net farm income after deduction of all operating expenses usually runs a little more than half the gross.

ASIMUS TO WILLOW RUN

Tony Asimus, of the Asimus Bros. enterprises here, will return Friday from Detroit, Mich., where he has been this week attending a meeting of Kaiser-Frazer automobile dealers. The Detroit trip included an inspection of the vast Willow Run plant where B-24 Liberator bombers were produced during World War II and where Kaiser-Frazer automobiles are now being manufactured.

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MUSICIANS GIVEN KEYS TO CITY

More Than 1,000 Will Have Competed When Contest Ends

ST. MARY'S IN LEAD

The keys to the city were turned over to more than a thousand high school musicians late Wednesday as the annual district music contest opened at St. Mary's academy and the O'Neill public school. The contest will continue through Friday.

All classes were represented in the piano solo competition Wednesday night. Today's program included contestants from class C and D schools only, while the Friday program will be devoted to class B schools—the classifications determined by enrollment.

The schools represented are Ainsworth, Atkinson, Butte, Chambers, Clearwater, Ewing, Orchard Grove, Neligh, O'Neill, Orchard, Page, Plainview, Rock county high school, Spencer, St. Mary's academy, Stuart, Tilden, Verdigre, and Wheeler county high school.

St. Mary's academy established an early lead over all other schools in classes C and D with one piano soloist, six voice superiors, and six instrumental superiors.

Wednesday Piano Solos (all classes)

The early winners include: Piano solo (all classes): Helen Kubitschek, St. Mary's; Dale Jarvis, Atkinson, and Janice Fullerton, Ainsworth, all superior.

Girls' high voice: Joan Frenking, Kathleen Flood, and Delores Fredrickson, all of St. Mary's; June Radnick, Tilden, all superior.

Thursday Vocal... Girls' medium voice: Nancy Froelich, St. Mary's, superior; Regina Mullen, St. Mary's, excellent.

Girls' low voice: Mildred Haynes, Page; Donna Kratter, Stuart, and Darlene Garrison, Tilden, all superior.

Boys' medium voice: Norman W. Luter and Bob Adams, Chambers; Bill DeLage, Wheeler county high school; Robert Werner, Meadow Grove; all superior; Arlen Miles, St. Mary's, excellent.

Boys' low voice: Charles Frady, Chambers, superior.

Instrumental (Classes C and D)

Oboe solo: Betty Humphrey, Atkinson, superior.

Flute solo: Pat Brennan, St. Mary's, superior.

Eb alto saxophone solo: Mary McClurg, Atkinson, superior.

Cornet solo: Tom Harty, St. Mary's, superior.

French horn solo: Kathryn Ann Golden, St. Mary's, superior.

Baritone horn solo: Rosaline Bon St. Mary's, superior.

Tenor horn solo: Tom French, Tilden, superior.

Tympani solo: Dan DeBacker, St. Mary's, superior.

Baton twirlers: Evelyn Friedel, Atkinson, superior; Leona Ingram, Wheeler county high school.

Cornet or trumpet trio: Orchard and St. Mary's, both superior.

Saxophone quartette: Atkinson, superior.

Vocal... Girls' trio: St. Mary's and Chambers, both superior.

Girls' sextette: Orchard and Stuart, both superior.

Girls' octette: Tilden, superior.

Mixed octette: St. Mary's, superior.

Class D bands: Wheeler county high school and Orchard, superior.

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APRIL 30 DEADLINE FOR AG PROGRAM

Holt county farmers this week were reminded by Harry E. Reszel, chairman of the Holt county AAA committee, that April 30 is the last day on which they may sign for the 1947 practices under the agricultural conservation program of the department of agriculture.

"All practices that are to qualify for Government assistance under the ACP program must have prior approval by the AAA committee," he said.

About 1,700 farmers of Holt county have filed their farm plans at the office here, and there are about 200 who have not filed.

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