

FRED VITT, WIFE WED 50 YEARS

Both Immigrated from Bohemia as Children; Raise Family of 10 HOLD OPEN - HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vitt, both natives of Bohemia and Holt county residents for 66 years, Sunday observed their golden wedding anniversary at their home six miles south of O'Neill.

The event was marked with a family gathering, a dinner, and an open-house for friends and relatives during the afternoon. Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, of St. Patrick's Catholic church here, performed the ceremony that united Mr. Vitt and the former Miss Mary Erychleb in marriage. It was the first marriage rite performed by Msgr. McNamara, who was then assistant parish priest at Sacred Heart Catholic at Norfolk. The wedding took place in St. Peter's Catholic church at Stanton on May 5, 1897. Msgr. McNamara was also present for the golden wedding.

Both 75-Years-Old
Both Mr. and Mrs. Vitt came to the United States at the age of seven. Born in 1872, they are now 75-years-old and enjoy good health. They are among the oldest settlers in the county and have figured prominently in community life.

The Vitts became the parents of 10 children. The eldest, Joseph, died at the age of 24. The others are: Mrs. J. Stanley Pritchard, of Omaha; John, of O'Neill; Mrs. Archie Faulhaber, of Sauk Center, Minn.; Fred, of Boone, Ia.; Louis, of O'Neill; George, of Omaha; Mrs. Ed Plantz, of Omaha; Mrs. Edith Davis, of Omaha, and Edmond, of Lakeview, Ore. Edith and Edmond were unable to be present for Sunday's celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Vitt have 23 grandchildren, most of whom were present at the gathering.

FALL FROM TRAILER INJURES BOY, 5

REDBIRD—Delyn Pickering, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pickering, was badly hurt Saturday on a highway three-fourths of a mile south of Redbird.

The boy was riding in a trailer being drawn by a tractor driven by Mr. Pickering.

The strong wind caused the youngster to lose his balance and he fell onto the road. He was immediately taken to the hospital at Lynch where attendants say that his condition is "good."

LEGION TO RUN PAGE SOFTBALL

PAGE — Members of the American Legion here will assume management of the softball games this summer, according to present plans.

The war veterans have already begun working on the diamond and building new fences.

Regularly scheduled games are expected to begin late in May.

BETTY GALLAGHER IS 'MAY QUEEN'

Miss Betty Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, of O'Neill, today (Thursday) was elected May queen at St. Mary's academy.

Miss Gallagher is a senior.

Rev. Rogers to Appear at Inman and O'Neill

Rev. Clyde N. Rogers, of Lincoln, executive secretary of the town and country commission of the Methodist church in Nebraska, will preach at the Methodist churches in Inman and O'Neill Sunday morning, according to Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis.

Rural Youth Meet Friday Night

Members of the O'Neill Rural Youth group will meet Friday at the Holt county courthouse annex.

The program will include a talk by Judge D. R. Mounts, of the Holt county district court, who will speak on "Courts and Law." The group will move to the district courtroom for Judge Mounts' talk.

Here from Wakefield

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sundell and sons, of Wakefield, were dinner guests last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Sundell's brother, George C. Robertson, and Mrs. Robertson.

Inventors Taken from Attics Accounts for Chemurgy Progress

"America has made 50 years of progress in 10 years by taking its inventors out of sheds and attics and putting them into modern research laboratories," V. S. Peterson, of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours company, told 21 members of the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting today (Thursday).

"The whole story of our economic system, which has produced by far the highest standard of living the world has ever known, is bound up in this process," he said.

Mr. Peterson told his O'Neill audience how rayon, nylon and the plastics field had expanded into making thousands of jobs that never before existed. He showed representative samples of various stages of development in the plastics



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industry, including some in the experimental stage.

The speaker said that the reason for the advance is because "somewhere along the line people learned that everybody would gain if science, labor, and capital got together, first, to share the risks; second, to share the problems; and third, to share the benefits."

Mr. Peterson's appearance here was made possible through the Chicago and North Western Railway company. Raymond F. Lund, of Rapid City, S. D., an agricultural agent for the line, accompanied the du Pont representative.

The next regular meeting of the Chamber will be at 6:45 p. m. Tuesday at the Golden hotel dining room. Secretary James W. Rooney announced.

FROST DAMAGE NEGLIGIBLE HERE

Mercury Dips to 29 Early Wednesday; Winds Prevail

An unseasonal freeze early Wednesday failed to inflict any real damage, according to reports from various sections of the county.

The mercury dipped to a low of 29 here, Government Observer Elmer Bowen reported. Although the frost might have blighted some early garden plants the damage appeared to be negligible.

Meanwhile, spring winds have visited this section almost daily for more than a week. Some reports indicate that the wind has dried the top soil and in some instances damaged small grain.

Other reports show that the winds were beneficial, drying lowlands which heretofore have been too wet to work.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes said that Holt county was "as far along as other sections of the state."

Most of the cattle are still on the meadows, but soon will be turned onto the range.

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

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist.
May 2	65	38	
May 3	70	43	
May 4	82	47	
May 5	79	40	
May 6	50	36	27
May 7	53	29	
May 8	55	41	

JAMES BAILEY, 79, DIES IN ARKANSAS

EMMET — James Bailey, 79, for 25 years a resident in the O'Neill and Emmet communities, died last week in Dutch Mills, Ark.

A native of Tennessee, he grew to manhood there and married Jeannie Bell in 1894. Several years after their marriage they moved to Holt county.

They became the parents of 12 children, four of whom died in infancy.

Mrs. Bailey died two months ago at Dutch Mills, where the couple had been residing in recent years.

Survivors include eight children, 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, Jack Bailey, of O'Neill, is a son and Mrs. Frank Foreman, of Emmet, is a daughter of the late Mr. Bailey.

Out-of-Towners Here for Beha Services

Among the out-of-town persons attending the funeral rites here last Thursday for William G. Beha, 80, were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Vestuba, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, of Lincoln; John Beha, of Omaha; Mr. Oscar Lahley, of Lincoln; Mr. Oscar and Mrs. Joseph Beha and family, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Elizabeth Carr of Lincoln, and Mrs. Paul Schlentz, of Elgin.

Services were held at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara officiating. Mr. Beha died April 29 following a seven-weeks' illness.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Richard M. Naper, 21, and Miss Mary Lou Fry, 19, both of Ewing, May 5.

Dewey E. Struebing, 22, of 213 W. 11 St., Grand Island, and Marilyn B. Harley, 19, of Chambers, May 8.

Virgil Metschke, of Fremont, spent the weekend here with his wife.

'TAG DAY' PART OF CANCER DRIVE

EMMET — The following community chairmen for the Holt county cancer fund drive have been named by Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet, the Holt chairman:

Mrs. Ralph Rickly, O'Neill; Mrs. Lewis Dickerson, Atkinson; Mrs. Pete Brion, Ewing; Mrs. Kenneth Adams, Chambers; Mrs. Ira Watson, Inman; Mrs. Buv Wanser, Page; Mrs. Ora Yarges, Stuart; and Mrs. Bert Gaffney, Emmet.

Mrs. Cole said that home extension clubs will sponsor the drive in the rural areas. The campaign will continue through May.

A "tag day" is planned for O'Neill on Saturday, May 17.

FULL-TIME SCOUT WORKER PLANNED

A full-time Boy Scout executive, who will reside in the district, was voted recently at a meeting at Bassett attended by representatives from Holt, Boyd, Keya Paha, Brown and Cherry counties.

The decision to employ the full-time worker is expected to increase interest in scouting and will help carry the Boy Scout movement to a potential group of 2,100 Scouts in Holt and Boyd counties alone. At present there are about 200 Scouts and Cub Scouts in the two-county region.

The expanded program of scouting in this district will necessitate the raising of considerable more money than has been needed in the past, a spokesman in O'Neill said today (Thursday). It is estimated that 69 3/4 cents of every Scout dollar is spent in the individual Scout's program, 29-cents goes for district administration, and 1 1/4-cents is used by the national Boy Scout council.

A fund-raising drive for the Scouts is planned in O'Neill for the week beginning Sunday, May 18. Details of the drive will be announced later.

St. Mary's Omaha Alumnae in Dinner

OMAHA—The Omaha alumnae of St. Mary's academy at O'Neill will meet for a dinner on Sunday, May 18, at 5:30 p. m. at the Birchwood club.

The meeting site is located at Redick and Minne Lusa boulevards in Omaha.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. W. P. Wagner, whose telephone is Glenwood 1710, or Mrs. Thomas Regan, whose number is Wash 7610.

Twofold Purpose for Disabled Vets in Making of Poppies

Disabled veterans at the Veterans' hospital in Lincoln are rushing completion of memorial poppies which will be worn in honor of the war dead on poppy day, May 24, according to Mrs. Dean Streeter, poppy chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary here.

The unit has already received the 1500 poppies which will be distributed here. All of the little red flowers are individually shaped by hand, providing employment for veterans unable to do other work.

Making poppies at the hospital is directed by the Nebraska Department of the Auxiliary, which provides the materials, instructs the workers, and pays for the flowers produced. Veterans of both world wars are employed, older veterans of World War I alongside of the younger vets of World War II.

O'NEILL BAND IN RADIO CONCERT

50-Piece Public School Band to Be Heard Over WJAG

The O'Neill high school band, under the direction of Supt. Ira George, will be heard Wednesday in a radio broadcast over station WJAG, Norfolk. The program will originate in the Norfolk city auditorium.

Supt. George has selected a two-part program. The first-half of the concert will be from 3 to 3:30 p. m.; the second-half from 4 to 4:30 p. m.

The 50-piece band will be transported to Norfolk via chartered bus.

This is the first appearance in recent years of the O'Neill high school band on station WJAG. St. Mary's academy band was heard over the same station in 1945 and 1946.

The program:

March, "Amperito Roca," by Texidor; cornet solo, "Napoli," by Herman Bellstedt — Delores DeBolt; overture, "Poet and Peasant," Von Suppe; tuba solo, "Emmet's Lullaby," by Holmes — Paul Moeman; march, "South Rampart Street," by Bauduc. Interval.

March, "His Honor," by Fillmore, cornet trio, "Echoes of Old Vienna," by Leitzner — Delores DeBolt, Ted Lindberg, and Duane Booth; selection, "In a Persian Market," by Ketelbey; popular, "El Rancho Grande," by Uranga; selection, "American Patrol," by Meeham - Yoder; march, "The Footlifter," by Fillmore.

The band will be heard in a short concert at 1 p. m. the same day at the Norfolk high school auditorium.

SIMAR SHOP SOLD TO ALBION MAN

The Frontier learned today (Thursday) that Mrs. Helen Simar, owner of the Apparel Shop here, has sold her ladies' clothing store to W. A. Doering, of Albion.

About a year ago Mr. Doering purchased at Albion the Silk sisters' store, which is also a ladies' shop.

Mrs. Simar entered business here in 1930. She did not operate for several years, and in 1937 reopened her store two doors east of Bowen's Ben Franklin store on Douglas street.

Both Case of Tribb, S. D. will manage the firm here, Mr. Doering said.

Mrs. Simar announced that her plans include "a good rest."

RENINGER RITES HELD AT NORFOLK

CHAMBERS — Funeral services for William W. Reninger, 85, of Avon Park, Fla., a Holt county resident between 1914 and 1920, were held Sunday at the First Baptist church in Norfolk. He died April 25 at Lakeland, Fla.

Burial was in the Hillcrest Memorial cemetery. Six grandsons, including Norman Reninger, of Chambers, were pallbearers.

Mr. Reninger was born September 14, 1861, at Iowa City, Ia. He was married to Dora Teller, of McCook, S. D., on February 14, 1886. Their first home was a log cabin near Jackson.

They owned and operated a ranch near Chambers until 1920 when they retired and moved to Norfolk.

Survivors include the widow; eight daughters — Mrs. Grace Ferguson, of Independence, Mo.; Mrs. Mary Peters, of Laporte, Ia.; Mrs. Mildred Brubaker, of Norfolk; Mrs. Lillian Bowers, of Norfolk; Mrs. Blanche McFee, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Ebeley, of Omaha; Mrs. Dora Brown, of Hastings; Mrs. Ruby Castine, of Ocala, Fla.; three sons — William D. Reninger, jr., of Chambers; Harry J. and Golden R. Reninger, both of Sioux City.

Among those from Chambers attending the rites, besides the Reninger family, were: Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Adams, Milton Grimes, Mrs. Cora Wvart, Mrs. Wade Grubb, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Brady, Warren Gribble, and Mrs. George Rector, of O'Neill.

Mrs. Reninger plans to make her home with Mrs. Ferguson at Independence, Mo.

Visit at Stuart

Mr. and Mrs. R. Marcellus and family visited Mr. Marcellus' family, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Marcellus, Sunday at Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Coil entertained for the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hagen and daughter, Pamela, of Sioux City.

ROBECK LOW IN PIPE-LAYING BID

Omaha Firm Expects to Finish City Job by Late Summer

The Charles Robeck Construction company, of Omaha, Tuesday night was awarded the contract for laying the pipe in connection with the city's project for improving the water system. The Robeck bid of \$30,368.66 was low and will include the "dewatering" of the ditches, which will be undertaken for a flat \$3,200 that is incorporated in the above figure.

The Robeck firm will lay the pipe from the site of the two new city wells, situated two miles south of town, to the vicinity of the city council chamber on South Fourth street.

The letting of the pipe-laying contract is the final major business phase of the expansion program.

The two new wells, drilled by the Kelley Well company, of Grand Island, cost \$6,512; the pipe for tying into the present system cost \$34,299.36; the purchase and installation of new pumps, sold by the Layne Western company, cost \$6,674; the engineering fees are estimated at \$4,800; the two new pump houses will cost an estimated \$3,500; Robeck's \$30,368.66 brings the total cost to approximately \$86,000.

'Piece-Meal' Cheaper

By breaking down the project into "piece-meal" contracts the council effected a savings of an estimated \$7,800 under the original bids made in January. Part of this savings, a spokesman explained, is in the "dewatering" process. The ditches in the Elkhorn river valley will be filled with water. This must be pumped-out before the pipe-laying can be completed. Those bidding for the pipe-laying job varied in their estimates of the "dewatering" requirements. The balance of the savings was accomplished in the purchase of pipes.

The pipe is expected to arrive in July and the pipe-laying will begin in about 10 days thereafter.

It is expected that the Robeck firm will complete the pipe-laying in about 60 days after work is begun.

City Council in Special Session

The city council will meet in special session Monday night to reorganize for the new year and to give further consideration to a plan for revamping city ordinances.

Mayor F. J. Dishner said that in the meantime he would make council appointments.

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Rural Pupils Hear Puerto Rican Speak

PAGE — Gene Garcia, of Puerto Rico, a student at Norfolk junior college, was a weekend guest of Terry Taylor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Taylor.

Mr. Garcia spoke Friday afternoon before the pupils of the Emporia and district 67 rural schools, telling his listeners about his native country. The Emporia school is taught by Mrs. Taylor and district 67 is taught by Mrs. Owen Parks.

Both Mr. Garcia and his host returned Sunday to their college work at Norfolk.

Neighbor 45 Years Ago Makes a Visit

CHAMBERS—Frank Zuroske, of Greeley, recently dropped in on the Jake Hoerle family near here. It was the first visit in 45 years.

The Hoerles and Zuroskes were neighbors nearly a half-century ago.

23 MUSICIANS TO VIE AT ST. JOE

Both Schools Sending Delegations to National Music Event

Twenty-three O'Neill school pupils—12 from St. Mary's academy and 11 from O'Neill high school—will compete Saturday in the national high school music contest to be held at St. Joseph, Mo.

The contestants, accompanied by four instructors, five accompanists, and four chaperons, will depart Friday evening on two chartered buses. They will compete on Saturday and will return Sunday.

In St. Joseph the O'Neill group will headquarter at the Robidoux hotel.

Students making the trip are:

From St. Mary's—Alice Biglin, Patricia Brennan, Joan Frenking, Kathleen Flood, Betty Gallagher, Tom Hart, Regina Mullen, Betty White, Martha Mullen, Helen Kubitschek, Rosalind Bosa, Dan DeBacker, Dolores Fredrickson, Charlotte Funk, and Kathryn Golden.

From O'Neill high — Ivalyn Brady, Duane Booth, Richard Connell, Delores DeBolt, Marjorie Hungerford, Guy Clifford Harris, Ted Lindberg, Paul Moeman, Wally Shelhamer, Helen Urton, and Gayl Widtfeldt.

The instructors that will accompany the students are Supt. George and Mrs. John Watson, of the public school, and Sisters Flores and Amelia, of the academy.

Accompanists and chaperons include Mrs. P. B. Harty, Mrs. M. J. Golden, Miss Bernadette Brennan, Robert Parkins, Mrs. John Harbottle, Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek, Miss Es'her Kinnier and Miss Blye Eckman.

O'NEILL ROCKETS OPEN SUNDAY

The O'Neill Rockets, independent baseball club which recently acquired a new name, will open the season Sunday in a game against Clearwater.

The game will be played at Clearwater.

Dick Tomlinson is the boss of the O'Neill team.

Mrs. Clements New CDA Grand Regent

At a regular business meeting at the Golden hotel, Tuesday evening, the O'Neill chapter of the CDA elected the following officers:

Grand regent, Mrs. Frank Clements; vice-regent, Mrs. John Hickey; phopetess, Miss Mary Ann Janousek, (re-elected); lecturer, Mrs. Harold Donohoe; historian, Mrs. J. L. McCarville, jr.; financial secretary, Miss Mariar Bosa; treasurer, Miss Martha Janousek; monitor, M's. Ivan Pruss; sentinel, Miss Kathleen Warnke; organist, Mrs. Robert E. Armbruster; trustees, Mrs. Edna Coyne and Mrs. Merle Hickey.

The new entertainment committee will be headed by Mrs. Francis Kelly with Mrs. Clyde Wilson, Mrs. Earl Bauld, Mrs. Harold Donohoe, Mrs. Thomas A. Greene, Miss Geneva Pribil, Miss Bernice Huigens and Mrs. John Melvin.

Refreshments were served. The all-cut prize was won by Mrs. Dan Troshynski and Miss Marian Bosa was recipient of the door prize.

VETERAN PILOT DIES IN CRASH

Robert A. Golden, 26, Killed in California; Born Here

FUNERAL FRIDAY

Robert A. Golden, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Parnell Golden, of Omaha, was killed Tuesday in an airplane crash near Stockton, Calif. Young Golden, a co-owner in a flying school at Stockton, was aloft with a student pilot when their plane plunged to the ground, killing both men.

The Golden youth was born in O'Neill in June, 1920. As a small child he moved with his parents to Casper, Wyo., where he graduated from Casper high school. Following graduation he attended the University of Omaha and went from the university into the Army Air Forces. He served during World War II as an Air Transport Command pilot flying the famous "hump" between India and China.

He was in the service for over three years.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 9 a. m. at St. Cecelia's Catholic Cathedral in Omaha.

Survivors include the parents; three brothers — Frank, of San Francisco, Calif.; Richard, of Omaha, and Thomas, of San Diego, Calif.; one sister—Mary, of Omaha; and numerous other relatives including Mrs. F. J. Dishner, Mrs. Peter Morgan and M. J. Golden, all of O'Neill, aunts and uncle of the crash victim.

The eldest brother, Frank, will accompany the body to Omaha for the burial.

Nephew Dies in Air Accident

CHAMBERS — Glen Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, of Riverport, Wyo., and a nephew of Mrs. C. E. Tibbets and Mrs. Genevieve Bell, of Chambers, died in an airplane accident last week in California.

Details of the crash have not been received by the relatives here.

CLUB EVENT ATTRACTS 400

ATKINSON — An estimated 400 women, members of Holt county home extension clubs, gathered at the Atkinson public school auditorium for achievement day activities which featured Miss Helen Shepard, of Chicago, Ill., home economist for the National Livestock and Meat board.

Her cooking demonstrations, readily impressed the audience, comprised mainly of homemakers. Some of the dishes which she cooked were distributed among the audience.

Each of the county's 24 home extension clubs participated. Musical numbers and skits featured the entertainment.

Mrs. E. A. Bouska, of Stuart, chairman of the Holt extension council, was in charge of arrangements, which were worked out in cooperation with the Holt county extension service.

CHILD, 3, SCALDED BY BATH WATER

PAGE — Pat Wettlaufer, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wettlaufer, was scalded severely Friday when he fell backwards into a tub of hot water that was being prepared for his bath.

He was rushed to a doctor where burns on his lower back were treated.

His condition is "satisfactory," his parents report.