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## O'NEILL WINS MUSIC HONORS

### 7 Top Awards Won in National Prep Contest at St. Joseph

Twenty-three O'Neill music pupils, competing Saturday in the midwest division of the national high school music contest at St. Joseph, Mo., captured one "highly superior" rating and six "superior" ratings in a field of 2,300 contestants representing nine states.

Miss Kathleen Flood, of St. Mary's academy, was judged "highly superior" in the girls' high voice division. This was as high an award given and the division was regarded as highly competitive. Miss Flood is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Flood.

"Superior" ratings were issued to Daniel DeBacker, of St. Mary's, tympani solo; Joan Frenking, of St. Mary's, girls' high voice; Helen Urton, of O'Neill high, girls' high voice; Paul Moseman, of O'Neill high, tuba solo; girls' trio, of St. Mary's, (composed of Dolores Frederickson, Charlotte Funk and Regina Mullen), and brass sextette, of O'Neill high, (composed of Dolores DeBolt, Ted Lindberg,



## VITTS SPEND HALF-CENTURY TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vitt, a prominent O'Neill couple, are shown cutting their golden wedding anniversary cake while Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara (right) and Rev. Cyril J. Werner, both of St. Patrick's Catholic church here, look on. The Vitts marked the completion of a half-century of married life with a family gathering and

open-house on May 4 at their place, six miles south of O'Neill.

Mrs. McNamara officiated in the rites that united in marriage Mr. Vitt and Miss Mary Erychleb at Stanton on May 5, 1897. As a newly ordained priest, it was his first nuptial mass.

Both born in Bohemia, they immigrated to America at the age of seven. Mr. and Mrs. Vitt have reared a family of 10 children, nine of whom are living. Most of their descendants were present for the golden anniversary celebration.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## ROCKETS OPEN WITH 3-3 TIE

### Darkness Closes in on 13-Inning Pitching Duel at Clearwater

CLEARWATER—The O'Neill Rockets and Clearwater battled to a 3-3 13-inning tie here Sunday and the game had to be called because of darkness.

It was a pitcher's battle. Bowers, of Clearwater, fanning 21 O'Neill stickmen, and Danny Helmer, of O'Neill, set down 17 before he was relieved in the ninth by Ed Schmidt, who struckout six and yielded no hits in the last three frames.

Clearwater will return the visit July 13.

The boxscore:

O'NEILL (3)	AB	R	H
Oakeson, 2d	3	1	2
Ellington, rf	3	0	1
Tomjack, c	5	0	1
Schmitt, ss-p	4	0	0
Calkins, 3d	3	0	0
Morrow, 1st	4	1	0
Hungerford, lf	2	1	1
Graham, cf	2	0	0
Helmer, p	5	0	0
Bright, 2d	3	0	0
Sipes, rf	3	0	0
Tomlinson, lf-c	1	0	0
Tibbets, ss-cf	3	0	0
Totals	41	3	5

CLEARWR (3)	AB	R	H
W. Holm, cf	5	0	0
Mitchell, rf	4	1	1
Krenzien, 3d	3	2	1
C. Holm, ss	4	0	0
F. Nolze, 1st	5	0	1
L. Rice, lf	5	0	1
Bearinger, c	5	0	0
Lee, 2d	5	0	1
Bowers, p	5	0	0
Schuster, p	1	0	0
Totals	43	3	5

## 80 Seniors to Graduate Here

### Rev. Krejci to Deliver Sermon to 35 Grads at St. Mary's

Thirty-five St. Mary's academy seniors will culminate their school work here in graduation ceremonies at St. Patrick's Catholic church at 10 a. m. on Friday, May 23.

The class includes:

John Bohn, Kathryn Boyle, Mary DeVine Brennan, Constance Donlin, Blye Eckman, Kathleen Flood, Dolores Frederickson, Jane Froelich, Jean Froelich, Charlotte Funk, Betty Gallagher, Jerome Gallagher, Maxine Golden, Caroline Gran, Larry Higgins, Loretta Higgins,

### PHOTOS 'CROWDED OUT'

Individual photographs of O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy 1947 senior class members will appear in the May 22 issue of The Frontier. The photos were "crowded out" of this issue.

Edward Hynes, Lou Ann Iler, Helen Kubitschek, Margaret Langan, Norma Mann, James Marne, Rita McMahon, Margaret McPhee, Regina Mullen, Donald Murphy, Mary Murphy, Frances Nollette, Anna Lee O'Bryan, Norma Pojar, Marilyn Roggash, Francis Rohde, Jerry Tomjack, Dorothy Willson, and Mary Ellen Zarr.

Rev. Albert Krejci, of Lynch, will deliver the graduation sermon. Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara will be in charge of the service.

### Banquet, 'Prom' Held Tuesday

Tuesday evening St. Mary's academy was the scene of the annual junior-senior banquet and "prom." Festivities began at 5:30 p. m. with a tea dance, followed by a banquet. Afterwards, the students and guests resumed dancing in the gymnasium, which was decorated in a Central Park motif with branches of Spring flowers in a sunken garden predominating.

Miss Nancy Froelich, president of the junior class, gave a short talk. Miss Maxine Bauer, vice-president, read the junior tribute, which consisted of limelight sketches about each senior. A religious pantomime was portrayed by Eileen Stanton. The program ended with the juniors taking the seniors to the theater.

Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, Rev. Cyril J. Werner, Mr. and Mrs. Ira George, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pruss and Joseph Biglin were guests.

### Class Night Planned

Class night for the St. Mary's seniors will be next Thursday at 8 p. m. in the school assembly.

The following program has been announced: Introduction, Betty Gallagher and Blye Eckman; salutatory, Lou Ann Iler; class song, by the class; SMA "broadcast," John Bohn, master of ceremonies; class poem, Constance Donlin; class will, John John; valedictory, Devine Brennan; "Bells of St. Mary's" by the class.

### Alumni Banquet Planned Sunday

St. Mary's alumni will gather for the annual banquet at the school room in the academy Sunday. Between 150 and 200 graduates are expected to be present.

### Judge Mounts Addresses Chambers Graduates

CHAMBERS—The 14 members of the Chambers high school senior class receiving diplomas at Tuesday night's commencement exercises are Robert Adams, Marv Lou Butts, Bernard Cooke, Zella Edwards, Darwin Harley, Richard Harley, Gerald McClenahan, Duane McKay, Ray Miller, Duane Porter, Joe Scott, Stanley Thompson, and Mrs. Thompson and Raymond Walter.

District Judge D. R. Mounts, O'Neill, was the commencement speaker. His topic was "Fundamentals of Freedom."

Valedictory honors went to Gerald McClenahan and salutatory honors went to Richard Harley.

Baccalaureate services were held Sunday evening at the school auditorium. Rev. L. A. Dale delivered the sermon, the St. Paul Lutheran church choir sang "A Mighty Fortress," and the high school mixed chorus was heard in "Now the Day is Over."

The junior-senior banquet was held last Thursday evening. The motif was a rainbow against a deep blue background.

### O'Neill High's 45 Seniors to Receive Diplomas Wednesday

Forty-five O'Neill high school seniors will receive their diplomas in commencement exercises at the school auditorium next Wednesday. Dr. Frank O. McIntyre, dean of the Norfolk junior college, will deliver the commencement address.

Members of the class are: Arlene Beckwith, Alta Boatman, Lois Bredehoff, Ardell Bright, Helen Burival, Ima Jean Calkins, Raymond Calkins, Phyllis Callaway, Leola Carey, Richard Connell, Delores DeBolt, Cleora DeGross, Mabel Derickson, Wilma Evans, Margaret Gribble, Dorothy Hamilton, Lois Harmon, Guy Harris, Bill Hartman, Wilma Houchin, Dale Huebert, Richard Hungerford.

Mary Jones, Glenasa Kenny, Ilene Kloepfer, Naomi Knepper, Evelyn Lindberg, Berna Dean Miller, Marion Miller, Mabel Neal, Dorothy Nekolite, Wilma Nelson, Alvin Ott, Carol Pruss, Dick Remy, Elaine Ressel, Fred Ristow, Donald Saindon, Ivan Saindon, Ethel Suchy, Richard Tibbets, Doris Tomlinson, Donna Whaley, Connie Lou Williams, William Yantzi.

The commencement program follows: Processional, "Tannhauser," by Wagner, O'Neill high school band; invocation, Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, of the Methodist church; cornet solo, selected, Delores DeBolt; presentation of eighth grade diplomas, Supt. Ira George; vocal solo, selected, Guy Clifford Harris; presentation of scholarships, Prin. F. E. Saindon; address, Dr. McIntyre; presentation of diplomas, Dr. L. A. Burgess, president of the board of education; benediction, Rev. J. M. Cummings, Assembly of God; recessional.

The eighth grade graduates are: Donna Crabb, Joan Connell, Loretta Foreman, Barbara Hancock, Marjorie Huebert, Colleen Hartrout, Janice Johnson, Alice Knepper, Le Verna Nekolite, Phyllis Parks, Phyllis Seger, Mavis Stry, Yvonne Wyant. John Brady, Jerry Fox, Roland Green, Carroll Hatley, Vernon Johnson, Ted Lindberg, Donald Lindquist, Don Peterson, La Vern Snoward, Frank McKenny.

### Baccalaureate Set for Sunday

Baccalaureate services for O'Neill high school's 1947 graduating class will be held at 8 p. m. Sunday in the school auditorium. The sermon, entitled "What to Do with Life Today?" will be delivered by Rev. Kenneth J. Scott, of the First Presbyterian church.

The program: Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," by Elgar, Miss Esther Kinnier and Mrs. Elizabeth Horbottle; opening hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," audience; invocation, Rev. Melvin Grosenbaugh, of the Holiness chapel; special music, "Just For Today," by Paul Ambrose, and "A Glad Prayer," by Ervina J. Stenson, sung by the O'Neill high school girls' sextette; scripture reading, Philippians III, Rev. Grosenbaugh; special music, "Invictus," by Bruno Huhn, Richard Connell; evening prayer, Rev. Grosenbaugh; hymn, "I Would Be True," audience; sermon, Rev. Scott; hymn, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," audience; benediction, Rev. Grosenbaugh; recessional.

### 15 Page Seniors Receive Diplomas

PAGE—Fifteen Page high school seniors received their diplomas at commencement exercises Monday night. They are: Tillie Bartos, Richard Cunningham, Mildred Haynes, Darrell Heiss, Richard Heiss, Richard Holliday, Lolajan Ickes, Keith Kennedy, Irena Lust, Owen Parkinson, James Parka, Alvie Robinson, Naomi Steinberg, Barbara Trowbridge and Ronald Wood.

J. R. Johnson, of Wayne State Teachers college, delivered the address entitled "Future Frontiers."

Scholarships awards went to Barbara Trowbridge, Mildred Haynes and Darrell Heiss; citizenship awards, Mildred Haynes and Keith Kennedy. Baccalaureate services were held Sunday evening at the school. Rev. R. L. Gowan delivered the sermon, entitled "Book of Books." Others on the program were Mrs. Evelyn Lamason, Rev. Carl E. Rayburn, a girls' vocal group, Mildred Haynes, and Barbara Trowbridge.

## HAIL DAMAGE SLIGHT HERE

### Accompanying Rain Nets 40-Inches Late Wednesday

Late Wednesday O'Neill was visited by a 10-minute barrage of hail stones of varying sizes. The hail was accompanied by torrents of rain that took the form of a miniature cloudburst. Within a few minutes after the storm began, the gutters in the O'Neill district were full of water.

The hail stones might have been gathered by the shovel-full on the south side of Douglas street.

Rain was general over the territory. Little damage was done except to some fruit trees in blossom and to some early vegetables.

Meanwhile, farmers in the O'Neill region have been pressing their Spring operations in an effort to overcome the enforced delay which was brought about by a cold April. Many farmers are still about two weeks behind schedule.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes reports an "even keel" in regard to the farm labor picture. He says that the requests for farm help at his office are currently keeping up with the supply.

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

	Hi	Lo	Moist.
May 9	59	35	
May 10	59	47	
May 11	75	54	
May 12	73	50	.02
May 13	66	45	.03
May 14	73	49	.19
May 15	85	55	.40
Total			.64

## LEGION BUYS 5-LOT BUILDING SITE

CHAMBERS—At a public auction held Saturday afternoon, Louis Nielson purchased the American Legion hall here for the sum of \$1,925. Dr. J. W. Gill purchased the Isaacson house, owned by Paul Roth, in the north section of town.

The Legion purchased five lots in the south part of Chambers where a new and larger hall will be built soon.

## Attend Legion Ball Meeting at Norfolk

H. J. Lohaus, Stanley Holly and John T. Sullivan Monday attended an organizational meeting of the American Legion Junior baseball league in this section.

The Legion club will wear red-and-grey uniforms this season provided by the Lohaus Motor company and the Ford Motor company.

## PROMOTION DATE FIXED

County Superintendent of Schools Elja McCullough has fixed Tuesday, May 27, as the date for the Holt county eighth grade promotional exercises. Miss McCullough estimates 170 eighth graders will receive diplomas.

## 4 Generations Gather at Walker Home

PAGE—The C. E. Waiker home here was the scene of a four-generation gathering on a mother's day. Guests were Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. Evelyn Gray; her grandmother, Mrs. P. T. Stevens.

Also present was Ralph Gray, of Inman.

## HURT IN FALL

REDBIRD—Judy, the three-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Truax, sr., who is spending a vacation with her grandparents, fell on the cement walk May 7 and cracked a bone in her arm. She was taken to the Lynch doctor where the arm was placed in a cast. Her home is in Omaha.

## LIONS DANCE NETS HOSPITAL \$482.20

The benefit dance sponsored Tuesday evening by the Lions club netted \$482.20 for the O'Neill hospital fund, it was announced Wednesday by Ralph Rickly, Lions club president.

Mr. Rickly said that 700 admissions were sold at \$1.20 each, including tax. The expenses included: \$140, taxes; \$150, orchestra; \$65.75, advertising, and \$17.05, miscellaneous.

The club president said that the Lions "are very grateful to Charles Fleming, the proprietor of the Danceland ballroom, for donating the use of the ballroom, the lights, and policing."

"The Lions wish to thank others who helped make the affair a success, including the girls who sold the tickets, those who entertained at intermission, and those who purchased tickets," he added.

Dean C. Reed flew to Minneapolis, Minn., for the weekend to attend a convention.

## SCALDING FATAL TO PAGE CHILD

### 'Pat' Wettlaufer, 3, Dies Saturday in O'Neill Hospital

Andrew P. ("Pat") Wettlaufer, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wettlaufer, of near Page, died Saturday at the O'Neill hospital as a result of burns received from a fall into a tub of hot water.

The accident took place May 2 at the Wettlaufer farm home while the child's mother was preparing his bath. He died seven days later.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Methodist church here with Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, church pastor, and Rev. Carl Rayburn, of the Page Methodist church, officiating. The church overflowed with people who had gathered for the service.

Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were Gene Mudloff, Edward Sweat, Gerald Snyder and Rodger Bowen.

Andrew Patton Wettlaufer was born August 13, 1943, at Wayneville, Mo., when his father was in the military service.

## Dick Hungerford Wins Nebraska 'U' Award

Dick Hungerford, outstanding O'Neill high school trackman has been awarded a University of Nebraska full-blue numeral by Track Coach Weir.

Other prep athletes in the state receiving recognition include Lorraine Montgomery and Harry Lampert, both of Ewing full-blue, and Rex Stowell and Jerry Koenig, both of Ewing, half-blue.



## 'SUNSET TEA' FOR 9 LADIES

A sunset tea, honoring ladies over 70 years of age, was sponsored recently by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church here.

Among the guests were

those pictured above, (left-to-right): Mrs. Frank Bowen, Mrs. Addie Wrede, Mrs. F. H. Griffith, Mrs. Ella Carr, Mrs. Anna Connell, Mrs. Maggie Siders, Mrs. Peter Curtis, Mrs. L. G.

Gillespie, and Mrs. Sam Barnard. Mrs. H. L. Lindberg, WSCS president, was in charge of arrangements.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.



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Marjorie Hungerford, Richard Connell, Wallace Shelhamer, and Paul Moseman).

The O'Neill delegation, including 12 pupils from St. Mary's and 11 from O'Neill high, was accompanied by four instructors, five accompanists, and four chaperons.

Students making the trip were: From St. Mary's—Alice Biglin, Patricia Brennan, Joan Frenking, Kathleen Flood, Betty Gallagher, Tom Hart, Regina Mullen, Betty White, Martha Mullen, Helen Kubitschek, Rosalin Bosn, Dar DeBacker, Dolores Frederickson, Charlotte Funk, and Kathryn Golden.

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

Supt. Ira George said that because Nebraska did not have a state music contest this year the competition at St. Joseph found Nebraska district winners competing with state contest winners from Iowa, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and South Dakota.

Only other northeast Nebraska placements in the two top classifications were Osmond, three, and Plainview, one.

The group returned Sunday via Arbor Lodge at Nebraska City and Boys' Town, near Omaha, where stops were made. The trip was made in two chartered buses.

## Electrical Storm Spoils Broadcast

Unfavorable atmospheric conditions spoiled the reception of the O'Neill high school band concert Wednesday over radio station WJAG at Norfolk.

The two-part program went on the air at 3 p. m. and concluded at 4:30 p. m., with a 30-minute interval.

Before the broadcast a special concert was played at the Norfolk high school auditorium before an audience of 800.

## Patrons' Day Held at Inman School

INMAN—Patrons' day was observed recently at the Inman school. The girls in the home economics class had charge of the nursery and served tea after classes were dismissed.

## INFANT DIES

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brinkman, of O'Neill, born early Friday at the O'Neill hospital, was buried the same day in Woodlawn cemetery at Atkinson.