

Youthful Pastor Installed in O'Neill, Atkinson Churches

Rev. Clyde Cress, recently-ordained minister in the Missouri synod of the Lutheran church, Sunday was installed pastor of Christ Lutheran church, of O'Neill, and Emmanuel Lutheran church, of Atkinson. His coming to O'Neill last week brought to a close a period in which Christ Lutheran church has been without a residence pastor. The installation here took place at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. Cress was ordained at Macon, Mo., and served a short time there during the absence of a regular pastor. Rev. Cress and his wife arrived in O'Neill Friday.

At the installation rites here Sunday, Rev. Leonard A. Dale, of Chambers, delivered the sermon, and Rev. P. J. Wirth, of Orchard, and Rev. E. H. Quast, of Venus, were installation officials. Rev. Wirth served as vacancy pastor at Christ Lutheran for more than a year.

A similar ceremony took place at Emmanuel Lutheran at Atkinson at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Cress is not new to Nebraska. He taught in a Lu-



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theran parochial school at Hampton during his preparatory training.

Mrs. W. A. Schroeder, of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Cress' mother, departed Wednesday after a five-day visit.

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LILAH SMITH NEW HAY DAYS QUEEN

Crowned by Governor; Estimate 4,500 in Attendance

ATKINSON—Lilah Smith, of Atkinson, was crowned queen of the 1947 Hay Days at the festival ball Monday night, succeeding Helen Peterson. She won the honor in a field of eight contestants. Gov. Val Peterson crowned the new hay queen, George Verzal, of Atkinson, was named the whisker king.

An estimated 4,500 persons were present for the first day activity, while Tuesday's attendance fell considerably short of this figure. The weather was ideal.

The Marion Davis family was chosen the Holt county family of the year. The Davis family, comprised of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, their son, Jim, 18, and their daughter, Doris Mae, 17, live on a farm two miles east of Stuart.

They purchased the place after having rented ranches near Newport for 17 years. Davis was gored by a bull 17 years ago, and after nine years of treatment finally lost a leg. Undaunted, he continued farm operations. The selection committee pointed out that Davis' hard work coupled with the work of his family made their farm program a success.

2 Rodeo Casualties
Tuesday's rough and tumble rodeo was marked by two casualties. Harry McFall, of Alliance, was thrown while riding a Brahma bull. The animal stepped on his jaw, breaking it in two places. McFall was hospitalized in Stuart where hospital attendants described his condition as "good."

The other casualty was Ivan McKathnie, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., a newspaperman home on vacation. McKathnie was taking pictures of McFall, the injured man. McKathnie, is a member of the staff of the Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette. He is a native of Holt county.

Sen. Hugh Butler was a guest at Tuesday's program.

A "world's championship" ladies' hay-baling contest was one of the features of the festival. Each crew, however, had a man in woman's garb for a feeder. The championship crew including Mrs. Nick Schmidt, Feeder Eddie Disterhaupt, Mary Ann Schmidt Osborne, Mrs. Mick and Mrs. Disterhaupt. The winners baled a ton of hay in 36½ minutes.

Hay and grass supplied the principal motif of the festival parade. One jeep was covered with hay, held together to resemble one huge bale.

Branding chutes were in actual operation with cows and calves the victims. Atkinson, O'Neill and Neligh bands took part.

ITINERARY FOR TRIPS ANNOUNCED

The itineraries for the two booster trips, heralding O'Neill day on August 19, have been announced by James W. Rooney, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce booster committee.

The schedule:
Tuesday, August 12—Leave O'Neill, 9 a.m.; arrive Lynch, 10:15 a.m.; arrive Bristow, 10:45 a.m.; arrive Spencer, 11:15 a.m.; arrive Butte, 11:50 a.m.; arrive Naper, 1:55 p.m.; arrive Stuart, 3 p.m.; arrive Atkinson, 3:45 p.m.; arrive Emmet, 4:30 p.m.; arrive O'Neill, 5 p.m.

Friday, August 15—Leave O'Neill, 7 p.m.; arrive Inman, 7:10 p.m.; arrive Page, 7:45 p.m.; arrive Ewing, 8:20 p.m.; arrive Chambers, 9:30 p.m.; return to O'Neill, 10:30 p.m.

Rooney said that cars are needed to transport members of the Municipal band, who will accompany the boosters. Those who can take automobiles are asked to contact W. B. Gillespie, J. Ed Hancock, Ed Verzal and Rooney, all members of the booster committee.

R. H. ("Ray") Shriner, chairman of the O'Neill day entertainment committee, reports that "plans are shaping up well" for the celebration. Complete details will be posted next week and reported in next week's O'Neill newspapers.

The regular meeting of the Chamber will be held at the Golden hotel dining room Monday at 8 p.m. No dinner will be served. O'Neill day committees will report at the meeting. Additional contributors to the Chamber's O'Neill day fund include Slat's cafe, Harding Creamery Co., Gambles, Central Financery company, Western Auto Associate store, P. C. Donohoe, Vince Suchy, Thompson Tobacco company, Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan association, and Herman Klingler.



THRONGS GATHER FOR GRAND OPENING
Thousands of people, many of them coming from a 100 miles away, have already visited Gambles new three and a half floor department store in O'Neill, which formally opened at 9 a.m. Monday. The photograph shows a portion of the crowd outside the store on the opening day. Gambles grand opening week will continue through Saturday. — O'Neill Photo Co.

Otto Reising, Author of New Novel, Known Here

"The Quarrel," a tale of the sweet, sad years of America during the Civil war and the turbulent period that followed, will be published August 29 by Dewell, Sloan & Pierce in New York City.

O'Neill booklovers will have a special interest because the author is a figure known here through periodic vacations spent with relatives. The author is Otto Reising, whose pen name is Paul Strahl. Reising is the husband of the former Mary Phalin, who is a daughter of Mrs. Frank Phalin, of O'Neill.

A printing instructor at the Horace Mann school of printing at Gary, Ind., Reising's visits to O'Neill have been punctuated by "busman's holidays," having on several occasions assisted the late D. H. Cronin in publishing The Frontier.

Writing a Hobby
The author is a graduate of the University of Indiana and has been a printing instructor for 18 years. His literary work, which until now has been only a hobby, began with a series of short stories in Esquire.

Nearly a year ago he began writing the 80,000-word novel "The Quarrel." The locale is Portersville, Ind., near the Kentucky border. It is a slow-moving town where country speech prevails, where past tragedies are always alive, and where a quarrel of youth can last a lifetime.

One-Eyed John McDonald volunteered to fight with the Union army and at the Battle of Shiloh received the wound which gave him his name. Petticoat John McDonald came by his name heroically. He stayed at home with the girls all to himself, and when One-Eyed John returned the



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remark was made which turned friends to enemies, and sent Petticoat away with the laughter of the town in his ears. Thereafter, the men followed separate ways though for a time the love of their children brought them reconciliation, but at last the ancient dispute is renewed by men too old to forget.

Robust Humor
With warm humanity, robust humor and a sad, nostalgic beauty, this first novel recaptures a time and a place that have seldom been written about.

Mrs. Reising and son, Gregory, departed last Thursday for their home in Gary, following a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. Phalin. Mr. Reising will be in New York City on the publication date.

WORLD WAR I NURSE EXPIRES

Mrs. Ruth McCaffrey, 55, Dies at Topeka; Rites Here

The body of Mrs. Ruth McCaffrey, 55, will arrive in O'Neill early Friday from Topeka, Kans., where she died late Tuesday. Mrs. McCaffrey had been in Winter general hospital since August, 1945, suffering with a heart affliction. She had been ill since 1943.

Funeral services will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic church at 10 o'clock a.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery with F. N. Cronin, P. B. Hart, John McManus, H. J. Birmingham, Edward M. Gallagher and H. J. Hammond as the pallbearers.

Mrs. McCaffrey was born in O'Neill on September 5, 1891, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Meredith. She is an O'Neill public school graduate and on December 24, 1919 she married in Kansas City, Mo., the late Owen E. McCaffrey, who died in 1938.



Rev. Clapper

REV. CLAPPER NEW ASSEMBLY PASTOR

Rev. J. W. Clapper, of Brush, Colo., has been named pastor of the Assembly of God church here, succeeding Rev. J. M. Cummings, who was transferred to Aurora six weeks ago. Rev. Clapper is married and is the father of three children, ages 10, 5 and 2.

The new minister and his family arrived in O'Neill Saturday. Rev. Clapper's ministerial background includes work in several midwestern states and California.

BOARD OKAYS 5.99 MILL LEVY

59 Percent Over 1946 to Meet Record Appropriations

HEARING HELD HERE

The 1947 state tax levy will be 5.99 mills, it was revealed Saturday by the state board of equalization in session at Lincoln. Last year the levy was 3.30 mills, making the overall increase over last year 2.69 mills or a 59 percent hike.

The new levy was "broken down" by State Tax Commissioner Robert Armstrong as follows:

General fund 4.35 mills, an increase of 1.62 mills over last year. Special school permanent fund levy, income from which will this year go to a fund for a new state historical society building, 1 mill. Special veterans aid fund levy, .44 to raise \$1,000,000. Special building fund for state institutions, University of Nebraska, state teachers' colleges, and armories, 1.1 mills.

There was a decrease of .03 mills in the veterans aid levy over last year because of increased valuations. Provision is made for raising \$1,000,000 a year until the \$8,000,000 fund is collected.

With the state's assessed valuation of \$2,316,658,238, the general fund levy of 4.35 mills will bring in \$10,077,463, Armstrong said.

Record Appropriations Needed
The record-breaking tax levy has been designed to meet the record-breaking appropriations, which are 64 percent greater than a year ago.

The state legislature for the 1947-'49 biennium appropriated a total of \$36,754,605 and half of this amount must be raised this year, a total of \$18,377,302.

Meanwhile, no objections were filed against the 30 mill levy increase proposed by the Holt county board of supervisors at a special budget hearing held July 30.

While the actual costs for running the county between July 1, 1947 and June 30, 1948 will be considerably higher, most of the increase will be absorbed by higher valuations, and the increased mill levy is slight compared with the state increase.

Holt county's overall valuations are up nearly two million dollars.

Adoption of new budget and mill levy for the county will take place during August.

LEG AMPUTATION FOR FRED VITT

Fred Vitt, 75, of O'Neill, a Holt county farmer for 66 years, submitted to an amputation of his right leg above the knee at the O'Neill hospital Saturday.

Dr. J. P. Brown and Dr. O. W. French performed the surgery. The amputation became necessary after gangrene set in on a leg that had developed arterial trouble. His condition is described as "good."

Two sons, George, of Omaha, and Fred, jr., of Boone, Ia., came from a distance to be near their father.

Mr. Vitt and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 4.

STUART-ATKINSON AIRPORT IN 'MELON'

A \$963,142 "melon" will be shared between 30 Nebraska airports for new construction or improvement during the fiscal year ending in June, 1948, it was announced in Washington, D. C., this week. This is the state's share of the 136 million dollar program involving 908 airports over the nation and in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

The Nebraska list of airports and the amounts allotted to each include:

Stuart-Atkinson, \$16,455; Chadron, \$15,960; Neligh, \$13,876; Creighton, \$13,520; Norfolk, \$25,000.

Norman Reninger Injured in Fall

CHAMBERS—Norman Reninger, of Chambers, employed by the Western Union Telegraph company at Auburn, Ind., fell Friday from a telegraph pole and suffered a broken leg and several broken ribs.

An Auburn friend of the injured man telephoned the news to Chambers.

Mr. Reninger is in the Dr. Bernard hospital at Auburn receiving treatment.

NATIVE OF HOLT SMOTHERED IN BIN

Roy A. Carter, 49, in Martland Elevator Tragedy

INTERRED TUESDAY

PAGE—Roy A. Carter, 49, of Bruning, a native of the Middlebranch community in Holt county, was one of three men smothered to death when 60,000 bushels of wheat broke through bins about 11:30 a.m. Saturday in a grain elevator at Martland. Killed, besides Carter, were Fred Worthington, owner and operator of the elevator, and Glen Richards, both of Martland.

The men were in the driveway inside the elevator when bins on one side of the elevator gave way. Mr. Carter was caught in the center of the driveway.

Volunteer firemen and several farmers dug the bodies out. The bins which gave way were annex bins, built in 1943. They were loaded to capacity.

Rites at Bruning
Funeral services for Mr. Carter were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Methodist church in Bruning.

Mr. Carter is survived by the widow; four daughters, Mrs. J. G. Ough, Mrs. Michael Kubla, Lavonne and Sharon, all of Bruning; parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carter, of Ashland; brothers, Judge Edward C. Carter, of Lincoln; Harry and Russell Carter, of Seattle, Wash.; Burchard, of Max Creek, Mo.; Richard, of Ashland; Norris, of Bellingham, Wash.; Carroll, of Venita, Okla.; sister, Mrs. Margaret Delaney, of Lincoln.

Page relatives attending the funeral services were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Waring and sons, Kenneth, Gerald, and Dale, and daughter, Mrs. J. W. Finch, jr. Judge Carter, of the Nebraska supreme court, is now in Germany serving on a war crimes tribunal.

The widow is the chief operator for the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company at Bruning.

Chamber, Extension Service Plan Annual Achievement Day

Holt county's annual achievement day for 4-H club members will be held Friday, August 15, in the O'Neill public school under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce and the Holt county extension service.

The 4-H clubs throughout the county will exhibit home economics and agricultural projects. In addition, judging in boys' and girls' projects will be held in the morning, and demonstrations will be given in the afternoon. A feature for girls will be a style revue held at the close of the afternoon. Girls who exhibit aprons and dresses will model their garments and tell something about the garments, the cost, the material, and other details.

The achievement day activity reflects what the 4-H clubs have been doing during the club year.

REP. MILLER COMING

Rep. L. A. Miller, Nebraska's Fourth district representative in congress, has scheduled three visits during August in the O'Neill region. These include: Atkinson, 18; Stuart, 21; Spencer, 22.

Arrive from Atlanta

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien B. Taylor, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived on Wednesday for a short visit with the County Judge Louis H. Reimer family. Mrs. Taylor is a daughter of Judge and Mrs. Reimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ray returned Friday from a five-day vacation in Cheyenne, Wyo.

MRS. M'GINNIS NEW POLIO CHAIRMAN

Mrs. P. W. McGinnis, of Emmet, was elected chairman of the Holt county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the annual meeting and election of officers held here last Thursday. Other new officers are: Mrs. Frances Rotherham, of Ewing, vice-chairman; Mrs. Esther Tomlinson, of O'Neill, secretary; Ira H. Moss, of O'Neill, treasurer.

All officers are new because of a mass resignation of the set whose terms expired at the date of the annual meeting. They were: Mrs. Dewey C. Schafer, of O'Neill, chairman; James W. Rooney, of O'Neill, secretary, and E. C. Quinn, of O'Neill, treasurer.

The new executive committee consists of Mrs. Hugh Ray, Miss Elja McCullough, Mrs. George Reiter, Mrs. Ralph Rickly, Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka, Mrs. Schafer, Mrs. Agnes Sullivan, Mrs. Cletus Sullivan, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Rooney.

Seven polio victims have been aided by the group during the past three years. A total of \$3,448 has been spent for surgery, medical assistance, hospitalization and transportation.

Firemen Make 7 Trips in Week

O'Neill volunteer firemen responded to seven fire alarms during the seven-day period ending today (Thursday).

At 2 p.m. Monday the department went to the John Donohoe residence where a fallen power line had ignited grass.

At 10:55 a.m. Tuesday a trash fire near the Anna Brown residence required the department's attention, and at 3 p.m. a grass fire was extinguished near the Mrs. Hope Condon residence.

The department was called out twice on Wednesday. At the Corkle turkey farm number two several bales of straw were afire, and at 9:30 p.m. feed sacks in the garage at the Don Lyons residence were burning.

Two trips were required today (Thursday) to the city dump where there were trash fires.

MRS. EISERT IS BURIED TODAY

Native of Germany; Dies After a Long Illness

MIDDLEBRANCH — Death claimed the life of Mrs. Herman Eisert, 59, at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the family home in the Middlebranch vicinity. She had been seriously ill for a year and a half, and had spent a portion of this time in a hospital.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at Christ Lutheran church in O'Neill with Rev. E. H. Quast, of Venus, officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The late Mrs. Eisert, formerly Alma Fredericka Hohndorf, was born February 13, 1888, at Marl, Germany. On October 29, 1917, she was married to Herman Eisert in Berlin, Germany, and the couple came to Holt county from Berlin in November, 1923.

The Eiserts have resided on a farm in northern Holt county since their arrival.

Survivors include the widow; one daughter, Mrs. Ella Boelter, of Middlebranch; two brothers, Karl Eisert and Werner Eisert, both of Scottsbluff; one brother, and six sisters.

The pallbearers at the funeral service were Ralph Young, Walter Young, Edward Krugman, Emmet Moore, Charles Schollmeyer, and Alfred Hipp. Bellig Brothers, of O'Neill, were in charge of arrangements.

Miss Genevieve Biglin left Tuesday to spend a few days at Sioux City, Ia.