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EMMET TRADITION

EMMET — The Church of the Epiphany's annual fried chicken dinner has become a tradition here.

This year's dinner in the church parlors netted the church \$700 as guests came from miles around for the Labor day food festival, which featured chicken, potatoes, gravy, salad, pickles, pie, iced tea, coffee—all you could eat.

The Frontier's photographer, John H. McCarville, visited the business end of the dinner and found a host of ladies at work, including Miss Mable Perkins (at left, facing away from the camera), Miss Mae Heeb and Mrs. J. C. Wills.

Harry McShane (right), of Green Valley township, who came from a distance for the affair, pursues the spring fryer with typical enthusiasm.

The gathering took the form of a farewell for Rev. John J. O'Brien, who departed the



following day for his new assignment at St. Joseph's parish at Platte Center. His successor is Rev. Joseph Lane.

Mrs. Parker, 91, Member of First Colony, Is Dead

Dies in Hospital at Stuart; Came to Holt in 1873

Mrs. Julia E. Parker, 91, widow of the late Byron Parker and one of two remaining members of the original colony of O'Neill settlers, is dead.

She died at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Stuart hospital where she had been confined for the past three weeks due to her rapidly declining health.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Born near Lodi, Sauke county, Wisconsin, of French-Scottish parentage, Mrs. Parker, the former Julia E. McEvony, came in a covered wagon to Holt county, arriving with her parents on July 13, 1873. She was then a girl of 16.

Her father, Henry H. McEvony, came to what is now Holt county in the spring of 1871 to inspect the frontier territory. He returned to Wisconsin to dispose of real estate holdings there, and in July, 1873, brought his family here and staked out a homestead on the southeast outskirts of the present site of O'Neill. His family consisted of a wife, one daughter, and two sons.

Others in the original colony were Frank Biney, E. H. Thompson, and J. T. Proxmy and their families, and William Dickerson, who was single.

The larger colony, headed by Gen. John O'Neill, came in the following year. On an earlier trip, however, Gen. O'Neill stayed at the McEvony home and the late Mrs. Parker frequently told of the general's visit and the decisions that were made.

Miss McEvony and Byron Parker, who was born and reared in LaCrosse, Wis., were married in O'Neill on May 17, 1878. They became the parents of two sons, Ryland H. and Joel, both of O'Neill.

Mr. Parker died in February, 1918. Mrs. Parker continued to reside on the home farm for several years and for the past 20 years has lived in retirement with her son, Joel.

Two Sons Survive — Survivors include only the two sons. Two of her brothers, H. C. McEvony, (who was Holt county sheriff for a number of years) and Joel McEvony, preceded her in death.

The body is at Biglin Brothers pending completion of funeral arrangements. Interment will be made here.

Mrs. Parker's death leaves Sam Thompson, of O'Neill, son of the late E. H. Thompson, the only living member of the original colony. Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Parker were cousins.

Marriage Licenses — Calmer James Halverson, 23, of Cando, N. D., and Miss Catherine Mary Sobotka, 20, of Inman, August 29.

George Samuel Layh, jr., 20, of O'Neill, and Miss Karleen Jean Morgan, 17, of Ainsworth, August 28.

Orin John Bratt, 42, and Miss Virginia Mae Damero, 31, both of Cheyenne, Wyo., September 2.

CASPER P. UHL BURIED MONDAY

Stroke Fatal to 69-Year-Old Resident of O'Neill

An apoplectic stroke proved fatal to Casper P. Uhl, 69, at 12:05 a. m. Friday. It was the second time in two and one-half years that he had suffered a stroke.

Funeral services were held on Monday at 10 a. m. at St. Patrick's Catholic church here with Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, officiating. Interment was in Calvary cemetery.

The late Mr. Uhl was born on June 8, 1878, at Danbury, Ia., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Uhl, sr., who were immigrants from Germany. He was reared at Danbury where he married Miss Mary Wohle on June 17, 1902. In 1904 Mr. Uhl and his family moved to O'Neill where his occupation was a house and building mover. He was active in this work until illness set in early in 1945.

Many Relatives Here — Survivors include the widow; sons, Leslie R., of Portland, Ore., and Norbert, of O'Neill; daughters, Mrs. John E. Donohoe and L. O. Gokie, both of O'Neill.

The pallbearers at the funeral were Merle Hickey, Joe Martin, Louis H. Reimer, Frank Valla, Norman Uhl, and Leon Uhl.

Among the out-of-town people here for the funeral services were: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Uhl, of Portland, Ore.; and the following from Mapleton, Ia.: John Uhl and son, Leo, and daughters, Bernice and Helen; Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Uhl and son, Joe; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Uhl; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Uhl and daughter, Mabel; and son, George; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Uhl and daughter, Darlene; Mrs. Martha Collins; Frank Weltz; Isadore Brenner and Herman Streck and son, Carl.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES OF INJURIES

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Gerald F. Harrington, 55, Succumbs Following Street Car Mishap

Gerald F. Harrington, about 55, son of the late M. F. Harrington, and Mrs. Harrington, died recently in Oakland, Calif., from injuries received in a street car accident two days earlier.

The news of the accident and resultant death was received here by J. J. Harrington, an uncle.

Harvard Graduate — The late Mr. Harrington was born and reared in O'Neill and graduated from the Harvard university law school. For a number of years he practiced law in Omaha with his well-known father. After moving to Oakland, he continued to practice law there.

Survivors include the widow; the mother, Mrs. M. F. Harrington, of Oakland; two sisters, Mrs. Constance Wattels, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Lewis Adams, of New York City; and two brothers, George, of New York City, and Frank, of Seattle, Wash.

No details of the accident nor of the funeral arrangements were received here.

Only Trace of Rain Falls During Week

Only a trace of moisture has been received here during the past week, although skies threatened on several occasions. Six one-hundredths of an inch of rain fell Saturday afternoon.

The highest temperature for the week was 100 degrees, reached at midday on Friday.

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

Table with 5 columns: Date, Hi, Lo, Moist. Rows for August 29-31 and September 1-4.

Weekend Here — Miss Maxine Golden spent the weekend in O'Neill, accompanied by Miss Jean Harmon, of Omaha, James Golden, of Omaha, also spent the weekend here and returned to Omaha with them Monday.

Wisconsinians Arrive — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson, of Kenosha, Wis., arrived Sunday to spend a few days here visiting the L. A. Simonsons and other relatives.

Returns from Catholic Meet — Miss Rosaline Bonn returned from Chicago, Ill., Sunday after representing St. Mary's academy at the national summer school of Catholic Action held there last week.

Back from Vacation — Mrs. Mary Wetzler returned Saturday after spending a two-weeks' vacation with friends and relatives in Aurora and Lexington and also Iowa.

FORMER RESIDENT BURIED AT INMAN

INMAN — Mrs. Mary A. Knapp, 85, widow of the late Eugene F. Knapp and a resident of Inman more than a half-century ago, died recently at Norfolk and the body was brought here Tuesday for burial.

The late Mr. Knapp was an employee of the railroad company here.

Survivors include one son, George, of Norfolk. Two other children preceded her in death.

Miss Gallagher Participates in 'Rush Week' Activities — Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher and Miss Donna Gallagher went to Lincoln Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher returned the same day, but Donna remained to take part in the "rush week" activities at the University of Nebraska.

Schmit, whose home is at Nenzel, served in the Navy during World War II. He and his brother joined Consumers here about a year ago.

TILLAGE SHOW SET FOR SEPTEMBER 15

Fred Carey Farm Is Site Selected for Demonstration

A subsurface tillage demonstration, in which numerous Holt county implement dealers will cooperate and which will attract many farmers, will be held Monday, September 15, on the Fred Carey farm, located two miles east of O'Neill on state highway 8. The affair is scheduled for 1:30 p. m.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes said the demonstration "will feature modern machines designed to conserve the crop residue on the surface of the land for protection against wind and water erosion."

The demonstration has been planned by the implement dealers, the cooperating farmers, the county extension service and the soil conservation service.

18 VACANCIES IN RURAL SCHOOLS

The number of teacher vacancies in Holt county rural schools has been narrowed to 17, County Superintendent Elja McCullough reported today (Thursday). "The teacher shortage is very bad," she explained, "and a number of our schools could not open this week because of the situation."

The 17 schools requiring teachers are in districts where there are children of school age and "it is most important that we find teachers."

The Holt rural teachers are receiving wages ranging from \$90 to \$190 per month.

BOND CASHING OFF AFTER FIRST RUSH

Cashing of veterans' terminal leave bonds at O'Neill's two banks — the O'Neill National and First National — had dropped-off considerably by today (Thursday).

After Tuesday's opening day rush, when over 60 veterans stormed the banks to cash approximately \$20,000 in bonds, the number of men willing to trade the 2 1/2-percent interest the paper yields for cash on the barrel head had fallen off to isolated transactions.

Approximately \$24,000 had been paid out by late Wednesday.

One bank official indicated that "most of the hometown boys are holding onto the paper while many of those cashing bonds are either strangers or men coming from distant rural sections."

The average size of the bonds also dropped off after the first day.

Bank officials attributed the slow-down in business on the opening day to the minority of veterans needing emergency funds.

Meanwhile, Louis R. Eby, director of the state veterans' bureau in Lincoln, said that he had received word that some banks in the state were not paying the interest due on the bonds. Mr. Eby said veterans cashing in bonds should get 2 1/2-percent interest from the date of issue to date of cashing.

Uncle Sam, service officials and veterans' groups are urging ex-soldiers to retain the bonds for five years and receive 2 1/2-percent interest throughout that period.

ELECTROCUTED BY 2,300-VOLT LINE

John F. Schmit, 23, Falls to Gain Consciousness; Navy Veteran

John F. Schmit, 23, a Consumers Public Power district employe, was electrocuted at about 4:40 p. m. today (Thursday) while working on a 2,300-volt power line in West O'Neill.

As a member of a five man crew, young Schmit was on a pole when he came in contact with the high tension line. The accident occurred near the Gorge Motor company.

He was taken from the pole and his companions and physicians administered artificial respiration for nearly two hours as they tried vainly to save the man's life. He never regained consciousness and died at 6:30.

Edward Schmit, brother of the dead man, is a member of the same maintenance crew, but was out-of-town when the accident occurred.

Schmit, whose home is at Nenzel, served in the Navy during World War II. He and his brother joined Consumers here about a year ago.

DAUGHTER OF PAGE FOUNDER DIES

PAGE — Mrs. Phoebe Page Adams, daughter of the man for whom the town of Page was named, died August 25 near Lodi, Calif. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Page and was born in this community.

Her parents and two sisters, Ruth and Lydia, preceded her in death.

Two brothers, George and Dewitt Page, survive.

The Pages were a pioneer family in eastern Holt county.

Graybiels Return to Home in Chicago

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Graybiel returned to their home in Chicago, Ill., Sunday after an extended visit with Mrs. M. R. Sullivan and family. Mrs. Gerald Classen and daughter, Patricia Claire, of Chicago Heights, Ill., who have also been visiting at the M. R. Sullivan home, returned with them.

The descendants of John A. Robertson, of Joy, met Sunday at the home place now occupied by Richard Robertson. The day was spent visiting while the children waded in the creek. Dinner was served in the dining room with an angel food cake as a centerpiece.

There were 51 present, including Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sundell and family, of Wakefield; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McElhaney and family, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robertson and family, of South Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson and family, of John and Rachel, of Alliance; Mr. and Mrs. Don Clemans and family, of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. George T. Robertson and daughter, of North Platte; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Orth, of Lincoln; Lois Jean Robertson, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. George C. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Long and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robertson and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robertson and family, all of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ernst, of Spencer.

MICHAEL MINTON RITES HELD HERE

Dies in New Mexico Following Extended Illness

Funeral services were held in St. Patrick's Catholic church here at 10 a. m. Wednesday for Michael M. Minton, 55, a native of Holt county, who died Friday in Albuquerque, N. M., following an extended illness. Rev. Cyril J. Werner officiated and interment was in Calvary cemetery.

The late Mr. Minton was born on a farm north of O'Neill on December 25, 1891. He was reared and educated near here and married Miss Alice Pett. They resided on a farm near O'Neill until 20 years ago when they moved to New Mexico.

Survivors include the widow; the mother — Mrs. Alice Minton, of O'Neill; three brothers — Patrick, of Norfolk; John, of Omaha; Richard, of Inman; one sister — Mrs. Roy Judage, of O'Neill.

Widow Accompanies Body — The widow accompanied the body here from Albuquerque.

Pallbearers at the funeral were H. D. Grady, H. E. Coyne, P. C. Donohoe, Pat Sullivan, Dennis McCarthy and Ed Murray.

Among the relatives coming from a distance to attend the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Minton and son, James, of Norfolk; John Minton and son, Jackie, and Mrs. Truman Clark, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. John Minton, of Homer; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minton, of Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Minton, of Walthill; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minton, of Council Bluffs, Ia.; William Barrett, of Neligh; Mrs. Ed Jensen and son, Robert, of Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pett and Mrs. Ida Pett, and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Haneman, all of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pett, of Naples, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kilgore, of Rising City; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gaskill and son, John, of David City.

John A. Robertson Descendants Meet

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Record Enrollment in City's Schools

Kindergarten Overflows; St. Mary's Numbers 368; Requires Class Split at Public School

The O'Neill public school opened its doors Monday to more than 500 pupils in what may become a record enrollment figure for the institution.

Supt. Ira George reported 44 pupils in the kindergarten, the largest first-year class in the school's history. "This group represents the first class of 'war babies,'" he declared.

He further explains the increase by a movement of people back to the state from war production centers.

The enrollment figure at the public school stood at 504 early today (Thursday), and this is expected to vary slightly with late enrollees. A number of pupils are at the state fair this week and will not report for school work until next week.

Because of the sharp kindergarten increase, Supt. George said a split-schedule was being worked out. One-half of the class will report for a two-hour session at 8 a. m. and the other half at 10 a. m. Mrs. Harry Petersen is the teacher.

The enrollment breakdown follows:

Table showing enrollment breakdown by grade: Kindergarten (44), First grade (31), Second grade (33), Third grade (30), Fourth grade (31), Fifth grade (34), Sixth grade (33), Seventh grade (30), Eighth grade (43), Opportunity room (12), Ninth grade (50), Tenth grade (58), Eleventh grade (40), Twelfth grade (35), Total (504).

Carsons Are Teaching in Amelia School

CHAMBERS — The following rural schools near Chambers opened Monday:

Valley Center school, district 107, Mrs. Harvey Hintz, teacher, 24 pupils enrolled in all eight grades; Hoffman school, district 65, Gerald McClenahan, teacher; Rowse school, district 156, Miss Kathryn Boyle, teacher; Lone Tree school, Miss Phyllis Wood, teacher; Haake school, Miss Gladys Thomson, teacher, seven pupils; Glead school, district 163, Mrs. Vernon Whitaker, teacher, eight pupils; Amelia school, Duane Carson, high school teacher (ninth and tenth grades); and Mrs. Duane Carson, grade school teacher; Emil Leiswald school, Miss Doreen Teagman, teacher.

HARRY CAMPBELL DIES ON COAST

Former O'Neill Man Dies in Los Angeles Hospital

Harry Campbell, 59, the third son in the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell, died recently in a Los Angeles, Calif., hospital, according to word received here by Edward Campbell, a brother. Ill for six weeks, Mr. Campbell died following an abdominal operation.

Funeral services were held last Thursday in Los Angeles and burial was made there.

The late Mr. Campbell was born and reared in O'Neill. He left here in 1920, going to Rapid City, S. D., where he was located for three years prior to going to the West coast.

Mr. Campbell was an automobile mechanic prior to the war when he went into aircraft mechanics on the coast.

Survivors include the widow, the former Florence Klintobe, of Inman; one son, Gerald, of Los Angeles; one brother, Edward, of O'Neill; two sisters, Miss Grace Campbell, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. J. A. Devine, of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Mrs. Sullivan Here — Mrs. J. D. Sullivan and daughter, Rita, of Grand Island, spent Sunday and Monday visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Ridgeway, and with other relatives here.

Yantzis Entertain — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byers, of Omaha, spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yantzis. Mrs. Samuel Byers, who has also been visiting the Yantzis, returned to Omaha with them.

Chicagoans Visit Here — Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Crane, of Chicago, Ill., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Griffin. They arrived Saturday.

Two Coloradans Register — From South Dakota — Patricia Colombe, of Mission; Mary Ann White, Betty White and Patty White, all of Gregory; Martha Mullen and Marcella Mullen, both of Wewela; Dorothy O'Bryan, of Colome; Helen O'Bryan of Norris; Margaret Putnam, of Paxton; Alice Reece, of Simeon; Darlene Steele and Joyce Steele, of Clearfield, and Kay Dancy, of Holabird.

From Colorado — Viola Ritter and Melba Ritter, both of Denver. From New Mexico — Grace Fields, of Tuleroso.

Rev. Dale, Mrs. Newhouse, Mrs. Walter Assist — CHAMBERS — The Chambers city school opened Monday with the teaching staff to be assisted by Rev. L. A. Dale, Mrs. Art Walter, and Mrs. T. E. Newhouse. R. L. Scott heads the system for the second term. L. J. Eckdahl, of Weston, is principal; Larry Tangeman, grammar room teacher; Miss Jean Wonderssee, intermediate teacher, and Mrs. Letha Cooke, primary room teacher.

Gray Back as Inman School Head — INMAN — Ralph L. Gray, of Page, heads the Inman school faculty again this year as registration and classroom Supt. Gray, other high school teachers are: Mrs. Ira George, of O'Neill, principal; Mrs. Gray, assistant principal. The grade-school faculty includes Joseph Cook, seventh and eighth grades; Emma Stevens, intermediate room, and Mildred Keyes, primary room.

Return from Minnesota — Mr. and Mrs. Clark L. Wilson, Miss Shirley Wilson, and William Wilson returned last Wednesday from a week's vacation in Alexandria, Minn.