

1947 Chronology

ence Selah, of Atkinson; S. J. Peterson, 86, of Atkinson; Mrs. Emma Meyers, 76, of Chamber; Arthur Barnes, 55, of Portland, O. e., formerly of O'Neill and Emmet; Mi s Lucia Shoemaker, 63, of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of O'Neill; A. H. Bradley, 42, of O'Neill; John Paul Sullivan, 76, of O'Neill; Mrs. Emil O. Jindra, 62, of Emmet; Dougal H. Allen, 77, of Emmet.

APRIL

The Holt county selective service office, which sent 1,510 men off to the global World War II, died a natural death at midnight on March 31. Next day were piecing of ex-GIs to be found tearing up the little white pieces of paper they had been carrying for many months. Only 244 votes were cast in the city-school election. New councilmen are: R. E. Armbruster, Second ward; Hugh Ray First ward, and C. A. DeBacker, Third ward. There were no school board changes. H. J. Lohaus was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce, succeeding C. E. Lundgren. The walkout of 17 Northwestern Bell Telephone company employees, members of a union involved in a nationwide strike, did not curtail local service although long distance circuits were crippled. J. B. Ryan has donated to the American Legion two lots on Douglas street. The members of the Legion, who have been without a club "home" for years, in an all-out one-day building bee attempted to make hay towards establishing a home on the site Ryan donated. A great deal of preliminary work was accomplished on the quonset-type 40 x 80-ft. structure. Atkinson grabbed 19 "superior" ratings, O'Neill high and St. Mary's academy 15 each, in the annual Third district music contest held here. Deaths: Prince T. Stevens, 90, of Page; Charles C. Carroll, 57, of Arlington, Va., formerly of Lynch; Charles Bowman, 60, of Atkinson; Mrs. Zacha y T. Long, 86, of Lynch; Edward C. ("Cotton-Top") Albert, 69, of O'Neill; John Frederick Bor-

MAY

bb Motz, of the state tax commissioner's office, helped county get underway with its part in Nebraska's new experimental assessing procedure. A district court jury found for the son in a father-son court squabble here. The son, Walter H. Schwager, of Orcha d, alleged conversion of personal property in a suit against his father, August Schwager, of Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vitt, immigrants from Bohemia, observed their golden wedding anniversary. Miss Betty Gallagher was May queen at St. Mary's academy. W. A. Doering, of Albion, and Ruth Case, of Tripp, S. D., purchased the Apparel shop from Mrs. Helen Simar. The American Legion brought gal grappers to town for the first time to entertain wrestling fans. Kathleen Flood, of St. Mary's academy, was judged "highly superior" in the midwest division of the national high school music contest at St. Joseph, Mo. Twenty-three O'Neill music pupils participated. St. Mary's and O'Neill high together graduated 80 seniors. Mrs. Henry Benze, Emmet correspondent, wrote the editor: "There will be no Emmet news this week. On Monday the stork left us a boy, Patrick Henry. I'll try to get the news in next week." A Holt-Boyd county baseball league was organized. Entries: Battle, Bristow, Lynch, Stuart, Atkinson, Chambers, West O'Neill and O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seger, of Atkinson, marked their golden wedding

day. At least one Holt county Gold Star mother knew her son's overseas grave was being decorated on Memorial day. She is Mrs. Bessie Burge, of Emmet. The Willy Holterbosch family, of Waubach, Limburg, Holland, adopted the grave of the late S-Sgt. Floyd E. Burge, who was killed in Germany during World War II. An unaccompanied cold wave, accompanied by snow, dealt a blow to farmers and gardeners on May 28. Death: William B. Stanton, 66, of Ewing; James Bailey, 79, of Dutch Mills, Ark., formerly of Emmet; William G. Bcha, 80, of O'Neill; James J. Porter, 71, of Chambers; Morrison, 70, of O'Neill; John Gar ett H. ("Garry") Benson, 61, of Oakland, Calif., formerly of Ewing and O'Neill.

JUNE

H. W. ("Pete") Heriford, baker, waited 28 years to bake a wedding cake for one of his own. Son Bennett got married. Gillespie's home appliance store reopened in a new location on South Fourth street. Harison and Julius Belew, brothers, reunited at Chambers after 30 years apart. An east-west belt, approximately 10 miles wide and extending east from O'Neill for 25 miles, bore the brunt of a hail-wind storm. M. J. ("Max") Golden won the invitational Country club golf tournament. The Methodists made two pastoral changes in the county: Rev. Edgar T. Baldwin, of Julian, to Inman; Rev. E. J. Jorgensen, to Chambers. A bickering over school land values, that was carried on throughout the remainder of the year, began in June when 400 persons protested what was described as sharp valuation increases. The lessees pay rentals on a valuation basis. Mr. and Mrs. Merton H. Dierks, of Ewing, have been married 50 years. Rev. Eugene F. Gallagher, son of Mrs. Robert E. Gallagher, and the late Robert E. Gallagher, was heard in his first mass at St. Patrick's Catholic church June 22. He was recently-ordained a Jesuit priest. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heriford and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are new owners of the M & M cafe. The retiring owners are M. S. Frank D. McMillan and Miss Mary Markey. Ralph Gray's automobile was lifted off the highway and deposited gently 25 yards away by a freakish twister. There were four other occupants. None was injured. Deaths: Charles Fleck, 80, of Tacoma, Wash., formerly of Chambers; E. A. Edmonston, 47, of Page; Miss Una Borden, 41, of Page; Jesse L. Scofield, 63, of Joseph A. Weibel, 81, of Deloit; Joseph Muret, 65, of Brunick, formerly of O'Neill; Elizabeth Keys, 76, of O'Neill; Fred Eppenbach, 69, of O'Neill; Mrs. C. J. Coffey, of Wichita Falls, Tex.

JULY

"Fieldborn Fritz," a one-year-old male German pointer pooch, arrived in O'Neill a la express bedecked with ribbons. His new owner, F. J. ("Fritz") Bazelman, said the dog copied honors at the London, Ontario, Canada, dog show. The William Krotter company has begun building in West O'Neill. Rev. Kenneth J. Scott, Presbyterian pastor, has accepted a call from Cambria, Calif. Holt tax valuations for 1947 are up almost two million dollars. The lack of flying saucer sightings made news here. Elsewhere, the country was agog with rumors. Mervyn ("Mac") Asher, 15, wants to swim in peace. Twice he has visited the Elkhorn river recently and been obliged to haul out splashes that were in trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and son, John, of London, England, immigrated

in 1947 style, make the journey in 2 1/2 days. They traveled by air to New York; rail to Some farmers suffered hail Cm.ha; auto to O'Neill. loss for the third time this season when a storm struck July 19. Hardest hit was an area north of O'Neill. The O'Neill bus terminal and cafe was looted of \$119. Gambles opened a new 3 1/2-floor department store, one of the largest stores of its type outside the metropolitan centers. Eugene R. Cantlon is the manager. Deaths: Mrs. Lena Heiser, 79, of Atkinson; John Winchell, of Seattle, Wash., formerly of Chambers; George Coventry, 76, of Inman; Mrs. George Sobotka, 37, of Inman; James Boler, 65, of Omaha, formerly of O'Neill; Mrs. Harvey R. Allen, 63, of Page; Mrs. Jeanne C. Scott, 72, of Omaha, formerly of O'Neill.

AUGUST

Rev. Clyde O. Press is the new pastor at Christ Lutheran church, and Rev. J. W. Clapper is the new pastor at the Assembly of God. Miss Hay Days queen at Atkinson Lilah Smith was crowned 1947. Holt's corn crop needs rain. Fred Vitt, 75, submitted to a leg amputation. Otto Reising, using "Paul Strahl" as a pen name, has written "The Quarrel," a novel. He is the husband of the former Mary Phalin, of O'Neill, and is known here. A municipal water crisis resulted from the extreme heat and inadequate pumping facilities. Conservation warnings were issued. Over 3,500 attended the O'Neill day festivities August 19. Gerald D. Hansen, pitcher for the Midway baseball team, uncoiled a fast one that also broke his wrist. Rev. John J. O'Brien, church of Epiphany pastor at Emmet, was transferred to Platte Center. His successor: Rev. Joseph Lane. Sunday-school picnickers at Middlebranch ran across a dead deer. Five brothers and three sisters, members of the pioneering family of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Donohoe, held a reunion here. Deaths: Mrs. Evelyn Arbuthnot, 69, of O'Neill; M. S. Louise Peterson, 51, of O'Neill; Mrs. Edna L. Selden, 54, of Valentine, while visiting here; George E. Ernest, 85, of O'Neill; Thomas A. Castle, 79, of Fremont, formerly of Page; Mrs. Herman Eisert, 59, of Middlebranch; Mrs. Ruth McCaffrey, 55, of Topeka, Kans., formerly of O'Neill; Mrs. Maggie Smith, 87, of Chambers; Herbert J. Worth, 84, of Pelasant Valley.

SEPTEMBER

O'Neill's two school systems—public and St. Mary's academy—counted a total of 872 pupils on opening day. Cashing of veterans' terminal leave bonds dropped off sharply after an opening rush. Though unfinished, the new Legion club has been informally opened. The club is one of the finest in the state, cost \$25,000. One hundred and eighteen descendants helped Mrs. Sarah E. Hull celebrate her 92nd birthday anniversary. O'Neill's lone color-ored man, William Barnett, 53, a Negro, lost two children in a week. A daughter, 7, died from infantile paralysis; a son, Douglas, 12, was fatally injured in sandlot football. Barnett has been on a construction crew here several months; his family lives in Omaha. The Chambers Methodist church passed its 50th milestone. The city planning board has recommended a zoning ordinance to the city council. The proposal defines business, residential and industrial districts. Michael ("Mike") O'Sullivan, 60, native O'Neillite, now a Phoenix, Ariz., insurance executive, was "snubbed" in a Boston, Mass., hotel by being refused service in a dining room without his coat on. O'Sullivan exploded in a letter to a Boston newspaper and a literary bombast resulted. Deaths: Delbert Sholes, 54, of Inman; Mrs. Alta Wagers, 77, of Lodi, Calif., formerly of Page; Mrs. Charles V. Coe, 42, of Star; Mrs. William T. Spelts, 45, of Grand Island, formerly of O'Neill; George A. French, 80, of Page; Mrs. Julia E. Parker, 91, of O'Neill; Casper P. Uhl, 69, of O'Neill; Michael Minton, 55, of Albuquerque, N. M., formerly of O'Neill; Mrs. Mary A. Knapp, 85, of Norfolk, formerly of Inman; Harry Campbell, 59, of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of O'Neill.

OCTOBER

Mrs. M. P. Onderdonk, nee Evelyn Howe, of Los Angeles, Calif., returned to the scenes of her childhood for a short visit. She has won distinction as a portrait painter. Ivan Pruss nearly lost a hand in a buzz saw accident. Lynch won the long, drawn-out title for the Holt-Boyd baseball league championship, defeating Chambers in the playoff. Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Cronin, have moved to Omaha to reside with a daughter. Their family and O'Neill grew up together. The top price paid for 4-H club calves at the annual 4-H show and sale here was 42 cents per pound. Pickin's were slim in the 10-day pheasant hunt. So was the bag limit, two male birds. Over 500 delegates attended the eight-county district 2 American Legion and auxiliary convention here. Huge flocks of crows and dozens of snakes have been heckling Celia residents. Francis Kelly was buried in the face and on the chest as a spectator at an automobile

fire. Bud Smith, of Panama, Canal Zone, was an Inman visitor. He is a deep-sea diver. Frank Nelson, of O'Neill, filed for the 28th legislative district state senate nomination. Rosas bloomed in the mid October. The body of T-Sgt. Laddie Cary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Ca y, of Inman, was among 43 Nebraska World War II dead reaching this country. Sgt. Cary was killed in Germany on March 15, 1945, shortly after his unit crossed the Remagen bridge. Burial was near Malvern, Ia. Deaths: Mrs. James Boyle, 72, of Neligh; Edward John Eby, 69, of Ewing; Mrs. P. V. Hickey, 52, of O'Neill; Percy A. Grass, 66, of Ewing; Mrs. Clyde Hull, 69, of Atkinson; Mrs. Elwood E. Wallen, 64, of O'Neill; William Bredehoeft, 67, of O'Neill; Vernon Craig, 33, of Kearney, formerly of Page; L. L. Cosne, 84, of Stuart; Josephus Harrison, 75, of O'Neill; Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Harrison Richards, 80, of Long Beach, Calif., formerly of Emporia and Page; Mrs. Dora Backhaus, 85, of Chambers.

NOVEMBER

A 13-county pasture-forage-livestock meeting was attended by 250 at Stuart. Twenty-five rural Holt women were honored. The state department of health's mobile X-ray unit is touring the county making free photographs of chests. Mrs. Clay Johnson sr., of O'Neill, was elected vice-president of the state WCTU convention in session at Hastings. The Methodist church celebrated the 65th anniversary of its founding on November 23 with an all-day affair. Harry Keeler, 63, of Ewing, went without food for 124 hours while lost in a Canadian woods. On a hunting trip he became separated from guides and companions. Deer and coyotes are adopting bold tactics in these parts. A state safety patrol substitution was reactivated here. Patrolman Fay Robeson is in charge. The Frontier shifted its press date from Thursday to Wednesday, enabling its subscribers to have the news hours ahead of most other papers in Holt and adjoining counties. The school land values were increased 70 percent as the controversy ended in a final hearing held by the state board of educational lands and funds. A power conservation plea was sounded by Consumers Public Power District officials. Unprecedented power loads have taxed facilities to the utmost. Deaths: M. S. Mary Elizabeth West, 82, of Page; Peter Mulhair, of Lynch; M. F. Kirwan, 77, of O'Neill; Irwin Simonson, 63, of Clearwater; Max ham, 99, of Clearwater; Max J. Seger, 74, of Stuart; Mrs. Frank Fallon, 53, of O'Neill; Edward Francis Carney, 62, of Emmet; Mrs. Elizabeth Richards, of Beatrice, formerly of Inman; Mrs. Cora A. Winchell, 75, of O'Neill; Gilbert R. Davis, 76, of Atkinson; Mrs. Philip Robertson, 82, of Chambers. Bethany Presbyterian church, near Chambers, became 60-years-old.

DECEMBER

The county treasurer's office was flooded with taxpayers during November. Business was so brisk the office staff was frequently several days behind schedule. William D. Dallman, of Greenwood, Wis., was hired as coordinator for the new Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation—a rural electricification unit. The American Legion suffered a loss estimated at \$2,000 when thugs gained entrance into the newly-opened club and made away with the cash register, several game machines and some cash. In a story especially prepared for The Frontier, County Agent Dawes peeked into 1948 with prediction that: high prices would continue, the farm labor situation would stay in

balance, the housewife would have to practice every kind of economy in the face of the rising cost of living. Danny Saunto, 27-days-old, became The Frontier's youngest subscriber. Frank Leahy, Notre Dame grid coach and native O'Neillite, saw his Fighting Irish rip Southern California, 28-7, and complete a perfect football season—the first for ND since Knute Rockne's famous team o. 1930.

The Frontier announced its first-annual all-Holt grid team. O'Neill high dominated the mythical team with four berths; Atkinson and Ewing placed two each; St. Mary's academy, Chambers and Stuart, one each. Two changes were made on the zoning proposal. Santa used a super-sonic jet Blitzen plane to keep his pre-Christmas date here with the kiddies. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. F. Porter, of Chambers, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Christmas day, and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton A. Townsend observed their golden anniversary the same day, with an open-house on December 23. Deaths: Clyde Murnan, 59, of Scottville; Mrs. J. Ralph Young, 53, of Paddock; E. R. P. Closson, 50, of O'Neill; A. C. Anderson, 77, of O'Neill; Mrs. Do sey S. Conrad, 72, of Atkinson; Mrs. Fredrick Wefso, 77, of Stuart; Mrs. Cora Belle Johnson, 69, of O'Neill; Mrs. Casper Pribil, 60, of O'Neill; Mrs. John S. Martfeld, 61, of Longmont, Colo., formerly of O'Neill; Daniel J. Cronin, 86, of Omaha, formerly of O'Neill; August J. Storjohann, 60, of Spencer; Sister Alexia McGovern, 78, of Eggertsville, N. Y., formerly of O'Neill; Mrs. Sarah Jan Robinson, 93, of Inman.

Harty Goes to Merchandise Show in Minneapolis

James ("Jim") Harty, manager of the soft line floor of Gambles' store here, will leave this weekend to attend a merchandise show at Minneapolis, Minn. The show is sponsored by Gambles-Skogmo, Inc., and will be attended by more than 200 retail representatives from this section of the country, in addition to executives from several manu acturing companies.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cantlon and daughter spent Christmas in Armstrong, Ia., at the home of Mrs. Cantlon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy returned with them for a visit in the Cantlon home. Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Asher and family spent Christmas in Valentine at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Asher, and spent the weekend in Livermore, Ia., at the home of Mrs. Asher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chambers. Guests in the Battle Brennan home for Christmas were Mr. Brennan's mother, Mrs. Nellie Brennan, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Brennan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Porterfield, of Wayne. Mrs. Brennan will remain for an indefinite visit in the home of her son. Mr. and Mrs. George Hammond and son, Michael, arrived Friday from Omaha. Mrs. Marjorie Bightol and son, Carter, and daughter, Barbara, of Kearney, spent Sunday and Monday visiting Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter. Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Long were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Collins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Pinkerman and family and Mrs. Eliza Cooper. Guests for dinner on Sunday evening at the J. C. Bazelman home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clements and children, Donna Rae and Bobby. Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKamy were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frank of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Don Berg, of Rapid City, S. D., left Monday for Sioux Falls, S. D., after a visit in the W. J. Biglin home. Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Crabb had as their guests on Christmas their sons, Verle, of Wagner, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Dorrance Crabb and family.

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