

Mrs. Menish At 99th Milestone

Mrs. William Menish celebrated her 99th birthday anniversary Tuesday, March 9.

To "Grandma" Menish it was simply another in a long succession of birthday anniversaries. To her friends and relatives, it advanced her further in the direction of being the oldest person in this region.

The celebration was a quiet affair with a dozen neighbors and several of her own family in for a dinner at noon and Mrs. Menish took out from her usual workaday tasks to reminisce.

Born in the mining town of Carbondale, Pa., in 1849, Bridgett O'Malley, whose parents came from Ireland, was a fragile little school girl in Scranton, Pa., when Abraham Lincoln was a candidate for president. Her heartbeat quickened when she saw tall Abe enter the then-fashionable Wyoming house in Scranton.

Bridgett O'Malley was so frail that her parents fretted over her health.

Later, she married William Menish, a young machinist from Patterson, N. J. They were married in a Catholic cathedral in Scranton that stands there still.

Early in 1873 Mr. Menish came to Holt county, Nebraska. He was impressed and went back to Pennsylvania for his wife and 4 small children. They came by rail to Wisner (then a terminal), and made the trip from Wisner here in a wagon—like most of the other early settlers came to this region.

Mr. and Mrs. Menish took a homestead in Shields township, 6 miles north and 2 miles west of O'Neill. Shields township then was a veritable sea of tall grass.

Some of the people were living in sodhouses; others in improvised structures that they called houses. The Menish family was lucky. They had shingles on their roof!

Mr. and Mrs. Menish endured the rugged life on the frontier.

Four of their children were born in the East: Mrs. R. J. (Kathryn) Marsh, of O'Neill; John and Arthur (both deceased); and Hugh C., of Luverne, Minn. Four were born in Holt county: Mrs. H. J. (Mary) Thomey, of British Columbia, Canada; Mrs. William P. (Frances) Dailey, of Emmet; Edward, of O'Neill, and Mrs. John (Beatrice) Welsh, of Wolcott.

Mrs. Menish's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus O'Malley, also came to Holt county and lived in the O'Neill vicinity. They are buried here. Mr. Menish died in 1907.

Looking back over her long life, Mrs. Menish firmly believes that the period following the Civil war was the most difficult. She lived not far from the famous Gettysburg battlefield, and remembers a great deal of the hardship that struggle caused.

Mrs. Menish carries out daily household duties, including washing. She attributes her longevity to this activity. She has never been seriously ill and her vision is good, but recently she has abandoned daily newspaper reading.

Mrs. Menish is not building big hopes for her 100th birthday anniversary or for anything that far away. She's looking forward to Easter and mass at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill.

"If the roads are passable, I'll be there. I never miss church on Easter."

Guy Stone, Formerly of Orchard, Dies

ORCHARD—Guy Stone, 80, of Republican City, formerly of Orchard, is dead. The immediate cause of the death was intestinal influenza.

Survivors include: Widow, the former Miss Lucille Hemway; daughter, Mrs. Fern Paradise, of Kearney, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial took place Tuesday at Kearney. The late Mr. Stone was a longtime resident of the Orchard community, recently establishing residence at Republican City.

HOLT COUNTY EDUCATIONAL NOTES Elja McCullough, County Superintendent

A music practice meet for rural schools will be held in Atkinson on Saturday, March 20, at the public school auditorium.

This is the meeting which was postponed earlier in the school year. Miss Mary Dodson, of Wilber, will conduct the afternoon exercises. Teachers, their pupils and parents are invited to attend. It is to begin at 1 p. m.

Eighth grade examinations are to be held during the first week in May.

The next regular teachers' examinations will be held in O'Neill on Saturday, May 1.

Trainer Meeting Held—

CHAMBERS—A trainer meeting for project club leaders was held Monday at the home of Mrs. Frank Spath. The lesson was "My Kitchen," presented by Catherine Kirwin, home agent.

Mrs. Lois Fern Steskal and her daughter, Beverly Ann, went to Hartington Sunday. Beverly Ann will remain for an extended visit with Mrs. Steskal's folks, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hogan.

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FILINGS FOR PRIMARY END

4th Supervisory District Race Most Popular; 3 for Unicam

Last Thursday marked the close of the period for filing for the April 13 primary election. No names will appear on the Holt county ballot that have not already been published in *The Frontier*.

A summary of the filings, however, follows:

Second supervisory district—Axel Borg, of O'Neill, Republican; Howard Oberle, of Dorsey, Democrat; George D. Hansen, of O'Neill, Democrat. (Joseph Schollmeyer, of Dorsey, Democrat incumbent, is not seeking reelection.)

Fourth supervisory district—Frank Cronk, of Page, Republican; Frank Minarik, of Ewing, Republican; Earl C. Billing, of Ewing, Republican; W. E. Wulf, of Ewing, Democrat incumbent; Joseph Kaczor, of Ewing, Democrat; Emmet W. Wright, of Ewing, Democrat.

Sixth supervisory district—George E. Collins, of Atkinson, (incumbent), Walter K. Smith, of Stuart, Republican; A. M. Batenhorst, of Stuart, Democrat.

Judge, Fifteenth judicial district (nonpolitical)—D. R. Mounts, of O'Neill, (incumbent).

Judge, Holt county (nonpolitical)—Louis H. Reimer, of O'Neill, (incumbent).

Member of the State Legislature, 28th District (nonpolitical)—Frank Nelson, of O'Neill; Fred Jungman, of Atkinson, and A. J. Runnels, of Stuart. (John L. Copeland, of Mariaville, incumbent, is not a candidate for reelection.)

Delegates to the state convention (1950): Republican—Frank J. Brady, of Atkinson; Guy Cole, of Emmet; J. D. Cronin, of O'Neill; Ed Martousek, of Atkinson; Ira Moss, of O'Neill; Arthur Regal, of Atkinson, (alternate); Earl Collins, of Atkinson, (alternate).

Democratic—Francis D. Lee, of Atkinson; John Sullivan, of O'Neill; Michael Horiskey, of O'Neill; Farmer Withers, of Atkinson, (alternate); J. Q. Archer, of Ewing.

Delegates to county Republican convention (1950): H. W. Tomlinson, Dr. L. A. Carter, Esther Cole Harris, L. G. Gillespie, all of O'Neill, and Earl Collins, of Atkinson.

400 ATTEND 4-H FUN NIGHT HERE

Numerous Awards Are Made in Annual Youth Frolic

Four hundred 4-H club members, their parents and friends attended the annual 4-H family fun night program in the American Legion auditorium here Saturday.

The program included recreation; community singing; a welcome, by James W. Rooney, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; musical number by Velma Abney and Beth Billings of the Happy Hollow club; "Why Boys and Girls Should Join 4-H Clubs;" by Don Fullerton of Amelia; dance, by Riverside 4-H club members; slides of 4-H club work in county by A. Neil Dawes; "Meaning of National 4-H Club Week" by Bill Smith, assistant state 4-H club leader, and musical number, by Catherine Helmrichs and Evelyn Ruroede, of the Happy Hollow 4-H club, of Ewing.

Awards were made to the following: Donna Crabb, of O'Neill; Maxine Peterson, of Amelia; Lorraine Coats, of Stuart; Doris Pierson, of O'Neill; Betsy Simmons, of Page; Thomas E. Wilson and Fred Mitchell, both of Stuart; Twila Whaley, of O'Neill; Velma Abney, of Stuart; Catherine Helmrichs, of Orchard; Alice Whaley, of O'Neill; Dick Clark, of O'Neill; Edward and DeLores Boyle, of O'Neill; Marcus Pierson, of Ewing; Murray Mellor, of Atkinson; Mary Ellen and Catherine Boyle, of O'Neill; Valera Lofquest, of Stuart; Beverly Small, of Amelia; Donna Krotter, of Stuart; and Vesta Mae Mitchell, of Stuart.

Other members receiving awards were: Marvel Johnson, of Stuart; Mrs. Ed Boyle, of O'Neill; Dale Graver, of Clearwater; Mary Lucille Osborn, of Dorsey; Mrs. M. M. Shattuck, of Stuart; Faye Moses, of Stuart; Laura Muford, of Stuart; Ardeth Ruroede, of Ewing; Marylyn Fetrow, of O'Neill; and Glenn White, of Amelia.

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Bankers Hear Precautionary Plea

Forty-nine bank officials, representing banking institutions in the North-Central Nebraska Regional Clearing House association, met in a regularly scheduled spring meeting in the American Legion building here last Thursday night.

The highlights of the meeting included an anti-inflation talk by James H. Moore, of Omaha, vice-president of the Omaha National bank, and a review of a recent European trip by Crawford J. Mortensen, of Ord, president of the Nebraska State bank there.

Mr. Moore elaborated on the anti-inflationary policies adopted by the American Bankers' association and cautioned the bankers about granting excess credit on speculative investments.

The Ord banker, who with his wife returned in October from a tour of western Europe, confined his talk to personal observations and experiences.

BITES HELD FOR ROBERT PARKINS

Many Kin and Radio Associates Unable to Attend Services

Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a. m. in St. Patrick's Catholic church here for Robert P. Parkins, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parkins, who died March 3 in a Lincoln hospital. Rev. Cyril J. Werner officiated and burial was in Calvary cemetery.

The young O'Neill man, who has been a radio announcer on several midwestern stations during recent years, died in a Lincoln hospital. Death was caused by pneumonia.

Born in Omaha on July 20, 1923, he came to O'Neill with his parents in 1937. He graduated from St. Mary's academy in 1941 and attended college for a time in Chicago, Ill., returning to Nebraska to enter radio work.

Relatives said his health had not been good since childhood, suffering from diabetes.

Because of adverse road and weather conditions, many kin and radio associates were unable to reach O'Neill for the funeral services.

Survivors include: Parents; brother—John H., of Omaha, and sister—Mrs. Charles (Jane) Yarnell, of O'Neill.

The pallbearers were: Dale Kersenbrock, Fritz Hickey, Dale French, Robert Miles, Robert Shoemaker and George Hammond.

1,250 TO ENTER MUSIC CONTEST

Arrangements are being made for the annual district music contest to be held here April 15 and 16. More than 1,250 musicians are expected. Entries have already been received from 11 bands and 30 choruses.

Meanwhile, an elimination contest for pupils at St. Mary's academy and the O'Neill public school will be held Tuesday. Vocal contests will be held at the academy; instrumental in the public school.

The parochial pupils will be heard in the morning beginning at 9:30, and the public school pupils in the afternoon, beginning at 1. The bands and glee clubs will be heard in a joint program in the evening.

Judges will be: John R. Keith, chairman of the music department at Wayne State Teachers' college; Phyllis Woods, of the Norfolk department of the Norfolk public school, and Jeannette Copes, piano instructor, of Ainsworth.

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James H. Moore . . . he cautioned bankers in anti-inflation talk.—The Frontier Photo by Joh H. McCarville.

They visited Italy, France, Sweden, England, Germany

and the Low Countries. Mr. Mortensen's ancestral home is in Denmark.

He did not discuss his personal reaction to the Marshall plan for European relief.

In the association's election of officers, Joseph G. Brewster, of the Tri-County bank, of Stuart, was elected president; Ivan Dickerson, of the First National bank of Atkinson, was named vice-president, and Woodrow Melena, of the O'Neill National bank, was named secretary-treasurer.

The retiring officers are: C. L. Bishop, of the Bartlett State bank, president; August Benz, of the Spencer State bank, of Spencer, vice-president, and John C. Watson, of the First National bank, of O'Neill, secretary-treasurer.

The program followed a 3-course dinner, served by the American Legion auxiliary of Simonson post 193.

7-BELOW LOWEST MARK OF WEEK

Northerly winds ushered a chill breath into the state late Tuesday, accompanied by light snowfall. The temperature in O'Neill dropped to 7-degrees below zero during the night.

The 7-day period ending today (Thursday) was considerably colder than the preceding period when temperatures were above freezing most of the time.

The O'Neill region escaped the heavy snowfall that blanketed other sections of the state last weekend.

The summary follows:

	Hi	Lo	Moist.
March 4	29	16	
March 5	27	15	.17
March 6	28	14	
March 7	27	12	
March 8	28	5	
March 9	25	2	.08
March 10	13	-7	
Total			.25

INFANT SON DIES

LYNCH—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wike, of Topeka, Kan., died February 29. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Wike, of Lynch.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN CHEYENNE

Mrs. W. H. McInerney Stricken Suddenly; Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. W. H. McInerney, of Cheyenne, Wyo., the former Nellie O'Donnell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John P. O'Donnell, died early Saturday in Cheyenne, Wyo. She had been in poor health for several months, but she was stricken suddenly with the illness that took her life. The evening before her death she had spent quietly listening to the radio.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in Cheyenne, and burial was made there.

The late Mrs. McInerney was born in O'Neill, a member of a pioneer family. She was reared here and attended St. Mary's academy.

Survivors include: Widower; brothers—Edward L. O'Donnell, of Lincoln; Pat O'Donnell, of O'Neill; M. F. O'Donnell, of Dallas, Tex.; John O'Donnell, of San Francisco, Calif.; sisters—Miss Anna O'Donnell, of O'Neill; Mrs. Frank (Bea) Edschler, of O'Neill; Mrs. Ed (Mame) Lyman, of Omaha, and Mrs. Quentin (Sue) Deaver, of South America.

Among those attending the funeral were Edward L. O'Donnell, Pat O'Donnell and Miss Anna O'Donnell.

RUDOLPH KRAMER RITES AT STUART

Pneumonia Attack Is Fatal to Well-Known Farmer

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER

STUART—Rudolph Kramer, 69, a well-known Stuart farmer who has spent most of his life in this vicinity, died at 4 p. m. Sunday at his farm home 3 miles east of Stuart. Death was caused by pneumonia, which he contracted only 2 days before.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday in St. Boniface Catholic church at Stuart, and interment was in the St. Boniface cemetery. Rev. A. J. Paschang, of Stuart, and Rev. Joseph Kaup, of Omaha, formerly of Stuart, officiated.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Leo and Lawrence, both of Atkinson; Joseph, of Stuart; Berard, of Omaha; and Louis, of Kennrick seminary, St. Louis, Mo.; daughter—Mary, of St. Paul; brothers—John, August and Frank; sister—Mrs. Frank Hamik.

'Happy Journey' Wins 1-Act Play Contest

Forensic students of the O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy participated in a joint declamatory program Monday. St. Mary's students were presented for criticism and O'Neill high held a dramatic elimination contest for 25 pupils. Mrs. Henry Ley, jr., of Wayne, was the critic-judge.

Winners of the O'Neill high school elimination contest were: Helen Johnson, original oratory; Helen Bowden, oratory; Alice Whaley, first in dramatic; Wilma Potts, second in dramatic; Gayle Widfeldt, first in humorous; Irene Searles, second in humorous.

The one-act play, "Happy Journey," won first place and "Ransom of Red Chief," second place.

Representatives of each division of each school will compete in the district contest at Atkinson March 19.

State Forestation Man Shows Slides

CELIA—Earl Maxwell, of the state forestation service, gave a demonstration and talk at the O. A. Hammerberg home March 3. He was assisted by Holt County Agent A. Neil Dawes and Hame Agent Catherine Kirwin, both of O'Neill.

Colored slides of farm yards were shown, two of them of the Albert Spann home near Atkinson and some of the Larson home near Ewing. On one slide a picture of Mrs. St. n-donley Johnson was shown.

Mr. Maxwell answered questions and gave a demonstration on fruit tree pruning, and showed the Hammerberg family how to plan their yard.

Among the farmers of the Celia community present included: Mrs. Pat Kilmury, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Victor Frickel, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Frickel, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Keidel, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pease and son, Bob, Mrs. Joe Hendricks and son, Jerry.

NEW FIRM OPENS

Mrs. Edith Brandenburg, formerly of Ewing, is announcing in this issue of *The Frontier* the opening of the Carmel Corner in the Golden hotel building. The store will feature carmel corn (from which it derives its name), ice cream, a soda fountain and a snack bar.

DISHNER NOT A CANDIDATE

Definitely Won't Seek Reelection; No Petitions Filed

Mayor F. J. Dishner, whose 2-year term expires next month, is definitely not a candidate for reelection. He told *The Frontier* Wednesday that he would not consent to his name appearing on a petition as a mayoralty candidate.

Meanwhile, in this "caucus-less" city, considerable casting-about for mayor material will be done between now and March 27—the deadline for filing petitions.

The terms of Councilmen James M. Cokle, James W. Rooney and Merle Hickey also expire.

Mayor Dishner's 2-year term has been a busy one. An extensive 90 thousand dollar improvement program in connection with the municipal water works has been completed; contracts have been let and arrangements made for extension of the city's sewer disposal system; the city ordinances, many of them outdated and useless, have been revised and made effective; a zoning ordinance was adopted after several months of planning and parleying.

Mr. Dishner served 2 terms as mayor prior to World War I.

The terms of 2 board of education members, Ira H. Moss and Hugh J. Birmingham, also expire this year. Both are 3-year terms.

No petitions have as yet been filed with City Clerk O. D. French, although several petitions or are about to be circulated.

Montanan, Native of O'Neill, Succumbs

Mrs. Albert McMullen, about 65, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Florence Sullivan and a native of O'Neill, died February 28 in a Butte, Mont., hospital. She had been ill for 4 months.

Mrs. McMullen, the former Nellie Sullivan, was a resident of Montana for the last 40 years, and for the last 7 years a resident of Jeffers, near Butte.

She was educated in O'Neill and for a time was employed in the P. J. McManus store.

Mr. McMullen died 25 years ago. There were no children.

Survivors include: Sisters—Mrs. Mary Carney and Mrs. Margaret Tierney, both of Seattle, Wash.; Miss Jo Sullivan and Mrs. Kate Mitchell, both of Jeffers.

Funeral services were held March 2 in St. Joseph's Catholic church at Jeffers and burial was in Holy Cross cemetery.

Mrs. McClurg Buried Wednesday at Stuart

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER

STUART—Mrs. Jessie McClurg died early Monday in the Stuart hospital. She had been in ill health for about a year.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Federated church at Stuart, and burial was in the Stuart cemetery.

Survivors include several sons and one daughter.

WANNA HIRE A COOK?

CELIA—Anybody want to hire a good cook? Donnie Frickel, 10, baked a chocolate cake last week and sent a hunk over to *The Frontier* Woman, Blanche Spann Pease. It was good enough to stack up against the baking results of many a grown woman! Donnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Frickel, jr., has been learning to bake the last few months, and if that cake was any sample, is doing all right for himself!

TOURNEY ROUNDUP

The recapitulation of scores in the regional class B high school basketball tournament here last week follows:

FIRST ROUND

Wednesday, March 3
Ainsworth 40, ST. MARY'S 29
Burwell 43 . . . Creighton 26
Neligh 39 . . . Valentine 28
O'NEILL 49 . . . Bassett 19

SEMI-FINALS

Thursday, March 4
Ainsworth 37 . . . O'NEILL 26
Neligh 38 . . . Burwell 29

FINALS

Friday, March 5
Ainsworth 35 . . . Neligh 26

(For more details, turn to SPORTS on page 3.)