

T. F. BIRMINGHAM PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME FRIDAY

Dies At His Home After A
Three Weeks Illness,
At Age of 75 Years

FUNERAL LASTSUNDAY

Thomas F. Birmingham died at his residence in this city last Friday afternoon at 3:20, after an illness of a little over three weeks, of enterocolitis, at the age of seventy-five years, eleven months and thirteen days. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church last Sunday morning, at 11:30, interment in Calvary cemetery.

Thomas Francis Birmingham was born at Galena, Illinois, on September 15, 1856. He attended the public schools at Galena and after graduation therefrom taught school in several places in that vicinity. He spent some time in Wyoming before coming to this county. He came here in April, 1884, in company with the late Ed. F. Gallagher. After their arrival here they organized the Galena Lumber company, of which corporation Mr. Birmingham was manager until they disposed of it to Clyde King in November, 1911. A couple of years after establishing the lumber company Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Birmingham, associated with relatives in Illinois, purchased the First National Bank, which the two families have controlled since that time. For twenty-seven years Mr. Birmingham managed the Galena Lumber Company and after their purchase of the bank was an officer in that institution up to the time of his death.

Three years after his arrival here Mr. Birmingham returned to Darlington, Wis., where on February 10, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret J. Gallagher and they came back to O'Neill where Mr. Birmingham resided continuously up to the time of his death. To this union one son was born, Hugh J. Birmingham, of the First National Bank, who is left to mourn the passing of a kind and indulgent father. Mrs. Birmingham passed away in October, 1925.

Mr. Birmingham had always enjoyed splendid health up to the time he was seized with his last illness. He attended the last democratic national convention and after its adjournment he visited old friends in his boyhood home at Galena and Darlington, Wis., and after his return said that he thoroughly enjoyed the convention and the visit with old friends in Illinois and Wisconsin thereafter. About three weeks ago he was taken ill, but his condition was not considered serious for the first week. But his ailment did not respond to treatment and he kept gradually sinking until he quietly passed away last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Birmingham was a shrewd and careful business man and by his thrift, industry and business acumen built up probably the largest fortune in this county, being rated at the time of his death as one of the wealthiest men in this part of the state. After the panic of the nineties, when Atkinson was left without a bank, the owners of the First National started a bank there, which has been very successful. Later on they started a bank at Emmet, which is still a very prosperous little bank. At the time of his death he was vice president of the First National of this city, vice president of the First National of Atkinson and president of the Emmet State Bank. At the time of his death he was also a member of the O'Neill school board, a position he had held for several years, with credit and distinction. In his death O'Neill loses one of its most substantial business men and one who had much to do with the upbuilding of this city and county. Coming here as a young man, when this county was undeveloped, he assisted in its development and growth. That he had faith in the future of this section is manifest by the fact that he was a large Holt county land owner at the time of his death. His sudden death will be deeply mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances and The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in tendering its condolence in their hour of sorrow.

The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church last Sunday morning, Monsignor M. F. Cassidy officiating, burial in Calvary cemetery, and was very largely attended, many coming from other towns in the county for the funeral services. Judge R. R. Dickson, J. A. Donohoe, William Daly, of

Emmet, Fred Swingley, of Atkinson, J. F. Gallagher and P. J. McManus served as honorary pallbearers, while the active pallbearers were: J. D. Cronin, Frank Froelich, R. R. Morrison, George Agnes, H. J. Hammond and George Shoemaker.

NELIGH BOOSTERS IN O'NEILL TUESDAY

Visit Is Made to Advertise Antelope County Fair

The largest booster delegation that ever visited this city was on our streets Tuesday morning, when the Neligh Whisker Club and the Ladies Pajama Club visited O'Neill in the interest of the Antelope County Fair. The Neligh band led the procession of forty cars into town, and to the end of Douglas street and then back again. The band was seated in a large truck and rendered inspiring music to announce their coming. In the forty touring cars that followed the truck were about 200 of the citizens of our neighboring city, both men and women gaily decorated for the booster trip.

The band wagon stopped in the center square where they rendered a few appropriate selections and the members of the delegation were welcomed by a delegation of citizens of the city, headed by Mayor Stout. The night before Mayor Stout had received a letter from the secretary of the Whisker club announcing that they would be in the city at 11:30 Tuesday morning and arrangements had been made to receive them in style. The O'Neill band was to be on the streets to welcome the visitors, but they pulled in fifteen minutes ahead of time, so the planned reception did not materialize. The only welcome they received was the greeting extended them by the mayor and citizens and the screeching of the fire siren, which announced their arrival in town.

Ralph Kryger, former state senator and prominent lawyer of Antelope county, was the official speller for the party, and he announced the reason for their visit. He then introduced William Boeltz, who presided over their Kangaroo Court. He, in stentorian tones, announced that a complaint had been filed in the court against two of the prominent citizens of this city and called on them to come forward for trial. He called Sheriff Duffy and Mayor Stout and accused them of having insulted young ladies on the street, and presented as evidence and complaining witness one of the "boosters" who was appropriately decorated for the occasion, but one that Pete, who is recognized as having very discriminating taste as far as the ladies are concerned, could hardly be accused of kissing. But the "Judge" found them guilty and said that he would let them off easy, if they would promise to boost for the Antelope county fair, and to wear whiskers, to both of which conditions the boys agreed. If they don't make good on their promise, how about the Green Beret Club enforcing the fine? Scott Hough, city marshal, was then taken before the court and he was let off easy on promise of furnishing the "Judge" a drink, which was done and everyone was happy.

A member of the Pajama Club then sang a solo, and was joined in the chorus by the other members of the Club. Two little tots then entertained the crowd with a song and dance and acquitted themselves very creditably. Taken all in all it was a very creditable booster trip and if the Antelope county Fair is not a success it will not be because of the lack of interest of the citizens of that little enterprising city of Neligh. Come again boys when you can stay longer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Yantzi and Pete Todson drove down to Grand Island last Monday morning and returned that afternoon with Mrs. Todson and the children, who had been visiting relatives there for the past month.

Norbert Daley and Miss Leonora Brown came up from Omaha last Saturday and spent a few days visiting friends and relatives in this city. They returned home Monday afternoon, being accompanied back by Miss Dorothy Daly, who had been visiting relatives here for the past month.

Gerald Phalin, John McCormach and his sister, Phil McCormach, returned to Omaha Monday, after spending a week visiting at the home of Gerald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phalin. Miss Maxine Mullen, who has spent the past week visiting her aunt Mrs. P. C. Donohoe, returned with them.

GREEN BERET CLUB ORGANIZED TO FIN- ANCE A FREE DAY

Kangaroo Court To Be Held At K. of C. Hall On Thursday Evening

At a meeting held by the members of the Lions Club and the local post of the American Legion, who are sponsoring the O'Neill Free Day, the date was officially set for Wednesday, October 12th. At this meeting Pat Harty was elected secretary-treasurer of the Green Beret Club and the balance of the organization will be completed at a meeting to be held the latter part of the week, when all committees will be appointed and a program outlined for the day.

The following rules have been adopted for the conduct of the members of the Green Beret Club:

1. Be it resolved that the zero hour for starting the O'Neill Green Beret Club shall be at noon Saturday, September 3, 1932. At that minute the members will don the green beret and after that time wear them at all times when out of doors.
2. Members upon payment of \$1 entrance fee shall receive authorized membership card.
3. A kangaroo court will convene on each Thursday evening, K. C. Hall at 8:00 P. M.
4. Proceeds from membership fee will be used to finance the expense of a Free Day in O'Neill on October 12th.
5. The membership fee for school children and ladies shall be 50 cents.
6. At the first convening of the kangaroo court officers will be chosen consisting of five O'Neill men.
7. The kangaroo court shall have the power to interpret the rules of this club.
8. Members shall not be required to wear the green beret on Sunday or at funerals.

SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY

The O'Neill public schools opened last Monday morning with an increased enrollment over the last school year. The total enrollment last year, in all grades, was 415, while this year the total enrollment is 428, according to figures furnished us by Superintendent Carroll. In the high school there are enrolled this year 178 pupils, while total in the high school last year was 157. The pupils in the high school this year are divided as follows: Seniors 42, Juniors 25, Sophomores 37, freshmen 70, Postgraduates 3 and Unclassified 1. In the grades the 250 pupils are divided as follows: kindergarten 24, first grade 33, second grade 32, third grade 21, fourth grade 25, fifth grade 19, sixth grade 34, seventh grade 30, eighth grade 22.

FLANNERY TO THE PEN

William Flannery, Milwaukee, alleged liquor runner, who was held in the Pierce county jail charged with the murder of D. Paul Lowery, of Chambers, near Pierce on August 27th was taken to the state penitentiary for safe keeping last Tuesday night. The preliminary hearing was held at Pierce Tuesday noon. When the preliminary hearing opened County Judge McDonald sentenced both of the Flannerys to serve ninety days in jail and to pay a fine of \$100 each for violation of the liquor laws. Mrs. Flannery is still in jail at Pierce in default of \$1,000.00 bail bond.

P. J. McManus returned last Saturday from a visit to Gregory county, South Dakota, where he was looking after his real estate interests. P. J. was over there a couple of months ago and said on his return that he had never seen better prospects for a bountiful crop than there were in that section at that time. All kinds of small grain was looking immense and corn gave prospects of a very heavy crop. But it is different now. The small grain crop was very poor. Lots of straw but not much grain and he says that the corn crop from Butte west is almost a total failure. Lack of moisture is given as the cause for the crop failure. He said that he understood that the crops around Martin and Mission, South Dakota, are better than they are in the Rosebud country, but are a long way from being good crops.

Peter W. Duffy and Frank Hopkins accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Downey to Lincoln Wednesday where they will attend the State Fair.

ERNST-ROBERTSON

Ralph Ernst and Miss Rebecca Robertson were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse in this city last Thursday afternoon at 3:30 by Rev. H. D. Johnson, in the presence of a few of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Ernst, pioneer resident and prominent farmer living north of this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robertson, of Joy, and has been engaged in teaching in the eastern part of the state for the past few years.

The young people will make their home on a farm northwest of this city. They have many friends in this section who will wish them many happy years of wedded bliss.

BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Hilma Zimmerman of Mount Clare arrived Friday.

Ben Harty and Roy Griffin returned from Omaha Saturday night.

Mrs. Ted McElhanev and daughter spent Wednesday in Orchard.

Bennett Sanders returned from the State Fair on Saturday.

Chris Gathje, of Emmet spent Wednesday transacting business in the city.

Miss Mildred Timlin arrived Monday night and will again teach at Opportunity.

Wesley R. Cobb, of Stuart, was transacting business in this city last Tuesday.

Ralph Oppen will leave Sunday for Lincoln where he will attend the State University.

Vern Wilburn, of Atkinson, was looking after business matters in this city Tuesday.

Miss Neva Wolfe, of Lynch, one of the teachers of the public schools, came over last Friday.

J. A. Donohoe returned Friday night from Lincoln where he spent several days on business.

Rigt Reverend Monsignor Cassidy left Tuesday for Omaha, where he will spend a few days.

Miss Margaret Tyler, of Valentine, spent the week-end as the guest of Miss Rita Reardon.

William Haley, of Omaha, arrived Sunday and will be the guest of Bill Beha for a few days.

Miss Rita Reardon entertained at a luncheon Sunday in honor of her guest Miss Margaret Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beha of Sioux City were here visiting friends and relatives over Labor Day.

Hugh O'Donnell came home Saturday from Springfield to spend a few days with the home folks.

Earl P. Smith returned Monday night from Lincoln where he has been working for the past month.

Jimmie Harty spent a few days visiting in Omaha last week, returning Saturday with Norbert Daily.

Miss Vera O'Neill arrived Friday from her home at Dunbar, to resume her work in the public school.

Joe Ryan left Tuesday morning for Prairie Du Chien, Wis., where he will again attend Champion college.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Metcalfe and daughter, of Omaha, spent Wednesday in the city, transacting business.

Miss Ruth Kramer, of Neligh, who is one of the teachers in the public schools, came up last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Boyle, of Norfolk, came up last Saturday to attend the funeral of T. J. Birmingham.

Miss Loretta Enright left last Saturday for Petersburg, where she will again teach in the public schools.

Miss Marie Jensen came up from Fremont last Saturday and spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jensen northwest of this city.

HOLT COUNTY 4-H CLUB GIRLS TAKE FIVE FIRST PLACES AT STATE FAIR

Mona Melvin, Martha Fisher, Birdie Doolittle, Marcella Kratchie, Donna Harper, Murnice Tipton and Lucretin George All Win First Places

OTHER GIRLS FROM HOLT COUNTY WIN PLACES

Holt County 4-H Members Win Honors



Martha Fisher



Birdie Doolittle

Martha Fisher and Birdie Doolittle, members of the Wide Awake girls room club of Amelia won the 4-H Girls Room Judging contest at the State Fair on Saturday. They will represent Nebraska at the National Club Congress at Chicago in December. Martha was high individual with a score of 482 out of a possible 500 points. Birdie led 18th with a score of 419. Fourteen teams were entered in the contest.

Martha is 19 years old and is a daughter of P. E. Fisher of Amelia. She has completed three years of clothing club work and two years of cooking club work. In addition to being a member of the Wide Awake girls room club she is a member of the I Go C poultry club and the Amelia Baby Beef club.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Doolittle of Amelia are Birdie's parents. She is fifteen years of age and has completed three years of clothing and two years of cooking club work.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson of Amelia is the leader of the Wide Awake girls room club. Mrs. Thompson and the county agent coached the team for the judging contest. Last year was the first year that these girls had done any judging work. The State Fair was their first experience in a judging contest.

Maxine McConnell and Rita Cody, members of the Snappy Cooking Club of Emmet won third place as a baked foods judging team at the State Fair. Maxine was third high individual and Rita placed seventh. Their team score was 906 points and the Douglas county club team which placed first only scored 910 points. Maxine and Rita are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McConnell and Mr. and Mrs. James Cody of Emmet, respectively. Mrs. Walter Puckett, coach and leader of the team accompanied the girls to Lincoln as a chaperon.

Maxine is fifteen and Rita is 18 and this is their second year of 4-H club work. This is the first year that they have judged and the State Fair was their first judging contest.

Murnice Tipton of Page took part in the canned foods contest. She placed well up in the individual total. Elizabeth Harper, her teammate, has been sick and was unable to make the trip.

Second year clothing club members scored heavily in the placings at the fair. Marcella Kratchie of Ewing won first on a cotton sport dress. The dress was made of cotton print with pique trimmings and cost about sixty cents.

Elvin McPharlin will leave in the morning for Omaha where he will again enter Creighton University.

Mrs. B. W. Reeves left Saturday morning for McCook where she will teach in the public schools this term.

The regular monthly session of the county board was held last week, adjourning Saturday until September 27th.

W. J. Froelich left for Chicago Thursday morning. Mrs. Froelich and the children will remain for a longer visit.

C. J. Best and A. A. Pagle, of the Neligh Leader, and K. A. Scofield, of the Neligh News, were in the city last Tuesday with the boosters from their town. Mr. Page and Mr. Best favoring this office with a pleasant call.

First on a cotton school dress was won by Murnice Tipton of Page. This dress was made of Chamy Crepe print and cost \$1.26.

Donna Harper and Murnice Tipton of Page won first and second place respectively on a suit suitable for a boy two to six years old. Fourth place on a small girls dress was won by Elizabeth Harper of Page. Luree Abart of Emmet won fourth on an undergarment. Edith Ballagh of Balagh won fifth on a wool school dress.

Lucretia George and Phyllis George third year members, won first and fifth on undergarments. The Merry Makers Canning club of Amelia won sixth on a second year canning club budget. Martha Fisher of Amelia won fifth on a girls room dressing unit.

Miss Mona Melvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin of this city, won first prize in the wool sport or school dress division, in the 4-H club style show contest at the Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln last Wednesday. Thirty-four girls were entered in the 4-H club style show. They compete in four divisions and judges will pick the first three out of each division to model again for the grand championship of the state.

The grand champion will represent Nebraska in a style show connected with the club congress in Chicago in December. She will also receive a gold medal in addition to cash prizes awarded by the state fair.

The Holt county young folks have placed Holt county on the map at the state fair this year and we all hope that Miss Melvin wins the grand championship in her class.

The Frontier, on its own behalf and on behalf of the citizens of the county, tender congratulations to these young ladies on the honors they have won for themselves and conferred upon their county by their success.

Other Holt county 4-H club exhibitors at the fair were Fern Revell of Opportunity, Blondina and Beatrice Welsh of Emmet, Agnes Wood and Rose Snyder of Page and Marcia George of Ewing.

666 Judge and Demonstrate

Six Hundred sixty-six 4-H club members are competing at the state fair in judging and demonstration contests this year. Entries are larger than usual due to the increased enrollment in 4-H clubs and to the increased emphasis on the judging and demonstration phases of club activities. Two hundred twenty-two boys and 140 girls entered the eight judging contests. They represented 144 teams, each team the champion of its division of club work in its home county. Thirty-five of the teams entered the livestock judging contest, 20 the clothing, 18 the baked foods, 17 the girls room, 15 canned foods, 14 the crops, 14 dairy, and 11 the poultry contest. One hundred fifty-two demonstration teams entered the three day competition at the State Fair. Twenty-six clothing teams, 20 cooking, and 20 girls room teams entered the largest division of these contests.

Miss Ella McCaffery, of McCook, arrived Friday to take up her duties as one of the teachers in the public school.

Pat Minton, of Walthill, arrived in the city the first of the week for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Alice Minton.

Miss Fern Hubbard will leave Friday morning for Lincoln where she will again teach in the Lincoln Public Schools.

Miss Pauline Kennedy of Fort Pierre, S. D., arrived Tuesday and has accepted a position in the local office of the Borden Produce Company.

Miss Mary Catherine Coyne returned Monday night from Omaha where she has been visiting the Misses Mary Susan and Catherine Dwyer.