

### CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE BUREAU IS FORMED

Formation of a Catholic Diocesan Rural Life bureau in the Omaha diocese to aid farmers of this area in solving their economic problems and other issues confronting them, was announced Monday by Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, D. D., bishop of Omaha, who took an active part in the recent National Catholic Rural Life Conference held at Dubuque, Iowa.

Rev. Daniel Reifenrath, of Snyder, Nebraska, has been appointed director of the Diocesan Rural Life bureau, which will bring Catholic farmers of the twenty-three northeast Nebraska counties in the diocese together at the first meeting of the Conference to be held in Norfolk, Nebraska, at Sacred Heart Church auditorium, Thursday, December 29, at 9 a. m.

Nationally known clergy and lay speakers identified with the rural life movement will address the morning and afternoon sessions.

The advisory board of the Diocesan bureau, appointed by Bishop Rummel, includes:

Very Rev. John G. McNamara, dean of Bloomfield; Very Rev. Bernard Lordeman, dean of Hartington; Rev. M. A. Quinn, Bancroft; Rev. P. J. Vander Laah, Ewing; Rev. Theodore Buelt, Elgin; Rev. Bernard Westerman, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart church, Norfolk; Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, Tilden; Rev. Maciejewski, Duncan; Rev. Charles Oborny, Verdigris; Rev. Athanasius Steck, O. F. M., Humphrey; and Rev. Joseph Ostiel, diocesan superintendent of school of Omaha.

"Concern for the economic and social as well as for the spiritual and moral welfare of our large rural population, has caused this diocesan rural life bureau to be established," said Bishop Rummel. "The importance of such concern is apparent to everyone who knows the deplorable plight of the farmers and who observes the restlessness now prevalent in their ranks.

"They evidently need prudent guidance, lest they become the prey of exploiting and radical agitators. That the Catholic Church has a responsibility in this matter towards its members is evident from the Holy Father's Encyclical, 'Quadragesimo Anno' and from the recent pronouncement of the bishops of the United States and the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

Bishop Rummel stated in his letter to pastors, outlining the new bureau that "we will sponsor no definite organization, but will endeavor to study, counsel, vigilance and warning to benefit the farmer and assist every deserving movement organized for his genuine advantage."

Every pastor in the rural sections has been invited to bring with him to the Norfolk conference from five to fifteen agricultural members, men and women, from every rural parish.

"We must all feel the need of keeping farmers on the farms and of promoting their welfare in every sense," Bishop Rummel added in his letter. "The very existence of the Catholic Church in the rural areas is challenged and at stake."

The National Catholic Rural Life Conference recently went on record as favoring a "back to the land movement." Rev. Edgar Schmiedler, O.S.B., of Washington, D. C., is the national director.

### BONNIE LOU BURGE

Bonnie Lou, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burge, living southwest of this city, died Wednesday of last week and was buried in Prospect Hill cemetery, this city, last Thursday, Rev. Conrad officiating. Bonnie Lou was born on December 6, 1932, and died on December 21, 1932, of an attack of the flu.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Burge tender their condolence in their hour of sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin, Marjorie and Richard, drove down to Nebraska City last Friday where they spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Butts. Mr. Cronin came home Monday afternoon while the rest of the family will visit at Nebraska City over New Years.

J. D. Cronin went down to Lincoln the first of the week to attend the annual meeting of the Nebraska County Attorney's Association, which was held in that city last Tuesday and also to attend the annual meeting of the Nebraska Bar Association, which is being held there this week.

### RALPH LAWRENCE

Ralph Leroy Lawrence died at his home just southeast of this city last Sunday evening, about 8 p. m., after an illness of one week of pneumonia. The funeral was held last Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m., Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating, interment in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Ralph Lawrence was born at Richland, Nebr., on December 12, 1878, and was 54 years and 13 days old at the time of his death. He lived in and near Richland until after he had attained his majority when he came to this county about 1902 and had made his home in this county ever since. On June 27, 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Louise Johnson, in this city. To this union six children were born, five of whom with their mother, are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband and father. The children are: Charles B., Ray W. and Ruth E., of O'Neill, and Mrs. Martha Wrede, of Agee. One son, Francis, passing away when a small child.

For a number of years after his arrival in this county he lived in the vicinity of Emmet until a couple of years ago when he purchased the old Carlon farm just east and south of this city when he moved thereon. Ralph Lawrence was a kind and loving husband and father, a good citizen and neighbor. He was industrious and frugal and was rapidly approaching the crest of the hill where things looked better and brighter and financial independence was not far away. In his new home he entered into gardening extensively, with marked success, and he had contemplated entering into it more extensively next year than he had in the past, but it was not to be. He was never very rugged but the past year or so appeared in better health than for several years. He was taken with an attack of the flu last week, which developed into pneumonia and, notwithstanding the fact that everything that willing hands and loving hearts could do was done he kept gradually sinking until the end last Christmas eve.

The family has a host of friends in this city and vicinity and they all tender the bereaved family their condolences in their hour of sorrow.

### ALBERT M. HOPKINS

Albert M. Hopkins died at his home southeast of Inman last Monday afternoon at 5 p. m., at the age of 73 years, 10 months and five days.

Albert M. Hopkins was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, on February 21, 1859. When he was a young man his family moved to Nebraska, settling in Washington county, where they remained until 1880 when Mr. Hopkins came to this county and took a farm southeast of Inman where he resided up to the time of his death.

On April 21, 1881, he went back to Washington county where, on April 21, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Flora A. Moor, and they came back to Holt county and took up their residence on the farm where Mr. Hopkins lived for over 52 years. His wife died four years ago this month. Mr. Hopkins was a good citizen and a good neighbor and he was very highly thought of in the eastern part of the county where he had an extensive acquaintance.

He leaves to mourn his departure ten children, seven sons and three daughters. The children are: Mrs. Mary Allen, Springfield, Nebr.; James, Walter and Millard of Inman; Mrs. Edith Ladwigg, of Sumner, Nebr.; Kemp of Lexington, Nebr.; Clinton, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Florence Ebbengard and Forrest, of Ewing; and Harvey of Silver Creek, Nebr.

The funeral will be held next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment in the Inman cemetery at the side of his wife, Rev. Mertie Clute officiating.

### MICHAEL J. O'KEEFE

Word reached O'Neill friends that Michael J. O'Keefe died at a hospital at Rochester, Minn., last Monday morning, after an operation for tumor of the brain.

Mr. O'Keefe was an engineer in the employ of the Burlington railroad and had the run from Sioux City to O'Neill for several years and had a large number of friends in this city. For the past few years he has been operating a switch engine in the Burlington yards at Omaha.

Miss Edna Simonson, who is attending the Moeller Beauty School at Omaha, came home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Simonson.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Ira Moss entertained the Martez Club at her home last Monday evening.

Miss Roberta Arbuthnot entertained the Delta Deck Club at her home last Tuesday evening.

Harlan Agnes came home last Thursday evening from Chicago for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Rose Taylor went down to Norfolk last Saturday to spend Christmas with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warner are on the sick list this week, suffering from a severe attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shaw were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wolfe at dinner on Christmas day.

Howard Medlin came up from Petersburg last Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gallagher left last Tuesday morning for Omaha to attend the funeral of Michael J. O'Keefe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McPharlin drove down to Omaha last Saturday night to spend Christmas with their daughters and son.

Miss Margaret Ryan, of Creighton, came over last Monday for a few days visit at the home of Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Brown, formerly of this city, but now of Holdrege, Nebr., spent Christmas visiting friends in this city.

J. A. Donohoe left last Monday morning for Des Moines, Iowa, where he expects to spend the week looking after legal matters.

Tom Hannaberry returned last week from Bayard, Nebr., where he had been employed in the sugar factory for the past three months.

Miss Marion Golden, who is teaching at Hartington, came over last Saturday and is spending the holidays visiting the home folks.

Mrs. Lorena McManus, of Casper, Wyo., arrived Saturday morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Simonson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ryan and son drove down to Omaha last Saturday and spent Christmas as the guest of their daughter, Mrs. Donald McClellan.

The Presbyterian Ladies Guild will meet with Mrs. C. J. Malone Thursday afternoon, January 5th at 2:30. Mrs. Fred Robinson will be assisting hostess.

Mrs. L. C. Chapman went down to Omaha last Saturday and spent Christmas at the home of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chapman.

M. F. O'Donnell, of Dallas, Texas, arrived in the city last Saturday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich and children arrived in the city from Chicago last Friday and will spend the holidays visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Mae Hamond, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived in the city last Thursday evening for a couple of weeks visit with her brothers and sisters here and with other relatives.

Miss Etta Morgan, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, arrived in the city last Saturday and is spending the Christmas vacation visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nellie Froelich.

Miss Nellie Toy and Miss Saunto, who are attending the state Normal at Wayne, came home last Friday evening to spend the Christmas vacation with the home folks.

Mrs. Gaius Caldwell and children left last Saturday for Broken Bow, Nebr., where they will spend the holidays visiting at the home of her parents. Mr. Caldwell will go over the end of the week and bring them home.

### FEDERAL AND STATE MEN RAID

Last Tuesday evening Federal Prohibition Administrator Wilson, of Omaha, accompanied by four Federal prohibition agents and three deputy state sheriffs arrived in the city and at once proceeded to round up a few violators of the Eighteenth amendment.

They raided the Idle Hour Cafe and threw consternation into the hearts of several diners that were partaking of their evening meal. The proprietor, Lowell A. Jones was placed under arrest but was released in a short time under bond. Ed Gunn and James Morrison were also arrested and all gave bonds for their appearance in county court the next day.

Morrison was charged in the complaint, which was signed by Prohibition Agent Geo. Bay, with having in his possession two thirds of a pint of colored moonshine whiskey. To this charge he pleaded guilty before County Judge Malone and was fined \$100 and costs, amounting to \$3.25.

Lowell Jones was charged with possession. The complaint alleged that he had in his possession one pint of colored moonshine whiskey and one half pint of alcohol. He pleaded guilty to the charge before the County Judge and was fined \$100 and costs, amounting to \$3.25.

Ed. Gunn was charged with having in his possession a pint of moonshine whiskey. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was also fined \$100 and costs, amounting to \$3.25.

### MRS. J. M. HUNTER CELEBRATES HER SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hunter gave a dinner party at their home at Star, Nebr., on December 23rd in honor of Mr. Hunter's mother's 75th birthday. Twelve guests were present. A three course dinner was served at noon. After dinner a short program was rendered. Two nice letters from the son and daughter who could not be present were read and two songs were sung by Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hunter. The remainder of the day was spent in visiting.

Those present were Mrs. A. R. Wertz, Mrs. Bruno Jacobs and Mr. and Mrs. Coffman of Star, Mrs. Effie M. Brady and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Walnut, Mrs. V. V. Rosenkrans, of Dorsey, Mrs. Newton Carson, E. L. Carson and Lizzie Carson, of Red Bird and Mrs. F. W. Phillips, of Lynch.

Mrs. Hunter received many nice gifts and cards. The party came as a surprise to her and among her surprises was one she appreciated so much, the school children of the Star school presented her with cards they had made themselves with very appropriate Christmas and birthday greetings.

The house was decorated in Christmas colors and the table with birthday decorations.

Mrs. Hunter was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on December 23, 1857, where she grew to womanhood. She was married to Joseph Hunter on February 17, 1881. They moved to Nebraska three years later where they lived on a farm until 1914 at which time they moved to O'Neill, where Mrs. Hunter still has her home, but since her husband's death in 1926 she has been spending her summers in Tipton, Iowa, with her sister. The last year and a half she has made her home with her son at Star. She has three children living, Frank, of Star, Nebr.; Mac, of North Bend, Ore., and Clela Brady, of Calgary, Canada.

Everyone enjoyed the day and all agreed that Mrs. Hunter shouldn't wait another whole year before having another birthday party.

### GRANDMA ERB CELEBRATES

A birthday anniversary was tendered on Christmas day to Mrs. Jacob Erb, at the home of her son David, it being her seventy-eighth birthday.

A lighted Christmas tree and Christmas games were provided. Supper was served for the family, relatives and friends. The table was decorated in red and green and centered with a large three layer birthday cake with all the rest on the calendar thrown in. It will be a day hard to forget for those that were present. Mother rejoicing and children gladdened the distribution as they approached old Santa. Christmas carols were sung by several young ladies accompanied with a few masculine voices that harmonized very nicely. A reception was held all afternoon at the home and many friends called to extend their congratulations to Mrs. Erb.

Mrs. Erb is one of the real old pioneers that has made a lasting impression. (Continued on page 8, column 1.)

### TREPPISH SENTENCE IS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

After an all day hearing the motion for a new trial for Earl Treppish, who was convicted about three weeks ago of slaying his trapping partner, Clarence Coy, on or about April 1, 1932, was denied by Judge Dickson last Thursday afternoon and he was sentenced to life in the Nebraska State penitentiary. The first of April of each year, the anniversary of the killing, is to be spent in solitary confinement.

During the afternoon Attorney's Mounts and Jackson, attorneys for the defense addressed the court at some length in behalf of their client, both of them stressing the fact that there was not sufficient evidence to maintain a verdict of murder.

In passing on the motion for a new trial Judge Dickson said: "The thing simmers down to one question, and that is, is the evidence sufficient to support a verdict? In substance the verdict is that Coy is dead and that Treppish murdered him."

"In a measure this is an outstanding case in the state of Nebraska. . . . It is almost exclusively circumstantial evidence. I feel that the bones introduced were Coy's bones. I was told that the jury agreed on a guilty verdict from the start, some wanted to bring in a verdict of first degree and, I think, some manslaughter. The verdict was second degree."

The Judge reviewed the whole case and made a complete summary of the evidence, calling attention to the fact that Coy and Treppish had some differences, yet remained friends. In commenting on the arrest of Treppish in Wyoming by Sheriff Duffy, the Judge said:

"When the sheriff said to Treppish, 'Cain, where is thy brother' he was told 'gardening on the Niobrara river island'—but nothing has been seen of Coy since that date. None saw the duffle on the river bank that was supposed to have been placed there by Treppish. The Sweet brothers told of Treppish telling them that Coy had gone down the creek. Now I believe that at that very moment Coy was dead. I am satisfied that Treppish killed Coy according to the theory of the state."

Sheriff Duffey left yast Saturday morning with Treppish for Lincoln and he is now confined in the state penitentiary. We understand that the case will be appealed and that Treppish will remain in the penitentiary pending the decision of the supreme court in the matter, if the case is appealed.

### SHAW-ROSELER

Married, at Neligh, Nebr., on Saturday, December 24, 1932, Harold Shaw of Amelia, to Miss Helen Roseler, of O'Neill, Rev. Kraemer officiating.

The groom was attended by Donald Wolfe of this city, while Miss Florence Rosler, of Chicago, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The groom was attired in a brown suit, while the groomsmen were attired in blue. The bride wore a transparent wine color velvet dress with hat and slippers to match; the bridesmaid was similarly attired in green.

After the ceremony the young people came back to this city and enjoyed a sumptuous wedding dinner at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. M. Filsinger, of this city.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rafe Shaw, pioneer residents of this county who now reside in the southwestern part of the county. Harold and his bride will make their future home on a ranch about thirty miles south of Atkinson, where he has the nest already prepared for his bride. He is a young man of sterling quality and gives promise of being in a few years one of the most successful cattlemen in the county.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. M. Filsinger of this city and for the past two years has been one of the efficient employees of the O'Neill Photo Co. She is a charming young lady with a pleasing personality and has a host of friends in this city and vicinity.

The many friends of this very estimable young couple join with us in extending to them best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Goree and family of Long Pine, drove down Saturday to spend Christmas at the L. A. Simonson home. Mr. Goree returned home Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Goree and the children remaining for the week.

### FIRE DESTROYS EWING PUBLIC SCHOOL

Last Thursday evening, just a few moments before the Annual Christmas program was scheduled to start, in the Ewing High School building, the building was discovered to be on fire. Although the building was packed with pupils and patrons of the school all those inside got out safely and they witnessed the pride of the city, their new high school building go up in flames. It is thought the fire started from defective wiring. Loss on the building is estimated at \$70,000.00 with \$35,000.00 insurance. This loss does not cover the value of the books and equipment destroyed, which will add a few thousand to the loss.

The two Ewing bands and an orchestra, the high school glee club and about 150 pupils that were to participate in the program were all in the building and in their places when smoke was discovered coming through the floor in the northeast corner of the building. The gymnasium holds about 250 and it was almost completely filled at the time the fire was discovered.

Getting outside of the building it was discovered that flames were shooting upward in rooms on the upper floors and that it had gained such headway that the firemen could not bring it under control. The fire departments from O'Neill, Orchard, Neligh and Clearwater responded to the call for help but the fire had gained such headway when the other fire fighters got there that there was no chance to save the building. We understand that a member of the Ewing fire company, A. B. McKay, had one hand badly crushed during the fire.

The Board of Education have rented rooms in several parts of town where school will be conducted for the balance of the school year.

It was very fortunate that the fire was discovered when it was, before the evenings entertainment had started. If it had been discovered after the program had started and the building crowded with people doubtless dozens of them would have been seriously injured.

### EGGER-LIDDY

Hans Egger, of Columbus, and Miss Anita Liddy, of this city, were united in marriage on December 24, 1932, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. F. J. Aucock officiating. Their many friends tender congratulations and good wishes.

### DOOLITTLE-D'HART

Earl Doolittle, of Amelia, and Miss Elsie P. DeHart, of Chambers, were united in marriage last Monday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. F. J. Aucock.

These young people are members of prominent families in the southern part of the county and their many friends wish them a long, happy and prosperous wedded life.

### OLSON-WILLIAMS

Wayne E. Olson and Miss Genevieve Williams, both of this city, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse about 10 o'clock last Saturday evening, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the young people left on a wedding trip, which will include a visit with relatives in Iowa.

This young couple have many friends in this city, where they are well known and they all wish them happiness and success in life.

Lee Hershiser, one of the progressive farmers and stockmen south of Emmet, was a pleasant caller at this office last Wednesday and advanced his subscription to The Frontier. Lee is a little more portly now than when we first knew him, something less than a half century ago, when he was one of the best bicycle riders in this section of the state. In those days bicycle riding was a great hobby and about everyone that could afford a machine had one and of course races were in order about once or twice a week and Lee finally kept at the game until he was about "king of the walk." From his present appearance we do not think he could put in as many hours "pedaling" as he used to in the old days. But time has dealt rather kindly with him at that and he continues to enjoy good health and a fair degree of prosperity; what more can one ask?

Dr. Merle Hunt drove up from Battle Creek last Sunday and spent a few hours visiting friends in this city.