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O'NEILL COUPLE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR SIXTY-ONE YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carter Celebrate Their Anniversary Tuesday, December 12th.

On December 12 the 61st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carter was observed. They are the parents of Dr. L. A. Carter and their home is in southwest O'Neill.

The Carters were married in a small Iowa town immediately following the great panic of 1871. They went to Kansas and there saw hardships that would have discouraged most newlyweds. Laughingly, Mrs. Carter tells that her husband asked her to live in a cave until a residence could be constructed. She refused and her husband hurried his carpenter work.

A neighbor tried eating snowbirds and liked them so well he swore off corn meal, partly because he did not have any and partly because he did not know where he could get some. Once, when Mrs. Carter was down to her last dime, a keepsake, a \$100 check came from her father.

A relative of Mr. Carter's spoke all over the country for the populist party and Mr. Carter stated, the things he said left no logical reason why the speaker was not shot every time he mounted the platform.

The Carters enjoy pretty good health, undoubtedly nature's recompense for much outdoor living and so-called hardships experienced the first few years they were married.

Their many O'Neill friends hope that they will live to enjoy many more wedding anniversaries together.

Receive Warehouse Certificates On Corn

Among the first four farmers in this section to receive warehouse certificates from the state railway commission at Lincoln was Ed. Barrett, of near Atkinson. Also he was the first man in Holt county to complete his corn loan papers and mail them to the Commodity Credit Corporation at Omaha.

Last Friday Frank Brady, of Atkinson, inspected his corn and the papers were made out and mailed to Omaha last Tuesday night. Mr. Barrett thus was the first Holt county man to complete a corn loan receipt, according to James Rooney, Holt county farm agent.

Holt County Popular As A Marriage Mart

Holt county is again becoming a popular place for those desiring to enter the bonds of matrimony. A few years ago there was hardly a week but what some couple from some of the adjoining counties would visit this city, secure a marriage license and have the marriage ceremony performed by one of O'Neill's ministers or the affable and obliging county judge. On account of the depression the business has fallen off some during the past two years, but the past two months the marriage mart again gives evidence of an awakening and several from other counties have visited this city during the past five months and entered the marriage state.

The latest couple to be united in wedlock, in this Gretna Green of the great Northwest, was George D. Strickland, age 55, and Miss Bessie Marie Lawson, 30, both of Winner, South Dakota. The marriage ceremony was performed by County Judge Malone, in Chambers, last Tuesday afternoon.

County Officers Attend Omaha Convention

County Clerk J. C. Gallagher and Supervisors Sullivan, Carson, Stein Root, Steinhauser, James and Reimers went down to Omaha Monday morning to attend the annual state convention of the Nebraska County Clerk's Association and the State Supervisors and Commissioners conventions, which are being held there this week.

Bargain fares everywhere are offered for the Christmas and New Year holidays by the Northwestern railroad. A two cent per mile rate for the round trip, good in all classes of equipment, will be in effect between all points on the Northwestern system, also to all points in the west, from December 14 to January 1, return limit January 15. Railroad officials are of the opinion that there will be a substantial increase in train travel during the coming holiday season.

Rain Coats City With Ice

Boys brought out rusted ice skates here Thursday evening and skated to all parts of town. A slow fall rain froze making sidewalks as fine skating as one could wish.

No accidents had been reported up to press time but pedestrians slipped and danced, whether they wanted to or not.

INFORMATION ON CORN-HOG PROGRAM IS NOW AVAILABLE

Farmers Must Specify What Land They Intend to Take Out of Production.

Nebraska farmers entering into the corn-hog reduction contract will name the lands or the fields they propose to take out of corn in 1934. Their benefit payments will be based upon the production history of the piece of land named in the contract.

In filling out the application blank, the farmer will list the accurate acreage in corn on the farm during the two years, 1932 and 1933. The land he takes out of corn under the contract in 1934 will be at least twenty per cent of the average acreage during 1932-3. It may run up as high as 30 per cent if that will even fields and fit into his rotation system.

The corn-hog contract provides space for five years production history on the fields or the land to be taken out of corn in 1934. This history is called for only on the acres to be taken out of corn. Just how strict the corn-hog section at Washington will be in requiring that the five year history be given is not yet known.

In the opinion of Nebraska administration officials, few farmers can give accurate records of crops and production on any of their land for the last five years. What they do list on the contract will likely be their best estimates. Future announcements from Washington may clear up the questions which will naturally arise.

As Nebraska officials see the matter now, the farmer and his community committee will informally appraise the land to be taken out of corn by agreeing upon an average corn yield which would be reasonable for the particular land in question. They will know the land and about what it will produce in the average year.

Some farmers will take their best corn land out of production in order to get a high cash payment, while many others will take out the poorest land and use the benefit payment to help finance a soil improvement program such as sweet clover or alfalfa.

The corn part of the corn-hog contract will go with the land. Tenants who have moved recently will get the back history on the land they will farm in 1934. Landlords and the 1934 tenants will sign the contracts. It is for only one year, 1934. Benefit payments are to be divided as the crops are divided between landlord and tenants.

Fighting Has Lost Its Popularity With Dogs

Things are going to the dogs. Everything but enough to eat. You remember how dogs used to fight? Country dogs still do, but not your town dog. What brought about the change?

It is believed that constant and numerous association of town dogs has taught them that fighting is a doggone poor way to make a living, in other words, they see too much of each other to get mad about it.

The rural dog meets another dog infrequently, it is a big event, his visitor may dethrone him, jealously and there is a fight. The town dog is more or less a vagabond with a steady fight for something to eat always confronting him—which takes the physical fight out of him.

Horse Drawn Vehicles Are Becoming Popular

Some merchant may make a hit with farmers by installing hitching-post service for horses. Recently there has been a great increase in the number of horse-drawn vehicles appearing here, especially on Saturdays. Horses and the gasoline to run them, the farmers say, is produced on the farm and there are no license or repair costs and Dobbin never was known to strike loose gravel or fail to take a corner.

Mrs. Ollie Rummel entertained 12 members of the M-M Club at her home Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Chauncey Porter won first prize and Mrs. John Osenbaugh guest prize.

O'Neill Man Is Hurt In Auto Collision

Automobiles driven north by Wesley Jones, of Newport, and Arnold Williams, of O'Neill, going south, collided last Saturday night on highway No. 20 southeast of Page.

Williams was pinned under the wreckage. He was taken to a farm home and later removed here. He is recovering rapidly. Blinding lights are thought to have caused the collision. Both drivers made an effort to avoid a smash.

Mr. Williams has been a valued employee of the Grady grocery for several years and the injuries he received in the accident, while painful, will not confine him to his home very long, a fact that his many friends will be glad to learn. His car, however, was almost a total wreck.

Sunday Night Sets Low Cold Mark for Season

O'Neillites Sunday and Sunday night experienced the coldest weather of the season when the mercury dropped to 7 degrees above zero Sunday night and again on Monday night. It was not quite so cold on Tuesday night. But, according to the weather man, the cold wave is only temporary. Mild weather has prevailed in this section of the state all fall, with only little flurries of snow west of here last Tuesday, but none here. The weather is now clear and it looks as if we were going to have another spell of Indian summer.

Mrs. Patrick Barrett

Mrs. Patrick Barrett died at her home southwest of this city last Monday evening about 7:30 o'clock after an illness of but a few hours of apoplexy, at the age of 77 years, 1 month and 9 days. The funeral was held this morning from the Catholic church in this city, Rev. B. J. Leahy officiating, burial in Calvary cemetery.

Ellen Dempsey was born in Peoria county, Illinois, on December 2, 1856. She grew to womanhood in the vicinity of where she was born and on December 24, 1876, she was united in marriage to Patrick Barrett at Sheffield, Illinois, near where they resided until their removal to this county on March 1, 1881. Mrs. Barrett was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive and are left to mourn the death of a kind, loving and indulgent mother. The children are: Charles, of Sioux City, Iowa; Frank and Lawrence of O'Neill; Patrick of Greeley, Neb.; Mrs. Margaret Dunn, of Omaha; Walter, of Crete, Neb., all of whom were present at the funeral.

In the death of Mrs. Barrett this community and county loses another of its old pioneers. She came to the county fifty-two years ago last March and had lived here continuously since that time. When the first came to this county her husband took a homestead a few miles north of this city where the family lived for many years, until they removed to their present home, southwest of this city something like twenty-five years ago. She endured all the hardships and privations of the early days. Hard times, blizzards, Indian scares, grasshoppers and drought were endured by all the old timers of this county in these early days, but they were never heard to murmur. They persevered, had faith in the ultimate prosperity and happiness of the land they had selected for their future homes and finally seen their labors crowned with success and their declining years spent in contentment. She was a good, loving mother and a kind friend and neighbor and had a host of friends among the older settlers of the county, whose ranks are fast thinning.

Mrs. Barrett had always enjoyed good health and was able to be around as usual, even up to the day of her death. That afternoon about 5 o'clock she suffered a stroke of apoplexy and, although medical aid was at once secured, nothing could be done and she passed peacefully away at 7:30 that evening.

Raises Bass For Profit

Out on the farm of G. W. Wodsworth, about 12 miles northeast of Page, many bass are raised on a profitable as well as pleasurable plan. On the central of several Middle Branch creeks, dams hold water in ponds.

Those desiring to eat bass in that part of the county may do so by paying 20 cents a pound for the fish they hook themselves at the Wodsworth ponds.

The Library received a gift of four books from Miss Shirley Nelson.

MAX JOHNSON WILL BE MANAGER OF EMPLOYMENT HERE

More Than Half of Those On Relief Rolls Have Been Removed By CWA Work.

A new system for the administration of the office of Max Johnson has been mapped out and put into practice. Mr. Johnson now is payroll certifying officer and acting employment manager.

A committee, their names not released, was appointed to sift registrations, of which there has been too many. The committee is to make recommendations to Johnson but he is to finally place men and shall certify payrolls himself. Under the old plan others sent men to work.

Mr. Johnson estimates that more than half of those on relief rolls up to November 17 have been removed from the rolls on account of the CWA program. His chief effort now, Mr. Johnson said, is to keep everyone he can off the relief rolls. A delegation Monday and two Tuesday called on him, he said, besides he received numerous telephone calls for help. A constant line of those seeking assistance are continually on their way to the office of Mr. Johnson.

District Court Juries Favor Plaintiffs

The jury in the case of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance company vs. John A. Robertson returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and assessed their damages at the sum of \$1,239. A motion for a new trial has been filed by the defendant.

This was an action filed by the Insurance company for damages which they allege they sustained on account of the loss of some buildings which were on some land upon which they held a mortgage. They also alleged that they were entitled to \$150 for some timber that had been cut from the land. The proof was lacking in the latter and this was dismissed from the case on motion of the court.

The \$15,000 damage case of Larry Snell vs. William Mlinar and Mrs. William Mlinar and Coxbill and Humpel, road contractors was next tried to the jury.

This case grew out of an auto collision in May, 1932, with a truck owned by Humpel on the highway west of Stuart. Mr. Snell and Harold Lindberg of this city were on their way west and one of the trucks was unloading some gravel on the highway. Mr. Snell said that as they reached the truck the driver pulled to the left and into Snell's car, throwing the car over, smashing it quite badly and seriously injuring Mr. Snell. Coxbill and Humpel were the contractors who had the contract for graveling the road and they were made defendants to the action. Mrs. Mlinar was dismissed from the action on motion of the court.

The case went to the jury last Monday afternoon and the jury deliberated 21 hours and finally returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,250. The defendants have filed a motion for a new trial.

This case was the last one for trial at the present time and last Friday morning the balance of the panel were excused, subject to recall.

O'Neill High Basketeers Lose Season Opener

The first conference basketball game in which the local High school team took part was played at Inman last Friday evening between the Inman high school and the O'Neill high school teams. The Inman boys won the game with a score of 19 to 6. At the end of the first half the Inman team had piled up a lead of 14 to 0.

SNOWBIRDS

Those out of doors Thursday night noticed thousands of the old fashioned snowbirds chirping as they flittered helter-skelter. The true name of this bird is prairie horned lark.

For some mysterious reason they were here in countless thousands in 1893-4 but gradually faded out of the picture.

The snow bunting is a different bird, almost snow white and rarely seen here. Many an old timer, when young, ate snow birds and wished them as large as an old setting hen. The birds presence now may mean a hard, old-fashioned winter.

B. J. Grady and P. C. Donohoe made a business trip to Sioux City last Friday, returning that evening.

Local Masonic Lodge Elects New Officers

At their regular meeting last Thursday evening the members of Garfield Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Ray D. Fenderson, W. M.; Herbert G. Kruse, S. W.; David L. Holcomb, J. W.; S. J. Weekes, Treasurer; L. G. Gillispie, Secretary.

After the business meeting the members were entertained with a short program after which they enjoyed a lunch at the Bakery.

SHOULD GET NEAR \$15 PROFIT ON HOGS

Few, if any, Nebraska hog men have made \$15 per head clear profit on their hogs in the last two or three years. The corn-hog reduction plan guarantees that much return on the number of head a farmer agrees not to produce in 1934. The only expense attached to the \$15 return will be for local cost of administering the corn-hog plan within the county.

In return for a 25 per cent reduction in hogs raised in 1934, the agricultural adjustment administration proposes to pay \$5 per head on the other 75 per cent of the average hog crop of the farmer, as indicated by what he did in the years 1932 and 1933.

The plan might be illustrated with these figures: A hog grower had 120 in 1932 and 80 head in 1933, an average of 100 head per year. If he will cut that number to 75 head in 1934 his benefit payment will total \$5 per head on \$75 head or \$375. The \$375 will be a certain cash return with no risk or expense involved excepting the expense of county administration of the plan. \$375 in cash instead of 25 head of hogs amounts to \$15 per head.

Benefit payment on the hogs goes to the man who owns the sows when the pigs are farrowed. The reason is very simple. The pigs are farrowed but once. The farmer who farrows some pigs and buys more to feed can sign up the reduction contract and get benefit payments in a reduction in his farrowings, provided he does not increase the number of pigs he buys above the average number he bought in 1932 or 1933.

The \$5 benefit payment will come out in three installments, \$2 after the contract has been accepted by the secretary, \$1 more next fall and the final \$2, less cost of administering county administration, about February, 1933.

Suspect Men Stopping Here Might Be Bank Robbers

Wednesday two men ate sandwiches here in the Grand Cafe. The men asked for maps of Nebraska and Wyoming. Their car bore a Kentucky license plate and one remarked, "the weather here is much colder than in Kentucky."

Pat Harty sized the men up and pronounced them bank robbers. Several heard the remark. A third man appeared and feigned being a stranger, but accidentally indicated he knew the two.

Thursday WMAX radio station broadcast a perfect description of the men, wanted for robbing a Woolsey, South Dakota, bank of several hundred dollars Thursday morning. The men asked Mr. Harty to go along with them.

Warm Weather Permits Baseball

Last Saturday afternoon, December 9, boys living in south and east O'Neill went out to Mullen field, east of town, where they played a game of baseball while attired in regulation summer apparel. The score was 36 to 23 in favor of the southside sluggers. Some believe the climate here is changing. One of the players reported that it is all that has changed so far, including underclothes. Another game is being arranged for next Saturday afternoon—unless Medicine Hat arranges a snowball game in the meantime.

Complaints of Dumping of Kittens and Puppies

A man living in southeast O'Neill complains that many wiley parents at night dump puppies and kittens near his home. Every morning before breakfast, this man said, he has to mercifully put many of these out of their misery. The animals are left to freeze or starve. Their chance in life is like that of the railway conductor who tossed all money taken in to the ceiling of the car. He kept all that fell to the floor but gave the company that which clung to the roof, the kitten-pup complaint man stated.

DIES AS RESULT OF INJURIES RECEIVED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

G. R. Slocumb Dies Late Thursday Afternoon At A Hospital In Ainsworth.

G. R. Slocumb, 43, who with his wife was seriously injured near Johnstown when his automobile turned over last Sunday about noon, died in an Ainsworth hospital about 6 o'clock this (Thursday) evening.

Mr. Slocumb suffered a fractured leg and a badly crushed face, but he had been reported as improved up to the time of his death.

Mr. Slocumb was well known here, having been a resident here at one time and as a representative of the Royal Union he came here frequently on business.

At present the Slocumb home is at Long Pine. He was in charge of 1,500,000 acres of middle west farm and ranch lands.

The cause of the wreck was said to have been due to sideswiping, as another car hit the fenders of the Slocumb car causing it to swerve, go into the ditch and upset. It is reported that both cars were traveling very rapidly.

The immediate cause of his death was not known here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Slocumb met with a severe automobile accident last Sunday afternoon on highway No. 20, west of Ainsworth. They hit loose gravel and the car turned over several times.

Mr. Slocumb suffered a fracture of the leg and a badly crushed face. Mrs. Slocumb received injuries to her back. Mr. Slocumb is the representative of the Royal Union Insurance Company in this section and is well acquainted in this city and county, where the Royal Union had large land holdings.

Another O'Neill Boy Is Going Places

The following Associated Press dispatch, under a Washington dateline, of a few days ago refers to another O'Neill boy who is to have a hand in a big way in running the affairs of the county.

"P. F. Ward, Hot Springs, S. D., was sworn in Monday as an attorney in the public works administration. He will remain in Washington at a salary of \$5,000 a year, according to W. B. Howes, democratic national committeeman from South Dakota.

"Ward was accompanied to Washington by Charles Trimmer, South Dakota state engineer, who will confer with public works officials about \$7,000,000 water conservation project in the Black Hills, south of Hot Springs.

"Ward has been prominent in democratic politics in South Dakota for several years."

Pete was raised in this city, educated here and started the practice of law here after he had been admitted. He went up to South Dakota about twenty-five years ago and has been practicing his profession with marked success in that state since that time. His many O'Neill friends extend congratulations and good wishes.

Orchestra At St. Mary's Academy Is Growing

The orchestra Sister Ascensia, of St. Mary's Academy, organized last February now comprises eight horns, two banjos, one mandolin, about seven violins and three guitars, according to Edward Stein, who handles a saxophone in the orchestra. The players average about 13 years old.

The Sister has organized a beginners orchestra for pupils of about 10 years of age and when they become proficient they are to be absorbed by the first orchestra.

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincere appreciation is extended neighbors and friends for kindness and sympathy shown and for floral tokens of remembrance in the hours of anxiety and bereavement occasioned by the recent illness and death of our beloved mother, the late Mrs. Mary Fallon. Your many acts of kindness will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Enright and family, W. J. Fallon, Frank Fallon, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burns and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Moeller.

John Nelson, of Omaha, representing the Western Adjustment Company, was in the city last Friday and settled the fire loss sustained by D. Abdoush in the fire in his garage last week.