

## FREE DAY PROGRAM HERE DRAWS CROWD ESTIMATED AT 15,000

Four Hundred People From Norfolk  
Come Here In The Evening  
On A Special Train.

The Third annual merchant's bargain and Free day with a total combined day and evening crowd of visitors estimated at between 10,000 and 15,000 persons here was pronounced a decided success by all concerned in spite of the fact the weather all day was on the balancing point between fair and foul. Threatening clouds with a mere sprinkle of ice cold rain hourly perhaps did not total .01 of an inch, yet the threat must have held several thousand persons at home, especially those living out 25 or more miles from town.

The first number on the program was the formation and parade of school children, hundreds of them, between 500 and 1,000, led by the stirring strains wafted by the O'Neill school band, under the direction of their instructor, Professor L. M. Durham; the Osmond High School band of 45 pieces and the Little German band of O'Neill. The music was splendid, the parade eight blocks long and the school children were among the happiest people in the city as they strutted before the gaze of the admiring thousands.

At the same hour, 10 o'clock a. m., free rides for the youngsters were set in operation, a merry mix, a two-car streamlined train on pneumatic tires, a device that hauled thousands of children who were all smiles and willing to wait half an hour for a chance to try out the speed demon of the "rails."

Another attraction was miniature automobiles running in circles which the management permitted youngsters themselves to operate, a privilege which tickled pink those who only had dreamt of such history making events.

The winner of the foot race for large girls was May Strong. A race for smaller girls was led by Eunice Hunt and in the one for the boys, Allen Spindler took first honors. There were other races and contests galore. The race for fat men was a hum-dinger and Mayor John Kersenbrock met his matches in this one. John came in third, John Clauson won second and the officials quizzed did not know the name of the man who won. Some of the boys think he was a "ringer."

The baseball game by O'Neill and Atkinson drew a large crowd and the players staged one of those nip-and-tuck performances that creates high interest. The score was O'Neill 5, Atkinson 4. The score was a tie in the last half of the ninth inning when the locals edged in the winning score.

A foot ball game with O'Neill public school eleven and the Lynch high school eleven resulted in a win for O'Neill, 26 to 0. Elmer Stolte, local coach, was there were 3,000 spectators at this game. He added that Bernard Madison and Charles Smith brought in all of the O'Neill scores and that the contest was marked by numerous fumbles by members of both elevens, O'Neill exhibiting a little the better in line playing. Lynch, he says, narrowly missed scoring twice on each occasion penetrating deeply in the O'Neill territory 10-yard line. Once as a result of a mass attack and again a result of a recovered fumble in the O'Neill reservation. The next football game here is scheduled for October 18 with the Stuart high school eleven.

Mr. Stolte says his defense is alert yet it was noted Wednesday both elevens revealed a spontaneously weak line of play. The airplanes of the A. A. Risser string at Norfolk were busy here all day Wednesday and flew until almost dead dark, lights on the planes in the heavens staging a beautiful scene.

One of the most attractive numbers of the long program was rendered by the Sokol gymnastic team of 23 persons from Knox county, near Verdigris. This aggregation is worth a trip of many miles to see.

The boxing matches, refereed by Dick Tomlinson, were short, four rounds each, furious and replete with the cleverest punching and maneuvers.

Floyd Bellar and Leonard Lorenz went the allotted four frames with-

out either one going into dream-land. The referee called the contest a draw.

Clayton Bellar and Leonard Young did their best for four rounds and again the referee saw that neither had won, and he called it a draw.

Bob Gunn and "Pug" Wyant stepped into each other and Gunn hit the bull's-eye, winning a decision over his opponent.

Lee Devereaux and Lloyd Godel mixed mitts and when the hitting was at an end the referee called Godel the winner.

Bob Smith and Lawrence Murray slammed at each other for four rounds and in spite of strong efforts to quench the ardor of the other fellow the fight was called a draw.

The highlight of the big celebration was the appearance here at 8 o'clock of a special Northwestern passenger train of seven cars containing 300 Knights of Siam and (Continued on page 4, column 7.)

## Surprise Party Given For E. E. Cole on His Seventy-fifth Birthday

E. E. Cole, Star postmaster, was pleasantly surprised on Sunday, Sept. 22, his 75th birthday anniversary. His son and wife cleverly planned the surprise by Charles taking his father to see some cattle they have in a pasture near Opportunity, while Mrs. Cole, assisted by Mrs. Frank Hunter, prepared the dinner.

The table was decorated in pink and yellow, yellow candles and a large four tier cake decorated in pink and yellow with 75 pink candles on it. A two course dinner was served.

Seated at this table were E. E. Cole, Mrs. Frank Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. M. Coffman, Mrs. Alex Wertz, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Jacobs, John Addison and Mrs. J. M. Hunter. The youngest of these was 69 years of age and the oldest 79 years. The average of the nine being 75.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grant, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Curran, Emmet Wertz, Mrs. Ralph Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter, Ralph Hayne and the Charles Cole family.

Mr. Cole was not the only one honored as Mrs. Curran's birthday came on the same day, Mrs. Wertz the day before and Ralph Hayne, the grandson of Mr. Cole, a few days before, so all joined in the lighting and extinguishing of the candles. A pleasant afternoon was spent in visiting.

Mr. Cole was born at Stoustead, Vermont, in 1860. When a boy of 12 years his parents died and the children were taken to live with an uncle at Gravit, Wis., until he came to Holt county to homestead two miles west of the old Star post office in Sept. 1882. This has been his home since, except a few years spent in Iowa.

He has been postmaster since 1909. Mrs. Cole passed away ten years ago. His son, Charles and wife, live with him.

His two daughters, Mrs. Max Powell, Lincoln, and Mrs. Nellie Hayne, Page, were unable to attend.

Mr. Cole has 17 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

## Mary Jean Hammond Wins National Contest

Mary Jean Hammond, of this city, a student in university college, Creighton university, Omaha, won a nation-wide contest conducted by a motion picture magazine, and as a reward will receive a frock worn by Ginger Rogers in a recent film.

Word was received here by her parents, and she was advised of her victory by telegram Tuesday. Her letter, giving reasons why she liked the frock in question was selected from among 10,000 entries.

## Note of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our good friends in the city for the generous gifts of fruit, vegetables, sugar, financial aid, etc., so kindly bestowed upon us of late.

St. Mary's has always felt deeply grateful for the continued thoughtfulness of the good people of O'Neill in regard to our material welfare, and in these times of unusual pressure, we are doubly so.

May God reward it all a thousand-fold!—Sisters of St. Francis.

## WORK BEGINS ON BUILDING OF NEW SCHOOL AT INMAN

New Structure On Old Site Will  
Be of Brick and Concrete  
Fireproof Construction.

Construction started Tuesday at Inman on the first Nebraska PWA project under the four billion dollar works relief program authorized last spring by Congress. The structure is a new \$40,000 public school building to replace the frame structure destroyed Jan. 2 by fire.

Henry Beckenhauer, of Beckenhauer Bros., Norfolk, general contractor, is in charge of operations. First step is the team excavation for main building walls. Brick work is expected to get underway in about ten days.

The building is being erected on the site of the old frame structure. It will face the west. It will be entirely fireproof, even to the floors, where terrazzo and asphalt tile will replace wood. The building will be of face brick and reinforced concrete, trimmed in stone.

Outside dimensions will be 72 by 114 feet, all but the gymnasium auditorium wing to be two stories. The gym floor will be 40 feet wide and 63 feet long and the gym ceiling will be 18 feet high. The gymnasium auditorium will have a stage 26 feet wide and 16 feet deep.

The first floor also will have a coal and boiler rooms, two grade classrooms, manual training and toilet rooms. On the second floor will be an assembly study room, one grade room, two high school class rooms, a science laboratory, superintendent's office and toilet room.

The project is expected to give 35 to 40 Inman and Holt county residents employment for a period of four to five months. All labor on the project is to be employed thru the office of L.B. Youngworth, district manager of the National Reemployment Service, with offices in O'Neill.

This is the first Nebraska PWA job under the 45 per cent grant, lower wage rates and relief roll employment arrangement. Previous PWA jobs in Nebraska have been under the 30 per cent maximum grant basis. The school board at Inman, under the new set-up, was permitted to establish the wage rates for labor on this project. The hourly rates will range from 35 cents to 80 cents an hour.

Under the old plan Nebraska was in the northern zone and all towns, large and small, had the same PWA wage rate, 50 cents for unskilled and \$1.20 an hour for skilled workmen. The new plan provides that 90 per cent of all labor on the project to come from relief rolls.

Other contractors on the project are: Burmester Furnace Manufacturing company, Omaha, heating; A. McKenzie, Inc., Sioux City, plumbing, and E. A. Joos Electric company, Omaha, electric wiring and fixtures. Everett S. Dodds, of Omaha, is the architect.

## Former Holt County Woman Dies In Texas

Mrs. Helen Dabney died at Amarillo, Texas, on Sept. 15, 1935, after a short illness of pneumonia, at the age of 38 years and 4 days. The body was shipped to this city, arriving Monday evening, accompanied by her sister, Miss Bernice, of Amerillo, and taken to the home of her father, D. D. Murphy northeast of this city, where the body remained until the funeral at 9 o'clock Tuesday, which was held from the Catholic church in this city. Monsignor J. G. McNamara officiating, and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Helen Murphy was born on the farm home northeast of this city in 1897. She attended the public schools in her district and then attended St. Mary's Academy in this city. In 1919 she went to Omaha where she entered St. Catherine's hospital as a student nurse, graduating from that institution in the spring of 1923.

Shortly after graduation she went to Ft. Collins, Colo., where she took up her profession. On December 8, 1923, she was united in marriage to W. C. Dabney, the ceremony being performed at Ft. Collins. Shortly thereafter they moved to Texas, Mr. Dabney, passing away in July, 1930.

In Amarillo Mrs. Dabney entered

the employ of a physician there as nurse and assistant in his office. She met with an accident in the office in June, 1934, when a bottle of acid dropped, exploding and she was severely burned about the face. Since the accident she has not worked, but was getting along nicely when she was taken down with pneumonia and passed away in a few days.

Mrs. Dabney leaves to mourn her death her aged father, D. D. Murphy, one brother, D. Francis, at home, and four sisters, Mayme and Bea, at home, Linus, of Denver, Colo., and Bernice, of Amerillo, Texas, besides a host of friends in this city and community.

## Holt County Project Clubs On the Increase

Wednesday and Thursday Miss Rizzpah Douglas from the Home Economics Department of the Agricultural college at Lincoln, was in O'Neill with the presidents and project leaders of Holt county project clubs.

Application blanks are now on file for 16 clubs and two more have indicated their desire to take the work. This is an increase of nearly 100 percent over last year, which is very encouraging.

Any group of seven or more women may organize and be eligible for the work. The group leaders meet once each month and carry instructions received back to their home group.

That many of the ladies are enthusiastic with this type of club is evidenced by the increase in membership. This year Holt county will receive two days training whereas last year we were entitled to only one.

## O'Neill Baer Fans Lose Find Their Wallets Flat

Several O'Neill sports, who had banking their money on Baer to win the fight were repenting last Tuesday evening, as their idol was licked from the top of the bell, opening the first round. Many of them were of the opinion that as Baer was a Jew that they would not allow him to be licked, even if they had to pay the colored boy as much as the purse to get him to lay down. But Louis had other ideas.

Joe Louis put Baer away after two and one-half minutes of the fourth round in the Yankee stadium in New York city last Tuesday evening, bringing headaches to thousands who did not believe that Baer could be licked by Louis.

Baer was backed heavily, despite the poor showing he made a couple of months ago against Jimmy Braddock, when he lost the title. But the fight the other night was Louis' from the opening of the battle and he gave Baer an unmerciful beating, the latter standing in the ring, taking it without much of an effort to fight back.

It looks as if we were going to have another colored champion of the world for if Louis and Braddock come together, judging from the showing both made against Baer, it will be a set-up for the colored man.

## Hastings Gubernatorial Prospect Visits Here

Mr. and Mrs. William Madgett, of Hastings, were in the city for a few hours Tuesday on their way to South Dakota, and while here Mr. Madgett improved the opportunity to visit a few old friends. Mr. Madgett has been one of the prominent residents of Hastings for several years and has served the people of Hastings as mayor several terms. He has land interests in this county, owning a half section of land three and a half miles northeast of this city. For several months he has been prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for the republican nomination for governor at the coming primaries next spring.

In a conversation with the writer he did not confirm the fact that he would be a candidate, but said that he was seriously considering the matter. If Bill Madgett gets into the field we look for an interesting campaign for the next gubernatorial nomination on the republican ticket.

Ralph Prill, of near Page, dealer in high class Belgian stallions and a widely recognized authority on horses in general, was in this city one day this week on business.

## STAR MAIL ROUTE TO O'NEILL TO BE STARTED ON OCT. 7

Mail To Arrive Here From Fremont  
Each Morning At 7 O'clock  
With the Newspapers.

The star mail route announced some time ago in columns of The Frontier, is scheduled to commence on October 7. The route is to be new from Fremont to O'Neill. Newspapers and letters are to be carried and the line of travel westward is from the union station at Fremont and west thru Norfolk, Battle Creek, Meadow Grove, Tilden, Oakdale, Neligh, Clearwater, Ewing and Page and to O'Neill.

The mail will be taken from Union Pacific train No. 11 on time at 12:30 a. m., and will leave Fremont not later than 1 o'clock a. m. It is scheduled to reach Norfolk at 4 o'clock and O'Neill at 7 o'clock in the morning, except Sundays. The present star line from here to Ainsworth will carry part of this mail on west. The announcement comes from J. F. Riordan, chief clerk of the railway mail service at Omaha.

## NUPTIALS

### Nelson-Reardon

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Catholic church last Saturday morning at 6 o'clock when Rev. B. J. Leahy performed the ceremony that united Ernest G. Nelson and Miss Helen J. Reardon, both of this city, in the presence of a large number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

Miss Reta Reardon, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Bruce Vail officiated as best man.

After the wedding ceremony a wedding breakfast for fifteen was served at the Golden hotel, after which the bridal couple left for a few days visit with relatives in Omaha and with the parents of the groom at Red Oak, Iowa.

Out of town guests in attendance at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Woodrow, of Grand Island, the latter being a sister of Mr. Nelson, and Miss Adel Calvin, of Lincoln, an intimate friend of the bride.

The groom is the manager of the O'Neill creamery and is one of the city's most popular young men. He has been a resident of this city for about two years and by his gentlemanly demeanor and business ability has made many friends among the younger people of the city.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reardon and is one of the city's most popular young ladies, being one of the leaders in the city's younger set. Possessing a charming disposition and genial affable manners she has endeared herself to all her acquaintances.

### Vitt-Ernst

Louis Vitt and Miss Bernice Ernst were united in marriage at the Catholic church in this city last Monday morning at 7 o'clock, Rev. B. J. Leahy officiating, in the presence of a number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bridesmaids cousin, Miss Catherine Jennings was the bridesmaid and the best man, a brother of the groom, George Vitt.

After the wedding ceremony a wedding breakfast was served the bridal couple and a few intimate friends at the home of the bride's parents, after which the bridal couple left for an auto trip to the Minnesota lakes, where they expect to put in a couple of weeks.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vitt, living south of this city, and is a native of this county. He is one of our rising young farmers and stockmen and has a host of friends in this city and county.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Ernst and is also a native of this county. For several years she has been one of the popular and successful teachers in the rural schools of the county. She is a charming young lady, who by her charming personality and agreeable disposition has made

many friends among the younger people of this section.

The young people on their return will make their home on the farm of the groom south of this city. Their many O'Neill friends tender them best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

## Board Deadlocked Over Successor To Ezra Cooke

The county board is in session this week and have been in a deadlock on the election of a supervisor to take the place of the late Ezra Cooke as a member of the board from the Fifth district. Three of the members of the board are supporting J. W. Walters of Chambers, who has been endorsed by about 300 voters of that district requesting the board to appoint him to fill the vacancy. The other candidate being supported by three members of the board is Rodell Root, also of Chambers and a former member of the board, who was defeated for re-nomination a year ago by Cook.

## Red Bird Beats Bristow And Orchard Nines For Two More Easy Wins

The Red Bird razzle-dazzle baseball raiders again organized two more war parties and came home with scalps hanging all over themselves. Last Saturday, on Bristow's own reservation the red wings actually massacred that bunch of live ball artists 17 to 7. The throw and catch artists for Red Bird were Bill Conard and Ernie Schollmeyer. For Bristow, Bartling and Bartling delivered the batting chances to the Red Bird players.

Sunday out north on the Midway diamond the Red Shanks once more flailed out a victory, and there was no doubt about it, the Red Birds winning 8 to 1. During this contest the Red Bird battery was composed of Mill Tomlinson an E. Schollmeyer.

For Orchard, and we almost forgot to mention the opposite side, yet the result might have been the same if the Chicago Cubs were the opposition, the battery was Holbrook and Steinberg. Red Bird made 3 errors and Orchard made 4. Hits, Orchard made 4 and Red Bird 11. One Red Bird Player struck out and 9 for Orchard.

A very unusual play occurred. The first two hits Red Bird made from the first two balls over the plate, resulted in the bringing in of a score. Albert Carson made a two sacker and Charles Richter clouted out a single and Carson scored.

Next Sunday at Midway the Red Bird nine plays Spencer. As these teams have played two games, each winning one, the Sunday game promises to be a hummer.

## Distribute Group I Corn-Hog Checks

The first 1935 corn-hog checks have arrived and many have been distributed during the past week. Several people who have Group I contracts may be wondering why they have not been notified.

Treasurer Frank Allen has received four packages of checks from Washington, but by the middle of this week one package had not been received. This missing package contains checks for precincts starting with the letter D and continuing on thru the letter I.

Mr. Allen is expecting to receive these checks daily and as soon as they come each producer will be notified.

A large number of Group II contracts have been sent to Washington and notice of acceptance is expected in the near future.

Group III contracts are in the process of being audited we are informed by the State Board.

## Will Hold Masquerade Dance At Country Club

There will be a masquerade dancing party held at the Country Club Friday evening, Sept. 27. Everyone is urged to be present promptly at 9 o'clock as the grand march will take place shortly thereafter and prizes will be awarded for the most original costumes. Masks will be sold at the club for 5 cents each. There will be a charge of 25 cents per person. All Country Club members are invited to attend.

Attorney Douglas Cones, of Pierce, was in the city Wednesday.

## STRANGE FIRE HAS BEEN BURNING TWO WEEKS IN A SWAMP

Fire Which Broke Out On A Five  
Acre Swamp Nearly Two Weeks  
Ago Is Still Burning.

Ambrose Rhode, assistant manager of the Council Oak store here, reports that Romaine Rhode told of a mysterious fire north of O'Neill 23 miles on land owned by Mrs. Stephen Donlin.

Two weeks ago fire broke out there in a five acre swamp always holding water and mud, so it could not be waded until last summer when it dried.

Neighbors rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire after about ten acres of prairie had burned. The fire, however, in the swamp has been burning ever since, sometimes furiously and again at low ebb. The blaze at times is about two feet high and is blue as if fed by gas or oil. A hired man of one of the neighbors first discovered the fire.

Those near the swamp blame spontaneous combustion for the fire, pointing out there is a great amount of moss, rushes and cattails there in a state likely to cause a fire.

The burning swamp is two and one half miles east and three fourths of a mile south of Phoenix, Rhode said. In connection with this fire, perhaps, John Storchmann recently set off dynamite charges one-fourth mile from the swamp in blasting rock on a contract to supply the Northern Nebraska Power company 15,000 tons of rock for a dam project and the fire of the blasts may have caused the swamp to blaze.

Rhode mentioned that the ghost lights that caused a furor here several years ago appeared only a few miles from the burning swamp.

## Ray Verzal To Supervise Work of Resettlement

Work of the new Resettlement Administration in the handling of rehabilitation and resettlement problems in Holt and Antelope counties will be cared for under the direction of Ray Verzal, working in closest cooperation with County Agent F. M. Reece of Holt county and Leonard Wenzel of Antelope county, it was announced Thursday by Cal A. Word, Regional Director of Rural Resettlement for the state of North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

With this announcement the procedure for applying for benefits under the Resettlement Administration were outlined by Mr. Word as follows:

First, the applicant for a properly secured loan must be deserving, and have the desire, character and ability to repay such loan under a period of from two to five years.

Second, the applicant will call on the local representative named above, will present his problem and the local representative will assist him in mapping out a farm budget plan looking to the re-establishment of the applicant on a self-sustaining basis.

Third, the plan will be passed upon by the County Advisory Committee and, if approved, will then be submitted to the regional office for final action. In each case the needs of the individual applicant are of first consideration and the budgeted farm management plan will be based on the individual case.

## Anthrax Outbreak Misses This County

An outbreak of anthrax in cattle is reported from the ranch of C. A. Lambert, tenanted by T. E. Campbell, 10 miles northeast of Ainsworth in Brown county. Fifteen head of cattle out of a herd of 350 have died. Dr. L. T. Hines, federal veterinarian, has made an investigation and reported the disease positive anthrax. A quarantine was laid down on the yards of the ranch and the cattle vaccinated.

Anthrax has been frequently reported east of here several times, and with it in action west of here stock raisers of Holt county may feel themselves lucky. Some believe short grass causes stock to pull up grass roots and with them the spores of anthrax which may have lain there dormant since millions of buffalo traveled and grazed over the prairies of this section.