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A PIONEER MOTHER IS DEAD; LIVED IN COUNTY 59 YEARS

Funeral Held Tuesday Morning at St. Patrick's Church. Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell died at her home in this city last Saturday night about 11:30 after a short illness, of ailments due to advancing years, at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 27 days.

Mrs. O'Donnell was born in Glenties, County Donegal, Ireland, on March 15, 1854. When in her teens her parents came to the United States and they settled in Pennsylvania. On November 6, 1872, she was united in marriage to John P. O'Donnell at Andervich, Pa. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Hazelton, Pa., where they resided until their removal to this city in September, 1877. Mrs. O'Donnell was the mother of fourteen children, nine sons and five daughters, ten of whom, five sons and five daughters are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother and advisor. The children are: J. F. O'Donnell, O'Neill; John O'Donnell, Omaha; P. J. O'Donnell, Randolph; Ed O'Donnell, North Platte; Mrs. Bea Bentschler, O'Neill; Mrs. Lyman, Omaha; Miss Anna O'Donnell, O'Neill; Mrs. Quinten Deaver, Sau Pola, Brazil; Mrs. J. H. McNairy, Cheyenne, Wyoming, all of whom were present at the funeral except Mrs. Deaver, who was in New York on her way to her southern home.

Mrs. O'Donnell was one of the real early pioneers of the county, having been a resident of this city and county for fifty-nine years last September. Upon their arrival here they lived in the city for a couple of years and then moved on a homestead just southwest of the city where they resided for a couple of years and then moved back to town where she has been a continuous resident up to the time of her death. She was a charming lady possessing the genial qualities that all these old time pioneers possessed to make guests in her home feel that they were always welcome.

and that she felt honored in having them visit her.

Coming to the county as a bride of but five years Mrs. O'Donnell lived to see O'Neill, which possessed only one building when she first viewed it, grow to be the giant little city in the northwestern part of the state and known far and wide as one of the best towns in the state. During the early years she witnessed and endured all the hardships and privations of the other pioneers of this vicinity, when the closest railroad was at Yankton, S. D., or at Wisner, where all food supplies for this little settlement had to be hauled from, but through it all she persevered, giving her love and attention to her husband and family until the former's death some thirty-five years ago and since then devoting her entire attention, love and devotion to her children and grandchildren. She was a splendid woman and had many friends among the older settlers of the county who will miss from their ranks one of the earliest pioneers of the county.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning from the Catholic church—of which the deceased was a devout and lifetime member—Monsignor McNamara officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery. Her five sons and one grandson, Hugh O'Donnell, of Omaha, were the pallbearers. The funeral was one of the largest in this city for many years, many of the old timers coming for many miles to pay their last respects to this departed pioneer.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in tendering condolences in their hour of sorrow.

Santa Claus Will Be In O'Neill Next Tuesday To Entertain Kiddies

Santa Claus will arrive in the city next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will have lots of nuts and candy for the young boys and girls of this city and surrounding territory. The tree has been erected just west of the Deep Rock filling station on Douglas street and the young folks of the town and country want to be there promptly at 2 o'clock to participate in the treat that will be furnished by Santa himself.

The O'Neill High School band will be at the tree at 1:30 and they will play a few appropriate selections. The Glee Club of St. Mary's Academy will also be present and will sing Christmas carols for the proper welcoming of Santa Claus and to entertain the crowd of youngsters while waiting for the arrival of old Santa.

Birthday Book Ready
The first of this week this office completed the publication of an O'Neill Souvenir and Birthday Cal-

ander for 1937 for the Ladies of the Presbyterian Guild of this city. The calendar contains a number of choice recipes selected by the ladies of the Guild and it will be a valuable addition to the kitchen of any housewife. These books are for sale and can be secured at the Graves Jewelry store for 35 cents each. Get your copy before the supply is exhausted. One of these books would make a valuable and useful Christmas gift.

Preliminary Hearings Held In Case Involving Atkinson Liquor Theft

Preliminary hearings were held in county court last Tuesday for Preston Pitcher, Frank Sesler and George O'Connell charged with breaking and entering the liquor store of Frank Weber in Atkinson on the morning of November 24 and stealing therefrom thirty-seven cases of assorted wines, liquors and whiskies. Robert Carr, another in the case was to have had a hearing at the same time, but he entered a plea of guilty.

The hearing lasted all morning and about an hour in the afternoon. None of the defendants went on the stand to testify. Pitcher, Sesler and O'Connell were bound over to the next term of district court, bail for Pitcher being fixed at \$2,000 and that for the other two at \$1,000 each, which bond had not been furnished Tuesday night.

C. E. Blatt, chief of police of Norfolk, and Tom Roberts, deputy state sheriff with headquarters at Norfolk, were in the city for the hearing.

O'Neill Police Force Increased To Two

O'Neill is rapidly getting into the metropolitan class. In addition to having two civic organizations we now have a two man police force. The force was increased the first of the week by the addition of one man, William Lewis. There has been quite a little robbery going on in towns around us and the mayor and council decided it would be prudent to have another man on the force so that there would be twenty-four hour police protection. Mr. Lewis will have the day shift from 7 to 7 and Chet Calkins will have the night shift from 7 until 7.

Mrs. E. J. Lyman and daughters, Mary and Margaret, and son, William, came up from Omaha last Monday to attend the funeral of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell.

Tom Carroll and Karl Schmidt, both of Lincoln, claim adjusters and investigators for a prominent Lincoln insurance company, were in the city Wednesday investigating a fire loss the company had on some property northeast of this city.

MRS. CLAUSSEN'S DEATH REDUCES PIONEER RANKS

Dies At Her Home Last Friday Night. Funeral Services Held At Atkinson.

Mrs. Peter Claussen died at her home northwest of this city last Friday night after an illness of but a few hours at the age of 72 years, and 17 days. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Lutheran church at Atkinson, Rev. William Vahl officiating and burial in the Atkinson cemetery.

Mrs. Claussen had always enjoyed good health and was up and around the day of her death visiting some old friends who had called. She retired as usual and a couple of hours later she called to her daughter who rushed to her bedside, but her mother passed away a little later.

Wilhelmina Claussen was born at Schlagsig Holstein, Germany, on November 24, 1864. When a young lady she came to the United States to Hickman in Lancaster county and there on March 13, 1886, she was united in marriage to Peter Claussen, the ceremony being performed at Hickman. To this union thirteen children were born, nine of whom are living to mourn the passing of a kind and indulgent mother. The children are: Henry, Norfolk; Charles, Emmet; John, William and Otto, O'Neill; Edward, Atkinson; Rudolph, Emmet and Miss Mary, Emmet.

Mrs. Claussen was one of the pioneers of the county. In the spring of 1884 they came to the county and took a homestead northwest of this city where she made her home for fifty-two years. Mr. Claussen passed away in March, 1935, and since that time Mrs. Claussen remained on the old home place, which was looked after by two of her sons and her daughter. Mrs. Claussen was a charming woman and had a host of friends in that section of the county, who were shocked and grieved to learn of her sudden death.

SOUTHWEST BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

H. L. James had business in Ainsworth Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker were Albion visitors last Friday.

With the Lions and Tigers in combat fur certainly ought to fly.

Mrs. Lindsay and daughter were in Atkinson Monday afternoon.

My kingdom for a mate that had been messed over by others is not much of a second hand bargain.

Bill Arnholdt was over from Amelia a day last week to do a job of wood sawing at the Riley ranch.

Mrs. D. L. Withers was at Stuart Saturday evening on the entertaining mission of a trip to the dentist's chair.

P. J. Kennedy was absent from his customary hangouts in Amelia Monday while he spent a few hours in Atkinson.

Alva Baker arrived home from Lincoln last Thursday and is now helping his father in a lumber camp southwest of Atkinson.

While wielding the ax at the wood pile George Cuttler made a miscalculation and cut the big toe of his right foot, the ax blade slicing through overshoes, shoe and all and splitting the toe to the bone.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Petersen, accompanied by Mr. Petersen's brother and wife and also his father of Chambers, visited the Albion community, the former home of the Petersens, Sunday. Edgar says the situation among farmers in that community is serious as the country has been stripped nude by repeated crop failures.

George Holcomb's bachelor quarters are closed as usual for the winter while he sojourns in modernistic surroundings at his customary wintering place over in Iowa. George has been gone for a few weeks and friends around Amelia miss his genial fellowship at the important daily sessions of the village information squad.

GOLDEN ROD CLUB

The Golden Rod Club met at the home of Mrs. T. M. Harrington on December 16. The lessons on patterns and their uses was given by Mrs. T. Connolly and Mrs. C. Cun-

ningham which was very useful and interesting. After the lesson a Christmas party was staged, with Mrs. Clark Hough leader of games. After the games, that all enjoyed, a Christmas tree with gifts were had then refreshments were served, with Mrs. Frank Clements as assistant hostess. Their next meeting will be held at Mrs. T. Connolly's home.

Organize Petroleum Industries Committee

Wholesale and retail oil dealers and their employees of this city and the county met at the Golden hotel on December 7, 1936, and perfected the organization of the Holt county Petroleum Industries Committee.

The local group is affiliated with the Nebraska Petroleum Industries Committee, which is the state trade association of oil men with local organizations in each of the ninety-three counties. It was explained that the chief purpose and main objective of the organization would be to secure fair and equitable taxes and legislation for Nebraska motorists and those engaged in supplying their needs. The following officers were elected:

D. S. Conard, O'Neill, chairman; Mort Gill, Stuart, first vice chairman; A. R. Hubbard, Chambers, vice chairman; J. I. Cork, Page, vice chairman; C. W. Porter, O'Neill, secretary; G. L. Bachman, O'Neill, assistant secretary.

Legislative committee: Jack Jarvis, Atkinson, chairman; Elmer Spann, Atkinson; S. A. Marcellus, Stuart.

Public relations committee: H. L. Lindberg, O'Neill, chairman; Fred McNally, O'Neill; C. E. Tibbets, Chambers.

Local affairs committee: Chas. Reka, O'Neill, chairman; Tony Assmuss, O'Neill, Tom Mains, O'Neill.

Frank S. Henline, Lincoln, assistant secretary of the Nebraska Petroleum Industries committee addressed the meeting.

Page Woman Dies Following Operation

Mrs. Luella Rakow, of Page, passed away last Thursday afternoon at the O'Neill hospital after an illness of about one week following an operation at the age of 61 years, 1 month and 16 days. The funeral was held from the Methodist church at Page last Monday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. Carmody officiating and burial in the Page cemetery.

Luella Benson was born near Applevier, Illinois, on October 24, 1875. When she was a little girl her parents moved to Iowa where she grew to womanhood and on February 6, 1894, she was united in marriage to Herman A. Rakow, the ceremony being performed at Dundee, Iowa. Five children were born of this union, one son and four daughters, who with their father are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate wife and mother. The children are: Mrs. H. P. Person, Deadwood, S. D.; Mrs. H. C. Jaynes, O'Neill; Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Redbird; Mrs. D. L. Hill, Orchard, and L. R. Rakow, Fremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Rakow came to this county in the spring of 1904, coming here from Lamont, Iowa, and she had been a resident of the county ever since, living at Page where Mr. Rakow has been engaged in business for many years. Mrs. Rakow was an exceptional wife and mother and had many friends in the eastern part of the county where she was well known and there is genuine sorrow there on account of her sudden death.

Judge Dickson and Reporter McElhaney went over to Butte last Monday morning where they held a two day session of the Boyd county district court, returning home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Stuart Meech, of Chicago, arrived in the city last Monday evening to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell. Mrs. Meech will remain for a couple of weeks visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend sincerest thanks to all our friends for their many kindnesses since the death of our mother.

The O'Donnell Family.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The U. S. Civil Service commission has announced an examination for the Custodial Service, at a salary of \$1,260 per year for service in the O'Neill post office building. The applications will have to be on file at St. Paul, Minn., on or before December 28, 1936.

For information in regard to the requirements and the character of the examination, and for application blanks, apply to the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at the O'Neill post office.

Funeral Services Held Here Last Saturday For James A. Carr

James A. Carr passed away at the home of his mother at Stafford last Thursday about 12:30 after an illness of about one year of sclerosis of the liver, at the age of 32 years, 5 months and 27 days. The funeral was held last Saturday morning from the Catholic church, Monsignor McNamara officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

James A. Carr was the oldest son of Mrs. John Carr pioneer resident of the county and he was born at Stafford on June 13, 1904.

He attended the country school near his home until the family moved to this city in 1920 when he attended St. Mary's Academy and then to Campion College, Prairie DuChien, Wisconsin, where he graduated from the high school. After his graduation he came back to Stafford and assisted his father in looking after his extensive ranch and cattle business. After the death of his father in 1930 the family moved back to the ranch at Stafford and he assisted his brothers in managing the ranch. He was a quiet and unassuming young man, a good judge of live stock and gave promise of being a successful and prosperous rancher. He had a host of friends in this city and county who learned with regret of his untimely death in the bloom of young manhood.

Local officials have no clue as to the perpetrators of the crimes, but it is supposed it was committed by a gang that has been pilfering stores and post offices in various parts of the state during the past month.

Robbing post offices is rather ticklish business as the government never gives up hunting for people who rob them and they rarely escape. In order to assist in apprehending post office robbers they offer a reward of not to exceed \$200 for the arrest and conviction of any person on the charge of breaking into or attempting to break into a postoffice, or any building used in whole or in part as a post office, with the intent to commit in said post office, or part of said building used as a post office, any larceny or other depredation.

ROBBERS GATHER ABOUT \$500 IN LOOT OF STORES AT PAGE

About \$400 and 6,000 Cigarettes Taken From J. I. Gray Store. Postoffice Also Robbed.

Cracksmen visited Page in the early hours of last Sunday morning and broke into five business establishments, pilfering them. The J. I. Gray store was the heaviest loser. Here they secured about \$400 in cash and 6,000 cigarettes.

They also broke into the post-office and secured a small amount of money that was in the stamp till. The Page postoffice is the ninth in the state that has been robbed during the past month.

The Farmers' Union Store was also entered and some chocolate candy taken from there. The Farmers Union Elevator was also visited and here they got away with a new typewriter and about \$50 in cash.

The Page Lumber and Hardware company was also entered where a small amount of change was secured.

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Fire Destroys Roof

The fire department was called to the residence of Mrs. M. R. Sullivan on west Douglas street last Monday afternoon, fire having broken out on the roof of the building. Prompt response by the fire department soon extinguished the flames. There was but little fire in the furnace and those who inspected the building afterwards were of the opinion the fire was caused by defective wiring. The damage is estimated at less than \$200.

A Christmas program and box social will be held at the Benson school house, in district 224 on Friday evening, December 18, at 8 o'clock. The program will be given by the pupils of district 224 and 103, Mabel Jones and Dorothy Moler, teachers.

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