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## Four Children Die In Fire At Warnke Home Last Friday Night

Last Friday night at the Max Warnke home, 19 miles north of this city, occurred one of the most disastrous fires when four children of the family were burned to death and the mother and three of the children were badly burned but are thought to be out of danger at the present time.

The children who were burned were Mary 10, John 5, Carol 3 and Barbara 1.

The accident occurred about 7:00 o'clock that evening when the oldest daughter Kathleen attempted to light the gasoline iron, which had been filled a short time before from a can of gasoline which had been brought into the house from outside. After filling the iron she had taken the can and set it against the west wall about 10 or 12 feet away and about 15 minutes after she went to light the iron. She stooped to strike the match on the floor and a sheet of flame flashed across the room to the gasoline can and it fell over.

Mrs. Warnke had been getting supper and when the fire started, yelled for the children to get outside and she and the daughter tried to put out the flames, but had to quit on account of the intense heat and fire falling from the ceiling. When Mrs. Warnke got outside she found that four of the children had not gotten outside and she broke out the windows trying to get into the house to save the children. Mr. Warnke had been after the cows and was about two blocks away when he heard his wife call for help, and ran to the house to help, but was unable to get inside.

After the fire was out searchers found the remains of the four children, and the position in which they were found shows that evidently they had been confused and gone the wrong way in trying to get out. Two of the children were found beneath the pantry which joins the kitchen on the north, one had evidently gotten behind the range and the baby had gotten into the dining room which joins the kitchen on the west.

There were eleven children in the family, which had moved to this farm home on February 8th. The children are: Kathleen, 17, Virginia 16, who was in Spencer where she attends school; Joe 14, Vincent 12, Paul 11, who were out doing chores, Regina and Ramona, twins, 6 years old, and the four who were burned, Mary 10, Jack 5, Carol 3 and Barbara 1.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at St. Mary's Catholic church in Spencer and burial in St. Mary's cemetery, south of Spencer, the Warnke's former home.

Seriously burned were Mrs. Warnke and three other children, Kathleen and Ramona and her twin sister, Regina, all of whom are in the O'Neill hospital.

Mr. Warnke says that the fire burned very fast and that within 10 or 15 minutes it had burned to the ground. They were unable to save but very little of their personal belongings. The home belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woidneck of Spencer.

## D. H. Cronin And John L. Copeland Finalists In Unicameral Race

In the race for the member of the Legislature from this district, last week's figures showed that D. H. Cronin, editor of the Frontier was high man and assured of a place on the ticket, and with Arthur J. Runnels as next high, but when the official count was made over the week-end, the figures now show that John L. Copeland of Mariaville will be Mr. Cronin's opponent in the general election in November.

When the official vote in Holt County was made known it was found that John Sullivan had increased his total from 558 to 595, and it was thought for a while that he might win the nomination, but when the vote from Keya Paha came in it was found that the one precinct which had not been counted because it had been locked up and the figures not available, gave Mr. Copeland 182 instead of 138 as was reported last week, and this put him in the lead.

The totals now stand at:  
D. H. Cronin 690  
John L. Copeland 627  
John Sullivan 595  
Arthur J. Runnels 582  
Otto Bentzen 463  
H. W. Tomlinson 280  
John H. Jameson 245

The editor of The Frontier desires to express his sincere thanks to the people of O'Neill and of Holt County for the very nice vote given me in the primary, which enabled me to lead the ticket. Many thanks friends.

## Holt County Boy Wins Award In Pacific Area

With the American (CX) Division at Boganville: "For his satisfactory performance of duty in action against the enemy during a major campaign," Pfc. James I. Fox, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox of Emmet, Nebraska, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Fox, is an Automatic Rifleman, in an infantry regiment, whose members are veterans of the battle of Guadalcanal and received a Presidential Citation for service in that engagement.

At the time that he received notice that the Combat Infantryman Badge had been awarded him, Fox was engaged in his second campaign against the Japanese in the jungle of Bougainville, Solomon Islands.

For his participation in the campaigns at Guadalcanal and here, Fox is authorized to wear two bronze battle stars on his Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon.

## Annual Meeting Holt County Red Cross

Following is a report of the annual meeting of the Holt County Chapter of the American Red Cross, held in this city on Tuesday, April 18, 1944.

Meeting opened in regular form. Reading of the Treasurers report, reporting a balance on hand of \$5,876.71. Report accepted.

Report of Mr. Shriner's war fund drive. Report accepted.

Report of Miss McCullough on Junior Red Cross. Balance of \$123.58 on hand. Report accepted.

Election of officers. Nomination for chairman J. A. Mann. Motion made and seconded that nominations be closed. On motion Mr. Mann was elected chairman by acclamation.

Dr. J. P. Brown was nominated for vice chairman and on motion he was elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Ray Snell, of Page, and Mrs. H. L. Lindberg, of O'Neill, were nominated for secretary. A ballot was taken and Mrs. Snell was elected secretary.

F. N. Cronin was nominated for treasurer and on motion he was elected by acclamation.

Following the election the meeting was turned over to Miss Gernes, the National Red Cross representative. She gave a very interesting talk on Home Service, the blood plasma program, our overseas rest camps for the boys and girls in service. Clubmobile units with coffee and doughnuts going close to the front lines. She also had with her a prison ration food package for our prisoners of war.

No further business appearing meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Mildred Lindberg,  
Secretary.

## AAA NOTES

April 30th is the closing date for payment on February Dairy Subsidy. Get your applications filed before the last day.

April 30th is the final filing date for 1943 applications. If you have not filed a 1943 application, do so immediately.

March and April Subsidy payments will be made together after the first of May. Do not file any stubs until that date.

## Corn Refineries Closing Down

Up to April 10, four of the nation's dozen or so refineries had shut down for the lack of supplies, and all other processors had curtailed operations. Several of them were running only a day or two a week. The order providing for a 6 percent corn set aside at elevators has not obtained enough corn—even though the county elevators have turned over 100 percent of their receipts to processors.

## How Corn Fights

Johnny Doughboy, cast adrift on a life raft in the Southwest Pacific, owes his safety to starch-treated textiles used in the construction of the raft. For daily sustenance, Johnny depends on the army "K" ration, made with syrup and sealed with adhesive from starch. And both the starch in the raft and the syrup in the ration come from corn.

The war has "drafted" corn into military service on a large scale—in fact three or four times as much is used industrially as before the war. Corn goes directly into battle in the form of chemicals and explosives, rubber and alcohol.

To run full time, the nation's refineries need less than 1 out of every 24 bushels of corn grown in this country last year. But that need is vital to winning the war.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness extended during the last illness and following the death of our beloved father, John Steckmeyer.—The Steckmeyer Children.

## Oldest Business Man In O'Neill Retires

O'Neill, and probably this section of the state, lost its oldest business man last Wednesday, when P. J. McManus—after 53 years in the mercantile business in this city—deeded his general mercantile store and contents, as well as the frame building adjoining it on the north, to his nephew, John P. McManus, who has been in the store with him for several years past. He also deeded John 160 acres of good farm land in Tripp county, S. D. On the same day he also deeded his store building on the alley on Fourth street now occupied by Charles McManus, who operates a pool hall, to Charles.

The same day he made his will and in that will took care of his three nieces, Mary Ellen, Genevieve Selest and Susie Ann McManus, by willing to them, share and share alike, his commodious home in Block 22 of this city, with all its contents. They are also provided with an acre of ground in another part of the city in Block 7, and 3 lots and a small house and ten acres of land north of Brennan's in Hagerty's addition to the city of O'Neill.

P. J. McManus and his brother, John P., came to O'Neill from Wisconsin on April 5, 1885, and this has been Pat's home ever since. For a time after his arrival here, he worked at odd jobs around town and finally entered the store of Mann & Hecker where he was employed as a salesman for a few years. Not being satisfied with the plodding life of a clerk, in September, 1891, he went into business for himself, opening a store in a little building that stood next to The Frontier on the north. Business was good and P. J. prospered and finding his quarters much too small for his growing business he moved to the present location, a building that had been erected a few years before. This move was made in 1893 so that for fifty-one years he was actively engaged in business in one location, making a total of 53 years catering to the wants of the people of this city and county and this section of Nebraska. For years Mr. McManus had an immense business, his store being considered the leading general mercantile establishment in this section of the state. He handled good quality merchandise and prided himself in the quality of the goods he sold. He had implicit faith in the quality of his goods and his earnestness and faith was imparted to his customers. He was unusually successful.

P. J. says that he is now going to take life easy. He will be 86 years old next October and thinks it about time that he enjoy himself a little and not be worried with the cares of business. He expects to put in some time visiting relatives in Chicago and his old home in Wisconsin this summer and then back to O'Neill, which has been his home for 59 years. He says he has been happy here and he thinks that O'Neill and surrounding country, is the finest place on earth, and that its people are the finest to be found anywhere. The following from Capper's Weekly, he says expresses his thoughts:

## A LITTLE TOWN

I like to live in a little town, Where the trees meet over the street,  
And you wave your hand and say hello  
To everyone you meet.  
I like to stop for a minute Outside the grocery store  
And hear the kindly gossip  
Of the folks that live next door.  
For life is interwoven  
With the friends you learn to know,  
And you feel their joys and sorrows  
As they daily come and go.  
So I'm glad to live in a little town,  
And I care no more to roam,  
For every house in a little town  
Is more than a house—it's home.

## Paul Beha Appointed As County Salvage Chairman

Paul L. Beha, proprietor of the Slat's Cafe and commander of the American Legion has just been appointed as county salvage chairman, with Joe Winkler of Emmet, as assistant chairman.

## Marriage Licenses

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## Pleasant Day Club

The Pleasant Day Club held a Red Cross benefit card party at the home of Mrs. Albert Sterns on April 13. There were twenty-five ladies present and several Clubs were represented.

## Waves Representatives Here May 5 And 6

Representatives of the WAVES will be in the city on May 5 and 6th and will have an office in the civil service room in the post-office where they will be glad to interview candidates for enlistment. Chief Porter of the Norfolk recruiting office will be here and he will be accompanied by a WAVE officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan DeLosh, of Stuart, spent Monday in this city visiting friends.

Miss Alma Bacon spent the week-end in Atkinson visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bacon.

## Crippled Children's Clinic To Be Held April 29th

The Division of Child Welfare and Services for Crippled Children will conduct the usual ninety day clinic in the O'Neill High School gymnasium on Saturday, April 29, 1944. Clinic hours are from 7:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., though registration should be completed by 11:00 a. m. It is suggested that Holt County cases register early in order that they may be cleared before outlying counties arrive. Dr. W. B. Hansa, Orthopedist, and Dr. G. C. O'Neill, Pediatrician, will examine all new cases being considered for services Crippled Children as well as cases referred for consultation only.

Children who are not now receiving services under the program of Services for Crippled Children may be admitted to the clinic only when referred by the local physician, or in certain cases at the request of the child's parent or guardian.

The clinic is for diagnosis, consultation, check-up and after care services on cases receiving treatment. Children admitted to the clinic for consultation or preliminary diagnosis will not receive treatment under Services for Crippled Children unless formal referral is made and the child found to be eligible.

Orthopedic cases may receive treatment if care cannot be arranged through private resources. Pediatric cases will be accepted by the clinic for the purposes of consultation and diagnosis only and should be referred only by the family's own physician.

The Norfolk Elks Lodge is furnishing, without cost, a noon lunch served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church to all children and their parents who are registered for the clinic examination.

## The Alpha Club

The Alpha Club met at the home of Mrs. Ed Bophart on April 12, and all members answered to roll call. Two guests were present, Mrs. Goldie Liddy and Mrs. Bert Ott. A reading, "Grandma and the Sea Gull" by Louise Dickinson Rich, was given by Nellie Boshart. After the close of the meeting a Bazaar and White Elephant sale was held. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess after the sale.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dick Robertson.

## SCRAP PAPER DRIVE

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the fact that a car of scrap paper is to be loaded out here on April 28th and 29th and every person should make it his or her duty to see that this car is fully loaded when it leaves here. If you have some paper for the drive, call either the Public School or St. Mary's Academy and they will see that it is picked up on either of these days. Persons wishing to take the paper direct to the car, should have it weighed first over the scales at the Spelts-Ray Lumber Co.

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A nice time was had playing pitch, jello and coffee was served. Our thanks to the other Club members and to the neighbors and friends who helped us take up fifteen dollars and fifty cents for the Red Cross. Mrs. Lyle Vequist won high score in the pitch game.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Cromwell, of Creighton, spent the week-end in O'Neill visiting relatives and friends.

## Jacob Hirsch Passes Away in Dayton, Ohio

O'Neill friends were grieved last Tuesday when word was received that Jacob Hirsch, for 35 years one of the outstanding citizens of this community, had passed away Monday evening at 7:30 in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. The body was shipped to this city, arriving here this morning and taken to the Biglin Mortuary, where it will remain until time for the funeral at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from the Catholic church and interment in Calvary cemetery at the side of his wife who passed away in March, 1943.

Mr. Hirsch had been in the hospital for about ten days and while there submitted to an operation and was getting along nicely and was to be released in a couple of days. The day of his death he was stricken with pulmonary embolism and he passed away in a short time.

Jacob Hirsch was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on November 14, 1862, and at the time of his death was 81 years, five months and three days old. He was united in marriage at Odebolt, Iowa, on March 4, 1889, to Miss Anna Laurie Stone. The family came to this county in 1906, Mr. Hirsch having purchased a farm north and east of this city, in the old Michigan settlement, where he resided until this winter when he moved to Dayton to spend some time visiting his children and their families. Mrs. Hirsch passed away in March, 1943. It was while on a visit to his daughter and family in Dayton that he went to the hospital, where he passed away.

Mr. Hirsch was the father of eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom survive and all of whom are ex-employees of the company. The children are: Mrs. Gertrude Miller, Denver, Colo.; Earl S. Hirsch, Cleveland, Ohio; Lloyd R. Hirsch, Omaha; Mrs. Hilda Reefer, Dayton, Ohio; Linus Hirsch, Greybull, Wyo.; Mrs. Ina Culklin, Omaha; Cyril, Louisville, Neb.; George F. Hirsch, Dayton, Ohio. He is also survived by one brother, William Hirsch, of Aberdeen, S. D.; and two sisters, Katherine Hirsch and Mary Caburn, both of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mr. Hirsch was a splendid gentleman and had a host of friends in this city and county, where he lived the greater portion of his adult life, 35 years. He was a good friend and neighbor and had the esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

## More Women Needed For The Army

Omaha, Nebr.—Women attending a college or business school who enlist in the Women's Army Corps while students may have up to 120 days to finish school before their call to active duty in the corps, it was announced here today.

Maj. Frank V. Kent, commanding officer of army recruiting in Nebraska and South Dakota, said the new order from The Adjutant General permits the women students, "upon their request" to be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps and remain on an inactive status "for a period not to exceed 120 days."

## Up And At It 4-H Club

The Up and At It 4-H Club held their third meeting at the Guy L. Johnson home April 16, at 2:00 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Twilla Whaley president. Two members were absent and there were three guests.

Doris Pierson was voted in as a new member, making a total of nine members. In observance of Rural Life Sunday, May 21, a demonstration was given by Twilla Whaley on how to use a pattern. Songs and the flag pledge were sang and read. A lunch of ice cream, cookies and sandwiches was served by Mrs. Johnson after the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Audrey Bowden's on April 30 at 2:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saunto spent Sunday in Norfolk on business.

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Earl Hirsch, of Cleveland, Ohio; George Hirsch, of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Gertrude Miller, of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Ina Culklin, of Omaha, arrived in this city this morning accompanying the body of their father, the late Jacob Hirsch, who passed away Monday in Dayton, Ohio, and whose funeral will be held from the Catholic church in this city Saturday morning.

## Holt County Nearly Doubles Red Cross Quota

FINIAL REPORT OF RED CROSS	
Stuart	\$2,066.53
Chambers	1,092.50
Page	900.00
Ewing	825.00
Inman	417.90
Atkinson	2,353.12
Emmet	467.41
O'Neill	4,112.22
Total	\$12,234.68

## Telephone Employees To Be Given Medals

Employees of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company here will each receive on April 21 a button which they will be entitled to wear as a result of the company receiving the National Security Award from the United States Office of Civilian Defense, Washington, D. C. The Company's more than 14,000 men and women in the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and North Dakota will be presented these buttons on the same day.

The Northwestern Company is the first organization to be presented with this award on a Company-wide basis in the five states in which it operates.

The National Security Award was presented to the Company in recognition of superior standards of protection and security established for the safety of its personnel, service, and plant facilities in 633 cities and towns it serves, as well as the network of long distance lines throughout the five states. The superior measures for which the award has been granted include protection against sabotage, air raids, fire, accidents, and other hazards which would interfere with the successful prosecution of the war.

## F. S. A. Rejuvenating Some Farm Families

With spring work opening up, considerable interest is focused on the farm families who are now in full food production but who, a few years ago, were badly up against it from standpoint of being economically able to stay with their farms. Holt county has a number of farm families who were in that category, Adolph Dudek, FSA supervisor said this week.

Much credit must go to all American farmers for their part in fighting this great world war, Mr. Dudek said, and it was surprising to learn that the smaller farm operators have been able to contribute such a large proportion of the increased food production. He mentioned specifically the 215 farm families in Holt county who were enabled to remain in productive farming through participation in the Farm Security program. Of this number, 105 have fully repaid all FSA loans and are current with other loans or entirely out of debt, he said. Most of the others are making good progress.

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## Large Attendance At District III Music Contest Last Friday

More than 400 students from twenty schools participated in the O'Neill division of the District III Music Contest held on last Friday, April 14th.

The number of Superior ratings won by each school is shown below. Awards are made for Superior ratings only.

School	Number
St. Mary's	11
Atkinson	10
O'Neill	8
Chambers	4
Ainsworth	3
Neligh	3
Ewing	3
Keya Paha	3
Stuart	2
Butte	2
Spencer	2
Orchard	2
Tilden	2
Long Pine	1
Creighton	1
Newport	1
Clearwater	1
Total	59

Soloists and small groups from the local schools who won superior ratings are as follows:

French Horn Solo—Robert Wallace, St. Mary's.  
E♭ Saxophone Solo—James Merriam, St. Mary's.  
B♭ Clarinet Solo—Donna Gallagher, St. Mary's.  
Flute Solo—Ann Hartly, of St. Mary's.  
Cornet Solo—James Golden, St. Mary's.  
Bass Horn Solo—Richard Selah, O'Neill.  
Bass Horn Solo—Nadine McNichols, St. Mary's.  
Baritone Horn Solo—Richard Fenderson, O'Neill.  
Trombone Solo—Patsy Kruse, O'Neill.  
Girl's High Voice Solo—Kathleen Flood, O'Neill.  
Girl's High Voice Solo—Thelma Reefer, St. Mary's.  
Boy's Medium Voice Solo—Donald Persons, O'Neill.  
Boy's High Voice Solo—Bill McDonough, O'Neill.  
Girl's Trio—St. Mary's: Nancy Froelich, Prati Keiser, Helen Kubitschek.  
Girl's Sextet—O'Neill.  
Madrigal (Mixed Trio)—St. Mary's.  
Piano Solo—Marita Vanderheid, St. Mary's.  
Cornet Trio—St. Mary's: Tom Harty, Beverly McCarthy, Betty Gallagher.  
Cornet Trio—O'Neill: Welden Eruegman, Walter Manley, Delores Debolt.

## CHAMBERS ITEMS

Hansen-Walker  
Miss La Vonne Hansen, daughter of Mrs. Lottie Hansen, of Boise, Idaho, became the bride of Lt. Charles A. Walker of Wichita, Kansas, at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, April 8. The double ring ceremony was performed at the Immanuel Methodist church at Boise, by Rev. Ray Mortensen. Luetta Hansen, sister of the bride, and Lt. Fred Newman attended the young couple.

The bride was attired in a lavender dress with white accessories. The bridesmaid wore a white and navy blue dress. The bridegroom and the best man were both attired in their military uniforms.

Mrs. Walker was a former Chambers girl, graduating from the High school with the class of 1942. She has been attending college at Boise, Idaho.

Lt. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Walker of Wichita, Kansas, has spent most of his life there. He was formerly an employee of Cessna Aircraft company, of Wichita. He entered the service in June, 1942, and is now stationed at Gawen Field, Boise, Idaho.

Following the ceremony the happy couple returned to the home of the bride's mother where a reception was held in their honor. Those who attended the wedding, Lt. Fred Newman, Luetta Hansen, Mrs. Lottie Hansen and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Merie Hansen and son, David, Mrs. Ernest Hansen and sons, Mrs. Alnest Hansen and Karen, Miss Patty Powell and Mrs. Dale Calsion were also guests