

'Girl Next Door' Is Title of Play

EWING—The senior class of Ewing high school will present the play, "The Girl Next Door", Friday, April 11. A matinee at 2 in the afternoon will be given in addition to the regular performance.

Committees for the play as follows: Features—Pat Hahlbeck and Maryetta Peterson; business manager—Delbert Carl and John Minkrik; stage managers—Stanley Bartos, Virgil Potter, Larry Wragge; advertising—Delbert Carl, John Minkrik, Judy Stamp, Shirley Wright, Pat Ernesti, Stanley Bartos, Virgil Potter, Larry Wragge, Patti Schindler, Gene Sisson; programs—Pat Hahlbeck and Maryetta Peterson; character presentation—Darlene Latzel and Mary Lois Noffke; curtain—Delbert Carl.

Other Ewing News
On Saturday, Mrs. Ralph Eacker of Ewing who teaches in Antelope county attended the county spelling contest in Neligh on Saturday. Miss Jeanne Welke and several of her pupils also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Maden Funk, who have made their home at Inman for several years, moved to Ewing last week and are now located in the Nellie Komer residence in east Ewing. Their daughters, Mrs. Alice Geary, and children of Inman have been recent guests at their home.

The Antelope County Teachers association held a meeting Tuesday, Mar. 25, at Neligh which was attended by both rural and town teachers. Mrs. Ralph Eacker of Ewing was present. A 6:30 dinner was served followed by a business meeting and social hour.

Mrs. Wilbur Spangler and children were shopping in O'Neill on Saturday.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Spangler and family went to Inman where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Barlow and family.

The Carl Christian sale was well attended on Friday and items brought good prices. Col Ed Thorin of O'Neill was auctioneer.

Guests on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson were Irwin Christian and Max Allen of Newport.

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of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser and family were his sister, Mrs. Hicks and son, Keith, of Derby, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schindler of Omaha were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Van Conet on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis and Marie, accompanied by Betty Wright, spent Sunday at Plainview as guests at the Walter Austin home.

The home club was entertained Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Tuttle. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Verle Tuttle. Scorewinners were Mrs. Charles Rotherham, high, and Mrs. Waldo Davis, low, for the ladies. For the men, Verle Tuttle won high and Elmer Bergstrom, low. Refreshments were served by the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker of Norfolk attended the funeral of Bux Wanser held at Plainview Friday afternoon. They also visited at the home of Max Wanser and family in Ewing.

Jerry Wanser, who is employed in Omaha, and his sister, Miss Judy Wanser of Norfolk, came home to attend the funeral of their grandfather, Bux Wanser. They remained to spend the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser.

Mrs. Max Wanser has been appointed chairman of the cancer drive in Ewing for the month of April. Plans are being made to contact the rural areas and the town.

JoAnn Edwards celebrated her fourth birthday anniversary on Tuesday, March 25. Her mother, Mrs. Richard Edwards, invited nine three and four-year-olds for a party from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The recreation and play room were decorated in pink-and-white in an Easter theme. A few games were played and gifts were opened by JoAnn. The centerpiece for the luncheon table was a fiber glass rabbit. The birthday cake also was a rabbit with pink and white decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson's home was the scene of a family get-together Sunday. A covered dish dinner was served and lunch later in the afternoon. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Olson and family of Clearwater, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blair and son of Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. Greer Clark and family of Stanton, Mrs. Albin Dolezal and son of Lincoln, Mrs. Henry Rasmussen of Fremont.

Airline Receptionist Is Visitor
Miss Patty Pierson, a reservationist with Northwest Airlines in Portland, Ore., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pierson of O'Neill. She flew to Sioux City and was met there.

Miss Mardel Johnson of Oberlin, O., Conservatory of Music arrived Saturday to spend Easter and spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Evans.



Leaders Study Meat Cuts

Club leaders from various Holt county extension club's and some 4-H leaders Tuesday visited the meat department of the Safeway store and heard discussions on meat cutting by Dick McMurtry (white hat, left) and Ivan Hurley (white, right). In the foreground (left-to-right) are Mrs. Dwayne Philbrick of O'Neill, (with small white flower), Mrs. Lawrence Dobrovoly of O'Neill, Mrs. Wes Riffey of O'Neill, Mrs. E. R. Hoffman of Stuart, and Mrs. Norris George of O'Neill (scarf); background—Mrs. Robert Jonas of Stuart, Mrs. Roy Wagoner of O'Neill and Mrs. Vere Kaplan of Stuart. Only a portion of the group, including both men and women, is pictured.—The Frontier Photo.

Transforms Desert to Garden

Watering Plants Is Answer

By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR., Special Correspondent

PAGE—To cause a desert to blossom as a rose is an accomplishment credited to reclamation projects powered by large crews of workmen operating huge and complicated machinery at taxpayers' expense. Seldom has similar credit been given to a woman, frail and elderly, working alone and against powerful odds such as the dry and dusty thirties.

Any one passing by the Holt county home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Chichester and son, Elbert, Jr., 20 years ago would have been dejected by the worthlessness of the land and would have scratched his head and wondered how any newcomers could keep their cattle through the summer.

But credit is due Mrs. Rose Chichester. She performed a miracle transforming a gravel hillside into a veritable garden, utilizing in the landscaping a small creek that lanked the hill and meandered through the half-section.

Mrs. Chichester's maiden name was Rose Lehmkuhl. She was born January 13, 1877, at Westside Carroll county, Ia., a daughter of George and Margaret Lehmkuhl.

When she was 16, she moved with her family to Wayne county, Nebr., where she became the bride of Elbert A. Chichester January 16, 1901. They were married at the home of her parents and began housekeeping in the new house built for them on the farm situated between the places of their respective parents.

Her gardening experience, however, dates back to the age of nine. Her mother was not a churchgoer so Rose stayed home with her mother and the little folks while her father and the older children worshipped. It was on Sunday that she planted her garden along with flower seeds gained from free packets distributed by hopeful congressmen.

From that beginning, Rose's interest in horticulture blossomed into a hobby in her later years. She is now recognized as an authority.

Lived in Wayne County
For 30 years the Chichesters lived on that Wayne county farm, where a daughter and three sons were born and reared. Elbert, Jr., a late arrival, moved to Columbus onto a 40-acre plot with his parents. He was a victim of infantile paralysis when eight-weeks-old and was in and out of hospitals, getting his schooling at the Orthopedic hospital at Lincoln and later some high school and college work at Lexington, Ky.

Depression, drought and sickness deprived the family of three good Wayne county farms. They spent eight years on an acreage in Platte county—Columbus—and later found themselves owning a sliver equity on a hilly, gravel underlaid ranch-farm five miles east of Page.

Rose, realizing the imminence of moving because of economic conditions, carefully lifted choice perennials and other most cherished plants, potted them or packed them as the species required for transplanting to the present location.



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What has she strived for all these years? To get rich? First and foremost her aim has been to have the earliest blooms on the pulpit and chancel in the spring and to project the flowering season far beyond the frost date by cutting budded stalks set in pails of water in the cellar and trimmed and cared for so that she might also have the last blooms of the season on parade.

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In her seventieth year, Mrs. Chichester took a plane ride to Kentucky.

Never robust or plump, it is a matter of deep regret that she no longer is able to tend her flower-ers in her customary way. Her garden has been her pride and joy; her solace in time of grief. It has provided her with gifts for her friends. It has been the talent given her to return in good season manifold. That's what the Word promises. The miracles wrought in her garden have increased her faith in God and permitted her to work hand-in-hand with The Master Gardener.

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Atkinson Man Among 5 Army Enlistees

The following recent enlistments have been announced by M/Sgt. William ("Bill") Cousins of the army recruiting office at O'Neill:

Newell D. Metzger of Merri-man, guided missile unit.
Ralph A. Starman of Elgin, corps of engineers.
Richard Baker of Atkinson, corps of engineers.

Raymond Berendsen of Crofton, regular army, unassigned.
Roger E. Bejot of Long Pine, reserves, two years of active duty.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Will O'Conner and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Van Fleet and daughter of Royal were Sunday callers of Mrs. J. F. O'Conner.

A birthday anniversary party was given for Alvin Ott Friday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ott, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Larson and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Worth, Mrs. Orville Miller and Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson, Jr., and boys of G-moa and Mr. and Mrs. Don Huser of Sioux City are expected Saturday to spend Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson, Sr. and Mrs. William Pettsche and daughter spent Sunday in Randolph visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bloomer.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ramold and son and Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Schneider took Pvt. Thomas Schneider to Omaha Sunday where he boarded a plane for Ft. Eustis, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Reynolds attended the funeral of Vernon Goodman in Cedar Rapids Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka spent Sunday in Clarkson visiting his father, Anton Ruzicka.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenneth Jones and son and Henry Lampman of Bonestell, S.D., were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schmitz.

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