

# Renovated, Enlarged Church to Be Dedicated

## Liddy, Haynes Win Top Honors at OHS Graduation May 22 for Seniors

PAGE—Sunday, May 18, is the date set for the dedication of the remodeled Methodist church and consecration of the new educational unit.

Sunday-school will convene at 9 a.m. with worship service commencing at 10:30 a.m.

Bishop H. Bascom Watts, bishop for Nebraska, will deliver the sermon. The chancel and junior choirs and the girls' sextette will furnish special music.

A basket dinner will be served at noon in the Fellowship hall. The afternoon program will open at 2 o'clock with Rev. R. L. Embree of O'Neill, district superintendent, in charge.

Memorials and other gifts will be dedicated at this service, which will also include reminiscing by various guests.

Ground was broken for the new structure July 5, 1956, following an offer of five-thousand dollars as a cash gift toward the expense of building an addition to the main church building provided a like sum was matched by the other church people. The terms were met.

Joseph Carlson of Laurel was the architect and supervised building of the new educational unit which includes a chapel, chancel and three class rooms on main floor, and the Wesleyan room, kitchen and furnace room in the basement. These rooms will serve as class rooms and the Wesleyan room is used as an assembly room for the various social groupings and executive meetings.

Later the same anonymous donor offered another five-thousand-dollar for the remodeling of the main structure. Under this new program, the old heating plant was removed and two new restrooms and a pastor's study have been incorporated in the area that formerly housed the kitchen, stairway and ladies rest-room.

On the main floor the corner entrance was changed to center entrance with the mother's room to the right of the entrance. Space to the left has become a part of the main sanctuary and also used as a class room.

The stained glass windows were retained, re-cleaned and repaired. The old finish has been removed from all of the wood and a new finish applied.

The sanctuary floor has been resanded and refinished and the chancel and isles have been carpeted. Basement floors have received new paint. In fact, all parts of the old building have been renovated and the finishing brought up to date to match that of the new structure. New lighting fixtures replace the old. The only lack is the brick facing on the sides of the old edifice. Perhaps that also may be accomplished in the not too distant future, church officials hope.

Ivan Heiss was the chairman of the building committee. Other members were Elmer Weidner, Edgar Seiders, Neven Jones, jr., and Mesdames Raymond Heiss, Robert VanHorn and Mervyn French, sr.

Edgar Stauffer and Harold Heiss were treasurers of the building fund.

Mervyn French, sr., directed the force of local workmen having them on hand as they were needed.

The building project has been completed at the cost of \$42,000, and that does not include the many man hours of volunteer cost-free labor that cut the final cost.

## 8-Year-Old Girl Dies in Hospital

ATKINSON—Helen Dobrovolsky, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dobrovolsky of Atkinson, died Tuesday, May 13, about 45 minutes after her arrival at Children's Memorial hospital in Omaha.

Cause of her death has not been exactly determined.

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## Products Parade Planned May 24

O'Neill merchants are making big preparations for the first annual products parade to be held Saturday, May 24, on North Fourth st. The street will be roped off for dozens of exhibits—ranging from automobiles and trucks to all types of farm equipment, appliances and seed corn.

The event is under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce.

Dozens of coupons will be featured in next week's issue of The Frontier with most firms cooperating.

There will be music by the Municipal band and the hours of the exhibit showings are from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Morgan Ward, C of C secretary, said any O'Neill exhibitor is invited to participate by contacting him, phone 414. William W. McIntosh heads the C of C retail trade committee which is sponsoring the event.

## New Chapel Will Be Opened Sunday

ATKINSON—A new chapel for members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, is nearing completion at Atkinson.

Official opening of the new chapel is scheduled Sunday, May 18.

## John Claussen 69, Expires in Hospital

Funeral services for John Claussen, 69, a retired farmer-rancher, will be held Friday, May 16 at 2 p.m., at the Methodist church in O'Neill. Rev. Melvin Grossbach of Gordon, a former pastor here, will officiate.

Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

The late Mr. Claussen had a heart condition and was hospitalized since May 6 at Atkinson Memorial hospital where he died Wednesday, May 14.

Survivors chosen are Stanley Longnecker, Francis Curran, James McNulty, Lester Boshart, Orville Thorson and Charley Tasler.

The late Mr. Claussen was born March 24, 1887, at Emmet, the son of Peter and Wilhelmina Bresswitz, who were natives of Germany. June 30, 1920 at O'Neill he married Core T. Johnson. They became the parents of two children.

About a year and a half ago the Claussens held a farm-ranch sale and moved to Lawndale, Calif., returning here this spring to make their home. Recently they purchased a new home in the Spelts-Ray addition.

Survivors include: Widow—Core; son—Willard C. Claussen of Withee, Wis.; daughter—Mrs. Dolores Yarnell of Hawthorne, Calif.; sister—Mrs. Mary Lewis of Atkinson; brothers—Henry and Rudolph of Atkinson, William of O'Neill and Otto of Ingleswood, Calif.

## HEAVY VOLUME FORCES OMISSIONS

An unusually heavy volume of late advertising and a large amount of term-end school activities, election news and church affairs has made it necessary to omit considerable advertising, news pictures and general correspondence from the outgoing communities. Most of this week's omissions will appear in the next issue. The avalanche of late material arrived too late to develop extra pages and yet enable the subscribers to receive The Frontier on schedule.

—THE PUBLISHERS.

## Helen O'Donnell Dies in California

Mrs. Helen O'Donnell, widow of the late Patrick O'Donnell, died last Thursday, May 8, in Long Beach, Calif.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday morning, May 19, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

The late Mrs. O'Donnell was born in Scranton, Pa., and came to Holt county with her parents, when she was six-months-old. She was reared in the Inman community and was married in June, 1918.

Her husband, who died in July 1951, at one time was a banker here.

The late Mrs. O'Donnell was employed for many years by the National Insurance company and retired in 1952, going to Long Beach.

Survivors include: Sisters—Miss Sadie Harle of Long Beach; Mrs. Mary Laney of O'Neill; Sister Mary Isabelle of Omaha; brother—J. P. Harle of Buhl, Ida.

## Dorsey Group Wants O'Neill Hookup

DORSEY—An estimated 20 to 30 families on a rural Dorsey phone line would like to rebuild the lines and connect with the O'Neill exchange.

A corporation is being formed. Monday night officers were elected: Clayton Nelson, president; Albert Derickson, vice-president; and Dale Revell, treasurer. Directors are Elmer Juracek, Robert Miller, Lyle Johnson and Merle Spangler.

Twenty persons were present at Monday's meeting.

The officers will meet with the Chamber of Commerce in O'Neill at 10 a.m., Friday.

## Stock Car Racing Planned at Stuart

STUART—The Stuart Community club will sponsor stock car racing this season and a committee has been named: J. G. Brewster, W. A. Nickless, Charles Schaaf, I. M. Ready and Cleus Durr.

Preliminary work has been done on the track. Opening race is tentatively planned Sunday afternoon, June 8.

## Jury Will Hear Tear Gas Case

A jury will convene at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday in Holt county court to hear the trial of Michael ("Mike") O'Connor and Roland ("Rollie") Everett, both of Atkinson.

They are charged with abusing an officer in an incident that took place earlier this month on the Atkinson streets. In preliminary hearing after being held overnight here, both pleaded innocent and posted two-hundred-dollar appearance bonds.

George Farman of Ainsworth is attorney for the defendants; William W. Griffin, Holt county attorney, will prosecute the complaint signed by Atkinson Police Chief Clifford B. Batzloff, who was elevated to chief four days after the alleged incident.

Batzloff attempted to take O'Connor into custody. Everett is alleged to have interceded, and in the course of the scuffle Batzloff fired tear gas which resulted in O'Connor's hospitalization.



"Make Believe" Attracts Large Audience

"The Land of Make Believe" was presented by Mrs. Harry Peterson's kindergarten classes Tuesday evening to a large audience. Seated in front is Pamela Hanlon, Miss Muffet. Left-to-right: Bobby Orsborn, Muffin Man; Gary Philbrick, Little Boy Blue; Stella Mae Anderson, Mother Hubbard; Elva Gettert, Mistress Mary; Carol Britell, Little Bo Peep; Patsy Newton, Mrs. Sprat; Jerry McKamy, Jack Spratt; John Adamson, Jack; Nancy Wilkinson, Jill; Stanley Longnecker, Simple Simon; Gary Lee Paulsen, Pieman; Danny Philbrick, Wee Willie Winkie; and Lynn Franklin, Mother Goose. Mrs. Howard Manson was accompanist.—O'Neill Photo Co.

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Smoke and flames emerge from the front of the Outlaw Implement company building during the early phases of the Saturday night fire which caused an estimated 30- to 40-thousand-dollar damage.—The Frontier Photo.



Procession marks formal entrance into the new Christ Lutheran church here. Left-to-right: Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, church pastor; Rev. Frederick Niedner, jr., of West Point; Donald Kellner, president of the congregation; Rev. Robert W. Olson of Thorp, Wis., former pastor; members of the church council and parishoners. The new Gothic-style church was dedicated Sunday, May 11.—The Frontier Photo.

# Manson, Wefso Are Victors in Primary

## Fire Loss May Reach \$40,000

## New, Used Cars and Buildings Damaged in Saturday Blaze

An estimated 30- to 40-thousand-dollar fire Saturday evening completely destroyed two used automobiles, damaged five new and five used vehicles, and gutted portions of the buildings that house the Outlaw Implement company and Oscar's Buick Sales, (company firms) in West O'Neill.

The origin of the fire has not been determined, according to Oscar Spitzberger, owner of the firms, and Tony Asimus, owner of the buildings.

The alarm was turned in at 7:26 p.m. by Harry Larsen, who lives across the alley at the rear of the firm. He was in the yard and chanced to see reflection of the flames through the rear windows of the firm.

At 8:40 p.m., the fire was virtually extinguished, but firemen were kept on the job two hours and even recalled at 10 p.m., to put down a flareup in the ceiling.

Workers had left the building at 6:30. Spitzberger had gone to the golf course and later to a theater, not knowing his firm was burning. Asimus returned from Ericson to find firemen battling the flareup.

Vehicles damaged included three 1958 Buicks, one 1958 Rambler, one 1958 Ford, all damaged by heat, smoke and water. Suffering similarly were one 1954 Buick, one 1952 Dodge and one 1949 Mercury.

Totally destroyed were one 1954 Mercury and one 1953 Ford, the owner said.

Firemen went to considerable risk to remove the vehicles under their own power while heat was intense and the condition of the roof was in doubt.

The black, billowy smoke could be seen for miles.

Guards were posted overnight to detect any subsequent flareup. Firemen attacked the fire from the front, rear and roof while hundreds of persons watched the spectacle.

The firm opened Monday and has been servicing customers under handicap.

Cause of the fire might be pinned on a battery charger which was found hooked up to a car, but this is only speculation. Adjusters Monday offered no cause.

None of the tools or parts were damaged. Studings in the original 72 x 72-ft. building were badly damaged, also walls and portions of the ceiling and roof.

Some of the plate glass windows broke from expansion and others had to be broken by firemen including display windows in the new 40 x 100 ft. adjoining building (on west).

## Nelson Proves Best Vote-Getter

State Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill, unopposed on the non-political ticket for renomination, proved the best vote-getter in Tuesday's primary election in Holt. He received 1,582 votes.

Close behind was Miss Alice French of O'Neill, unopposed, non-political, for renomination as county superintendent, was given 1,513 ballots.

Nelson, who represents the four-county 25th legislative district, received 585 votes in Holt county.

Holt Republicans gave Roman L. Hruska, 1,038 votes, unopposed, for United States senate. On the demo side, Eugene D. O'Sullivan received 224; Frank B. Morrison, (Continued on page 7.)

## 1,942 Votes Counted in Balloting

## Voting Slightly Over 1956 Primary; Rain Might Have Helped

Holt county voters went to the polls Tuesday in slightly greater numbers than two years ago but in fewer numbers than four years ago.

Unofficially 1,942 votes were cast, including 1,383 by the republicans and 559 by the democrats. Two years ago a grand total of 1,756 ballots were cast and four years ago the combined total was 2,602.

Seven absentee and three disabled ballots remain to be counted. The canvassing board will convene at 9 a.m. Friday, but County Clerk Kenneth Waring said there is no prospect of any of Tuesday's unofficial results being altered.

Chief interest centered in the republican balloting for district court clerk and for county assessor.

Howard D. Manson of O'Neill incumbent, defeated Kieth A. Abart of O'Neill, 701-528, for the district court nomination. There were no democratic candidates.

William F. Wefso of Atkinson, incumbent, outdistanced two contenders for assessor nomination. Wefso polled 631 votes; Opal Keating of Atkinson, 377; L. G. Gillespie of O'Neill, 321. There were no demo candidates.

## 34 in St. Mary's Graduating Class

## Senior Honors Are Announced

Miss Cecelia Ann Arbutnot has been announced as valedictorian of the class of 1958 at St. Mary's academy, and Miss Jean Schoenle is salutatorian. Third highest ranking scholar scholastically is Miss Regina Vitt.

Other members of the class of 34 members are:

Jenelle Allen of Page, Patricia Allen, Theresa Boyle, Marie Boyle, Marie Campbell of Kilgore, Lois Connot of Dallas, S. D., Betty Curran, Ellen Higman of Emmet, Maureen Higgins of Valentine, Rita Hoehne, Jean Hostetter of Valentine, Nyla Jaskowicz, Jacque Johnson of Kilgore, Joann Lydon of Mission, S. D.

Kathryn McCarthy, Sharon Miller, Dora Lou Rosno of Ewing, Lorena Schmitz, Joanne Soukup, Matthew Beha, jr., Larry Cleary, Thomas Donohoe, James Enright, Gary Holly, Carl Kamphaus, James McGinn, Ned Mullen of Emmet, James Murphy of Stuart, Richard Shuehner, Jack Sullivan, Bruce Weier.

Commencement exercises for St. Mary's seniors will be held at the church Friday, May 23.

Honors have been announced as follows: Miss Arbutnot, Merit Scholarship, Regis college, and president's scholarship; Marie Campbell and Maureen Higgins, Duchsene; Matthew Beha, two University of Nebraska scholarships, all based on competitive examinations.

Honor scholarships: Bruce Weier, Rockhurst; Rita Hoehne, St. Mary's, Omaha; Regina A. Vitt, St. Mary's, Yankton; Jean Schoenle, Marycrest.

Other honors: Miss Vitt, home-makers award; Mr. Weier, all-state football; Miss Arbutnot, band; Jo Ann Lydon, co-operation.

The annual SMA athletic banquet will be held at 6:30 Sunday. Bob Gates, coach at Omaha Holy Name, will be speaker at the academy gym.

## 7 SMA Boys Sign with Navy

Among SMA students enlisting in the navy are:

Thomas Donohoe, son of Mrs. Clarence Donohoe; Jack Sullivan, son of Mrs. Helen Sullivan; Gary Holly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley "Holly" Matthew Beha, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Beha, sr.; James Enright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Enright; Richard Shehmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shehmer, and James Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Murphy of Stuart.

The boys will leave for service Tuesday, June 3.

## Lakeview Sells for \$129,600

CHAMBERS — The 5,760-acre Lakeview ranch, owned by John Q. and Jim Hossack, Wednesday sold at auction for \$220.50 per acre or \$129,600. Sale was handled by Gross Real Estate of Omaha and was held at the American Legion building in Chambers because of muddy road conditions.

Leo F. Clinch, Burwell attorney, signed the purchase contract for Vernon Lowery of Burwell and Ralph Garwood of Chambers, who are partners.

Sale of the personal property—including five tractors and a complete line of ranch machinery—was postponed until Wednesday, May 21, and will be held on the Lakeview premises, starting at 10 a.m.

May Breakfast—At the annual May Fellowship breakfast held Friday, May 2 at Fellowship hall of First Presbyterian church, 90 women were present from all O'Neill protestant churches and the Bethany church, Calif.

## A. M. Reed, Wife Wed Half-Century

## Honored at Affair in Spencer

SPENCER—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Reed celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their home in Spencer, Monday, May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed met in Spencer over a half-century ago and were married on May 12, 1908, in St. Mary's Catholic church.

Mr. Reed was born on a farm near Mankato, Kans., and came to Boyd county with his parents at the age of 12. His father homesteaded near Butte. As a young man he came to Spencer where he owned and operated a barber shop for nearly 30 years.

Mrs. Reed, the former Alice Libe, was born on a farm in Holt county, and has been a member of the Spencer community her entire life.

In 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Reed moved to Holt county where they owned and operated a cattle ranch with their son, Elwin, for 25 years, returning to Spencer in September, 1953, to make their home in retirement.

All children were home for the celebration edgo hoemh uofn e golden wedding celebration: Mrs. H. B. Lee of Bethesda, Md., Mrs. Joseph J. Canavin of Kensington, Md., Miss Helen Reed of Denver, Colo., and Elwin W. Reed of Spencer. Also present were Mrs. Reed's sister, Mrs. Sarah Wabs of Atkinson, and two nieces, Mrs. P. J. Keating of Atkinson and Mrs. Matt Shipman of Los Angeles, Calif.