

**Doctor Beattie  
Heads Basin Unit**

**O'Neill Report Heard  
at Meeting**

AINSWORTH—Despite adverse weather conditions, attendance was good at the annual meeting of the Niobrara River Basin Development Association held Thursday afternoon, December 11, in Ainsworth. The noon luncheon was served in the new BPO Elks lodge building by members of the BPO Does.

Elected to serve as president of the organization during 1959 was Dr. L. R. Beattie of Ainsworth. L. R. Smith of Ainsworth was re-elected vice-president.

Presiding at the business meeting was Roger S. Thorley of Ainsworth, president of the association during the past term.

Thorley introduced Richard Fampel of the Ainsworth office of the bureau of reclamation who gave a progress report on the Ainsworth division office and the Valentine field office and outlined future plans for the project.

H. G. Harris, also of the Ainsworth bureau of reclamation office, detailed the work on the O'Neill unit of the Missouri river basin authority. Field work on the project has been completed by the Ainsworth investigating office. Harris stated, and the findings will probably be presented to congress in May.

A representative of the United States forest service, Charles W. Stavely, spoke briefly to the group, pledging the support and cooperation of the forest service in irrigation projects.

**Resolutions Adopted**  
William C. Smith, Jr., of Ainsworth, chairman of the resolutions committee for the association and recently a member of the National Reclamation association's resolution committee, presented five resolutions, all of which were unanimously adopted by the members.

Resolution one stated: "Whereas, the economy of the Niobrara river basin is based upon agriculture, and whereas the basin suffers from the lack of necessary rainfall;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the development of the proposed irrigation projects within the Niobrara river basin is urgently needed to stabilize the economy of the basin."

Contained in resolution two: "Whereas, the Niobrara river basin plan has heretofore been included in the Missouri river basin overall plan;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that we urge that continued appropriations be made available by congress for the continued construction of the Ainsworth irrigation unit, and;

"We further urge that the investigation by the bureau of reclamation for the O'Neill unit, the Lavaca flats unit and the Mirage flats extension unit be stepped up and that feasibility reports be prepared on these units at the earliest possible time; and;

"We further urge that the people of each of the three units now under investigation take steps as soon as possible to form the necessary organization of their irrigation districts; and;

"We further urge that further investigations be made of the flood control projects at Gordon, Verdigris and Ponca Creek in Nebraska and South Dakota."

Resolution three, as adopted by the group, follows: "Whereas, the Niobrara river basin development plan has heretofore been expressly included in the Missouri river basin law of 1944,

"Now therefore be it resolved that we express our sincere thanks to the members of congress, the State Reclamation association, the Mississippi Valley association, the National Reclamation association, the governors of the states of Nebraska and South Dakota, the Missouri basin inter-agency committee, the Missouri river state committee, and all other groups for their efforts toward systematic investigation and development of the projects of the Niobrara river basin."

**Comments Jones**  
In addition, the group adopted a resolution, which recommended the retention of Dan S. Jones as head of the department of water resources.

Secretary-treasurer of the association for 1958, Vern Lindholm of Ainsworth, gave the financial report for the past year and Thorley expressed his personal appreciation for the assistance given him during the past year.

The meeting closed with county caucuses for election of directors and officers and a meeting of the

board of directors. Because of the heavy snow, caucuses were held by only Brown, Cherry and Keya Paha counties. In the Cherry county caucus, directors elected were Fred Perret and Charles Bush of Valentine and Basil Hollers of Cody.

Brown county elected L. R. Beattie to replace Roy Raitt, whose term expired this year. Other county directors are E. A. House and L. R. Smith.

Reelected from Keya Paha county to the board of directors was C. W. Ripley of Springview. Other county directors are K. D. Cook and Tom Rinehart, both of Springview.

Roger S. Thorley was selected as a director at large.

**Miss Mardell Honke  
Bride of Dakotan**

BUTTE—Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic church in Butte was the scene, Saturday, November 29, of the 9:30 a.m. double-ring ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Mardell Honke of Butte and Newell Schroeder of Wagner, S.D. The Rev. Gill officiated. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Honke of Butte and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schroeder of Wagner, S.D.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, wore a floor-length gown fashioned with a full skirt of Schiffli embroidered tulle, falling into a whisper train. The fitted bodice had a scoop neckline trimmed with Venice lace and sequins, with long sleeves that tapered to bridal points over the wrists. Her fingering veil was held in place by a tiara. She carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations and a white prayer book.

The maid-of-honor, Miss Sharon Honke of Omaha, and the bridesmaid, Miss Deane Honke of Butte, and junior bridesmaid, Miss Patricia Honke of Butte, all sisters of the bride, wore identical gowns fashioned of coral velvet. They carried colonial bouquets of white carnations and gold mums trimmed with coral satin buds and bows.

The bestman, Noel Schroeder of Springfield, S.D., brother of the bridegroom, and ushers Larry Meirase of Wagner, S.D., and Keith Schroeder, brother of the bridegroom, also of Wagner, S.D., and the bridegroom were attired in white coats and dark trousers and wore white carnation boutonniere.

Miss Mary Ann Schmitz of Bonesteel, S.D., and Susan Warrke of Anoka were the flower girls. Raymond Honke, Jr., of Butte, brother of the bride, was ring bearer.

Donald and Larry Schmitz, cousins of the bride, sang, while accompanied on the organ by Sister Angelique.

A reception for 75 guests was given by the bride's parents immediately following the ceremony at the Butte Legion Hall.

The bride attended Butte high school and Wayne State Teachers college and is at present teaching. The bridegroom attended Wagner high school and his occupation is farming.

After a wedding trip to the Black Hills, the couple will reside on a farm near Wagner, S.D.

**Wilhelmnia L. May  
at 100th Milestone**

BASSETT — Mrs. Wilhelmnia Lenz May has begun her second century. She celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Garfield Larson.

"Grandma" May was born in Posen, Poland, in 1858. She migrated alone to the United States in 1885 where she lived at her brother's home in Creston, Ia.

The following year she married August May and moved to Rock county. They homesteaded seven miles east of Bassett.

The couple had seven children, Mrs. Leonard Klein of Royal; Mrs. William Albert of Albion; Mrs. John Sterlow, Mrs. Larson and William, all of Bassett, and Paul of South Sioux City. One son, Carl, is deceased.

The centenarian has 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mrs. May is in good health and enjoys company and reading newspapers.

**GETS ASSIGNMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hagensick received word that their son, Navy Lt. Donald Hagensick, arrived in Seattle, Wash., where he will be stationed. His address is 3837 Williams ave., Seattle. Lieutenant Hagensick spent two years in the Hawaiian Islands and arrived in the United States October 1. He spent three weeks in October in O'Neill on leave visiting his parents.

**O'NEILL LOCALS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lange and family of Atkinson were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Hazel Boatman. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boyle were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher of Inman.



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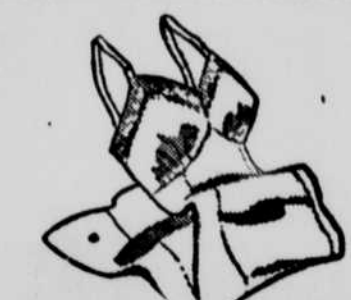
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