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The Grays... the circuit-riding "marrin' parson" (Rev. Bartley Blaine) performed the ceremony. (Story at right). — The Frontier Photo.

Page Pair Married 60 Years

John Gray and Wife Sunday Greet 117 Friends, Relatives

By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR., Feature Writer

PAGE — Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gray are one of the privileged few to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary together.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray enjoy "good" health—extraordinarily good for their age.

John Gray was born at Genoa, Wis., December 18, 1872. He accompanied his parents to Polk county when he was 3-years-old.

In 1881 a new tract of land was opened for settlement and his father took advantage of the offer.

Two years later he brought his family here. They lived with John's grandfather, Ransom Hunter, while the new soddy was under construction.

This farm site, the original timber claim contracted for with the United States patent office, was destined to become a part of the town of Page.

On Friday evening, March 16, at the Page auditorium, Mr. Thompson will show films of big game hunting and fishing scenery and a variety of pictures taken in Alaska, where he spends the summer months in photographic work.

Essie Ward was born at Middlebranch. At the time of her marriage she was living with her foster parents, Rev. and Mrs. Bartley Blaine.

Reverend "Grandpa" Blaine was the circuit-riding preacher of the early day Methodist church. He was also the "marrin' parson" of the area.

John Gray and Essie Ward were married March 10, 1896, at the home of John's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray farmed the home place the first four years, then were persuaded to become associated in the general mercantile.



Mrs. Wayne Smith... housewife-teacher-hobbyist. (Story at right).—The Frontier Photo.

Chambers Mother District Winner Will Compete for 'Mrs. Nebraska'

Mrs. Wayne (Lorene) Smith of Chambers has been selected winner of the Albion district contest in the annual competition for "Mrs. Nebraska."

The announcement was made by officials of Kansas - Nebraska Natural Gas company of Hastings, sponsor of the contest.

Mrs. Smith will compete with other district winners on March 22 in Hastings, and the winner of that contest will go to Beatrice on April 18 for the final "Mrs. Nebraska" competition.

"Mrs. Nebraska" will then make the trip to Ellinger Village, Fla., to take part in the 18th annual "Mrs. America" contest, which was won last year by Mrs. Ramona Dietemeier of Lincoln.

Mrs. Smith will represent Boone, Nance, Howard, Antelope, Knox, Cedar, Wayne, Pierce, Holt and Dixon counties.

Mrs. Smith lives on a farm one mile from Chambers. She is a native of that area. She recalls working about her father's farm as a child and riding a horse to school every day, regardless of the weather.

Through correspondence she has completed almost three years of college work and is presently enrolled in advanced history with the University of Nebraska.

The Smiths have two children, Dean and Judy. They are members of St. Paul's Lutheran church. Mrs. Smith is also a past president of the alumni association of the Chambers high school and is now serving as secretary of that group.

He was baptized into the Roman Catholic faith by Rev. W. A. Giblin on November 18, 1916, in St. Patrick's church at O'Neill. On November 20, 1916, he was married to Zeffa M. Ziemer.

They became the parents of nine children—Walter, jr., dying in infancy.

Survivors include: Widow—Zeffa; sons—Edward of Alhambra, Calif.; John, Richard and Paul of Granada Hills, Calif.; William of Burbank; daughters—Virginia Eimon and Mary Caribouere, both of Alhambra; Alice Orlando of Burbank; 11 grandchildren; sisters—Ella Storm of Rapid City, S.D.; Emma Karel, Celia Richter, Laura Karel, Clara Woidneck and Dora Elshire, all of O'Neill; Mayme Kuhns of Boulder, Colo.; brother Herman of Hartford, Va.

The late Mr. Stein owned and operated a garage in O'Neill and in 1941 he and his family moved to California. He was employed by Lockheed aircraft until 1953, when he retired because of ill health.

Out-of-town relatives, who attended the services were: Zella Marcotte of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Salmons, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Raso, John Salmons and Mary Kimbro, all of Merced, Calif.; Mrs. Joe Ziemer of San Francisco, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kirwin of Whittier, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Brown, Irene Kirwin and Eva Kellogg of Venus, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marcotte of Covina, Calif.

Spends Furlough Here—Pvt. Duane Weier arrived on Sunday, March 4, from Ft. Bragg, N.C., to visit his parents, the Harold Weiers, until March 18, when he reports back to Ft. Bragg before going to Germany.

Wandersee Rites Today at Chambers

Fatally Stricken with Heart Attack While Entertaining Guests

CHAMBERS—Mrs. Fred Wandersee, 79, was fatally stricken with a heart attack at 11:45 a.m. Monday, March 12, in a Dankert cabin where she lived alone.

She was preparing lunch for guests—her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoerle—when the attack came and she died immediately.

Mrs. Hoerle said her mother had been in a "happy and joking mood" immediately prior to the attack.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., today (Thursday) from St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Rev. Howard Claycombe will officiate. Burial will be in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Biglin's Palbearers will be Eric Dankert, Ruben Peltzer, Henry Walter, Leopold Lenz, Emil Leiswald and Leslie Leiswald.

The late Ida Regelin Wandersee was born November 23, 1876, at Hampton. She married Fred Wandersee at Hampton on September 19, 1895.

The family came to Chambers 30 years ago. For many years Mr. Wandersee was a carpenter in this community. He died in January, 1943.

Survivors include: Son—Henry of Aurora; daughter—Mrs. Richard (Laura) Hoerle of Chambers; several brothers and sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons, Henry and Eldon, and one daughter, who died at the age of 3.

Youth Awarded \$10,000 Damages

The Holt county district court jury late Thursday awarded Dwayne Anderson, 18-year-old Omaha youth, 10-thousand-dollars damages.

Young Anderson son of a Union Pacific boiler-maker, sought to recover 100-thousand-dollars in personal injury damages from Lloyd Evans, who lives north of Atkinson.

Young Anderson alleged that he suffered second- and third-degree burns over 55 to 60 percent of his body in an explosion that took place on the Evans farm on August 6, 1953.

The youth exhibited his burns to the jury. He was hospitalized two weeks in 1953.

Members of the jury were: Mrs. Bill Kelley of Inman; Frank Hawk, Hazel Ruby, John Hawk, Mrs. Fern Rexin and Ralph E. Clyde, all of Ewing; Francis Yantze and Donald McKamy, both of O'Neill; Mrs. E. B. of Amelia; Mrs. Hazel Park and O. T. Kemper, both of Page, and Harrison Hoy of Stuart.

Witnesses called by the plaintiff's attorneys included Dwayne Anderson; his mother, Catherine Anderson; father, Alva Anderson, and brother, John Anderson, all of Omaha; Ralph Faqua of Omaha and Dr. James E. Ramsay of Atkinson.

Depositions included hospital records. Defense witnesses included the defendant, Lloyd Evans; B. H. Wilson of Atkinson; Sister Antonita and Sister Felicia of the Atkinson Memorial hospital and Clarence Focken of Atkinson.

Attorneys for the plaintiff were Julius D. Cronin of O'Neill and Mr. Semonara of Omaha.

Spencer Bows in State Tournament

SPENCER—The Spencer high Pirates were defeated Friday night in class C state tournament play in the big coliseum at the University of Nebraska. It was Spencer's first trip to the state tournament in nearly 30 years.

Last year's runnerup in class C, the Clarkson Red Devils, turned back Spencer, 68-57. It was Clarkson's 27th consecutive victory this season. Clarkson lost to the Geneva Wildcats in the finals.

Spencer came within one point of Clarkson in the closing minutes and later came within three points. But Clarkson's Fred Moore was too hard to handle for the Pirates. Moore scored 33 points.

Norman Klasna, Spencer's ace, was chosen on the Lincoln Journal-Star's all-state tourney class C honorary team.

Open-House, Program Today at Youth Center

Open-house between 1 and 6 p.m. today (Thursday) and a home talent show, starting at 8 o'clock tonight, will formally complete the new O'Neill youth center on the main floor of the Knights of Columbus building.

Two prominent Nebraskans have been invited to assist in the evening celebration: Former U.S. Sen. Hazel Abel of Lincoln and Miss Sandra Speicher of Omaha, "Miss Nebraska of 1955."

Mrs. Abel served a short term in the senate in 1954 and is active in youth affairs in Nebraska. She will be accompanied to O'Neill by two youth workers and will show a 20-minute film devoted to successfully operated centers elsewhere.

Miss Speicher, a University of Nebraska student, will be presented to the audience and will make a few remarks.

She will be "beautifully gowned," a spokesman said.

Alan Van Vleck, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be master-of-ceremonies. He also will introduce L. D. Putnam, who has directed the renovation of the rent-free KC building.

Five hundred tickets will have been sold for the evening show.

Much of the room has been replastered, new tile flooring has been laid by volunteer workers, the entire interior has been repainted and redecorated, and on Wednesday the only task remaining was moving in of furniture.

The 40x40-ft. main floor has been tiled, balcony cleaned, restrooms provided with new fixtures, new windows, and a new stairway provided to the balcony.

Seventy-five gallons of paint was used. Over 40 adults volunteered helped, plus many teenagers.

Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve is in charge of the talent. The program, estimated two hours in length, will include:

Jack Everitt, vocal; David Anderson, vocal; Bonnie Burlival, vocal; Richard Smithson, vocal; Mrs. Gildersleeve, vocal; Mrs. Donald Loy and Don Hopkins, vocal duet; Mrs. Clay Johnson, jr., and Mrs. Dwayne Philbrick, vocal duet; David Anderson, Allen Martin and Bud Godel, vocal trio; Clay Johnson, jr., and Don Hopkins, harmonica and guitar; Juvenile Jacks (band); Diane Lespie, piano solo; Mr. Van Vleck and Mattener Beha, comedy relief; clarinet quartet and flute trio (arranged by Charles B. Houser).

The previously idle KC main floor has been transformed in a few short weeks into a sparkling headquarters for teenagers. The supervised activity center will be open each Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evening between 7 and 10:30 o'clock. A snackbar will be provided.

Tickets for the home talent show are on sale at Petersen's Clothing.

Equipment will include a juke box, one ping pong table, two shuffleboards, reading facilities, piano.

Volunteer helpers have been William Noring, Ronald Rescill, James Donohoe, Herman Renze, Mr. Carpenter and his FFA class, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Van Vleck, Mr. Baker, Laverne Stevens, Don Petersen, Rex Stowell, Les Weber, Jo Bazelman, W. M. Grunke, Je-

Ground-Breaking Palm Sunday for New Church Here

Ground-breaking ceremonies in connection with the new First Presbyterian church, to be constructed here, have been set for Palm Sunday, March 25, according to the pastor, Rev. J. Olen Kennell.

Rev. Robert Ware, pastor of First Presbyterian church at Norfolk, will be the speaker in the 2:30 p.m., rite.

Franchise Given to Midwest Firm

The Midwest Video Service, Inc., of Valentine, a firm which filed articles of incorporation Monday in Lincoln, has been granted a franchise for "piping in" television programs to residents of O'Neill.

The city granted the franchise last week.

Fay Davis of Valentine, one of the officers, indicated householders could hook up for a fee of \$175. Monthly rate would be \$8 for "snow free" reception with a choice of three channels.

Signals would be transmitted by microrelay to Valentine to O'Neill, one of the stops. Only sets connected to the closed circuit will be able to receive the "snow free" programs.

James C. Quigley of Valentine is one of the incorporators. Capital is \$100,000.

Page Graders Win Chambers Tourney

PAGE — The Page graders emerged victorious in the Sandhills Gateway grades school tournament in progress last week at Chambers.

Page defeated Royal, 39-17, in the finals. Third place honors went to Royal.

Kennell Withdraws from School Race

Complete Slates for Council Seats

Rev. J. Olen Kennell, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Monday announced a petition in circulation and bearing his name had been withdrawn.

The petition, on which scores of signatures already had been placed, was to enable Reverend Kennell's name to appear on the ballot on April 3 as a candidate for the city schools board of education.

Earlier petition candidates for the school board posts were filed in behalf of H. J. Lohaus and Elgin Ray, both incumbents.

A petition circulated simultaneously by the ministers, named Cecil Baker for the board of education.

Meanwhile, there are four more candidates for city council not previously announced: Francis Bazelman, First ward; Don Petersen, Second ward (two-year term); Don Enright, Second ward (one-year term); John Turner, Second ward (one-year term).

For mayor: Dewey Schaffer and Alva Marcellus (incumbent).

For city council: J. J. Berigan, First ward; Leigh Reynolds, Second ward (two-year term); James Earley, Second ward (one-year term); Norbert Uhl, Third ward; Robert E. Moore, Third ward.

For police judge: Ralph Walker.

Incumbent councilmen whose terms expire are not candidates: L. M. Merriman, First ward; Joe Stutz, Second ward; Emmett Crabb, Third. Earlier Marvin Johnson, Second ward councilman, said he would resign May 1, thus creating the short-term (one-year) vacancy.

Arrives from Hawaii—Army Pfc. Jack Gatz arrived Friday from Hawaii to spend a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz.

Big Game, Fish Films Scheduled

PAGE—Darrell Thompson of Gravitry, Ia., spent last Thursday night with Harold Freemeyer family.

On Friday evening, March 16, at the Page auditorium, Mr. Thompson will show films of big game hunting and fishing scenery and a variety of pictures taken in Alaska, where he spends the summer months in photographic work.

This film showing will be both educational and entertaining. It also shows how to take a vacation. The public makes it worthwhile.

The improvement club will sponsor the evening's entertainment.

CONFERENCE TONIGHT

A drive-in conference will be held at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) in the O'Neill public school band room. Town and rural teachers will participate. Up to 150 are expected. City School Supt. M. J. Baack said.

Motts Quietly Note Golden Wedding

By a Staff Writer

SPENCER — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mott, who have resided over 40 years on a farm 2 1/2 miles northeast of Spencer, quietly noted their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 11.

The mailman had been kept busy all week bringing cards, letters and other congratulatory messages.

Because of Mr. Mott's delicate health, no open-house observance was held, although many relatives and some close friends called.

Mr. Mott, 76, was born in Pocahontas county, Iowa. When a lad of 2 he accompanied his parents to the Walnut vicinity with members of his family.

Mrs. Mott, 68, whose maiden name was Minnie Mohr, was born at Haynesville, a daughter of Al and Louise Mohr. Her father was postmaster at Haynesville (located south of Star) 30 years.

The couple met when Mr. Mott, considered a necessary part of any horse or steam threshing rig, was working at the Hart place 2 1/2 miles west of Walnut. That week Miss Mohr was helping with the cooking. The romance blossomed.

They were married March 12, 1906, and began housekeeping at Walnut where they lived six years. Mr. Mott was noted as a blacksmith in the Walnut and Vendig communities.

After moving onto the farm near Spencer (now 200 acres plus school lease land), Mr. Mott continued blacksmithing as a sideline. The family delivered milk daily to patrons in Spencer for 25 years.

Mrs. Mott recalls when she went to school at Haynesville. Some of the schoolmates were Sumner Downey, the Hunter, Tighe and Wertz children.

The trip from Haynesville to O'Neill, she recalls, required 2 1/2 hours by horse and buggy.

The golden wedding cake was baked by Mrs. William Mott, assisted by Mrs. Albert Kaczor. Cake was trimmed with yellow and green and topped with "50." Table was decorated with dollies, candles, flowers and napkins in gold.



O'Neill Graders Win Bassett Tourney

Coach James Luft's O'Neill grade school basketball team proudly exhibits the trophy won during last week's grade school tournament held at Bassett. The O'Neill crew blasted Ainsworth, 59-18, in the opening round; defeated St. Mary's of O'Neill, 49-25, in the semifinals, and turned back Bassett, 68-40, in the finals. Front row —

Coach Luft, Bob Eby (22), Gary Jeffery (23), Harold Parks (30), John Kubik (29), Larry Otter (24), Bill Fricke (student manager); back row — Vernon Strong (31), Bill Eby (25), Dick Laursen (21), Jim McClellan (27), Emerson Steele (32), Merlin Velder (28).—The Frontier Photo.



The Motts... he came to the golden wedding table in a wheelchair.—The Frontier Photo.



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