

Rains Cheer Farmers, Improve Crop Outlook

Edward Menish Dies in Hospital

Lifelong Resident of Community

Edward G. Menish, 69, retired O'Neill farmer, died at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 20, in St. Anthony's hospital here. He had been in failing health about three years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m., today (Thursday) at St. Patrick's Catholic church here with Rev. Kenneth Carl officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin's Palbearers. They will be Frank Nekolite, John Grutsch, Sr., Herbert Janßen, Harry Donohoe, Matthew Hynes and Walter O'Malley.

The late Mr. Menish was born at O'Neill on April 24, 1864, a son of the late William and Bridget O'Malley Menish, who came to Holt county from Pennsylvania.

He married Lucille Buzzell at York on April 27, 1918, and they became the parents of one son and one daughter. The Menishes farmed for many years northwest of O'Neill.

Mrs. Menish died January 5, 1930.

Survivors include: Son—Joseph E. of O'Neill; daughter—Mrs. Mary Hansen of O'Neill; brother—Hubert of St. Louis, Mo.; sisters—Mrs. Robert Marsh and Mrs. W. P. Bailey, both of O'Neill; Mrs. John Welsh of Wilcox and Mrs. Mary Reid of Vancouver, B.C., Can.; four grandchildren.

Bob Moore Buys Bottling Firm

In a business transaction completed Saturday afternoon, R. E. ("Bob") Moore became owner of the Merri Dr. Pepper Bottling firm here, purchasing the firm from Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman.

Mr. Merriman had managed the plant for 29 years but the business had been in the Merriman family about a half-century.

Mr. Moore has been a lifelong resident of the O'Neill community, except for his absence during World War II for several years. He has been employed by the Petersons Clothing.

The Merri firm will retain the same name and continue to manufacture and bottle the following franchise soft drinks: Dr. Pepper, Howell's root beer, Squirt, Nesbitt's orange and citrus drinks, and the famous Cheer Up. In addition the factory manufactures assorted flavors of pop under the Merri label.

Mr. Moore said Mr. Merriman would remain with the firm for a year and there would be no staff changes.

'Lights On Tonight' in Cancer Drive

The cancer drive in O'Neill will feature a "lights on" campaign at 7 o'clock tonight (Thursday).

Families wishing to contribute to the fight against cancer are asked to turn-on their porch lights at the sound of the sirens and members of the Simonson unit 93 of the American Legion auxiliary will call with their credentials.

This year 230,000 persons will die from cancer in the U.S., over 700,000 will be under treatment, and 3,600 children will die from the dread disease.

Mrs. Lionel Siefken, who is drive chairman, said that April has been set aside as cancer month by act of congress. It is during this period that the American Cancer society seeks the support of the public to carry out coordinated cancer research.

Charles Brinkman Burial at Syracuse

ATKINSON — Charles D. Brinkman, 87, died at 1 p.m., Friday, April 16, at the home of his son, August, located one mile east of Atkinson.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday from the Lutheran church in Syracuse and burial was in Park Hill cemetery near there.

Survivors include two sons—August of Atkinson and another son, living at Norfolk, Va.

GAME VIOLATION

Douglas P. Leach, 27, of Burwell, formerly of O'Neill, was arrested Sunday by State Game Warden Fred Salak at Overton lake. He was charged in Justice H. W. Tomlinson's court with illegal shooting of a duck during closed season. Leach admitted guilt and paid \$25 and costs, also \$25 liquidated damages. His rifle was confiscated.

FIREMEN SUMMONED

O'Neill firemen were called Friday afternoon to the Mrs. Mary Donlin residence where burning cookies in the kitchen had filled the house with smoke. Damage was slight.

PLAN CLEANUP WEEK

ATKINSON — The Atkinson Chamber of Commerce is planning a cleanup week.

A prolonged spring drouth in the O'Neill vicinity was ended Sunday evening when light rain fell for several hours, netting .32 of an inch of precipitation.

The storm, accompanied by lightning and thunder, apparently succeeded in breaking the dry spell because a trace of moisture was recorded the following day and .12 of an inch of rain fell again Tuesday night.

The Verdigre-Creighton-Royal-Neligh belt received about an inch of rainfall late Wednesday, April 14, breaking a dryness that had been general over a wide area. O'Neill that night received little more than a trace.

Clearwater reported .30 of an inch Sunday night; Ewing, .33; Chambers, .50; Atkinson and Stuart, .35; Newport, .50.

Burwell received a one-half inch rain Monday night in addition to some precipitation received 24 hours earlier.

While O'Neill was getting .12 Tuesday night, Ralph Tomjack, who lives south of Ewing, reported three-fourths of an inch of rainfall, and Vermon Yarger, who lives at Stuart, said his locality received "about a half inch."

The April showers have been considered long overdue. Pastures were dry and slow in turning, and freshly plowed fields were drying out rapidly—giving serious concern to stockmen and farmers.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes and Holt county conservation district workers, who have visited all sections of the county, point out there is a "shortage of moisture throughout the county."

There had been worry over a shortage of grass—until the dry spell was broken this week.

Robert Miller, residing 23 miles northeast of O'Neill, said his community received .40 of an inch of rainfall Sunday evening and .35 Tuesday night. Elmer Browbridge of Page reported a quarter of an inch of rainfall Tuesday night.

Cal Allen, who lives north of Stuart, said rainfall in his community totaled a half-inch Sunday evening followed by another half-inch on Tuesday night.

All the showers have been gentle and slow and no violence was reported by wind or lightning.

The weatherman smiled on Easter morning parades but storm clouds developed during the late afternoon.

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
April 15	79	36	.18
April 16	65	33	
April 17	78	40	
April 18	68	39	
April 19	58	34	.33
April 20	64	34	.14
April 21	61	34	.13
Total			.58

Gribble Elected Detroit Delegate

A Presbyterian meeting of the Presbyterian church was held Monday and Tuesday in Wakefield.

Attending from the O'Neill church were the pastor, Rev. Samuel Lee and delegate, Mrs. Felix Hendricks. Mark Gribble of Chambers was the under delegate from the Bethany church.

At the meeting, Mr. Gribble was elected commissioner to the general assembly meeting to be held in Detroit, Mich., May 20-23. The minister commissioner will be Rev. Oliver Proett of Wayne.

At a meeting of the men's council on Monday morning, D. Clauson of O'Neill was elected president of the Presbytery men's council for the coming year and Reverend Lee was elected as pastor advisor.

Others attending from O'Neill were the Mesdames Christine Williams, Aric Hiat, George Robertson and Samuel Lee and Miss Jonnethe Anne Lee.

Those attending from Bethany included Misses Helen May and Maud Urban, Mrs. Kenneth LaRue, Mrs. Walter Summerer and Mrs. Carl Lambert.

Mr. and Mrs. Clauson drove to Wakefield on Monday for the session.

Ayres to Speak at Road Meeting Here

The Holt County Rural Road Improvement association will hold a meeting at the Knights of Columbus hall in O'Neill at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, April 27.

R. C. Ayres, engineer of secondary roads for the state of Nebraska, will be the guest speaker, explaining the use of federal money for secondary roads. The meeting is open to the general public.

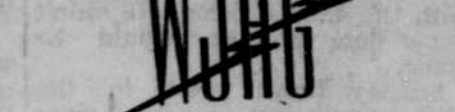
MRS. DWYER DIES

John Sullivan left for Denver, Colo., last Thursday. He had received word that his sister, Margaret Dwyer, formerly of O'Neill, had died in a Denver hospital that day.

Guild to Meet

St. Monica's Guild will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at St. Mary's academy. Mrs. John Vitt is chairman.

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Uhl Puts 'Okay' on Highway

3d Ward Councilman Endorses Plan as Matter Is Closed

O'Neill's up-in-the-air highway situation apparently has been settled—it's a closed matter as far as the city council is concerned.

The highways stay on their present locations through the city by virtue of a 5-1 vote by the council. A three-fourths majority was needed to seal the plan, and for several days last week the fate of the two federal routes—U.S. highway 20 and 231—hinged on a final decision by Third Ward Councilman Norbert Uhl.

A special meeting of the council was opened Tuesday evening, April 13, and remained "open" for several days while a series of conferences were conducted. Uhl, upon whom the fate of the highways hinged, had asked Mayor J. E. Davis to continue the meeting to provide "more time."

On March 30 the council had adopted a resolution providing for complying with state highway department street-widening requests and traffic reforms as outlined earlier by State Highway Engineer L. N. Res. The resolution has been adopted 5-1 with First Ward Councilman M. J. Golden the only dissenting voter. In last week's prolonged special session, Councilman Uhl joined Golden in declining to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. They claimed parallel and 30-degree parking information had not been properly determined.

Finally, a formal special meeting was called for 8 a.m., Friday and an ordinance designated as 280-A was enacted creating special session district 16, providing "for grading, curbing, recurfing, guttering, reguttering, paving, repaving, widening existing paving on streets, alleys and intersections, and other incidental work."

Blocks affected include Douglas street and a portion of Fourth street.

Earlier, the state had threatened to bypass the city of O'Neill on the northeast edge of town and had planned to extend highway 281 straight north from the traffic signal to intersect with the highway 20 bypass.

By virtue of the council's action the routes will now stay on the present location.

Uhl told The Frontier: "I did not feel that I, as a councilman or as an individual, should assume so much responsibility in a situation in which my vote meant that the highway go or stay. But my vote turned out to be all-important in the matter, and I voted with the majority."

The new ordinance is being published in this issue of The Frontier.

A trial period of parallel parking is being discussed among city officials.

Mayor Davis and his family left O'Neill Saturday for an extended trip.



Brothers in Germany

Pvt. George Schneider (left) is stationed at Mannheim, Germany, with an army medical detachment, Pfc. Donald E. Schneider is stationed at Mannheim. They are about an hour's train ride apart in upper Rhine river valley cities. Donald is with a troop transportation unit. The two brothers, who are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schneider of O'Neill, met April 14 in Mannheim. Donald was drafted a year ago and George was drafted in July, 1953. Donald has been overseas since last August; George since the first of this year.

County Spelling Winners Named

James Gilg Winner in 8th Grade

Thirteen group spelling contests recently were held for Holt county rural school pupils of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. One hundred four schools were entered in these contests with 578 pupils spelling. The winner of each grade was eligible to compete in the countywide contest held Saturday at the O'Neill public school.

The following groups had 100 percent attendance:

- Group V—Meeting at district 5, Mrs. Marie Ramold, teacher; nine schools present.
- Group VII—Meeting at district 46, Mrs. Glenn Dozler, teacher; seven schools present.
- Group VIII—Meeting at district 88, Mrs. Ruth Hansen, teacher; 10 schools present.

A large group of parents and friends listened to the spellers at the county contest. Thirteen boys and girls were entered in each grade and they were all well prepared for the contest. Ribbons were presented to the four high and a complete list of these winners will be published next week.

The following received not only a blue ribbon but also a book as prize:

- Grade 3—Bonnie Clifford, district 206, Leona Fix, teacher; grade 4—Danelia Whitaker, district 107, Mrs. C. Adams, teacher; grade 5—Beverly Myers, district 180, Barbara Cleary, teacher; grade 6—Janet Krugman, district 60, Mrs. Martha Murphy, teacher; grade 7—Larry Ziska, district 188, Mrs. Pauline Krut, teacher; grade 8—James Gilg, district 99, Mrs. E. Linville, teacher.

Rathbone, Students in Symphonic Psalm

Six music students from surrounding towns attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln will participate with stage, screen and television star Basil Rathbone in the presentation of the symphonic psalm, "King David," Sunday, May 2, at 8 p.m., in the university coliseum.

The students, all members of the chorus, are: Elizabeth Schaffer and Marilyn Johnson, both of O'Neill; Joanne Daas and Kay Eisenhauer, both of Chambers; Imogene Davis of Inman and Carol French of Page.

More than 500 university students will perform in the most difficult spring musical program ever undertaken by the university's department of music.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus and family spent Sunday in Norfolk at the home of Mrs. Margaret Agnes. Other guests there were Mrs. Elizabeth Grady and Miss Mary Virginia Agnes, both of Omaha and P. C. Donohoe, who spent the weekend at the Agnes home in Norfolk.

Joas Harris, 91, Expires at Milford

Mrs. Roy Cole and Mrs. Fred Lorenz attended the funeral of their uncle, Joas Harris, 91, in Milford last Thursday.

Mr. Harris was born in Ohio April 6, 1863. He homesteaded in Holt county in the 1880's, leaving here for Lincoln in 1900. He was a brother of the late Mrs. J. K. Ernst. Burial was from the Memorial church in Milford followed by burial in the Milford cemetery.

IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

STUART — Many improvements are underway and others are in the planning stage at the Stuart athletic park. Roads leading to and from the park are being graded, low spots are being filled, and a new gate is being constructed. A cement curbing is being added to the 440-yard high school track, also at the Stuart park.

INFANT DIES

EWING — Mr. and Mrs. Sis Ebbengaard received word Sunday from California telling of the death of Steven Forrest, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Serreira. Mrs. Serreira is a niece of Mrs. Ebbengaard and the daughter of the late Forrest Hopkins, former residents of Ewing.

Assists with New School Construction

SPENCER — Pfc. Clyde A. Wabs, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wabs of Spencer, is helping to build two schoolhouses in Korea while serving with the seventh infantry division.

His unit, company G of the 17th regiment, is building a new four-room school and rebuilding an old one as part of the armed forces assistance to Korea program.

Wabs, entered the army in January, 1953, completed basic training at Camp Polk, La., and arrived overseas last July.

John Luben and Carolyn Ann of Crawford spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Luben. Saturday they drove to Norfolk and Mrs. John Luben, who has been with her mother, Mrs. Zada Russ, while she is in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital there, returned to O'Neill with them to be with her family over the weekend.

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Seven Cents



These pupils from Holt county rural school district 14, located near the Niobrara river north of O'Neill, recently toured points of interest in O'Neill. Front row (left-to-right)—Susan Wabs, John Wabs, Susan Margitz, Anita Doty, Jane Wabs and Paul Laible; second row—Michael Wabs, Carole Wabs, Darlene Johnson, Shirley Storchmann and Sharon True; back row—Mrs. Arthur O'Neill (teacher), Brenton Wabs, Donna Margitz, Corrine Doty and Mrs. Francis Johnson, driver. One pupil, Linda Storchmann, was ill and not with the group when the picture was taken. —O'Neill Photo Co.

Ranch Woman Gets Senate Job

Mrs. Arthur (Eve) Bowring of Merriman, owner and operator of a 13-thousand-acre ranch and reputed one of Nebraska's wealthiest women, Friday was appointed by Gov. Robert Crosby to succeed the late Sen. Dwight Griswold, who died unexpectedly from a heart attack on April 12. Mrs. Bowring, vice-chairman of the Nebraska republican committee, will be sworn Monday and presented to the senate.

Vice-President Richard Nixon is expected to be in the chair for the ceremony.

Meanwhile, a free-for-all race in the republican primaries for the long-term senate seat has already begun with Crosby a candidate; also David Martin of Grand Island, recently resigned as state GOP chairman; Carl Curtis of Minden, present congressman; Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff, democrat-turned-republican. Possibly there will be others.

Had Griswold lived he would have been a candidate for reelection.

Basin Boosters Head for Capitol

Three Holt countyans, including James W. Rooney of O'Neill, Lyle P. Dierks of Ewing and Charles E. Chace of Atkinson, will depart Sunday for Washington, D.C., to testify at a congressional appropriations hearing in behalf of the Niobrara river basin development plan.

At stake is the 98-million-dollar reclamation plan in five areas along the Niobrara in north Nebraska. The Holt trio will represent the O'Neill unit, which embraces 66-thousand-acres of irrigable land.

Funds are being raised by the Chambers of Commerce in both Holt cities to defray delegate expenses and also for use in connection with attorney fees and lobbying expenses.

Roy D. Raitt, president of the Niobrara River Basin Development association, and William C. Smith, association attorney, stopped in O'Neill late Tuesday enroute to Washington ahead of the delegation of 12. Both are from Ainsworth, which is sending six representatives.

The Robe' Coming for Week's Run

The widely-acclaimed technical film, "The Robe," will begin a week's run at the Royal Theater here, starting Wednesday, April 28. Mrs. Georgia Rastley, Royal manager, said changes are being made in sound, projection equipment and screen to accommodate the Cinema Scope film, said to be revolutionizing Hollywood.

The Royal will be the first theater in a wide area to introduce Cinema Scope. (See advertisement on page 7.)

Stuart Girl Is Soloist For Two Programs

STUART — Miss Lorraine Coats, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris W. Coats of Stuart, will be on two vocal programs at Omaha next week, one being on television.

She will sing solos Sunday from station WOW-TV, appearing on the cerebral palsy benefit "television" program at 8:30 a.m. She will also appear as the soprano soloist with a chorus of 150 voices in a presentation by the Apollo club of Omaha of Haydn's "Creation," with accompaniment by musicians of the Omaha Symphony orchestra. The program will be Tuesday evening at the Tech high auditorium and will be directed by Dr. Noel Logan. The other soloists will be Walter S. Wilson, tenor and William G. Lugsch, base.

Plan Golden Wedding

BASSETT — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swanson of Rock county will observe their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, April 25, in the Rose church parlors.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Timmerman and family of Hastings spent the Easter weekend here with relatives.

Mother of 15 Dies at Age of 85

Mrs. Frances Berni Born in Bohemia; In Holt 63 Years

STUART — Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 20, at St. Boniface Catholic church here for Mrs. Frances Berni, 85, who died late Saturday, April 17, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph P. Gans, at Stuart. Mrs. Berni, who was the mother of 15 children, had suffered from a lingering illness which set in shortly after Christmas, 1953.

Rev. Francis Paschang, church pastor, officiated at the requiem mass and burial was in St. Boniface cemetery. Palbearers were Julius Engler, Patrick Myers, Rudolph Wevel, Lynne Foxworth, Price Alderman and Paul Babl. A rosary was offered Monday evening at the funeral home.

The late Frances Kramer Berni was born in Bohemia February 9, 1869, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kramer.

The family immigrated to America when she was 9-year-old, settling in Butler county. She was married to Joseph Berni at Columbus in 1885. The couple resided for several years in Polk county, where three of their children were born.

About 1889 the family moved onto a farm south of Stuart where the 12 other children were born. In 1909 the Bernis moved onto a farm north of Newport where Mr. Berni died December 12, 1939. The late Mrs. Berni spent nearly 63 years residing in the Stuart vicinity.

Four sons—Frederick, Joseph, John and Raymond—in addition to Mr. Berni preceded her in death.

All of the surviving 11 children and members of their families were present for the funeral rites.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. James (Martha) Gans of Stuart; Mrs. Ella Kresbach and Mrs. Laura Dieken, both of Hastings; Mrs. Joseph (Julia) Gans of Stuart; Sister Edwina (Katherine) of Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Bart (Magdalena) Schifferns of Blue Hill; Mrs. Lonnie (Emma) Shambaugh of Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. Carroll (Rose) Hutton of Sidney; sons—Karl of Stuart; William of Newport and Bruno of Newport 30 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brother—Jacob, living in Canada; half-sister—Mrs. Fred Ziska of Stuart; half-brother—Anton Kramer of Florida.

Joe Winkler Files for County Assessor

Joe Winkler, well-known Enmet farmer, this week filed the nomination for Holt county assessor on the republican ticket. Filing was made at the office of County Clerk Ruth Hoffman Baker. It was the only filing recorded in the county this week.

The primaries will take place in August.

Meanwhile, Donald Rohde of Lynch, who is a law school student at Lincoln, has filed for the non-political post of state legislator from the 28th district. Mr. Rohde made his filing at Butte.

The present state senator, Frank Nelson of O'Neill, already is a candidate for nomination and reelection.

Mr. Rohde is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Rohde of Lynch and was graduated from the Lynch high school. He served in the army for several years.

St. Mary's Group Seeks Coach-Teacher

The St. Mary's Athletic association is searching for a full-time coach and teacher for the academy staff for 1954-55.

Don Templemeyer of Arapahoe, a University of Nebraska graduate, was interviewed here Friday by L. D. Putnam, president; Francis Bazeman, vice-president, and L. A. Becker, secretary-treasurer.

Templemeyer is a fully qualified high school teacher, football and basketball coach, and also is training in wrestling and swimming.

MRS. MARES DIES

BURWELL — Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, April 19, at Burwell for Mrs. Dewey Mares, 34-year old ranch woman, who died last Thursday. Mrs. Mares is the former Vivian Clark. Survivors include her husband, one small son, and her parents.