



Hillbilly Play Wows Audience

"Rosie Bell Fry" (Evalyn Asher) is escorted to a wash tub in a rollicking three-act hillbilly play staged Friday night by O'Neill high school seniors. The play was titled, "A Feudin' Over Yonder." Forcibly assisting "Rosie Belle" were "Ma Fry" (Marjorie Norman) and "Rosie's sister" (Lois Sargeant).—The Frontier Photo.

Unseasonal Cold Damages Alfalfa

Two and one-half inches of much-needed moisture was received here during the 4 1/2-day interval between Wednesday night, April 28, and Monday morning, May 3. The first moisture came in the form of moderate rain followed during the weekend by rain, sleet, hail and snow. The temperature early Monday dipped to 20 degrees—an unusually low reading for the first week of May. The freeze damaged the first crop of alfalfa, hand-cut and bluegrass a setback and, of course, damaged fruit trees, flowers and tender vegetation. Thousands of trees were damaged when the rain turned to ice. Trees were unable to withstand the intense weight. Snow amounted to about three inches. The moisture helped to erase a deficiency in moisture which was noted during March and April and had reached a rather serious state. Fortunately the high wind late Saturday and Sunday subsided before the intense cold set in. Otherwise, losses among young (Continued on page 6)

Anna McCartney Ill 2 Months, Dies Former Head of Boyd Schools

Mrs. Anna McCartney, 75, retired O'Neill business woman and for several terms superintendent of Boyd county schools, died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, May 2, in St. Anthony's hospital here where she had been a patient for two months. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 4 from Biglin's funeral chapel with Rev. Samuel Lee, pastor of First Presbyterian church, officiating. The remains were forwarded to Wapello, Ia., for burial. The late Mrs. McCartney, whose maiden name was Anna Izora Weber, was born June 10, 1878, at Wapello, Louisa county, Iowa, a daughter of Christian and Ella Jane Peters Weber. Her father was a German immigrant.

The late Mrs. McCartney was graduated from Arizona State Teachers college and received some of her college training at Iowa and Missouri teachers' colleges, as well as the University of Colorado, Boulder. She taught in Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska schools for 25 years.

On January 1, 1920, in Iowa she married William Priestly McCartney. They had no children. He died many years ago. Mrs. McCartney was superintendent of Boyd county schools for 12 years, retiring from that position in the 1930's. In 1937 she came to O'Neill and established the McCartney style shop which she operated for 17 years. Several months ago the store was sold because of her declining health.

The late Mrs. McCartney was an extensive real estate owner here. She was a member of Symphony chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, O'Neill, and the Christian church, Wapello. She belonged to the Women's association of the First Presbyterian church, Circle III. She was a past matron of the OES.

Survivors include: Brothers—George W. Weber of Columbus Junction, Ia., and Ben Weber of Dallas, Ore.; sisters—Mrs. W. A. (Effie) Miller of Marysville, Mo.; Mrs. Sadie Shipman of Columbus Junction, Ia.; Mrs. D. W. (Lenna) Torbert of Leesburg, Fla.; and Mrs. Cecil (Grace) Gargen of Des Moines, Ia.

Boy, 8, Suffers Shoulder Fracture

INMAN—Bobby Coventry, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coventry, fell from a horse on Tuesday evening, April 27, and fractured his left shoulder. He was taken to the Methodist hospital in Sioux City later that night and last Thursday morning submitted to surgery to reduce the fracture.

Mrs. Coventry remained in Sioux City and Mr. Coventry drove there Saturday. They all returned home late Sunday.

Dierks Is Whisker King at 'Ag' College

EWING—Merton Dierks of Ewing was chosen whisker king at the cotton and denim dance at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture Saturday night. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dierks of Ewing and is a member of the senior class at the university. His parents and his sister, Miss Sandra, were Merton's guests at open house at his fraternity, Alpha Gamma Sigma, on Saturday, defying adverse weather to make the trip.

Ike Names Moss for P.O. Job

Nomination for New Postmaster Here Goes to U.S. Senate

Ira H. Moss, veteran clerk of the Holt county district court, Monday was nominated by President Eisenhower for the office of postmaster at O'Neill, a first-class postoffice. The post pays \$5,370 per year. The news reached O'Neill via news dispatches from Washington. Moss has received no confirmation on the matter. To become official the U.S. senate must confirm the nomination and Moss must be installed. Moss was born three miles from Amelia, was graduated from Atkinson high school, and attended Hastings college. He is a member of the Nebraska Bar association and has served for many years as secretary on the O'Neill city schools board of education.

During World War I Mr. Moss served in Europe with the signal corps. He is married and the father of two grown daughters. Following the retirement of Mrs. Agnes Sullivan December 31, 1950, Thomas J. Sullivan was made active postmaster. He held the post about two years and was succeeded by his wife, Helen, as acting postmaster in December, 1952.

Mattie Johnson Poses in Five-Generation Group

Mrs. Mattie Johnson of O'Neill celebrated her 95th birthday anniversary Monday, May 3. Those who visited her were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and daughter, Norma Jean, and Mr. and Mrs. Sennie Johring and son, Freddie, and daughter, Charlene. A party was held Saturday in Mrs. Johnson's home. Due to the inclement weather, all members of the immediate family were unable to be present. Present were: Mrs. Bert (Esther) Harding of Whiting, Ia., her daughter, Mr. Jule Waugh of Whiting, Ia., and Mrs. Waugh's daughter, Phyllis, and the latter's son, Douglas, also of Whiting; and Mr. and Mrs. John Claussen.

Mrs. Johnson, who was born in Denmark, came to the United States when she was about 20-years-old. On December 28, 1881, she was married to Andrew Johnson in Iowa. That spring they moved to Holt county and settled on the farm where Mrs. Johnson still resides. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of nine children. They are: Mrs. J. Victor (Christine) Johnson of O'Neill; Mrs. Johnson of Bellingham, Wash.; Andrew, jr., north of O'Neill; Mrs. Bert (Esther) Harding of Whiting, Ia.; Mrs. Anna Harding of Modesto, Calif.; Mrs. Otto (Emma) Claussen of Ingewood, Calif.; and Mrs. John (Cora) Claussen, who resides on the home place. Mr. Johnson passed away on December 22, 1926. Mrs. Johnson has 29 grand children, 50 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.



Signed by SMA

Don Templemeyer (above), athletic coach for two terms at Holbrook, has been signed by St. Mary's academy to be a full-time high school teacher and athletic coach. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and is qualified to teach basketball, football, track, wrestling and swimming. He taught in Kansas before going to Holbrook. Templemeyer is married and is the father of three children. The SMA Athletic association will underwrite a portion of Templemeyer's salary.



Five generations . . . (left-to-right) seated in foreground—the former Phyllis Waugh and her son, Douglas, and Mrs. Mattie Johnson, 95; in rear — Mrs. Jule Waugh and Mrs. Bert Harding. —O'Neill Photo Co.

Paving Begun in Sections of City

Machines are at work in the northeast and southwest sections of the city on street improvement districts established several months ago. Specifications call for curbing, guttering and paving.

Meanwhile, the city council met in regular monthly session Tuesday evening and reorganized for the new year—May 1, 1954 to April 30, 1955. Emmet Crabb, president of the council, presided in the absence of Mayor J. E. Davis, who is out of the city. All standing committees were reappointed.

James Thorburn of Norfolk, civil engineer, was ordered to proceed with plans for street improvement district 16, which includes portions of Douglas and South Fourth street.

Robert Recroft, 79, Interment at Stuart

Former Newport Rail Agent, Merchant

STUART—Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 1, at 2 p.m., at the funeral home in Stuart for Robert A. Recroft, 79.

Mr. Recroft was born in Ontario, Canada, February 9, 1875, and he died in Minneapolis, Minn., Thursday, April 23.

In about 1890, he with his widowed mother and three brothers moved to Stanton. In 1895, he came to Newport as a railroad station agent.

In 1896 he was united in marriage to Mary A. Baxter of Newport. To this union one son, Oswald of Minneapolis, was born.

While in Newport he was postmaster for several years. He was also in the hay business and had a general merchandise store. In 1917 he moved to Norfolk where he had a grocery store and a meat market.

On December 6, 1918, his wife died. In later years he lived at Neligh and Lincoln. Four years ago the late Mr. Recroft went to Minneapolis to reside with his son.

Survivors include: Son—Oswald; brother—George of Lincoln; two granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

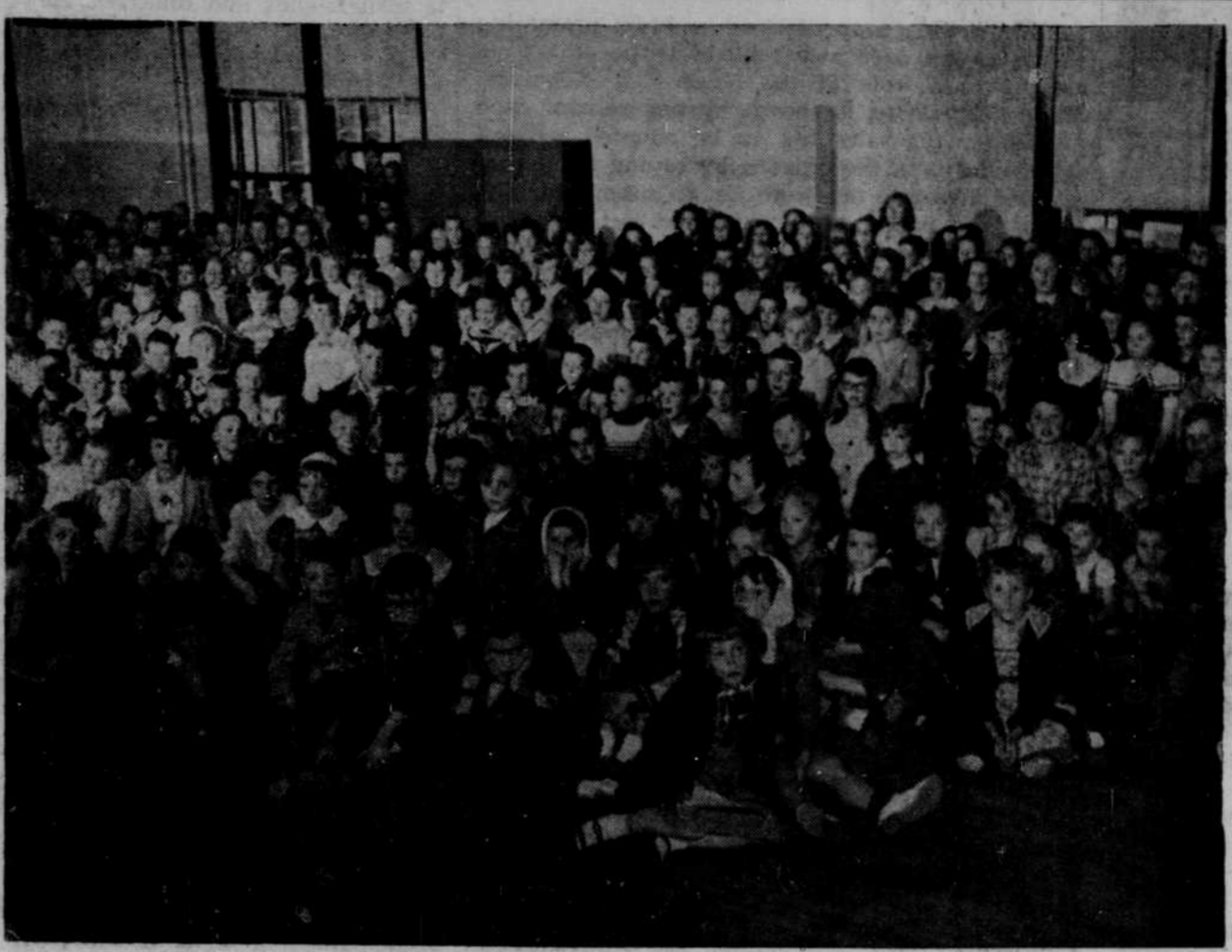
Interment was made in the Stuart cemetery by the side of his wife, Mary.

Those from out-of-town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Recroft of Minneapolis; Mrs. Thelma Lawson, her son, Warren, and Miss Claudia Wright, all of Lincoln; Mrs. Veldon Binkerd and daughter, Jean, of Neligh; Mrs. L. C. and William Baxter, both of Ainsworth.

Palbearers were Frank Keller, E. Sparks, A. G. Gill, Frank Martelle and Roy Farr, all of Newport, and Walter Quart of Stuart. Mr. Recroft was an uncle of Mrs. Noma Hall of Stuart.

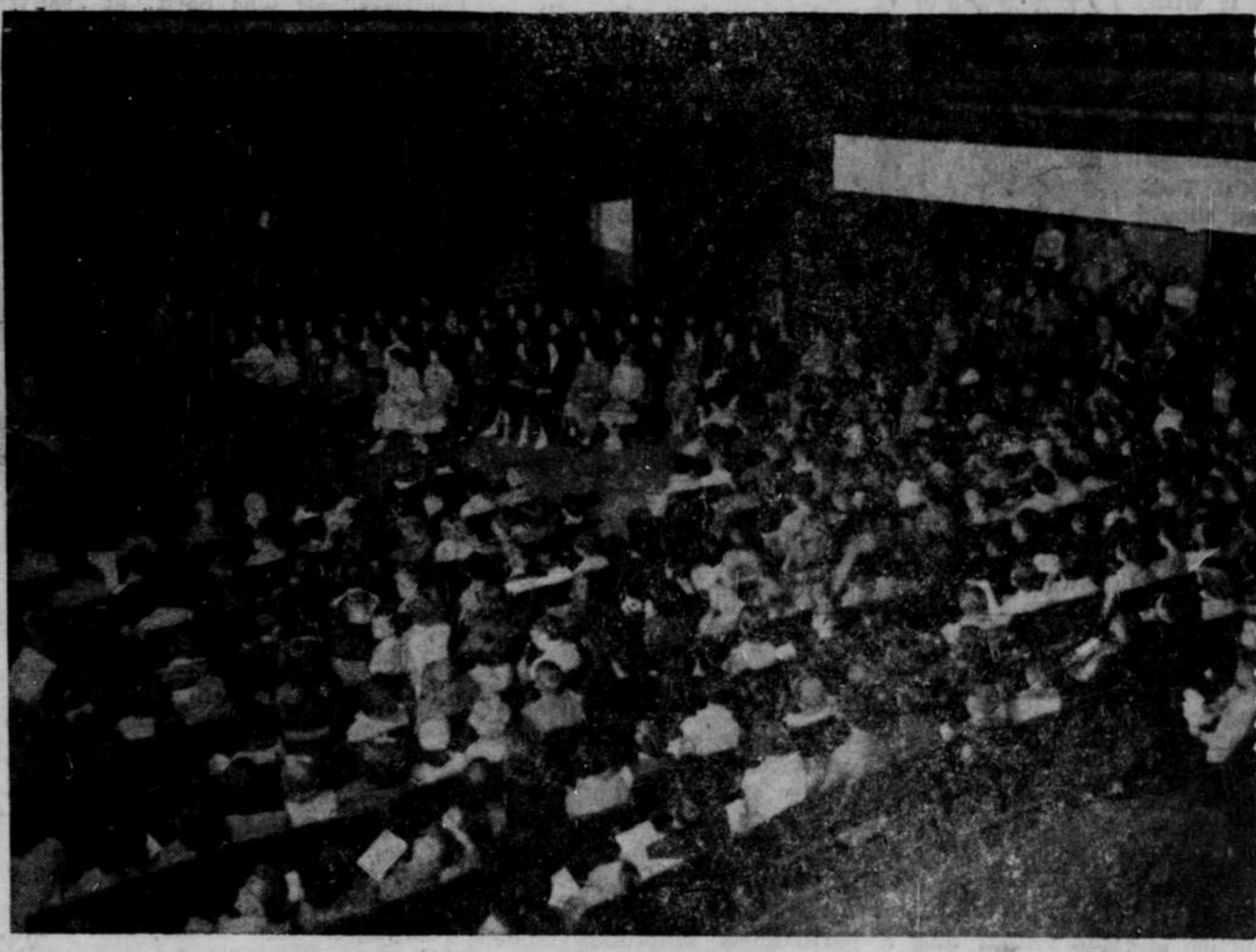
TO TEACH IN OMAHA

STUART—Miss Faye Moses has contracted to teach a second grade in the Omaha schools next school term. Miss Barbara Moses, who has taught in Omaha the past year, will teach there next year also. The Misses Moses are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moses.



There's Music in the Air

An estimated 650 Holt county rural school pupils took part in rural chorus practice recently at the O'Neill public school. M. V. Welch, director of instrumental music in the Norfolk public school, stands on the podium while a portion of the group of 350 pupils (above) look on. (In the photo, Welch is directing a 60-piece harmony band while others look on.) The 300 faces (below) represent kindergarten, first, second and third grade pupils rehearsing chorus numbers under the direction of Mrs. Etha Walters of Chambers (right foreground).—O'Neill Photo Co.



Harmony Band, 2 Choruses Will Feature Promotion

A 60-piece harmony band and two choruses, all composed of rural school pupils, will be featured in the Holt county eighth grade promotion exercises to be held in the O'Neill public school auditorium Tuesday, May 11, starting at 2 o'clock.

The harmony band will play several selections and the two choruses will be heard in several selections as a portion of the program. There will be solo work by eighth graders; also a duet.

Relatives and friends of rural graduates are especially invited to the public ceremony, according to Miss Alice L. French, county superintendent of public instruction. Eighth grade examinations were conducted last Thursday and Friday.

To Help Pick New State GOP Leader

Mrs. Guy Cole of Emmet, member of the Nebraska republican central committee, will go to Lincoln Monday to participate in the balloting for a new state GOP leader to succeed David Martin of Grand Island who resigned to campaign for the U.S. senate.

The Holt county pre-primary republican convention, which was to have been held Monday, April 26, did not convene. Purpose of the pre-primary meeting is to pick delegates for the post-primary convention.

TRANSFERS JUNE 1

State Highway Patrolman Robert L. Gude, who has been stationed here about two years, will be transferred, effective June 1, to Plainville. Other patrol transfers include: Allen Bligh of Norfolk, to Lyons; John R. Skinner of Plainville, to Ainsworth; Charles Harris of Omaha to Norfolk. There will be no troopers stationed at O'Neill or Valentine for the present.

Flower Authority Coming to Atkinson

ATKINSON—Miss Dorothy Biddle, noted author, lecturer and authority on flower arrangement, will conduct a flower show school at the Atkinson high school auditorium Monday and Tuesday, May 10-11. Miss Biddle is garden club editor of Popular Gardening magazine, which is published in Pleasantville, N.Y.

The school will be sponsored by district six of the Federated Garden clubs of Nebraska.

Mrs. Winnie Barger entertained at dinner in honor of Mrs. Thomas Mann at the M&M cafe Monday evening.



The Frontier Wins News Writing Award

The Nebraska chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national honorary journalism fraternity, Saturday presented to The Frontier the 1954 plaque (above) for "outstanding professional news writing during the past year." Writers in the newspaper, radio and television field comprise the chapter. The presentation was made to Carroll ("Cal") Stewart at Lincoln in connection with journalism day activities on the University of Nebraska campus. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. George Hammond were guests at the luncheon.

Federal Aid Road Steps Are Told

Engineer for State's Secondary Hiways Itemizes Methods

A step-by-step version of how counties might apply for "50-50" matching funds for federal aid secondary roads has been supplied the Holt County Rural Road Improvement association, it was announced this week by President L. D. Putnam of O'Neill.

The procedure was presented to the association officers by R. C. Ayres of Lincoln, state highway engineer for secondary roads.

Ayres was in O'Neill last week. In addressing about 80 members of the association, he declared:

1. No "50-50" federal matching funds have ever been used in Holt county.
2. Secondary federal aid roads are to be built according to standards set up by the county board and approved by the state.
3. Federal aid is available on any roads in the county on the secondary system, including county, township and mail route roads.
4. A road becomes a part of the secondary system by the approval of a petition by the county board.

These are the details of the various steps, as outlined by Ayres in a letter to Putnam:

- Step I—by county. Resolution by county board to initiate project.
- Step II—by state. Preparation and submission to the county board of regular county - state agreement.
- Step III—by county. Review and approval of county-state agreement by county board.
- Step IV—by state. Preparation of essential project information and submission to U.S. bureau of public roads as a program.
- Step V—by bureau. Review, consideration and approval of project program; authorization to proceed with preparation of plans.
- Step VI—by county. Preparation of plans.
- Step VII—by county and state. Review of project in the field with the preliminary bureau plans.
- Step VIII—by county. Revision of plans and estimate to final stage; and county board approval.
- Step IX—by state. Submission of plans, specifications and estimate to bureau for concurrence.
- Step X—by bureau. Concurrence in plans, specifications and estimate and authorization to advertise for bids.
- Step XI—by state. Advertisement for bids.
- Step XII—by state. Contract letting at Lincoln.
- Step XIII—by county. Review and concurrence by county board in contract award.
- Step XIV—by bureau. Review and concurrence in contract award.
- Step XV—by state. Final supplemental agreement to county board covering contract details.
- Step XVI—by county. Review and concurrence in supplemental agreement with state.
- Step XVII—by state. Notification to contractor to proceed with work.

Ronald Bazelman Held on \$2,000 Bond

Ronald Bazelman, 18, former prep football star here, is being held in the Holt county jail on \$2,000 bond, which has not been furnished. The youth was given preliminary hearing in Police Judge H. W. Tomlinson's court, admitted guilt, and was bound over to the Holt county district court.

No trial date has been set by the court. Bazelman is charged with grand larceny. The charges date back to January of this year, according to County Attorney William W. Griffin. Bazelman was arrested Wednesday, April 28.

Two other young men, Roy Boshart and Charles Porter, jr., were sentenced by Tomlinson to 20 days in jail on petty larceny charges and fined \$50 and costs. The sentences were committed to eight days and Boshart and Porter were released Wednesday.

Arrive from Boulder

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roseler of Boulder, Colo., are to arrive in O'Neill Saturday. They will visit relatives and friends in O'Neill and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Cleary, in Atkinson.