



Holt county's 114 eighth grade graduates pose on courthouse steps with Miss Alice French (center), county superintendent of public instruction. (Complete story next week.)—O'Neill Photo Co.

Diplomas to 33 at O'Neill Hi; 35 at SMA

Dr. John D. Rice, president of Nebraska State Teachers' college at Wayne, will deliver the commencement address to the 33 members of the O'Neill high school graduating class on Wednesday, May 19. The rite will be held in the school auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock. Doctor Rice's subject will be, "On Coming of Age."

Graduation activities for St. Mary's academy seniors will begin Wednesday, May 19, when the annual May procession is held in the park at the academy. Girls from the senior class will be elected as attendants to the senior, chosen by the student body, to be crowned as queen of the May.

Principal Paul Baker will award the scholarships and H. J. Lohaus, president of the board of education, will distribute the diplomas. Meanwhile, baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 18, 8 p.m., at the auditorium with Rev. Melvin H. Grosenbach, pastor of Wesleyan Methodist church, delivering the sermon. He has chosen as his title, "Our Heritage."

Members of the graduating class are: Evelyn Asher, Duane Booth, Larry Chace, Don Davidson, Lyle Davis, Pat DeBolt, Dwayne Devall, Harold Dexter, Melba Dobrovolsky, Richard Doty, Fred Fetrow, Mariynn Fetrow, Virgil Holz, Vernon Johnson, Esther Kaiser, Bernice Kallhoff, George Kilcoin, Janice Landreth, Larry McConnell, Charlotte McVay, Russell Miner, Etta Murray, Mary Nekolite, Margie Norman, Frances Reimer, Lois Sargent, Nels Shultz, Carole Seger, Warren Seger, Janet Strong, Katherine Summers, Lavonne Thoren, Arlene Walters.

Class motto: "It is not the gale, but the set of the sail that determines the way we go."

Members of the eighth grade graduating class are: Lavern Alton, Jim Bailey, Wayne Baker, Helen Banks, Floyd Boyle, Frank Boyk, Karen Bridge, Bill Davidson, Fred Eby, Gerry Eppenbach, Margorie Ann Ferris, Betty Fetrow, Lynda Haynes, Shirley Hicks, Don Hunter, Judy Johnson, Michael Liddy, Leroy Lyons, Bobby McClellan, Karen McKim, Jeanne McElhaney, Marion Moseman, Faye Murray, Larry Porter, Donna Marie Prescott, Jane Petersen, Gary Sanders, Betty Schultz, Judy Smith, Daryl Summers, Mary Summers, Danny Sullivan, Sharon Strong, Rita Waller, Lucille Nekolite.

Pool Opening Delayed a Week

A. P. Jaskowski, chairman of the O'Neill city park commission, said Wednesday the opening of the new 40-thousand-dollar municipal swimming pool will be delayed about a week. Originally, the opening was set for Memorial Day—May 30.

Mr. Jaskowski said, "Mischievous kids have damaged the cement forms outside the pool and have thrown dirt and sand into the pool itself, necessitating another cleaning before water can be turned in."

School Voters Go to Polls Next Tuesday

Voters in the O'Neill city school district will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 18, to vote "for" or "against" an 80-thousand-dollar bond issue in connection with a proposed four-room lower elementary grade school building.

The election was called by the board of education "to relieve a very difficult congestion in the school system," according to President H. J. Lohaus. Members of the board and Supt. D. E. Nelson have been wrestling with the congestion problem since last September. Surveys of preschool children have been taken. To retain accreditation and to accommodate the growing need for more space, the construction plan was adopted, according to Lohaus.

The building, which will be located on the present campus, south and east of the main structure, will cost approximately \$85,000. When furnished and equipped, the total cost will be about \$90,000—which is considered below the national average cost for four classrooms. A single-story building (without basement) is planned.

First ward voters will go to the polls in the courthouse assembly room; Second ward—A. Marcellus garage; Third ward—city hall; rural voters, who live in the district, will vote at the courthouse.

PROCEEDS TO HOSPITAL

Proceeds from the gate at the O'Neill Drive-In theater tonight (Thursday) will be turned over to the St. Anthony's hospital drive funds it was announced by Miss Bernadette Brennan, fund chairman. The film, "Drums of Tahiti," will be shown as a family night feature, one dollar per carload. Miss Brennan said the fund drive already has reached the one-thousand-dollar mark.

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"When I Grow Up" cast: Front row (left-to-right): Jerry Siefken, Danny Strong, Mike Foree, Harvey Cullen, Ricky Cradit, John Patrick Miller, Virginia Lynn Johnson, Andy Riffey, Eddie Bright, Larry Strube, Butch Ford, Dick Clyde, Charlotte Knepper, Russ Johnson, Dorothy Gorgen, Glenda Holmbeck; center row — Karen Gilstrap, Virginia Perry, Carol Calkins, Melanie

Medcalf, Virginia Lea Walker, Lynda Rae Coates, Lynn Strong, Suzanne Pearson, Mikie Allendorfer, Marvin Dawes, Frances Eppenbach, Cheryl Rossmier, Judy Sellin, Lynda Hopkins, Mary Susan Harbottle, Linda Jenkins, Billy McIntosh, Linda Sue Walton, Don Clyde, Eddie Hilderhoff; back row—Jerry Babuske, Pat Davidson, Jerry Boyle, Billy Ross, Dennis Colfack, LaVonne Spry.

Tot Lost 10 Hours Is Okay

17-Months-Old Girl Object of Search; Suffers from Cold



George W. Davies Expires at Lincoln

(Special to The Frontier) LYNCH — A 17-month-old blue-eyed, blonde little girl, who had been the object of an intense 10-hour search, is "getting along fine" at Sacred Heart hospital here.

Two alarms were sounded during Monday night and early Tuesday morning as one hundred persons turned out to press a search for the small child, Charlene Avery, who had wandered from the farm home, located along the north bank of the Niobrara river, about one mile west of the Redbird bridge.

Neighbors and townspeople trampled the rough hills to river boats and one airplane searched the area before Charlene was found, unharmed, about 6:30 Tuesday morning. Clad only in a thin dress and wearing shoes, she had wandered about a mile from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Avery. She suffered from exposure and her little arms were blue when she was discovered by Omar Tonner on the Dr. R. E. Kriz farm, about a mile east of the Avery dwelling. The tot had negotiated some rough terrain to get that far away from the immediate vicinity during the night, but not until daylight was she found, drowsy and cold. Temperatures had been near the freezing point.

Former Banker in Holt County EWING—George W. Davies, former Ewing and Inman banker and well-known in the Ewing, Inman and O'Neill communities, died about 1 a.m., Monday, May 10, in Lincoln. He had been ill about three weeks. Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, at a Lincoln mortuary, and burial was made at Lincoln. The AF&AM lodge was in charge.

The late Mr. Davies and his wife have been living in Lincoln about 20 years. They were married at the home of Mrs. Davies' father, the late S. W. Brion, at Ewing on February 3, 1904. This year they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Survivors include: Widow; son—Evan of Tekoma, Wash.; daughters—Mrs. Mark Fowler of Omaha; Mrs. Chester Fowler of Olive, Calif.; Mrs. Rodney (Louise) Schuman of Lincoln; sisters—Mrs. Sarah Kay and Mrs. Alice Maxwell, both of Olive, Calif.; four grandchildren.

Gerber-Petersen Team Scores

By a Staff Writer For several years the O'Neill public school kindergarten classes have staged song plays that rival all other stage productions in north Nebraska. Each year the new class tries to outdo the predecessors.

Nearly a thousand persons filled the auditorium Friday night, May 7, and raptly proclaimed "When I Grow Up" as another in a series of triumphs. The 1954 show was done in a professional manner by 44 kindergarten children under the direction of their beloved teacher, Mrs. Harry Petersen.

Through the years, Mrs. Petersen has set a precedent of producing outstanding programs, and the townspeople look forward to these presentations. Last year, her group presented "The Big Show," a song play built around the circus theme, and it was enthusiastically received.

"When I Grow Up" came to be Mrs. Ralph Gerber, wife of the Presbyterian minister in Lexington (formerly of O'Neill) and the mother of four children, wrote the little operetta in her spare time. The writing time consumed approximately six weeks although additional time was spent in copying, typing, costuming, etc. Formerly a music teacher, Mrs. Gerber feels this is an opportunity to maintain an active interest in music. (Besides, the four little Gerbers love their mommy's songs and sing them often.)

The work is dedicated to the four: Tim, 6; Rebecca, 5; Kathy, 3, and Gail, 2. The song play revolves around Tim (played by John Patrick Miller) and Becca (played by Virginia Lynn Johnson). They are about to go to (Continued on page 9)

Stag Party Opens Country Club Season

A spring men's stag party, scheduled Tuesday evening, May 18, will formally open the 1954 series of activities at the Country Club, which is beginning its 31st consecutive year. On the committee are Dr. E. M. Gleason, chairman, Harry Moore, Paul Baker, William McIntosh, John H. McCarville and William Petsche. A complimentary ladies' luncheon will be the second event on the schedule, to be held Wednesday, May 26, between 3 and 5 at the Town House. The event will compliment newcomers, out-of-towners and guests. An addition recently was built at the clubhouse, including locker space and showers.

Mrs. Leslie Hough Dies in Washington

Reared in Vicinity of Page

PAGE—Mrs. Leslie K. Hough, 64, who was born and reared in the Page locality, died in Seattle, Wash., on Saturday, May 8. Death came at 12:30 a.m., in a Seattle hospital.

The late Mrs. Hough, whose maiden name was Esie May Grass, was born February 12, 1890, on a farm near Page. The farm was homesteaded by her parents, the late Nicholas and Lucy Grass. She was the last of the family, having been preceded in death by her father, mother, two brothers and a sister.

O'Neill Eagles Capture Class B Title

The O'Neill high school track team captured class B honors in the regional track and field meet held at Ord. The O'Neill kids are coached by Marvin Miller and Harry Moore. O'Neill bagged 41.1 points; Loup City, 40.5; Bassett, 40.9/20. Ainsworth registered 32 points, Burwell 28, Broken Bow 24, Ord 23, Valentine 9, and Fullerton failed to score. At the same time, Palmer won the class D competition, easily outclassing Mason City, Ericson, Spalding, Comstock, Theford, Halsey, Westerville, Belgrade, Dunning, Dannebrog, Anselmo, Ashton and Primrose.

Governor Says 'Bonus' for No. 281

Boyd Will Finally Have Hardsurfaced Road Out of County

Gov. Robert Crosby advised three Holt countyans this week that bituminous mat surfacing will be placed on U.S. highway 281 "this year" to provide a hardsurfaced road between O'Neill and the Boyd county towns of Spencer and Butte. The governor told his plans to State Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill, County Attorney William W. Griffin of O'Neill (who is Holt county republican chairman), and Julius D. Cronin of O'Neill, prominent GOP leader and vice-president of the Nebraska Highway 281 association.

Already construction crews are at work on a stretch five miles north of the drive-in theater corner. This piece of hardsurfacing was contracted for in March.

An additional six miles of grading and hardsurfacing had been promised for this summer but has not been processed by the state highway engineers and therefore is not yet under contract.

This latter segment (extending six miles north from the Clarence Donohoe corner to the Fay Puckett corner) has been held up pending completing formalities regarding the street-widening and traffic reforms in the city of O'Neill.

State Highway Engineer L. N. Riss told The Frontier the long-awaited highway 281 work, which finally will produce a hardsurfaced outlet for Boyd county, will be done this summer. Riss said it is a part of a four-million-dollar "bonus" highway surfacing program.

This surfacing has been made possible by a balance of funds from the two-year program presented to the public and the legislature in February, 1953.

"The bids received from contractors have been considerably below engineers' estimates and extremely favorable weather conditions have resulted in savings on maintenance costs," Riss said. "This will result in the completion of the scheduled projects with a balance of about two million dollars, which, matched with federal aid funds, will permit the four million dollar program."

The projects selected for improvement were determined on the basis of traffic volume and relative maintenance costs. Geographic locations were also given consideration, giving each of the eight field positions one or more projects in their respective areas.

This surfacing will provide added traffic service on the present highway system. The 125-mile to be improved is part of the 380-mile of state highways which are or will be adequately graded and drained by (Continued on page 6)