



The Old Gold twins, regular and king size (adv.) . . . Mrs. Robert M. Langdon and Mrs. Louis Reimer, jr. — The Frontier Photo.

Holt Resident Since 1883 Dies Rites at Chambers for Mrs. Hertel

CHAMBERS—Mrs. Judson Orrie Hertel, 84, died Saturday, September 18, in St. Anthony's hospital here. She had been seriously ill since Tuesday, September 14.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 20, at 2 p.m., from the Methodist church in Chambers. Rev. Carlyle Hodgkins, church pastor, officiated and burial was in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Biglins.

Palbearers were Edwin Wink, Hilbert Hoge, Ralph Hoffman, John Honeywell, Omar McClintock and Earl Medcalf.

The late Mrs. Hertel was born at Weeping Water on August 27, 1870. Her parents were Joshua and Martha Rollins Porter. She came to Holt county in 1883 from Butler county.

On February 17, 1897, at O'Neill, she married the late Judson Holcomb Hertel. They became the parents of four children.

Survivors include: Sons—Leon and Seth, both of Chambers; daughters—Mrs. Ella J. Covey of Chambers and Mrs. Margy O. Beaton, Toulon, Ill.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Archbishop Sets Schedule in Area Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, D.D., archbishop of the Omaha Roman Catholic diocese, will be in the O'Neill region on Tuesday, September 28, through Thursday, September 30.

Masquerade Ball Produces Variety

The annual end-of-the-season masquerade ball, held Sunday evening at the Country club, brought out an impressive and entertaining array of costumes.

Although not a winner, the Old Gold twins won plaudits from the crowd.

A. P. Jaskowski was awarded the prize for the most original costume. He appeared dressed as a school boy in knee pants risking the wrath of the truant officer to spend a day fishing.

Mrs. Lane Griffin of Atkinson, who appeared in a Spanish senorita's colorful dress, was awarded top honors for the best woman's costume.

Louis Reimer, jr., with a bushel of straw under his hat, showed up as a scarecrow and remained incognito most of the evening. He was given the prize for the best man's costume.

The best couple award went to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gonderinger of Atkinson, who wore black-and-red Spanish dance costumes. Members of the orchestra were the judges. The event formally closes the Country club season.

Club officials said more people participated in club activities this year than ever before in history. They point to a record membership and record golf participation.

Atkinson Rancher Dies at 54

William Vrooman Is Fatally Stricken in Presence of Son

ATKINSON—William C. Vrooman, 54, rancher residing 27 miles southwest of here, died suddenly about 9 a.m., Monday, September 20. With his son, Harold, he had gone to a pasture about four miles from home to sort cattle.

He was stricken with a heart attack and died immediately. Mr. Vrooman had been in failing health for several months, but had not complained of illness the day he died.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 22, from St. Joseph's Catholic church with Rev. R. J. Parr, church pastor, officiating. Burial as in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Palbearers were John Schorn, Leo Monahan, Leonard Ullrich, Charles E. Chace, Edward Jansen, jr., and William Morgan, sr. A rosary was offered Tuesday evening at the Seger funeral home.

(It was erroneously stated on Wednesday's "Voice of the Frontier" program the rites were to be held at the Lutheran church.) The late Mr. Vrooman was born February 27, 1900, at Randolph, a son of Adelbert and Martha Rogers Vrooman. He married Effie Jones at St. Joseph's church, Atkinson, on February 12, 1928.

Survivors include: Widow; son—Harold; two grandchildren; sisters—Mrs. Dorothy Barrett of Atkinson and Mrs. Blanche Pick of Wynot.

Mrs. Rathovec, 72, Dies at North Platte

Mrs. Albert Rathovec, 72, mother of Mrs. Lod Janousek of O'Neill, Mrs. Jerry Halva of Lynch and Mrs. Simon Bosh of O'Neill, died about midnight Monday, September 20, at St. Mary's hospital in North Platte.

Mrs. Rathovec, whose maiden name was Anna Haklovec, was born in Saunders county in 1882. She married Albert Rathovec at

Death of Denver Driver Blamed on Heart Attack

INMAN—The death of Harold W. Ticknor, 51, 3425 Lowell Blvd., Denver, Colo., on Monday, September 13, was blamed on a heart attack while driving his car at West 34th ave. and Lowell Blvd., in Denver, his machine went out of control.

He was found dead after the machine had gone over a curb at the intersection, traveled 36 feet across a lawn, knocked down a spruce tree and crashed into a dwelling.

Ticknor's wife, Elizabeth, was the only passenger. She received minor bruises and was treated by a doctor.

Mrs. Ticknor told authorities she attempted to stop the car after her husband fell back against the seat. The death was not listed as a traffic fatality.

Albert Melcher, 44, Ill 9 Weeks, Dies

Funeral Held Friday at Creighton

ORCHARD—Funeral services for Albert E. Melcher, 44, were held Friday, September 17, at the Congregational-Baptist church at Creighton with Rev. Gordon S. Jensen officiating. Mr. Melcher died Tuesday evening, September 14, in St. Joseph's hospital, Sioux City.

Mrs. Thelma Wilson, pianist, accompanied Mrs. Charles Kent, Miss Kay Stubben, Mrs. Joyce Kemper, Mrs. Lavon Neuhaus and Mrs. Gordon Jensen, as they sang "Does Jesus Care?" and "God Will Take Care of You."

Mrs. Jensen also sang "By Life or Death." Palbearers were N. Chris Nelson, Harry Tyler, Clyde Green, Louie Nielsen, D. A. Van Deever and Joyce Kemper. The wives of the palbearers were in charge of the flowers. Interment was in the family plot in Orchard cemetery at Orchard.

Albert E. Melcher, son of Edward and Emma Melcher, was born April 2, 1910, at Pilger. When he was 1-year-old, his parents moved onto a farm south of Page, where he grew to manhood.

In Yankton, S.D., on April 2, 1934, he was united in marriage to Frances E. Schwager. They became the parents of three sons.

Their first home was established in Page where Mr. Melcher worked for several years, after which they moved to a farm near Orchard. The family remained there for about eight years and then moved to Creighton, where they lived about seven miles southwest of Creighton.

Mr. Melcher was actively engaged in farming until about nine weeks ago when he contracted a disease which compelled him to be bedfast until he died.

Survivors include: Widow—Frances; sons—Robert Dene, Richard Lee and Ronald Dean; mother—Mrs. Emma F. Melcher of Page; brothers—Arthur of Clearwater and Harold of Page; sisters—Mrs. Esther Shirreffs of Tilden, Mrs. Helen Thiessen of Clearwater and Mrs. Dorothy Clements of Miami, Fla.



Newly-elected officers of the O'Neill Community Concert association confer with Mrs. Pauline Walton (seated), midwestern representative for Community Concert Services, Inc. Standing are Mrs. J. Laverd Jay, third vice-president; F. E. Parkins, president; J. B. Grady, treasurer. Seated in the foreground is John H. McCarville, second vice-president and one of the membership drive chairmen.—The Frontier Photo.

St. Anthony's at 2d Milestone

On Friday, September 24, St. Anthony's hospital will have completed its second year of operation. It was exactly two years ago the half-million-dollar medical center at O'Neill hospital during the second year.

During that first year there were 1,099 patients; during the second year, 1,345—a gain of 246.

A total of 177 babies were born at St. Anthony's during the first 12 months as compared to 202 births during the second year—a gain of 25.

A grand total of 2,136 persons, including patients, outpatients and babies, received service and care at the O'Neill hospital during the second year.

Other statistics: Outpatients: First year, 340, second year, 589. Patient days: First year, 6,493; second year, 8,209.

Bassinets days: First year, 769; second year, 872. Of the 1,345 patients who were admitted during the second year of the hospital's operation, 431 were readmissions.

Dental surgery is a new service which has been included during the hospital's second year. The doctors include Drs. O. W. French, chief-of-staff and chairman; Rex W. Wilson, vice-chairman; W. F. Finley, secretary; J. P. Brown, L. A. Carter, R. M. Langdon, all of O'Neill, and D. H. Bendorf of Butte. Other staff doctor applications are being filed.

Hickman Rites Held at Atkinson

ATKINSON—Mrs. Vera M. Hickman, 79, a widow who had been hospitalized about a week, died at 3:30 p.m., Monday, September 20, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been ill for some time, relatives said.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 22, from the Methodist church with Rev. E. G. Hughes, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery. Palbearers were Earl Houts, Ray Elder, Ralph Beck, Thomas Malloy, Art Andrus and John Schorn.

The late Mrs. Hickman, whose maiden name was Bantz, was born at Nemaha on September 1, 1875, a daughter of William C. and Amanda Bantz.

Before the turn of the century she married the late Sam Hickman. They resided for many years on a farm two miles southeast of Atkinson. Mr. Hickman died in 1939.

Survivors include: Son—Franklin of Atkinson; daughter—Mrs. William (Sylvia) Coleman of the Phoenix community; Mrs. Custer (Ethel) Johnson of Lincoln, and Mrs. Guy (Mary) Beckwith of Emmet.

Chez a Marie was entertained by Mrs. Bud Cole following dinner at the M&M cafe Monday evening. Those having the high scores at bridge were Mrs. Dale French, Mrs. Marvin Miller, and Mrs. Joseph McCarville, jr.

Frontier for printing! Prompt deliveries.

2 Hurt When Trucks Collide Near Ewing EWING—An accident about 11:30 a.m., Tuesday on U.S. highway 275, east of Ewing at the Summerland corner, involved two trucks, both traveling westward.

Rollie Snell, Wife Married 59 Years

PAGE—Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Snell observed their 59th wedding anniversary Sunday, September 19, when a dinner and supper were served in their honor at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cullen.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller of Sutherland, Ia.; Mrs. Emma Julius and brother, Ernest Old, of Meriden, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Old and Mrs. Alta Lockman of Stuart; Mr. and Mrs. Dorlin Lockman of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ressel and son of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cullen and Miss Maude Bobbit, all of Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Snell were married at O'Neill September 18, 1895. They resided on farms before moving to Page about 25 years ago. They are the parents of three daughters—Mrs. Harvey (Mable) Cullen and Mrs. Roy (Hazel) Stewart, both of Page; and Mrs. Dale (Alma) Asher of Logan, Ia. There are seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Mr. Snell is 82-years-old and Mrs. Snell is 79-years-old. They are both in "fairly good health."

Auxiliary Plans Benefit Show Here Simonson unit 93, American Legion auxiliary, is presenting the Ralph Thomas shows here Friday evening, September 24, at the Legion auditorium. The troupe will feature singing, fun, music, comedy and novelties.

Artists in the troupe formerly were with the famous Roy Rogers radio group. They are masters of 17 different instruments. (See big advertisement on page 2.)

Return from Round World Cruise—ATKINSON—The USS Tarawa returned to the U.S. September 7, completing a tour of duty in the Far East and a 'round-the-world cruise.

Returning aboard the attack aircraft carrier was Orville L. Forbes, aviation structural mechanic second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Forbes of Atkinson.

Mrs. Allen P. Jaskowski entertained the Jeudi club last Thursday at her home following dinner at the M&M cafe. Mrs. Norman Gonderinger and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka had the high scores at bridge.

Association Is Formed for Concerts

Plans Being Pushed by Newly-Elected Music Officials

A second meeting of interested persons within four days has produced an organization which has been designated as the O'Neill Community Concerts association. The association plans to bring to O'Neill during the winter and spring months nationally and internationally famous musical concert stars, both individuals and groups.

The new association is affiliated with Community Concerts Services, Inc., of New York City, which furnishes talent for similar associations in 1,500 cities in the United States, Canada and Hawaii.

Thursday's organizational meeting was held at the American Legion lounge. Miss Anna O'Donnell, in whose home plans originally were discussed, presided as temporary chairman until permanent officers were elected.

The officers are: John F. Parkins, president; John C. Watson, vice-president; Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka and John H. McCarville, second vice-presidents and co-chairmen for the membership drive; Mrs. J. Laverd Jay, third vice-president; Miss Phyllis Harmon, secretary, and J. B. Grady, treasurer.

Appointed to the board of directors are: Miss Anna O'Donnell, Mrs. John Harbottle, Miss Leona Brown, Miss Edna Kinsman, Mrs. William Brennan of Butte, Mrs. J. G. Brewster of Stuart, Rev. W. J. Bomer of Ewing, Stanley Lambert of near Chambers, and Carroll W. Stewart of O'Neill.

O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy have been asked to furnish one honorary board member each. St. Mary's has designated Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek.

Parkins said it is hoped the association will become a permanent one and function year-after-year. Memberships will be sold during a one-week drive beginning soon to be launched by a kick-off dinner. Season's memberships are six dollars for adults and three dollars for students.

A membership will entitle admission to each of the concerts as well as entrance into Community Service concerts in nearby cities—Grand Island, Norfolk, Valentine, Winner, S.D., and Yankton, S.D. This is arranged on a reciprocal basis.

The concerts will be scheduled for the O'Neill public school auditorium. Upon completion of the membership drive the artists will be signed. The more memberships sold the more concerts that will be scheduled.

All bookings are paid in advance from the membership budget and there will be no general admission seats on sale.

The Golden hotel has been designated as the headquarters for the membership drive. The association board will pick group captains in O'Neill and surrounding towns to push memberships when the drive is opened. The captains, in turn, will pick workers. Each worker selling 10 memberships will be entitled to a complimentary membership under the plan.

Mrs. Pauline Walston, midwestern representative for Community Concerts Services, Inc., met with the O'Neill group last Thursday night. Miss O'Donnell has been made appointments chairman and Mrs. John Harbottle is publicity chairman.

O'Neill Site of Irrigation Meet

Nebraska's Fourth district congressman, Rep. A. L. Miller (R), has advised the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce he will be present Friday, October 8, for the annual meeting of the Niobrara Basin Development Association. The all-day affair will be held at the American Legion auditorium.

There will be a business meeting in the afternoon and a dinner meeting at night. An invitation has been sent to U.S. Sen. Eve Bowring (R), but a confirmation has not been received, according to James W. Rooney, who is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Walters of Denver, Colo., regional director for the bureau of reclamation, also will be present. Roy D. Raitt of Ainsworth is president of the association.

During the past summer the 100-million-dollar Niobrara development plan has been tied to the overall Missouri river basin plan, having cleared the house, senate and received President Eisenhower's signature. The bill was introduced by Congressman Miller.

Next year congress will be pressed for appropriations. Holt county has about 56,000 irrigable acres in the Niobrara development program—the largest unit in the entire basin. It is known as the O'Neill unit and largely lies northwest and north of town.

Observers are revising estimates on when irrigation can be expected in this area. Judging from strides that have been made this year, the optimists are predicting activity on the project here in five years or less.

Congressman Miller, who heads the house interior and insular affairs committee, has been prodding the reclamation bureau in order that appropriations can be sought at the next session.

Paul Elam of Denver, Colo., arrived Wednesday and will visit for several days with his father and mother-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Halva, his wife and daughter have been visiting the Halvas for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Grenier and family spent Sunday in Lyons.