



Receives State Award

Miss Elizabeth O'Malley (above), member of a pioneer O'Neill family, recently received a citation for being the top-ranking vital statistics reporter, in point of service, in Nebraska and one of 10 top-rankers in the nation. She has recorded 18,656 births, and 4,048 deaths since taking the job in 1910.—The Frontier Photo.

Ticket Scramble Is Turkey Day Feature

Basin Group Starts Drive for Members

300 Signers Sought at O'Neill

A membership drive for the Niobrara Basin Development association was launched Wednesday in O'Neill. The goal here has been set for 300 at \$3 each. Plans for the drive were completed Monday evening when representatives of the Chamber of Commerce met with officers of the Niobrara association. Basin officers present were: E. C. House, director; La Verne Prang, secretary; L. R. Smith, membership drive chairman, and William Smith, attorney for the association, all of Ainsworth. It is suggested that each business buy an individual membership for each employee. In asking for the initial appropriation from congress, one of the first questions asked will be: How many members are there in the Niobrara River Basin Development association? The officers are interested in a large membership in the basin association. Benefits to Holt county from the proposed irrigation development are "incalculable."

O'Neill will be hosts to thousands of visitors on Saturday, December 4—the date of the annual turkey day. Four trucks will depart simultaneously on the streets at 4:30 p.m., distributing tickets. Lucky ticket holders may claim the fowl until 6 p.m., at the Speltis-Ray Lumber company yards. Three hundred dollars' worth of turkeys, geese and chickens are being provided the winners by the Chambers of Commerce. The scramble annually attracts much interest. (Details on page 15.)

Meanwhile, O'Neill will be the scene of a Christmas city at 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, as display windows were unveiled and newly-purchased yule decorations on lamp posts were energized. In the display window decoration contest, the following places were made: Religious: Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation, first; Evans Beauty Shop, second. Commercial: Gambles, first; Elkhorn Flower Shop, second. Judges were Mrs. James Coventry of Inman, Mrs. Kenneth Adams and Mrs. C. V. Robertson, both of Chambers. O'Neill stores will be open Thursday evenings until 9, starting tonight. The Thursday opening policy will be effective also December 9, 16, and 23. Saturday night store hours will follow the customary policy: Open until 10.

7 Seniors Make OHS Honor Roll

By virtue of attaining an academic average of B-plus or better, the following O'Neill high school students have rated on the honor roll for the second six-week period, according to Principal Paul Baker: Seniors: Ardyce Alton, Jeanene Backhaus, Owen Davis, Janet Hull, Marilyn Lindberg, Bob Sanders, Norma Timmerman. Juniors: Nina Burival, Robert Burival, Marilyn Carroll, Mary Fetrow, Kay Hibbs, Carolyn Lindberg, Vernon Passieux, Mabel Thomas. Sophomores: Marlene Ermer, Gordon Fox, Carole Johnson, Judy Liddy, Demaris Lindberg, Linda Serck, Janice Sipes. Freshmen: Michael Liddy, Lynda Haynes.

Omaha Postmaster, O'Neill Native, Dies

Omaha Postmaster John H. Hopkins, 67, died of a heart attack Monday night at his home in Omaha, 204 North 52d street. He and Mrs. Hopkins that day had celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. The late Mr. Hopkins was born at O'Neill. He was Douglas county sheriff from 1934 to 1938 and had been postmaster since April, 1945.

Mrs. Pease Named Homemaker of Week

CELIA—Mrs. Ray Pease was chosen "homemaker of the week" by listeners of KOIL and interviewed over KOIL Friday, November 19, by Julie Burns on the "Jaunting with Julie" program. Mrs. Spann accompanied her daughter to Omaha for the interview. Mrs. Pease is one of Nebraska's best-known homemaking columnists for newspapers.

Funeral services will be today (Thursday) at 8:30 a.m., from the residence at St. Mary's church at 9. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

Man Killed when Train Hits Car

CHADRON—Earl H. Grass, about 38, Chadron rancher, was killed late Monday near here when the pickup truck he was riding in was in a collision with a Chicago and North Western diesel passenger train. Seriously injured was Donald Christensen, about 27, Chadron farmer, who suffered two broken legs and a broken arm.

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Clair Grimes Rites Held at Chambers

Veteran Mail Carrier Victim of Lingering Heart Ailment

CHAMBERS—Funeral services for Clair Grimes, 64, veteran mail carrier, were conducted Monday, November 29, from the Methodist church here. Rev. J. M. Hodgkins, church pastor, officiated in the 2 p.m., rite and burial was in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. Mr. Grimes died Friday, November 26, in Clarkson hospital, Omaha, where he had been a patient about a week. The body lay in state at the church between 10 a.m. and the funeral hour, Pallbearers were C. V. Robertson, Alvin Tange-man, Keith Sexton, Herman Holcomb, E. R. Carpenter and Duane Miller. An overflow crowd attended the services. Ushers were Eugene Baker and Gaius Wintermote. The late Mr. Grimes was born January 19, 1890, at Kanakake, Ill., a son of Jerome D., and Sarah Ellen Kin-kaid Grimes. He came to Holt county from Illinois in 1893. On June 21, 1916, he married Lovena Adams. They became the parents of four children. Mr. Grimes, who had been seriously ill about two weeks, was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Methodist church.

Mr. Grimes suffered a heart ailment and had been hospitalized several times. He was taken by ambulance to Omaha Saturday, November 20, having been transferred from St. Anthony's hospital, O'Neill, to Clarkson hospital. Survivors include: Widow; daughters—Mrs. L. E. (Arlene) Coppock of Ottumwa, Ia., and Mrs. Hiram (Lela) Conley of Mt. Rose, Colo.; sons—Edward of Fresno, Calif., and Milton of Omaha; seven grandchildren; sister—Mrs. Marguerite Britell of Vancouver, Wash.; brothers—Jay D. of Douglas, Wyo., James and Gleason, both of Chambers.

Penny Carnival Held at Inman

INMAN—The high school Pep club sponsored a penny carnival Friday evening, November 19. There were side shows, dart games, food booths and many other features. The club made \$118 before expenses were deducted. The carnival attracted a large crowd. The Inman high junior class presented its class play, "Aaron Slick from Punkin Creek," Tuesday night, November 23. There was a good crowd and the play was enjoyed very much. The school was dismissed at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 24, for the Thanksgiving vacation and took up again Monday.

Mrs. Nora Henderson 83—Years Old

PAGE—Mrs. Nora Henderson observed her 83d birthday anniversary Tuesday, November 23. Several friends called during the day and were served ice cream, cake and coffee. Her daughter, Mrs. Harley Kennedy, baked the birthday cake. Mrs. Henderson is quite active. She attends the Methodist church and seldom misses the WSCS meetings where she spends the hours quilting. She recently had her first airplane ride. She spent her 80th birthday anniversary at the Kennedy home and enjoyed a horse-back ride.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Snell of Page visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waller.

Runaway Girls, 16, Are Located Here

Two 16-year-old Butte, Mont., runaway girls, Ruby Calkins and Sharon Askins, are being held by Holt County Sheriff Leo Tom-jack pending the arrival today (Thursday) of the girls' parents. Police Officer Walt Calkins, who had been observing the girls since their arrival on Sunday, asked Tomjack to question the girls who were located on Monday evening in the company of two O'Neill boys. The girls told Tomjack they reached O'Neill the day before and had spent the night in a hotel. They were not without funds. The parents indicated the girls had been "gone for several days."

Mercury to Dip to 5-Above Today

4 Inches of Snow Falls Here

The mercury was expected to drop to 5-degrees above zero in the early morning hours today (Thursday)—the lowest mark for the season. A mass of cold air moved into the region this week apparently signaling the end of a prolonged Indian summer. Highest temperatures today will be around 32 degrees. Tuesday's snowfall was general in north-central Nebraska. Reports of snowfall include: Spencer, 6 inches; Plainview, 3; Erikstov, 5; Neligh, 1; Inman, 3; Atkinson, 4; Bassett, 3; Stuart, 3; Valentine, 8; Chadron, 5; Scotts-bluff, 4.

O'Neill received 4 inches, which amounted to .24 of an inch precipitation. The snow during the early Tuesday morning hours was accompanied by considerable wind and visibility was restricted. Streets and highways are slippery throughout the region.

Summary table with columns: Date, Hi, Lo, Prec. Rows include November 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, December 1.

Don Kelley Hits 29 for Tigers

St. Mary's Cards Downed, 71-50

INMAN—Don Kelley, with 29 points, led the way Tuesday night as Inman downed the visiting St. Mary's cagers from O'Neill, 71-50.

In the preliminary, the little Tigers were victorious over the SMA reserves, 42-33. Holly led the losers with 17 points. Jim Becker and Schaffer accounted for 11 points each. Inman led, 39-21, at intermission.

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'Nothing Fancy' in 103 Years

STUART—Holt county's oldest resident, Mrs. Joseph Axtell, on Thanksgiving day observed her 103d birthday anniversary. Her daughter, Miss Pearl, had prepared the chicken dinner and two longtime friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Storie of Atkinson, gathered around the table to partake of the holiday banquet. During the forenoon the big page in the guest book began to fill. Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Su of the Stuart Community church had signed their names in Chinese script, also other friends and neighbors had called. Mrs. Axtell came to the table in her wheelchair (she has been relying heavily on the chair since she took a fall on August 11).

Mrs. Axtell loves to sit in the sunshine, but lately remarked: "It makes me feel like a wilted flower." (Cal Stewart interviewed Mrs. Axtell and the playback was heard on the Saturday, November 27, "Voice of The Frontier" program.) Asked if she had a recipe for longevity or recommendations for young people, Mrs. Axtell explained: "I've always lived a plain life, nothing fancy. I never considered we had any hardships. We just took things as they came." Between visitors Mrs. Axtell would catch a cat nap. In days past Mrs. Axtell has greatly enjoyed singing. She used to love to sing with Mrs. Emil Olday, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Axtell's daughter.

Allyns Wed 50 Years

STUART—Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Allyns of the Cleveland community in the northwest corner of Holt county, held open house Saturday, November 27, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. A beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums, presented by the Ladies Aid and Men's council of the Cleveland Presbyterian church, decorated the living room where Mr. and Mrs. Allyns greeted their friends. The five-tier white wedding cake decorated with yellow flowers and topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom was baked and decorated by their daughter, Delia McClurg.

Mrs. Allyns, nee Mabel Lofquest, was born on her father, Sven Lofquest's, homestead in the same community. They both attended the Clay Creek rural school and their six children learned the "3 R's" in the same school. Several of the couple's grandchildren attend there now. Mr. and Mrs. Allyns' home is located on Beaver Creek, about 17 miles north of Stuart, where they started housekeeping and have developed a sizeable ranch. They have retired in a modern home a few rods from their original home, which is now occupied by their son, James, and his family, who are operating the ranch in a father-son partnership.

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City May Get Guard Company

Committee to Confer with Gen. Heningner and Col. Peterson

Col. Evar Peterson, assistant administrative officer for the Nebraska national guard, Saturday conferred with a Chamber of Commerce group here. Possibility of establishing an armored tank company was discussed. Armory space, officer cadre and possible number of enlisted men available were subjects discussed. The Chamber has invited Brig.-Gen. Guy N. Heningner, Nebraska national guard commander and adjutant general to hold another conference on Friday, December 10.

Colonel Peterson, who is a brother of former Gov. Val Peterson, has indicated he would be here. It will be an overnight trip and several possible armory sites will be inspected. A guard company, if established at O'Neill, would be designated as company D. Several other cities are interested in getting the proposed new company located there. The Chamber's new industries committee is leading the movement to bring the company to O'Neill. James W. Rooney heads that committee.

Pickup Hits Bridge; Plank Thru 'Shield

EWING—Ed Spes, driver of a pickup, escaped serious injury Sunday when the vehicle, owned by Ruby Schindler of Elgin, went out of control at the Cache creek bridge three miles south of Ewing. The machine struck a bridge railing, sending a plank through the windshield. The car overturned and landed in the creek. Mr. Spes suffered only facial cuts and a neck bruise. He was taken to Antelope Memorial hospital, Neligh. Deputy Holt County Sheriff James Mullen investigated.

O'Neill-Bound Bus Overturns at Stuart

No one was hurt Tuesday afternoon about 1 o'clock when an O'Neill-bound bus from Valentine overturned on slippery U.S. highway 20 east of Stuart. There were four passengers aboard.

Crook Family Moving to Minnesota

The Charles B. Crook family will move to Detroit Lakes, Minn., this weekend. Mr. Crook, a graduate of Kansas State college, has served the Holt soil conservation district for the past 8 1/2 years as soils scientist. He has also mapped soils for the Boyer, KRB and Cherry Soil Conservation Districts. Mr. Crook served a 60-day detail at Fergus Falls, Minn., earlier this fall and found that he "feels much better" in that climate. They have been active in 4-H, church, school and school activities.

To Join Husband—ORCHARD—Mrs. Clayton Johnson left Saturday for Ft. Lewis, Wash., to join her husband who is stationed there. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Robertson, and they were to visit the Robertsons' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Orr, and family at San Jose, Calif., enroute to Ft. Lewis. The Robertsons will return here later.

Holiday Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Osenbaugh of Norfolk were Wednesday evening and Thanksgiving day guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh. Other guests were Mrs. Ruth Hilderhoff and children of Mullen who visited from Wednesday until Saturday.

Auction Calendar

There are three auctions on The Frontier's sale calendar: Monday, December 6: W. H. David, residing 21 miles south of O'Neill, will offer 75 head of cattle, machinery, some household goods. (Advertisement on page 7.) Col. Roy David and Ed Thonin, O'Neill, auctioneers; Chambers State bank, clerk. Friday, December 10: Glen Burge, residing 1 mile west of Inman, will offer 45 head of cattle, three IHC tractors, machinery, household goods; Col. Ed Thonin, O'Neill, auctioneer; O'Neill National bank, clerk. Wednesday, December 15: Lyle Childers, 4 miles west of Chambers, farm close-out; livestock, machinery; Col. Ed Thonin, O'Neill, auctioneer; Chambers State bank, clerk. (Details next issue.)