

Early Holt Settler Is Dead at 85

Emma Maring Rites Held Here Tuesday; Expires in Hospital

Mrs. Mary Emma Maring, 85, who came to Holt county in 1884, died about 4 p. m., Sunday, January 23, in St. Anthony's hospital. She had been ill only two weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Wednesday, January 26, from the Methodist church here and burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery, Rev. W. B. Smith, church pastor, officiated.

Pallbearers were William Daley, Guy Cole, Andy Clark, Floyd Butterfield, Clarence Farr and Harold Burge.

The remains lay in state at Biglin's chapel Tuesday evening and



Mrs. Maring . . . survivor of famous '88 blizzard.

until the funeral hour on Wednesday.

The late Mrs. Maring, whose maiden name was Mary Emma Hoffman, was born April 3, 1869, in York county, Pennsylvania.

She came to Nebraska with her parents, the late John Hoffman and Leah Smith Hoffman, and the family settled on a homestead northeast of Chambers, after making the trip as far as Inman by train.

The homestead is now the J. S. Hoffman ranch.

Her parents were originally from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Maring was their second child.

After several years, she accompanied several members of her family back to Kansas.

On April 10, 1898, she married Jacob Bell Maring, who had reached Holt county in 1883, coming by covered wagon. Mr. Maring went to Parsons, Kans., to return his bride to Holt county.

Mrs. Maring made her home many years on the Maring place, five miles south and one mile east of Emmet.

The Marings became the parents of two sons and one daughter.

Mr. Maring died in 1908. The daughter, Mrs. Grace Sundell, died in 1948.

Mrs. Maring was a school girl at the time of the famous blizzard of January 12, 1888. She and one other pupil, the only ones reporting for school, spent a day and a night in the schoolhouse. One brother, Peter, was on an errand and was found several days later several miles from home, unharmed.

The late Mrs. Maring was a member of the Emmet Methodist church.

Survivors include: Sons—Oliver and Homer, both of Emmet; brothers—Jacob Hoffman of Chambers and Peter Hoffman of Puyallup, Wash.; sister—Mrs. Eva Kennedy of Puyallup, Wash.; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Among out-of-town relatives here for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lambert of Sioux City; Mrs. Ruth Brau and Miss Dorothy Sundall, both of Omaha; Miss Florence Sundell of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ashton of Neligh; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maring of Maywood; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sundell of Dixon.

Holt Fair Officers Go to Lincoln Meet

CHAMBERS—Edwin Wink of Chambers and Vern Sageser, of Amelia spent a few days the first of the week in Lincoln in the interests of the Holt County Agricultural society.

The two men were to participate in the annual convention of Nebraska county fair officials.

Orchard Hatchery Not to Be Opened

ORCHARD—The Orchard Hatchery will not open for business this spring and summer. Miss Lena Walz, who operated the business in connection with the Neligh Hatchery owned by her brother, Vic Walz, is taking care of another brother who is ill at Hawesville, Ky.

The Orchard firm had been in operation 25 years.

Heart Attack Fatal to Neil A. Asher

Retired Page Farmer Dies in Hospital

PAGE—Neil A. Asher, 61, retired Page farmer, died unexpectedly about 8 p. m., Monday, January 24, in St. Anthony's hospital at O'Neill. He had been ill about a week and had entered the hospital for tests and treatment for a heart condition.

He was believed to be improving until he suffered the sudden attack, which proved fatal.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m., Saturday, January 29, from the Methodist church in Page with Rev. Lisle Mewmaw officiating. Burial will be in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers chosen are Dale Asher, Walter Asher, Donald Nissen, Robert Nissen, Alton Fuelberth, Delno Fuelberth, John Brunckhorst and Arthur Fuelberth.

The late Mr. Asher was born April 22, 1883, at Tilden, a son of Benjamin and Alice Schwartz Asher.

He came to Holt county in 1914 from Norfolk.

On January 5, 1916, at O'Neill, he married Mrs. Freida Korner. They became the parents of seven children. Mr. Asher remained



Mr. Asher . . . death unexpected.

quite active in farming even after retirement. The homeplace is located 1 1/2 miles north of Page and 2 3/4 miles east.

Survivors include: Widow—Frieda; sons—Ben F., Harold R. and Kenneth R., all of Page; Richard L. of Powell, Wyo.; Robert L. and Jerry D., both of O'Neill; daughter—Mrs. Albert J. (Helen) Smeek of Van Nuys, Calif.; stepdaughter—Mrs. Herbert Kemper of Page; brother—Clint F. of Chatfield, Minn.; sisters—Mrs. Laura Mitchell of Lincoln, Calif.; Mrs. George Madsen of Norfolk.

During World War I the late Mr. Asher was active in the home guard.

The remains will be taken to the Asher residence in Page at 9:30 Saturday morning.

Downtown Parking Lot Is Planned

BASSETT—Bassett will have a downtown parking lot in a short time, it was reported Friday at the Lions club meeting by Jack Galloway.

The parking lot is to be located on the Ben Ammon property.

The 18 members attending the meeting voted to erect more Lions club signs at the city limits. Galloway was appointed chairman of a committee to complete this project.

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Seven Cents



Inman Tigers Capture Holt Cage Title

The 1955 Holt county high school cage champions are the Inman Tigers (above). Inman defeated the Chambers Coyotes in the opening round, Page Eagles in the semifinals, and Atkinson Balers in the finals. (Details on page

3.) Left-to-right: Coach Jesse R. Hughes, Bob Reimers, Richard Coventry, Ronald Wolfe, Donald Kelley, Charles Butterfield and Gene Couch. These are the regulars on the championship team.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Church to Convert Plot into Camp Site

Wesleyan Group Picks Burgess Land

A special session of the Nebraska conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church convened at Atkinson on Tuesday and Wednesday to consider a number of tracts of land in this area as possible sites for the future Nebraska conference and camp ground for this denomination. Rev. A. L. Nabholz, president of the conference, was in charge.

The final vote of the ministers and lay-delegates was in favor of a 10-acre plot, including a beautiful grove, located on the Burgess farm, five miles east of Atkinson on U.S. highway 20.

Much is involved in planning, building and equipping a camp of this type, but the ultimate aim of this group is to have a place for the annual conference, youth camp, children's Bible camp, ministerial conventions and Sunday-school rallies.

Lee Wyant Dies in Tucson, Ariz.

Lee Wyant, formerly of O'Neill, died Sunday, January 23, at the home of a daughter in Tucson, Ariz. Details concerning his death and funeral arrangements were not known here.

One daughter, Mrs. G. F. Murphy, resides in Wood Lake.

The late Mr. Wyant was known in the Chambers and O'Neill localities, where he was an auto mechanic for many years.

HARDING IS 82

Charles Harding, a Spanish-American war veteran and a resident of Holt county since 1880, Wednesday observed his 82d birthday anniversary at his home here. Mr. Harding has been hospitalized for extended periods of time during the past year because of a circulatory ailment. He has been confined to a wheel chair about five months.

ORCHARD—Ronald Elsberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Elsberry, is attending Miltonvale Wesleyan college at Miltonvale, Kans., this semester. He was graduated in 1954 from Orchard high school.

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Woman, 68, Follows Husband in Death

Mrs. Kaczor Rites to Be Held Friday

Mrs. William F. Kaczor, 68, whose husband died nine weeks ago, succumbed at 5 a. m., Tuesday, January 25, at the Thompson nursing home at St. Edward. Her husband died November 23.

The late Mrs. Kaczor had been in ill health about nine years and she died in her sleep. She was afflicted for many years with palsy and had been bedfast since November, 1945.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m., Friday, January 28, from the Paddock Union church, north of O'Neill. Burial will be in the Pleasant Valley cemetery. Rev. A. L. Nabholz will officiate. Pallbearers will be Henry Walters, Lloyd Rouse, Elmer Devall, David Jensen, Paul Nelson and Fay Puckett.

The remains will lie in state at Biglin's chapel this afternoon (Thursday) and until 10 a. m., Friday.

Ethel Mae Hall was born May 13, 1886, in Union county, S.D. Her parents were Samuel W. Hall and Mary Elizabeth Curtis Hall, both New Englanders.

On May 1, 1912, she was united in marriage to William F. Kaczor at Elk Point, S.D. To this union was born one son, Edward.

Mrs. Kaczor spent her early life in South Dakota and Iowa. After her marriage she lived in northern Holt county. About seven weeks ago she was taken to the nursing home at St. Edward.

Survivors include: Son—Edward of O'Neill; grandson—Gerald Kaczor of O'Neill; brother—Ernest of Worthing, S.D.; sisters—Mrs. Lulu Hanson of Akron, Ia., and Mrs. Marena Rubie of Plainview, Minn.

One brother and three sisters preceded her in death.

Turn on your lights. Fight polio tonight. Mothers march 7-8.

Henninger to Make Decision Soon

(Photo below)

Maj.-Gen. Guy N. Henninger, Nebraska adjutant-general, head of the state's air and army national guards and also chief of Nebraska's selective service system, spent last Thursday in O'Neill.

He looked over several buildings available for temporary armory quarters and he studied several proposed sites for a new armory in the event O'Neill is picked for a national guard tank company.

Temporary quarters under consideration are the Shelhamer Foods basement and the new (Continued on page 6)



General Henninger . . . "impressed."—The Frontier Photo.

Burglars Enter 4 Holt Firms

Mrs. Fred W. Lorenz Ill 15 Months Dies

Inman Farm Woman Native of Iowa

Mrs. Fred W. Lorenz, 58, died about 11:30 p. m., Saturday, January 23, at her farm home near Inman. She had been ill about 15 months.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, January 25, from First Methodist church in O'Neill. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Rev. C. P. Turner, pastor of Center Union Wesleyan Methodist church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Melvin H. Grosenbach of Gordon, formerly of O'Neill. Pallbearers were Bernard Lorenz, Gordon Lorenz, Delbert Dick, Clifford Dick, Marvin Strong and Glen Lorenz.

The late Mrs. Lorenz, whose maiden name was Lorena Ernst, was born September 13, 1896, at Merrill, Ia., a daughter of Jacob K. and Melinda Harris Ernst.

At the age of 2, she moved with her parents to Holt county and spent the remainder of her life in this vicinity.

On January 11, 1917, she married Fred W. Lorenz at her parents' farm home near O'Neill. Three sons were born to this union.

Survivors include: Widower—Fred; sons—Vernon R. of O'Neill, Melvin E. and Leonard D., both of Inman; grandchildren—Loren and Lorene Lorenz, both of Inman, Patricia Ann Lorenz of O'Neill and Larry Lorenz of Jacksonville, Fla.; brothers—Homer and Clarence Ernst, both of O'Neill, and Ralph of Miltonvale, Kans.; sisters—Mrs. Roy Cole, Mrs. John Dick and Mrs. Otto Lorenz, all of O'Neill, and Mrs. James Robertson of Alliance.

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Mrs. Lorenz . . . funeral rites and burial at O'Neill. (Story at left)

O'Neill High Honor Rolls Are Posted

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Nielsen Market Safe Yields Over \$800; Inman, Ewing Hit

Four Holt county business firms were forcibly entered during the early hours last Thursday morning.

Biggest loss was reported by Herbert Nielsen of Nielsen's Market at Inman, where the big safe was punched and the intruders made off with between \$800 and \$900.

Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack said the three other places entered were:

Finkbine Lumber & Hardware office, Inman, where between \$6 and \$10 in change was taken from the cash register.

Arthur Kropp's tavern, Ewing, where about \$30 in change was stolen from the cash box.

Ewing Co-Op Creamery office, Ewing, where the dial on the safe was knocked off but the burglars failed to get inside and left, apparently empty-handed.

Nielsen discovered the break-in at his store about 7 a. m., and he notified Tomjack. The money in the safe belonged to Nielsen and several of his business acquaintances, Tomjack said, and the loss was covered by insurance.

The culprits employed a crude break-in device at all four spots. They simply used a heavy bar to pry open the front doors while one or two of the party stood guard. The locks were sprung.

Tomjack said Wednesday the investigation is "making satisfactory progress." He said there have been no arrests.

The same night similar break-ins were reported at Belden, in Cedar county, and at Oakdale and Meadow Grove.

Nielsen estimated the robbery at his store took place "sometime after 11 o'clock Wednesday night."

Tomjack said "three or four" participated in the series of break-ins, and he speculated all of the jobs were related.

St. Joe Honor Roll Announced

ATKINSON—St. Joseph's hall high school honor roll for the first semester has been announced as follows:

High school high list—Mary Claire Gilg, James Gilg, Dean Schauf and Pat Lee.

High school low list—Mary Kay Berigan, Judy Lee, Rosalie Wabs, Ruth Cleary, Delores Schauf, Robert Cleary, Jack Ries and Robert Pettinger.

Clint Closes 56-Year-Old Store

By MRS. N. D. IKES, SR. Frontier Feature Writer

PAGE—The oldest place of business in this eastern Holt county town has been closed, and the proprietor, C. A. Townsend, has rounded out a long and colorful career.

The Townsend Hardware closed when Mr. and Mrs. Townsend decided to go to Norfolk to spend the remainder of the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Chmeler. The Townsends recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Townsend said the reason he closed the business was due to his poor health, which made it impossible for him to carry on.

Clinton Alonzo Townsend was born at Newton, Wisc., October 1, 1872, the son of Waldron C., and Ida Farr Townsend. The family traveled by ox-drawn covered wagon from Newton, where the head of the family had been a wagon maker. Clint was 6-years-old when he arrived in Holt county.

When funds ran low on the westward trek, the family stopped off to work in the harvest fields. Their meals were cooked over a camp fire in an iron kettle and the food was served from the rear of the wagon. A favorite dish on the trip was Mulligan stew. A missing dish rag didn't show up on one occasion until after the last serving was dished out.

Their first Holt home was in a dugout which had been abandoned by a bachelor. In the spring they built a house out of green logs (the place now occupied by Harold Melcher).

They had an improvised boat in the nearby Elkhorn river. The boat once enabled the family to

get out of the path of a raging prairie fire.

John Rood, who stayed with the Townsends, was dispatched to go back to the cabin for a feather bed and there found young Roy Townsend sleeping peacefully.

The log house was scorched but not destroyed.

When the new school district was formed and a schoolhouse built at Stafford, Clint helped organize a Sunday-school and was baptized in the Christian faith in the river.

Clint attended the Plainview normal school, 1895 and '96, and on Christmas day, 1897, he was married to Carrie H. Gallagher at the home of Rev. Bartley ("Grandpa") Blaine in the tenant house on Heiss land, east of the cemetery.

They rented rooms in the old creamery building owned by Doc Stewart. Carrie taught the Emporia school and Clint taught the Sievers school. During the Christmas vacation they were visiting his brother, Bill Townsend, and one of the group suggested that Carrie shoot a hen, a white one, for the next meal.

She performed a miracle of marksmanship, shooting under a heifer and killing six hens on the other side. Among them was the white one she had been aiming for!

That spring when school was out they fenced a corner of the pasture and built a little white cottage where they lived until June, 1914, when they moved the cottage onto lots Carrie owned on the "hill." The move was made without moving out furniture except the piano. They spent the first night of the move on Main street in front of the Hunter and Gray store. The next night they were at their destination. The dwelling is now the home of Mrs. Alma Tegler.

Upon the death of Mrs. Townsend's father, she came into some money and the house was built that since has been (Continued on page 6)

Victor Doing Fine but Hectic Week

ATKINSON—Victor McConnell, 4-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer ("Bud") McConnell of Atkinson, is home again after a hectic week.

He's doing fine, thank-you, in spite of a fractured skull, a forced airplane landing, an hour in surgery, and a long auto ride home.

He suffered the injury, on the upper side of his head, when his mother slipped and fell last Thursday in a household accident at the home in Atkinson.

After first aid treatment, the tot was flown to Omaha to receive treatment at Children's Memorial hospital.

When the mercy flight reached the Fremont area, the pilot, Capt. Harry Anderson of the civil air patrol unit here, turned to the parents and told them the icing conditions would force

them to land at Fremont. Meanwhile, ambulances were standing by at the Omaha airport ready to whisk the baby to the hospital. Apprehension grew as there was no word from Skipper Anderson, who was flying a plane owned by Duane Lockman of Stuart.

Landing at Fremont, another ambulance was summoned, state safety patrol escort was provided and little Victor 20 minutes later was in Children's hospital.

Physicians decided to defer surgery until Saturday. Little Victor, unimpaired of the stir he had created, was rolled into the operating room where surgeons worked for an hour.

By Monday the little fellow had proved, rather conclusively, he's a durable and tough guy. He weathered the initial hurt,

the forced landing, the ambulance ride, and surgery knives and was ready to go home.

Doctors said he'd be okay. "No danger now," the surgeons said.

Meanwhile, the boy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli McConnell, drove to Omaha by auto to be near him.

When he grows up the parents will relate to Victor the story of the hectic week in January, 1955.

Victor probably will brush aside his hair and say, "Aw shucks. It was nothing!"

UNUSUAL EGG

Mrs. Jack Bailey last week found a hard-shelled hen's egg measuring eight inches in length and 7 1/2 inches in girth.