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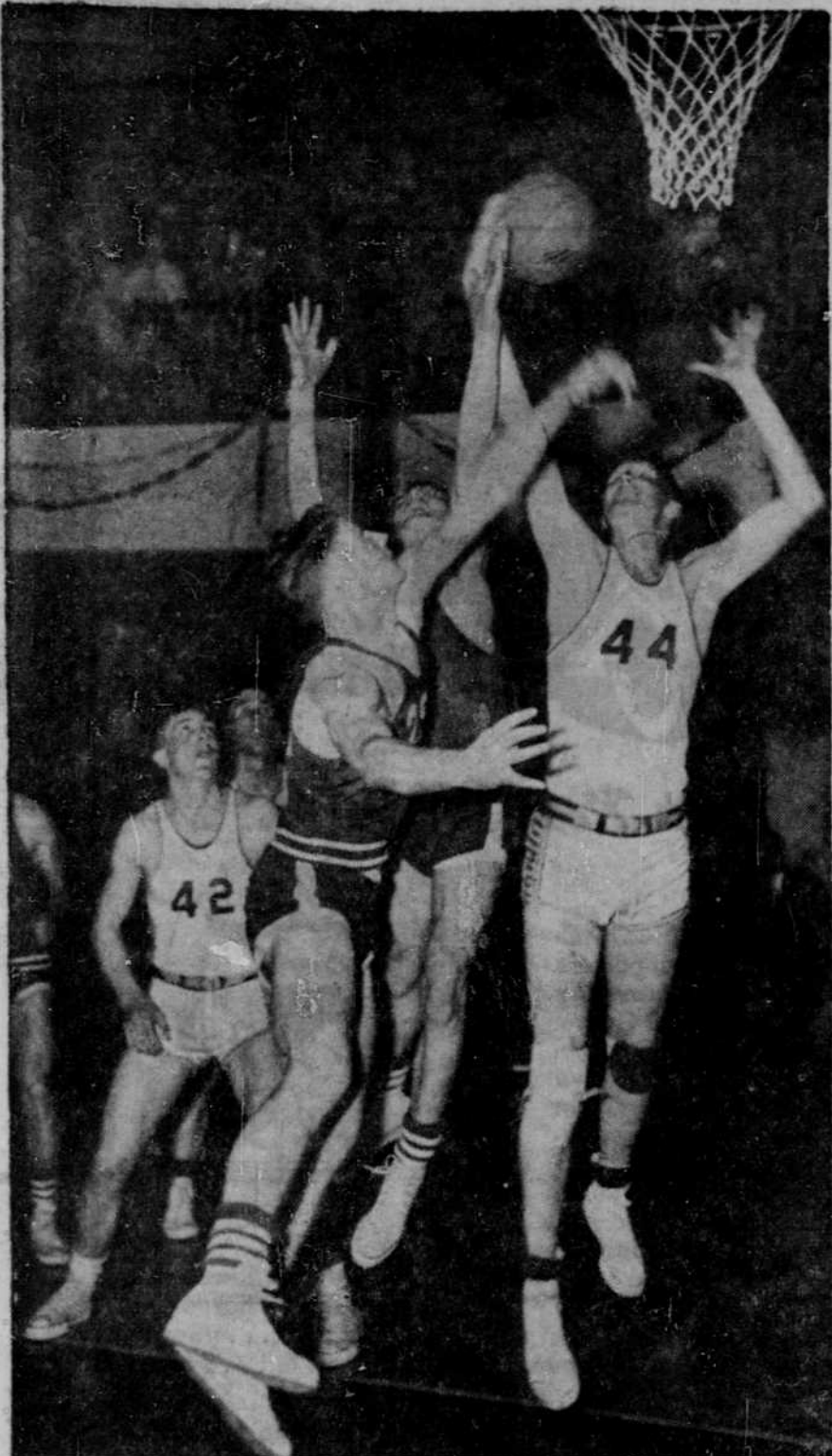
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Gordon Tall Boy Helps Mates

Dave Brandon (No. 44), 6-ft. 6-in. ball hawk, was the big reason the Gordon entry in the annual district class B tourney captured the championship...

Rep. Buffett Will Speak Here Today

Ex-Congressman Will Address Northeast County Officials

Howard Buffett of Omaha, Nebraska congressman, and District Judge Lyle E. Jackson of Neligh will be the main speakers today (Thursday) at the Northeast Nebraska County Officials' association semi-annual convention at O'Neill.

Buffett will speak on "The Key to Our Future" and Judge Jackson on "Roads."

The session will begin with registration at the American Legion club, where dinner is to be served at 12:15 p.m. by Simonson unit 93, American Legion auxiliary...

After Buffett's talk, the association will hear reports and elect officers. Judge Jackson is to speak before the commissioners and supervisors...

Association officers in addition to President Cronk are Commissioner Harry G. Heath of Norfolk, vice-president, and County Clerk A. R. Boysen of Madison, secretary and treasurer.

Former Congressman Buffett is a champion for U.S. Sen. Robert Taft in the 1952 contest for the republican nomination for president.

He spoke in several states in behalf of Taft. Buffett, an Omaha attorney, has long been identified as a member of the conservative wing of the republican party.

He has been an outspoken opponent of overseas spending and the new deal and fair deal.

2 Well Irrigation Meetings Slated

Two well irrigation informational meetings have been scheduled next week in Holt county. The first will be at the Page high school auditorium on Thursday, March 19, starting at 8 p.m.

Meetings are being conducted by the extension service and Holt county soil conservation district. John Steele, extension engineer of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture, will discuss the various systems and types of sprinkler and ditch irrigation with water from wells.

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O'Neill Spotters Count 15 Aircraft

A civil defense air exercise was conducted Sunday. Russell Foree, head of the volunteer civil defense observer corps here, reported 15 aircraft, including B-25's, one B-50 and several smaller craft, were "spotted" here in the exercise between 1 and 5 p.m.

Information is channeled to the Omaha filter center. Volunteer assistants are needed in the O'Neill observer unit, Mr. Foree said.

Heart Ailment Is Fatal to Mrs. Baker

Patient in Hospital Since Feb. 19

Mrs. D. A. Baker, 54, an O'Neill housewife, died at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, March 8, in St. Anthony's hospital here. She had been ill with a heart ailment for a number of years and had been a hospital patient since February 19.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Methodist church here with Rev. Wallace B. Smith officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

The late Mrs. Baker, whose maiden name was Vergia D. Cromwell, was born July 6, 1898, at Cedar Falls, Ia., a daughter of Herbert Glenn and Jessie Adeline Hoff Cromwell.

She resided for a time in Worthington, Minn., before coming to Holt county in 1910.

Survivors include: Widower; sisters—Mrs. Frank Riser of Friend; Mrs. Edwin Hull of Sioux City; Mrs. Albert Miller of Emmet; Mrs. Marvin Johnson of O'Neill; brothers—Harvey G. Cromwell of Pacoma, Calif.; Oliver G. Cromwell of Creighton; Chester E. Cromwell of Denver, Colo.; A. Richard Cromwell of Jackson, Wyo.; and Dr. Jack E. Cromwell of Livingston, Mont.

The late Mrs. Baker was a member of the O'Neill Methodist church and the Rebekah lodge here.

Pallbearers were Bernard Dusatko, Francis Hershiser, Francis McDermott, Virgil Tomlinson, Harry Hollenbeck and Virgil Morrow.

Private Jauernig Wounded in Action

STUART—Army Pvt. Marvin A. Jauernig of Stuart was reported wounded in action in Korea, according to a weekend dispatch from the department of defense.

Private Jauernig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Jauernig. Phone us your news—51!

Valuations Tossed to Board

The Nebraska County Assessors' association Tuesday tossed a hot potato back in the direction of the state board of equalization.

Meeting in Lincoln, the assessors adopted a resolution recommending that the board of equalization advise each county assessor what percentage of change would be necessary to equalize real estate assessments with other counties in the state.

Holt County Assessor William F. Wefso, who attended the emergency meeting in Lincoln on the date the assessment period normally begins in Nebraska, said there was only one significant change in personal property valuations. Grade stock values will be valued at \$130 per head instead of \$140 as originally announced.

Tuesday's move in regard to real estate valuations came as a surprise to State Tax Commissioner Norris Anderson. But he commented that the state board was better prepared to give the advice asked on real estate than on other classes of property.

At the afternoon session of their all-day meeting at Lincoln Tuesday the assessors adopted assessment schedules for several classes of property.

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Baker Receives Runnerup Award

Coach Paul Baker (left) receives the runner-up plaque in behalf of his O'Neill high Eagles following the class B title game played here against Gordon. Presentations were made by Tourney Director D. E. Nelson. The Eagles entered the tourney with a season's record of 17

wins and three losses and were strong favorites. Gordon was an unknown quantity, having played most of its games in northwestern Nebraska. (More SPORTS on page 6.)—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

Lands on One Ski and Prayer

Larry Schaffer, young O'Neill rancher, is thanking his lucky stars.

Larry tookoff in his single-engine ski-equipped airplane Friday morning, leaving the Schaffer ranch southwest of O'Neill.

During the takeoff one of the skis on the light craft flipped out of position. Instead of being fastened under the wheels, the ski flipped over on top of one of the wheels.

The takeoff was completed without incident, but the

askew ski presented a really serious problem when Larry reached the O'Neill Municipal airport and got ready to land.

He circled the field many times, attracted the attention of airport personnel. It looked like a crash landing for sure... a doctor was summoned, an ambulance, fire trucks, snowplows and volunteer helpers stood by his predicament, made that final pass at the field. Then he started to bring her in, one ski in its proper position, the other ski flipped askew, strictly a liability instead of an asset.

The one ski touchdown, Larry held her steady, spectators were tense, the ski slithered into the crunchy snow, Larry still held her steady on one leg.

Finally, he let'er all the way down, the small craft did a lazy turn and came to a harmless stop.

The score or more men out on that snowblanketed airfield rushed out to grab his hand and congratulate him for fine airmanship.

Larry had landed on one ski and a prayer.

Chamber Favors Penny Increase

In regular session Monday evening, 20 members of the Chamber of Commerce voted to amend the constitution and provide for monthly meetings.

Member firms will be advised of the time, place and date. The Lions club male quartet, composed of Rev. R. W. Olson, R. W. Johnson, Rev. W. B. Smith and Roy D. Johnson, sang five selections, "Mandy Lee," "Margie," "Shine," "Coney Island Babe" and "Workin' on the Railroad."

C. E. A. Johnson, new O'Neill district manager for Consumers Public Power, was introduced and offered his assistance in helping the Chamber to induce small industry to come into the community.

The Chamber unanimously voted to endorse the penny-a-gallon gasoline tax increase now pending in the unicameral legislature and the membership agreed to support the proposal with personal letters to State Sen. Frank Nelson.

The amendment adopted Monday evening increased the frequency of Chamber meetings from four to 12 times per year. Joe Stutz was appointed to the retail trade committee to succeed Burl Munsell, who moved to Kansas.

3d Golden Wedding in Schmidt Family

EWING—The six sons and one daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Schmidt, who reside on a farm four miles north of Ewing, Wednesday witnessed the third golden wedding in their immediate family.

The Schmidt children remember their great-grandparents observed their golden wedding. They recall when their grandparents reached the 50th wedding anniversary, and Wednesday they helped their own parents mark the event.

Mr. Schmidt, 72, was born at Bennett, Lancaster county, south of Lincoln, a son of Carl and Hannah Schmidt. His father was born in Germany, his mother in Ohio.

Mrs. Schmidt's maiden name was Carrie Mae Johnson. She was born at Roanoke, Ind., a daughter of John F. and Nellie Johnson. She is now 66.

The couple was married March 11, 1903, in the courthouse at Neligh by Antelope County Judge Finch. They became the parents of seven children.

The Schmidts spent the first year of their married life on a farm at Bennett, lived two years near Ewing and then spent one year at Ellis. They spent from 1906 until 1911 on a farm northeast of Ewing and Mr. Schmidt served a short time as a rural mail carrier. For a period of almost six years he was employed as a clerk, assistant postmaster and acting postmaster in O'Neill.

Giving up postal work he operated for a short time a general store at Pilger and later for several years he was employed in the Pound clothing store in O'Neill, returning to the farm in 1918.

Before his marriage, Mr. Schmidt spent two years in the Philippine Islands in the Spanish-American war.

Burgess to Retire from School Board

Dr. L. A. Burgess, member of the board of education, School Supt. D. E. Nelson was re-elected for a three-year term and Elgin Ray for a three-year term. The municipal and school election will be held Tuesday, April 7.

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McManus Is Fatally Stricken

Clothier, Member of Pioneer Family, Dies Unexpectedly

John P. McManus, 62, veteran O'Neill merchant and member of a pioneer family, died unexpectedly about 11:30 p.m., Monday, March 9, in his apartment at 130 South Fourth street, where he resided with his sister, Miss Mary.

The late Mr. McManus had been in failing health for several years and had been ill about a week. A heart attack late Monday proved fatal "within just a few minutes," Dr. W. F. Finley said.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., today (Thursday) from St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

A rosary rite was offered Wednesday evening at the funeral chapel.

The late John Patrick McManus, jr., was born October 13, 1890, at O'Neill, a son of J. P. McManus, sr., and Margaret McKenna McManus. His parents were a pioneer couple who came to O'Neill in 1880 from Wisconsin. He was reared here, attended St. Mary's academy and went to high school at the public school. In his younger days he was an avid hunter and a bird dog fancier.

His father, J. P., and his uncle, P. J., arrived in O'Neill at the same time.

John Patrick McManus, jr., worked with his uncle in the mercantile business for many years. About 13 years ago, when the late P. J. McManus retired, the nephew became the sole owner of the store and two business properties on South Fourth.

The building in which the McManus store now is located was built about 60 years ago. P. J. McManus died three years ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, James, and one sister, Margaret.

Survivors include: Brothers—Charles and Hugh, both of O'Neill; and Leonard of El Centro, Calif.; sisters—Misses Mary, Anna and Genevieve, all of O'Neill.

Pallbearers will be Edward M. Gallagher, P. J. Donohoe, M. J. Golden, Thomas Greene, H. J. Birmingham and Michael Horiskey.

Postponed Stewart Sale Planned Friday

The personal property auction of Josephine and Walter A. Stewart, originally scheduled for Friday, February 27, but postponed because of adverse road conditions, will be held on Friday, March 13. The Stewarts will offer 54 head of Herefords, six horses, some machinery, hay and miscellaneous other items.

The 320-acre Holt county farm belonging to the estate of the late Thomas White will be offered at auction on Monday, March 16. Colonel O'Connell is auctioneer; First National bank, clerk; John R. Gallagher, attorney. The place is located 21 miles north and east of O'Neill on the Opportunity highway. William J. White of O'Neill is executor. (See advertisement on page 10.)

Ben Wayman purchased the farm adjoining the O'Neill Municipal airport at auction Friday afternoon for \$50 per acre. The farm belonged to the estate of the late Henry Alvin Wayne, with Wallace O'Connell and Col. Vern Reynolds were auctioneers and broker.

Auxiliary to Entertain Legionnaires

Simonson unit #3 of the American Legion auxiliary will entertain members of the American Legion in a party at the club on Sunday, March 15. A potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock followed by entertainment.

Fun Night—

The 4-H family fun night will be held on Saturday, March 14, starting at 7:30 p. m. This meeting will be in the O'Neill school auditorium. The O'Neill Chamber of Commerce will provide pop for those attending.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. DeHart of Ord arrived Tuesday to spend a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lofflin.

O'Neill Rancher Goes to Washington

Schaffer on Special Stock Board

An O'Neill rancher, D. C. Schaffer, arrived in Washington, D.C., Wednesday morning to represent Nebraska on a livestock advisory commission.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson last week named a 15-member commission, but none was from Nebraska.

Nebraska's fourth district congressman, A. L. Miller, complained to the agriculture department about the failure of a Nebraskaan to be on the committee.

The congressman pointed out to Secretary Benson that Nebraska ranks second among all states in cattle production. Benson then revised the commission personnel and invited Nebraska to send a representative.

Mr. Schaffer, as president of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association, received the word of his selection on Monday and left that evening for Washington. He drove to Omaha and boarded a plane there for the capital city.

Main purpose of the meeting is to discuss the livestock situation, particularly cattle prices, marketing and credit problems, Mr. Schaffer was advised.

Mr. Schaffer recently returned from a two weeks' tour of the Eastern seaboard as a guest of the livestock packing industry.

Golf Tournament Dates Are Picked

Dates for the annual O'Neill Country club golf tournament have been chosen. They are Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 20, 21 and 22.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the club, held Tuesday evening, M. J. Golden was re-elected president; H. J. Lohaus, re-elected vice-president; John C. Watson, re-elected treasurer; and J. B. Grady re-elected secretary.

Officers said an invitation is being issued to the public for memberships. Besides the annual city golf tournament the Country club schedules a series of social events through the spring, summer and autumn months.

Evening's Canvass for ARC Nets \$335

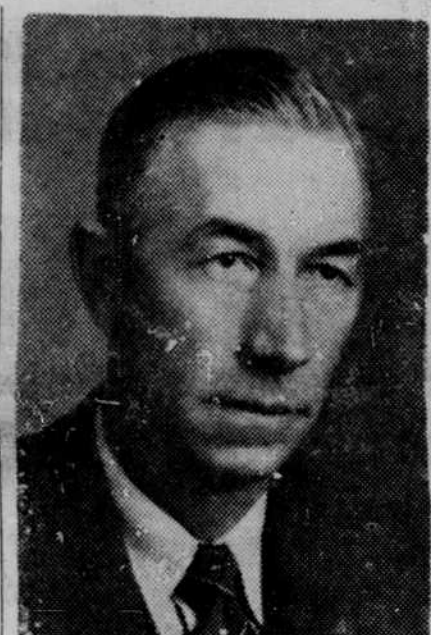
In the American Red Cross drive in O'Neill conducted Monday evening, March 12, the total receipts for the city were \$335.24.

Those working on the ARC drive plan to solicit the business houses in the near future.

Anyone who has not been contacted may call Mrs. Harry Sullivan or Mrs. L. A. Becker and they will pick up the donation.

Surprised on Anniversary—Roy Parker was surprised on his birthday anniversary in his home Tuesday evening. The evening was spent playing bridge. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peters, Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Medcalf. A late lunch was served by Mrs. Parker.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess and Miss LeVeta Lehn went to Sioux City Monday to attend a meeting of a dental society.



Schaffer... summoned by secretary of agriculture. (Story at left)

Runoff Creates Some Flooding

Water Running Over Highway 108

The melting of the deep blanket of snow and the runoff of water has created some flooding in low sections of the city. Warm temperatures during the day and lack of hard freezing at night have quickened the runoff.

Deep snowbanks and ice formations in some of the storm sewers have helped to bring about flooding.

Mrs. Oliver Ross, who resides at 201 S. Jefferson street, said at noon Wednesday the water was not threatening their home, but by 1:40 p.m. there was no exit from the place except with boots. Water, she said, was not in their basement.

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