

# China-Born Minister Serving 2 Churches

## Mother Dies at Daughter's Bedside

### Rites at Stuart for Mrs. Guy Taylor

STUART—Funeral services were held for Mrs. Guy Taylor in the Community church on Friday, May 1, at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. G. Hughes, pastor of the Methodist church in Atkinson, officiated and burial was in the Stuart cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor died at Martin, S.D., Wednesday morning, April 29, when stricken by a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had been called to Martin only two days previous by the serious illness of their daughter, Pearl Skaw.

Mrs. Taylor had been in poor health for a number of years, relatives said.

Fatime Ella Moss, a daughter of William and Sarah Moss, was born at Maryville, Mo., March 6, 1882.

She was united in marriage with Guy Taylor on December 25, 1902, at Moorhead, Ia., where they lived on a farm until they moved to Stuart in 1916.

In 1926 they moved to a ranch north of Stuart where they remained, ranching with a son, Cecil, until they retired in February, 1947, and came to Stuart.

Survivors include: Widower; daughter—Pearl Skaw of Martin, S.D.; sons—Lloyd and Clifford, both of Rapid City, S.D., and Cecil of Stuart; brother—Andy Moss of Stuart.

## Writes Music, Words for 'The Big Show'

The 1953 O'Neill public school kindergarten program and graduation exercises will be held at 8 o'clock Friday evening, May 8, in the school auditorium. The song play entitled, "The Big Show," with original words and music written especially for and dedicated to Mrs. Harry Peterson, the kindergarten teacher, and the 1953 kindergarten class, will be staged. "The Big Show" was composed and written by Mrs. Ralph Gerber of Lexington, formerly of O'Neill.

The play will consist of a circus parade, side show features and performances in the big ring. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

## Ewing to Be Host to Group of Bands

EWING—A band concert will be held Friday evening, May 8, at the auditorium of the Ewing public school. The Ewing band will take part with visiting bands from Page, Clearwater, Chambers, Oakdale and Meadow Grove—164 musicians in all.

Program numbers are as follows: "Star Spangled Banner," "Little Grey Riding Hood," "New World Symphony" in E minor, "Skip to My Lou," with triple trio accompaniment, "Sala March," "Headway March," "The Thunder March," "Alamo March," "Rough Riders March" and the concluding number after a short intermission will be the "Lexington March."

## 75 CDA's Present for May Breakfast

The Catholic Daughters of America held an annual May breakfast Sunday morning in the Knights of Columbus hall with over 75 ladies in attendance.

Mrs. Frank Clements, grand regent, announced the program which consisted of a reading by Gene O'Neill, several accordion selections by Helen Witt and an address by Rev. Kenneth Carl.

The breakfast was prepared and served by members of the Knights of Columbus.

## Motorist Checks Antifreeze on May 1

Friday evening, while rain and sleet and snow were filling the air, a fine way to usher in the first day of May, a motorist pulled into a filling station here in O'Neill.

He asked the attendant to check his antifreeze... and after a quick check the attendant informed him the radiator was "okay."

"No need to worry," he added.

## A/2c Larry Minton Arrived Home Last Thursday to Visit Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Minton. On Sunday he returned to the air base at Rapid City, S. D., where he is stationed.

# Ripley Museum Here Today

A mobile museum of Robert Ripley's collection of "Believe It or Not" oddities and art objects will be presented in O'Neill today (Thursday).

The exhibit is mounted on a special built trailer, which is one of the six on the third year of a national tour. Each section of items and only one unit is shown in a city each year. This will be the first to be exhibited in O'Neill and the collection will include authentic replicas of the world's famous diamonds, such as the Hope, the

STUART—Rev. D. D. Su of San Francisco, Calif., recently called by the congregations of the Stuart Community church and Cleveland rural Presbyterian church, Sunday was formally received into the Presbytery in a rite held at First Presbyterian church, O'Neill.

Reverend Su, born in China, has been in the U.S. eight years. He was ordained at the San Anselmo theological seminary on the West coast. He delivered his first sermon in his new parishes on Sunday, May 3.

Reverend Su was graduated from the University of Nanking in 1932 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics and was on the staff of the University of Nanking until the Japanese invasion.

After the war he came to the U.S. on a scholarship to study business administration and foreign trade. While studying at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1948 he met Dr. Jesse H. Baird, then moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church and decided to enter the San Francisco theological seminary so that he might return to China as an ordained minister to serve in the rural area.

Since the communistic regime prevents his return to China, the Stuart churches are very fortunate to secure his services.

Reverend Su was received into the Niobrara Presbytery at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery in O'Neill on Sunday afternoon, May 3, at First Presbyterian church.

## City Superintendent Files Resignation

(See editorial on page 2)

City Supt. L. C. Anderson Tuesday evening filed a letter of resignation with the city council in regular monthly session.

Mr. Anderson asked the council to release him from his duties effective May 16. Mayor J. Davis and the council requested Mr. Anderson to stay on until June 1, which he agreed to do.

Mr. Anderson and his wife plan to move to Grand Junction, Colo., where he will represent a savings and insurance firm and do considerable traveling.

The Andersons have been residing in the Salisbury apartments. They came to O'Neill about three years ago from Benkelman.

## Anderson Will Enter Insurance Field

Floyd Lackaff, president of the Sandhills Cattle association with headquarters at Valentine, has announced that the annual meeting of the association would be held in Ainsworth, on Wednesday, May 20.

Lackaff said that this year's meeting would have one of the finest speaking programs in the association's 16-year history. Dr. Don Paarlberg, assistant to the secretary of agriculture, will be the principal speaker at the evening banquet. He will tell of the many problems confronting the administration in Washington and how they affect cattlemen in the sandhills.

Harry Coffey, president of the Union Stock Yards of Omaha, Don McCarthy, director of public relations of the American Hereford association, and Dewey C. Schaffer, president of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association, will be the speakers on the afternoon program which will start at 1:30 in the afternoon.

The regular business meeting of the association will be held in the afternoon and election of new directors and officers will be held.

President Lackaff says that all people interested in the cattle business are invited to attend this year's meeting of the association. The association is the and is now in its 16th year of successful operation. Its job is to advertise, promote and aid in the sale of sandhills cattle, and sandhills cattle are known the world over for their top quality and breeding ability.

L. D. Putnam of O'Neill and A. Max Karo of Stuart are association directors. Their terms expire in 1954 and 1955, respectively.

O'Neill firemen were summoned to the Dean Streeter residence about 7:15 p.m., Tuesday. Oil on a heating stove became ignited. The Streeters had the blaze extinguished before the firemen arrived.

## Schaffer on Program at Sandhills Meeting

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Superintendent Baack will moderate the meeting.

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## Gold Star Mothers Are Honored

The Junior auxiliary of Simonson unit 93, American Legion auxiliary, met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Grutsch. The members favor for the goldstar mothers' party which was held Wednesday evening in the American Legion auditorium by the Women's auxiliary. Diana Cork won the award. The meeting time was changed to 2:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month.

## Harder Elected Guild President

Miss Lois Harder, sophomore from O'Neill, will be the 1953-'54 president of the Westminster guild at Hastings college.

Miss Harder, a resident of Taylor hall, is a music major. She is a member of the Chi Omega Psi society, women's social organization, and the Hastings college touring choir.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harder, she will be installed as president May 22.

## McCarthy Re-elected State K of C Deputy

George M. McCarthy of O'Neill was re-elected state deputy of the Knights of Columbus at a state meeting held Saturday and Sunday in Omaha. Other officers are: Adam Neuberger of Omaha, secretary; Lawrence Weides of Lexington, treasurer; John F. Kerrigan of Fremont, advocate; George M. Ponton of Elgin, warden; Rev. Clarence J. Crowley of Hebron, chaplain.

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# Pool Margin Clinched in Mail Count

## 3 Absentee Ballots Favor Improvement; 2 Measures Carry

A canvass of the ballots cast during the Wednesday, April 29, special swimming pool election resulted in a revision of final vote tabulations. And the official, final tally brought cheering news to the enthusiastic pool supporters.

Voters were confronted with two issues. After the initial count the results indicated issue number one, involving a 35-

thousand-dollar bond issue for park improvements, had received a 47-vote margin. The preliminary, unofficial count on issue number two, concerning a 45-vote margin. The pre-vote folk opera, "Down in the Valley," before a large crowd Tuesday evening at the O'Neill public school auditorium. Few of the opera-goers left the auditorium without a profound feeling of gratitude and an enthusiastic word for the heterogeneous group of people from the area who made up the chorus and orchestra.

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## 200 at Dinner Honoring Bishop

Bishop H. Bascom Watts of Lincoln, episcopal leader of the Methodist churches in Nebraska, preached twice in Holt county Sunday morning.

His first appearance was at Emmet at the morning worship service, the second was at O'Neill at the worship service.

At noon a fellowship dinner was served in the basement of the O'Neill church with two hundred people participating. In the afternoon Bishop Watts, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Jay, traveled to Wausa and Bloomfield.

Reverend and Mrs. Jay entertained Bishop and Mrs. Watts and Reverend and Mrs. Wallace B. Smith, Judith and Conrad at dinner on Saturday evening.

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# Chorus, Orchestra Win Acclaim

(By a Staff Writer)

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"Jennie Parsons" and "Brack Weaver" in full, rich baritone. "Jennie's" role was depicted by Mrs. Ralph Brown, whose sweet lyric soprano qualities delighted the opera-goers.

"Jennie's own true love" was romantically played by Rahe Johnson, who executed his role with his mellow and powerful tenor voice as "Brack Weaver."

Holding true to form, "Down in the Valley," which played successfully in New York, had a real villain. "Thomas Bouche" was portrayed by Harry Moore, O'Neill high school faculty member. His booming deep bass voice and villainous activities were exceptionally well done. He left no doubt he was the badman of the drama and "died" from injuries suffered in a cafe brawl.

The chorus, although predominantly with women's voices, ably supplemented the principals in the various scenes.

This is the story of the operatic schemer, had been trying to woo "Jennie Parsons" by befriending her financially-insolvent father, "Father Parsons" (Roy D. Johnson). Occasionally "Bouche" became abusive.

"Jennie" met "Brack" at a prayer meeting, he escorted her home that evening and they sang love ballads.

"Bouche" tried to force his attentions at the Saturday evening Shadow Creek cafe square dance and "Brack" inflicted injuries that proved fatal.

To jail went "Brack" and the grief, loneliness and squalor of jail life provoked some good operatic drama. "Brack" escaped and without hesitancy went to his true love. They reminisced musically while search parties probed nearby. Finally, "Brack" decided to give himself up and face the consequences.

Supporting speaking roles were handled by Grant Peacock, jail guard; R. D. Landis, a jailmate; Mrs. C. B. Houser and Mrs. Donald Loy, a pair of gossipers who had learned that "Bouche" had died.

Mr. Weill wanted the string section of the orchestra to be as strong as possible and Director Houser successfully accomplished this.

The success of the production is a singular tribute to Mr. Houser, who induced amateur, semi-professional and professional musicians from numerous nearby communities to take part.

The physical qualities of the auditorium provided certain obstacles. Lack of an orchestra pit was a handicap, but the orchestra's work was universally praised by the crowd. Effects were deftly produced, including wind, rain, light-heartedness, melancholy, and lilting melody.

The physical production of the drama was simple, consisting of clever painted frames indicating the place of action, i.e. jail, porch, house, church interior, church exterior and cafe. Frames were done by Rev. Kenneth Carl.

Lighting was as elaborate as equipment allowed. It was expertly handled and contributed to the dramatic continuity.

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# Retired Farmer Dies at 78

## Rites Held Sunday; Nels Peter Nelsen Native of Denmark

BRISTOW—Nels Peter Nelsen, 78, of Bristow died Thursday evening, April 30, in St. Anthony's hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 3, in the Methodist church at Bristow at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. Marjory Johnson of Spencer in charge of the service.

The late Mr. Nelsen, a prominent Boyd county retired farmer, had been in failing health for several weeks.

He was born at Assens, Denmark on December 13, 1874. He came to America when he was 2-years-old and initially settled

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## 36 O'Neill Seniors Sneak to Omaha

The 36 seniors of the O'Neill public school left in a chartered bus at 3:15 Friday morning to spend their sneak day in Omaha and Lincoln. Enroute to Omaha they visited Boy's Town and had their lunch there. In Omaha they took a tour through the Fairmont ice cream plant. From there they went to Lincoln where they visited the Morrill Hall museum on the University of Nebraska campus and the state capitol. The seniors were allowed free time to spend at a show or sightsee. They returned home late the same night. The sponsors who accompanied them were Joel Lyman, Mrs. William Griffin and Mrs. A. W. Carroll.

Robert Carroll, Dave Eby and Galen Hull remained in Lincoln to attend all-sports day on Saturday. Enroute home Gary Buckmaster stopped in Fremont to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buckmaster.

## C Bar M Schedules Saddle Horse Sale

The C Bar M ranch has scheduled a sale of 20 head of saddle horses in the pavilion on the ranch on Sunday, May 10, starting at 2 p.m. Col. Ed Thornin will be auctioneer.

The offering includes sons and daughters of Action of Acquilla, a pinto stallion, and Gerony, a quarter-bred stallion.

(See advertisement on page 2.)

Adverse road conditions blamed on last week's prolonged rain and snow restricted attendance Saturday at the sale of 59 head of registered Herefords at the ranch.

However, Hereford breeders within 75 miles supported the sale very well, according to C. E. McVay, who owns the ranch in partnership with J. E. Cozito. This was a production sale. The second annual C Bar M Hereford sale will be held in the fall.

## Visit The Frontier

Twelve pupils from Holt rural school district 111, taught by Dottie Moore, and 11 pupils from district 65, taught by Mrs. Ruth Roby, Wednesday visited The Frontier. They were in the office lobby during Wednesday's "Voice of the Frontier" 15-minute radio broadcast and several of them heard their voices played-back after being recorded in a demonstration.

## To Convention

Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, accompanied by Mrs. Gildersleeve, this weekend attended a three-day convention of the Nebraska Optometric association in Lincoln. The convention opened Monday and closed late Wednesday. Mrs. Gildersleeve was made vice-president of the ladies' auxiliary.

## Deanery Meet Today

The O'Neill deanery chapter of the National Council of Catholic Women will convene today (Thursday) at St. John's parish hall, south of Ewing. Meeting begins at 2 p.m.



Mr. Nelsen... hospitalized. —The Frontier Photo.

In Wisconsin. Upon coming to Nebraska, Mr. Nelsen lived for a short time in the Hansen locality northeast of O'Neill.

He married Mary Eliza McGill, a school teacher, at Tilden on June 28, 1902.

The Nelsens farmed for many years near the Niobrara river in Boyd county.

Survivors include: Widower, sons— Curtis J. Aitken, S.C., Bernard A. of Lincoln; Firdrew of Lincoln; Nels, Jr., of Millsboro, Del.; Donald of San Jose, Calif.; and R. H. of Lanham, Md.; daughters— Mrs. John (Margaret) Sonnichsen of Stamford, Conn., and Mrs. Elgin (Gertrude) Allen of Bristow.

One son, John, was killed in action in Sicily during World War II.

Last June the Nelsens celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and all of their living descendants were present.