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Mary Faulhaber Is 'Miss O'Neill'

Miss Mary Faulhaber, 21 (above), pictured with Orchestra Leader Don Shaw, Tuesday evening was chosen 'Miss O'Neill of 1953' in a beauty contest and ball staged at the American Legion auditorium under the auspices of Simonson post 93. She won the title in a field of 17 contestants. 'Miss O'Neill' will receive an all-expense trip to Fremont to compete in the statewide contest. Winner of the Nebraska competition will go to Long Beach, Calif., in July for a 'Miss United States of America' and a 'Miss Universe' contest. Miss Faulhaber, a bookkeeper, was a 1949 graduate of St. Mary's academy. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber of Middlebranch. (Other photos on page 7.)—The Frontier Photo.

Downey, 65, Photo Firm Owner, Dies

Lifelong Resident of Holt; Funeral Rites to Be Held Friday

Charles Sumner Downey, 65, widely-known O'Neill photographer, owner and operator of the O'Neill Photo company, one of the city's largest business establishments, died Tuesday afternoon, June 9, in St. Anthony's hospital. Mr. Downey returned from a northern Canada fishing trip last Thursday evening, was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage several hours after returning to O'Neill, and he lay in critical condition in St. Anthony's hospital for four days before death came.

The body will lie in state at the Downey residence, North Fourth street, from 10 a.m. today (Thursday) until the funeral hour at 2:30 p.m., Friday, June 12.

The funeral rites will be conducted from First Presbyterian church with Rev. Samuel Lee, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

Fallbearers chosen are William Artus, O. G. Cromwell, Kenneth Humsman, Mark Patterson, James Urlaub, William Griffin, Fred Saunto and Sam Fuhrer. The family requests no flowers and memorials are being received in behalf of the memorial funds of St. Anthony's hospital and First Presbyterian church.

The late Mr. Downey was born in the rural Star community in northeastern Holt county on December 31, 1887. His parents were Charles Emery Downey and Minnie Baluss Downey, pioneer settlers. Mr. Downey's father operated an early stage line between O'Neill and Niobrara.

For more than 45 years the late Sumner Downey was in the photography business, starting modestly and developing the O'Neill Photo company into an extensive business operating in four states. His original studio was a tent and he employed a camera purchased from a mail order house. He was a pioneer in the field of home photography and exploited the motto "your home is our studio." He improvised his own flash lamps and equipment enabling pictures to be taken in the home and used those methods until commercial equipment became available.

The late Mr. Downey was a perennial visitor in hundreds of high schools in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Minnesota, taking pictures of senior class members and photographing various school activities.

He also was interested in photo studios at Rapid City, S.D., Brookings, S.D., Wagner, S.D., Creighton and Chadron.

Survivors include the widow, the former Esther Beatrice Rustemeyer, whom he married September 14, 1929, at Ainsworth; son—Charles Dean Downey, a Scottsbluff photographer; daughter—Mrs. Margie May White of Albuquerque, N.M.; brothers—Lee of Denver, Colo.; Randall of Sheridan, Wyo.; Maurice of El Cerrito, Calif.; Mrs. Kenneth Pound of Blair, and Mrs. Wayne Cram of Alhambra, Calif. (Continued on page 6)

Margaret Jungbluth Dies at Chambers

CHAMBERS—Mrs. Margaret Jungbluth, 81, died at 6:20 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, at her home three miles west and one mile north of Chambers. She had been hospitalized at O'Neill several days last winter but apparently had recovered.

Her death followed an illness of about two days. The body was taken to Biglin Brothers funeral home at O'Neill pending completion of funeral arrangements.

The late Margaret Bott was born at Mt. Polaski, Logan county, Illinois, November 19, 1872. She came to Holt county in 1905 from Schuyler.

She was married on March 6, 1904, to Frederick Henry Jungbluth. She made her home with her son, Chester, on the family place on which also resides another son, Ernest. Her husband died about 30 years ago.

Survivors include: Sons—Glen, Ernest and Chester, all of Chambers; Ralph of Spokane, Wash.; daughters—Mrs. Arthur Carroll of Loveland, Colo., and Mrs. William Steskal of Atkinson. There are nine grandchildren. She also leaves one brother and two sisters.



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DeBacker Elected C of C President

J. C. Penney Manager Succeeds McIntosh

G. C. DeBacker, manager of the J. C. Penney company store for the past 14 years, Monday evening was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing 12 months. Mr. DeBacker, who is vacationing on the West coast with members of his family, will succeed William McIntosh of McIntosh Jewelry.

Mr. DeBacker has served several terms on the C of C board of directors and has been active in committee work. Don Petersen, proprietor of Petersen's Clothing, is new first vice-president, succeeding Earl J. Rodman; John C. Watson was elected new second vice-president, succeeding Mr. Petersen.

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Catholics, Methodists Tell Pastoral Changes

Roman Catholics . . .

Rev. Robert P. Hupp, a native of the Deloit community in southern Holt county and until recently the pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church at Wayne, will be transferred, effective June 13, to a new parish being developed on the outskirts of Omaha.

Father Hupp is credited with helping launch the construction of a parochial grade school in Wayne.

Other changes in this area, announced by the chancery office of the Archdiocese of Omaha, include:

Rev. Paul Fangman, assistant at St. Joseph's church, Atkinson, to Platte county.

Rev. William L. Kellingar, newly-ordained, to Atkinson.

Rev. Charles J. Knippen of Butte to succeed Rev. Anthony Kluthe of Sts. Peter and Paul church, Bow Valley (north of Hartington). Reverend Kluthe goes to St. Bernard church, Omaha.

Rev. Francis Kubart, a native of the Atkinson community who has been assistant pastor at Sacred Heart church, Norfolk, is being transferred to St. Mary's church, Omaha. A farewell for Father Kubart was held Sunday night at the Sacred Heart gymnasium. His mother, Mrs. Theodore Kubart of Atkinson, was present for the farewell.

Fire Victims Suffer Tornado Damage

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sievers and their three children will not soon forget the spring and summer of 1953.

In February, during a winter snowstorm, they were made homeless when fire destroyed the dwelling on the A. B. Hubbard farm, south of Chambers, where they were residing. All of their personal effects except the clothes they were wearing were consumed.

The family this spring moved onto a farm three miles west and one mile south of Neigh. Things were going fine in their new surroundings until 3:15 p.m. Sunday.

A twister hop-scotched through their farm and demolished two buildings. Destruction was so thorough no trace of the lumber has been found. The house was not damaged and none in the family was hurt.

Parker Seeking to Stop Paving

R. H. Parker, O'Neill resident and real estate owner, has been seeking signatures of property owners affected by proposed paving in street improvement districts recently created by the city council.

Asked Wednesday by The Frontier how many signatures he had acquired, Mr. Parker indicated the progress of a remonstrance action was not ready to be announced, but he was encouraged. Fifty-one percent of the property owners are needed to hold up the plans.

Many observers predict a big majority of the real estate owners in the two districts (the four square blocks surrounding the center of the city) are anxious for the eight blocks of paving and will encourage paving rather than obstruct it.

The city council has adopted a similar attitude with the result that the districts were established. Any formal objections will have to be filed next week.

Methodists . . .

Pastoral assignments were announced Monday at the conclusion of the annual conference of the Methodist church held at Hastings.

Rev. Wallace B. Smith, who came to O'Neill about a year ago following the enforced retirement for health reasons of Rev. V. R. Bell, has been reassigned to the O'Neill and Emmet parishes.

Rev. E. G. Hughes will return to the Atkinson church for another year; Rev. L. R. Hansberry will again serve the Methodist churches at Chambers and Amelia (with residence at Chambers).

The Ewing-Inman parishes, which have been served by Rev. C. C. Chappell, will be supplied.

Rev. Marjorie R. Johnson has been reassigned to the Spencer and Bristow churches; Rev. Homer B. Hix has been reassigned to the Bassett-Newport churches, and Rev. Charles W. Mitchell will serve Clearwater.

Rev. Anna Nelson has been assigned to Lynch-Monowi.

Rev. W. C. Birmingham, formerly of Atkinson, will return again to the Wisner-Beemer churches (with residence at Wisner).

Other assignments: Rev. Carl G. Bader to Ainsworth; Rev. Carl F. McConnell to Neigh; Rev. E. A. Smith to Royal; Rev. C. Curtis Norton to Springfield; Rev. James E. Bell to Bloomfield.

Rev. J. LaVerne Jay of O'Neill is superintendent of the northeast Nebraska district.

Bertha Doherty Dies at Lincoln

CHAMBERS—Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, June 8, at the Chambers Methodist church for Mrs. Bertha Doherty, 73, of Lincoln.

Rev. George Basil Anderson of Columbus, assisted by Rev. L. R. Hansberry, were in charge of the service. Music was furnished by a quartette composed of E. A. Farrier, Tom Lambert, Mrs. Art Miller and Mrs. Ed Eisenhauer.

Fallbearers were Glen Adams, Kenneth Adams, Glen White, Guais Wintemote, Ed Eisenhauer and Leo Adams.

Burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

Mrs. G. H. Grimes, Mrs. Clyde Kiltz, Mrs. Guais Wintemote and Mrs. Herman Holcomb were in charge of the flowers.

16 Will Report for Physical Exams

Sixteen Holt county selective service registrants have been ordered to report for preinduction physical examinations on Tuesday, June 16, it was announced Wednesday by Mrs. W. H. Hart, chief clerk of the Holt draft board.

Tabbed are:

From Atkinson—Dean A. McConnell, Robert Martins, Jr., Edward J. Ross, Leonard L. Laible, Richard V. Willbern, Edwin Siebert and Larry G. Kennedy.

From Chambers—Charles D. Farrier, from Stuart—Larry R. Krysl, from Amelia—Donald R. Dexter; from Ewing—Lyle R. Tucker; from Inman—Roland C. Cadwallader.

From O'Neill—Guy C. Harris, Delbert R. Benash, Richard J. Boyle and Wayne J. Schollmeyer.

Twisters, Flood Take Heavy Toll

Alvin Spence, 36, Expires in Hospital

Taken to Omaha, Suffers Stroke

ATKINSON—Alvin Spence, 36, single, son of Mrs. Frank Spence and her late husband, died about 11 a.m., Saturday, June 6, in an Omaha hospital. He had been taken to the hospital the day before by a neighbor, Ed Hoffman.

Ailing from high blood pressure, Mr. Spence is believed to have suffered a stroke, which proved fatal, after entering the hospital. He had been placed under oxygen.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, from the Presbyterian church with Rev. Frank Poyas officiating. Burial was in Wood Lawn cemetery in the family plot.

The late Mr. Spence, who was born and reared here, had been employed as a mechanic at the Galven Motor company.

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Lebanese Arrive for Chambers Visit

CHAMBERS—Two cousins of Joe Daas—Abdo Salem and Naquid Salem—arrived Monday, June 1, from Lebanon, Asia Minor, for an extended visit.

The boys, who speak and write both French and Arabic, came by plane to New York City and then to Minneapolis by air. They traveled by car with friends to Chambers.

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Tractor and Chains Help on U.S. 281

If you're planning a trip between O'Neill and Spencer and there's a cloud in the sky better take along a tractor—at least a set of chains. There's a stretch, beginning about five miles north of O'Neill, where two petroleum transport trucks were bogged down in mud Sunday and had to be pulled out with state highway department equipment. Other vehicles had difficulty, and queues of vehicles lined up because of crawling or bogged one-way traffic. Users of the

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Winnipeg-to-Mexico City international north-south highway are hopeful the so-called accelerated highway improvement program in Nebraska soon will bring about hard-surfacing of this road, which feeds western South Dakota traffic into the Nebraska highway system. Several years ago then Gov. Val Peterson promised hard-surfacing for 281 but the plan was scuttled.—The Frontier Photo

