

929 Enrollment in City's Schools

O'Neill Public... St. Mary's Academy... Sharply increased enrollment in the O'Neill public school will necessitate special arrangements in order to accommodate an estimated record total of 546 pupils, City School Supt. D. E. Nelson said Wednesday.

The unofficial tabulation following this week's registration showed 173 in high school, 363 in the grades, plus about 10 pupils who, in the past, have been assigned to the opportunity room.

The congestion will require elimination of the "highly successful" opportunity room taught by Mrs. Florence Schultz, according to Superintendent Nelson. The pupils formerly taught in the opportunity room will be absorbed into the various grades, he explained.

Meanwhile, a group of overflow pupils from the first and second grades will be taught by Mrs. Schultz. Nelson said the first and second grades, with 49 and 45 pupils, respectively, are so large a single teacher cannot for practical purposes teach each grade that size. He indicated an alphabetical formula will be worked out to determine which pupils will go into the combined classroom.

Enrollment by grades: Kindergarten—50, taught by Mrs. Harry Petersen, class divided in half for half-day instruction each. First grade—49, Mrs. Catherine Fritton. Second grade—45, Miss Loretta Enright. First and second grades, number to be determined, Mrs. Florence Schultz. Third grade—30, Miss Hilda Gallagher. Fourth grade—36, Mrs. Harold Seger. Fifth grade—40, Mrs. Theresa Ernst. Sixth grade—36, Mrs. Leona Shoemaker. Seventh grade—39, Mrs. Helen Donohoe. Eighth grade—38, Mrs. Winnie Mullen. Ninth grade—51. Tenth grade—49. Eleventh grade—39. Twelfth grade—34.

Mrs. Don Enright is secretary to the superintendent; Mrs. Kathryn Murphy is teachers' helper; Harry Graham is school custodian.

High school faculty includes Joel Lyman, principal; Marvin Miller, football coach and social sciences; Paul Baker, basketball coach and science; Harry Moore, social science; Claire Tomjack, English and normal training; Charles B. Houser, instrumental music; Mrs. Mervyn French, Jr., vocal music; Miss Esther Kinier, commercial; Miss Muriel McNutt, home economics, and William Cook, vocational agriculture.

Service man on furlough Buys Ranch

The Hugo Heller 720-acre ranch, located five miles north and one mile west of Chambers, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Klabenes of Clearwater, Mr. Klabenes is in the army and is stationed in Germany. He purchased the ranch last week while here on furlough, and has since returned to Germany to complete his tour of duty. He expects to be back in the States for discharge soon after the first of the year, at which time the Klabenes family will take up residence at the ranch. Purchase price was approximately \$19,000. The Thorin-Bowker agency of O'Neill represented both parties in the sale of the ranch.

Pvt. Don Lanman is spending a 15-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lanman.

Attends Daughter's Golden Wedding

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. John Dankert celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 23, at Chambers. Over 120 relatives and friends were present. Special services were held in their honor at 11:30 a.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran church with Rev. C. D. Anker, church pastor, in charge.

Mrs. Duane McKay sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and the church choir sang "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

A dinner prepared by the Ladies Aid was served to about 70 relatives and friends. Five grandchildren served as waitresses—Gale and Karen Lenz, Jerry and Mary Ellen McElvain and Douglas Dankert.

Open house was held from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Something of special interest was that Mrs. Dankert's aged mother, Mrs. Margaret Mewes 89, of Grand Island, was able to attend.

Also Mrs. Dankert's five sisters and two brothers and 12 of the couple's 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Dankert's brother, Frank, 77, of Palmer was present, while his sister, Mrs. Quandt, 80, of Fairmont, Okla., was unable to attend.

John Dankert and Minnie Mewes were married September 16, 1903, at Worms. Their attendants were Albert Hein, Mrs. Anna Launer and Mrs. Marnie Eggers, all of whom were present at the anniversary.

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The first examination for postmaster at O'Neill—a \$5,370 a year post—will be open for receipt of applications until September 22. It has been announced by the U.S. civil service commission.

O'Neill has had only acting postmasters since January, 1952, when Mrs. Agnes Sullivan retired. Thomas J. Sullivan and his wife, Helen, have served successively during the interim as acting postmasters.

An announcement this week stated the commission is taking all possible steps through special publicity to civic and other community organizations to encourage well qualified persons to apply for the examination.

Complete information may be obtained at the postoffice.

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The bodies were removed to York and later to Omaha. The three Hynes bodies were reached here at 6 p.m., Monday and a rosary was offered at Biglin Brothers funeral chapel at 8 p.m.

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Frame Building Razed

A frame building on the Lohaus Motor company lots is being torn down to make room for a new storage building. The building originally was a J. B. Mellor livery barn and stood at the corner of Fifth and Douglas streets—long since giving way to the present Lohaus structure.

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Leonard and Lettau... internationalists.—The Frontier Photo.

Famed British Scientist Visits Air Test Colony

The wizards' paradise six miles northeast of O'Neill, officially designated as the Air Force—Cambridge research center's Great Plains Wind Turbulence Field Project, for a time this week was outdoing ancient London as the crossroads of the world.

Dr. Earl Leonard Deacon, famous British meteorologist, popped in for a couple of days. Enroute from Melbourne, Australia, to Toronto, Canada, his visit was properly cleared through Washington and London channels and the scientists in O'Neill's famous wind test colony bared their books for the angular, sandy-complexioned Oxford-type gent who knew exactly what they were talking about.

Already on the scene were internationalists like:

Dr. Heinz Lettau, field director of the project, himself a ranking German meteorologist now working for the air force.

Bernard Lettau, 15, son of Doctor and Mrs. Lettau, is doing detail work for Johns Hopkins university. Like his dad, he's a post-war addition to the U.S.

G. P. Subrahmanyam is assigned here for the summer while studying for his master's degree in micrometeorology at Johns Hopkins. He is a native of India and a lecturer in a South India university.

Henry Hacia, a post-WW II immigrant, is a lab technician at Johns Hopkins. He came from his native Poland where in years past his family owned extensive truck garden operations.

Gerald Gill, Massachusetts Institute of Technology researcher, was born and reared on a small farm in southern Ontario, Canada.

Airman Joseph Hess, a native of Fulda, Germany, mans the weather facsimile machine. As a child he was evacuated from Germany to England during the height of the Nazi persecution of the Jews.

Oh yes, a keen, sharp-featured little fellow with Scandinavian blood plenty—Dr. Maurice Halstead—spent the easy part of the summer in Israel at the request of the government there to offer counsel on soil problems. After his return from the Middle East, he stopped at home base—Johns Hopkins field laboratory at Stromsburg, N.J.—long enough to grab a fresh shirt before continuing on to O'Neill.

Mrs. Robert Greenawalt isn't connected with the project—but Friend hubby is a photo theodolite researcher from Wright Field, Dayton, O. She's been enjoying the past few weeks here. Her husband is. She was born in sunny Bournemouth, England.

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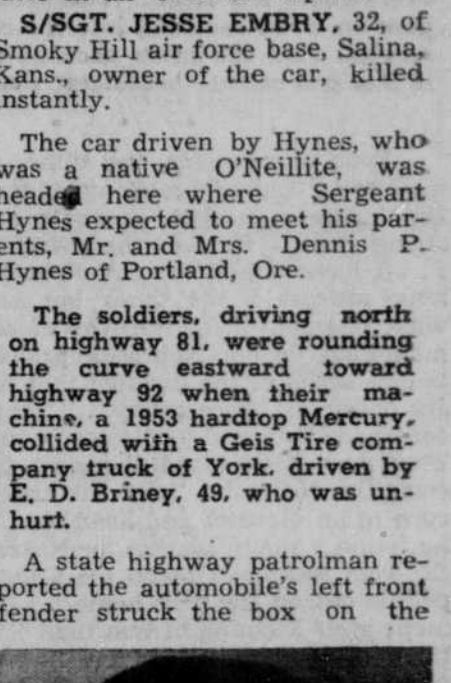
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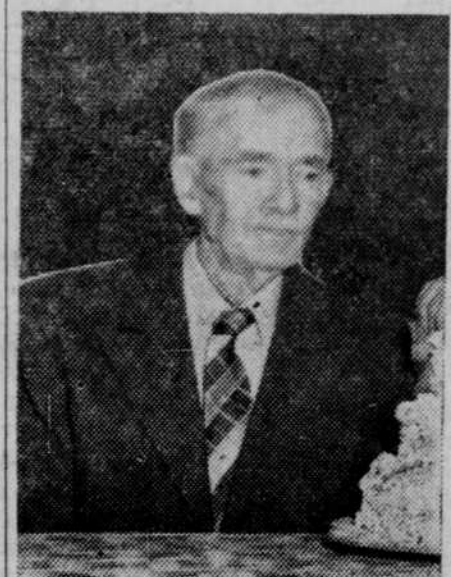


The Johns Hopkins group... Doctor Lettau (holding chart) and his son, Bernard. 15 (striped shirt). Standing—Ray Ono, Don Port-

Culhane to Establish Store at Hartington

Leo Culhane, who has been employed by the McIntosh Jewelry for the past three years, on September 15 will establish a jewelry store in Hartington to be known as the Culhane Jewelry.

William McIntosh said Roger Payne of Neligh has been named to succeed Culhane at the store here. Payne has been in watch repair positions at Neligh and Norfolk for the past five years.



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