

## Page Eagles Play Ewing Friday Night

PAGE—Coach Glen Blezek's Page high school basketball team will inaugurate the 1953-54 basketball season when they meet the Ewing Tigers on Friday, December 4, at Ewing.

Seven lettermen are returning to the Page fold. They are Larry Heiss, Hugh Troshynski, Larry Roach, Edwin Walker, Lorraine Edmisten, Gary Kemper and Duane Finch.

Other promising material includes Jerry White, Richard Stewart, Elmer Sultz, Marlin Frahm, Larry Parks, Richard Heggenmeyer, Lloyd Fusselman and Loran Parks.

Coach Blezek has announced that leading competitors for starting berths are Larry Heiss, Hugh Troshynski, Edwin Walker, Jerry White, Richard Stewart, Gary Kemper and Lorraine Edmisten.

The schedule:  
December 4—at Ewing; 8—Orchard; 11—at Imman; 18—at Clearwater.

January 4—Elkhorn Valley-Sandhill Gateway tournament at Brunswick; 12—at Stuart; 15—at St. Boniface (Elgin); 19-22—Holt county tournament at O'Neill; 29—Brunswick.

February 2—Chambers; 5—Imman; 9—at Oakdale; 13—at St. Mary's (O'Neill); 16—Elgin; 19—St. Ludger's (Creighton); 22-25—district class D tournament.

The scholastic honor roll has been announced for the second six weeks period as follows:

Four A's—Joellyn Kennedy, Betty Spangler, Faye Ballantyne, Bette French and Marilyn Ter-rill.

Three A's and one B—Marian Heiss, Helen Finch, Becky Kennedy, Linda Cronk and Judy Simmons.

Two A's and two B's—Thelma Summers, Wanda Stevens, Sharon Crumly and Norma Sorensen.

Three B's and one A—Bonnie Snyder, Sherry Stewart and Edwin Walker.

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## Verdigre Opens Against Lynch

VERDIGRE—The Verdigre Hawks, coached by Ronald Beran, opened the 1953 basketball season Tuesday, meeting the Lynch Eagles at Lynch.

Coach Beran has a squad of 21 players, including seven lettermen. The veterans back are Walter Boham, Larry Larsen, Ted Ondraek, Tom Cerny, LaVerne Maynard, Jack Miller and Charles Farnik.

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## 4 Sisters Reunite at San Diego

LYNCH—A Lynch woman, Mrs. Vince Jehorek, and three of her sisters are having a reunion this week in San Diego, Calif. The four sisters have not been together in more than 30 years. Their ages are 77, 66, 64 and 57. One of the sisters is Mrs. Walter Wozniakowski of Grand Island.

## Highways 281, 95 in for Improvement

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D. Nelson, assistant attorney general, says authority exists for maintenance of non-statutory highways "when actual physical construction costs are paid for either whole or in part with state funds under the exclusive direction of the department of roads and irrigation."

"But," the opinion continued, "expenditures for such purposes cannot be made from gasoline and use fuel tax funds or from motor vehicle registration fees and equalization fees." The only other funds appropriated by the department are inter-county bus license fees and towing permit fees.

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## Out of Old Nebraska... Cuming Named for First Secretary

Cuming county, established by the territorial legislature, March 5, 1855, was named in honor of Thomas B. Cuming, first secretary of Nebraska territory, and, by virtue of his accession to the position of acting governor upon the death of Governor Burt, the man who more than any other was responsible for directing the establishment of civil government in this area.

The initial county seat of Cuming county was the town of Catherine, supposedly located at Dead Timber, now in Dodge county. When the boundaries of Cuming county were surveyed in 1857, the county seat was removed to Manhattan. Both Catherine and Manhattan were paper towns, more expressive of hopes than of actuality. There were few if any settlers in the county, and until 1858, there was no county organization. At the time that occurred, West Point was designated the county seat.

West Point, of course, was no mere paper town. The county seat was established and was beginning its long period of ascendancy in the county's affairs.

West Point's beginnings go back to the activities of "The Nebraska Settlement Association," organized in Omaha in March, 1857. The association appointed a committee to scout along the Elkhorn for a good townsite location. Among the members of the committee were Uriah and John J. Bruner, to become noted in Nebraska affairs, particularly in forestry and tree planting. The committee finally decided upon the site of the present town of West Point and before the summer was out, claims had been taken, a sawmill had been purchased and a log house constructed. Originally the town was called New Philadelphia, but it was soon changed to West Point. The first log house served as the seat of government for Cuming county until 1874 when a brick

courthouse was constructed. The next spring a group of Pennsylvanians under the leadership of John D. Neigh and James D. Crawford came out to the Elkhorn valley. Much impressed with the location of West Point they took squatter's claims and established themselves there, too. They purchased the townsite from the Nebraska Settlement association and they took over by purchase, the unfinished sawmill as well.

Like most Nebraska pioneers, the early settlers of Cuming county had to put up with untold hardships. The winter of 1858-59 was recalled by the oldtimer as a particularly bitter one. The community suffered from a shortage of food and had virtually no way to augment their meager supply. The next spring just as a good season was getting underway, the county suffered a serious Indian scare. A large band of Pawnees came through the valley, presumably hunting. They drove off a good deal of livestock, though, and plundered several cabins. This created a great deal of alarm and the territorial militia was called out. The militia rose to the occasion and soon restored peace to the Elkhorn valley. Indeed, by the time the militia arrived the Indians were ready to make peace without fighting.

The first census return from Cuming county—that of 1860—showed a population of only 67. By 1870, the population had reached 5,569. There were 12,265 people in the county in 1880; and by 1890, the total was 14,584. This has been the high water mark for the county's population. There was a decline during the early years of the twentieth century, then an increase in the 1920's to a total of 14,327 in 1930. Since 1930, however, there has been a decline and the returns for 1950 showed 12,994.

## Hospital Notes

ST. ANTHONY'S (O'Neill)  
Admissions: November 25—Mrs. Al Liedtke, Chambers; Mrs. Richard Strube and baby boy, O'Neill; 26—James Nash, Pelkie, Mich.; Patrick Henry Benze, O'Neill; Darrell Lee Gillette, Chambers; Jerry Blake, Burke, S.D.; Lee Blake, Jamison; Gary Schmidt, Chambers; Mrs. Lois B. Adams, Chambers; Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, O'Neill; Ambrose Biglin, O'Neill; Hazel Robinson, O'Neill; 28—Mrs. L. E. Bergstrom, Ewing; Don Fullerton, Chambers; 29—Mrs. Raymond Bly, Amelia; Mrs. Wayne Smith, Chambers; V. C. Wilbern, Atkinson; Mrs. Ralph Hoffman, Ewing; 30—Mrs. Maynard Morrow, O'Neill; Patricia Lewis, O'Neill; August Heese, Page; Mrs. Maude Fuller, O'Neill.  
Dismissals: November 26—Mrs.

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## Minden, Nebr., Miss is 25,000th Recipient of Ak-Sar-Ben Award



Taking part in the presentation of Ak-Sar-Ben's 25-thousandth special County Fair award check, left to right, Don Thomsen, president of the Kearney County Fair board; Mary Ann Lundeen, Ak-Sar-Ben ambassador, and Lester Burnham, Kearney County Agent.

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Hospitalized: Mrs. Belle Widman, Mrs. Barbara Leahy, Mrs. Lois B. Adams, Mrs. Clara Scholz, Mrs. Mary Vitt, Mrs. Mary Mullen, Mrs. Hazel Robinson, Mrs. Maude Fuller, Ambrose Biglin, August Heese, Mrs. Harry Park, Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, Mrs. L. E. Bergstrom, Melvin G. Hansen, Mrs. Maynard Morrow, V. C. Wilbern, Mrs. Ernest Wedge, Albert Otte, Mrs. Ralph Hoffman, Mrs. Raymond Bly, Mrs. William G. Kraft, Ed Evertt.

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