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Seven Cents

Expect 650 Pupils Here In Public School Classes

The curriculum and operation of O'Neill Public schools is receiving close scrutiny from Supt. H. L. McCoy.

He discussed several changes he plans to recommend with the school board at its meeting Tuesday night, among which was a plan to make mandatory for graduation from high school four years of English, four years of Social studies, two years of mathematics and two years of science.

These requirements would also meet minimum requirements for entrance into colleges, he explained.

McCoy also told the board that he is using every room each hour and is juggling classes to meet the needs of a large student body in limited facilities.

"Every room we have is full every period," he said.

Enrollment hit 637 students in the combined total of elementary and high school students Tuesday morning, but final enrollment will be 645-650, McCoy added, when all students return to school.

Enrollment figures for each grade are: kindergarten, 83; first grade 47; second 47; third 43; fourth 47; fifth 50; sixth 48; seventh 46 and eighth 45.

High school figures were: ninth grade 57; tenth 38; eleventh 47 and twelfth 39. Elementary had 456 while high school students numbered 181.

A plan for entry and departure was also announced for the year which included grade 3-8 youngsters using the south door and high school boys and girls using separate doors on the west.

Teacher hours in the building were set from 8:20 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. with all teachers required to be clear of the building by 5 p.m. In addition, McCoy said, no school functions would be scheduled on Wednesday nights for youngsters up through the eighth grade.

Stage Live Hearing Set

A hearing is scheduled for October 19 at 10 a.m. in the district court room, courthouse, Chadron, at which time testimony and evidence may be presented which will enable the Nebraska State Railway commission to determine the action to be taken on the application of the Black Hills Stage Lines, Inc., Norfolk.

Enrollment Up 26 at St. Mary's; Three New Teachers on Faculty

There are three new teachers on the faculty of St. Mary's academy, the Rev. Karl Kucera, the Rev. Ralph O'Donnell and Sister M. Lenore Connors.

The first two have Masters degrees or their equivalence and are highly qualified teachers. Sister Lenore Connors is completing her graduate studies, having spent the past three years at Regina Mundi, in Rome.

Sister Josephine qualified for a full tuition and board stipend under the National Science foundation. This grant operates under the National Defense act and covers scholastic and travel expenses for teachers of science

Lynch Man Injured In Mower Accident

LYNCH — Emil Hrbek suffered a foot injury Wednesday evening, Aug. 30, when he fell backwards and pulled a power lawn mower against his left foot.

He was taken to St. Anthony's hospital, O'Neill, where surgery was performed for the amputation of two toes.

Rites Held for John Prokop At Verdigre

VERDIGRE — Funeral rites were held here Thursday for John Prokop, 68, Knox county farmer, who died following a heart attack at his home August 25.

The Rev. Charles J. Ohorny officiated at the services in the ZCEB hall. Interment was in the Jelen cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by the Verdigre American Legion post.

John Prokop was born December 24, 1892 at Verdigre to Vac and Elizabeth Prokop. He accompanied his family to a farm in the Jelen vicinity where John helped with the farming and attended district school. He served in World War I.

He was married to Helen Neme, Spencer, May 16, 1922 and two sons were born to this couple. Mr. Prokop continued with his farming operations for 29 years on his farm in the Jelen vicinity. He served on the township board for many years, and also on the district school board.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; son, Robert and John Jr., both of Verdigre; three granddaughters; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Dwinell, Verdigre and Mrs. Mary Koch, Omaha, and one brother, Joe, Verdigre.

Burial services were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran church, St. Paul, Neb. Burial was in the St. Paul cemetery.

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Andersons Purchase Slats Supper Club

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"Not Rabid" Report Received on Cat

PAGE — A report has been received from the board of health that the cat which bit Ben Asher Jr., 17, August 29, was not rabid.

Asher was bitten on the hand by a stray cat when he was working in the hay field and stooped down to clear some hay from a mower.

Lighted Candle Starts Blaze; Clothing Burned

Due to the alertness and quick thinking of baby sitter, Cheryl Schmiechel and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Schmiechel, possible injuries and serious damages were avoided Tuesday evening, Aug. 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cavanaugh.

The seven-year-old son, Sheamus, decided to hunt for a missing toy with a candle in the back of the clothes closet. The clothes caught fire and when he tried to get out, the youngster discovered the door had become stuck.

He called for help and the baby sitter got the door open and helped Sheamus and the 13-month-old baby out of the smoke filled rooms. She summoned her parents next door and they ran a hose through the bedroom window and extinguished the blaze.

Burning clothes were carried to the yard.

Little damage was done to the house outside of smoke damage. Approximately \$200 worth of children's clothing destroyed but both children escaped injury. The fire department was not summoned.

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Three Accidents Reported to O'Neill Police

Three auto accidents were reported to the O'Neill police department during the past week.

Saturday, Sept. 2, autos driven by Jerry Kopejlik, Page and Elizabeth Turner, O'Neill collided on east Douglas Street. No estimate of damage was given.

Cars driven by Ronald Parks, Omaha and Eugene Adams, Chambers, were involved in a mishap at the intersection of Second and Everett Monday. Damage was estimated at \$400 to each of the cars.

Considerable damage was done to autos driven by Mary Osborne, Atkinson and Carl Anderson, O'Neill when they collided at the corner of Fifth and Benton Thursday.

Police Chief Chris McGinn was the investigating officer.

Area Youths Place at State Fair

There are almost 80 exhibits at the state fair this week from Holt County 4-H clubs in addition to several participants in judging and demonstrations divisions.

Those taking an active part in the activities are as follows: Dianne Gillespie, music identification; Margie Gilg, Patty Bonenberger, Connie Moyer, Dorella Ferris, Gerald Mathis, Bernard Bonenberger and Joe Wilson, Clover 4-H club members, Atkinson, small mixed music group.

David Fricke, Vicki Fricke, Dorothy Poessnecker, Mary Poessnecker, Mary Catherine Kilmurry, Patricia Kilmurry, Patricia Straka and Roger Hoffman, Celia 4-H club, Atkinson, large mixed music group.

Demonstrations: Margie Gilg, Atkinson; Dianne Gillespie and Lynn McCarthy, O'Neill; Dorella Butterfield, Chambers; Diana George, and Ruth Ann Walker, both of O'Neill.

Judging teams: Eagle Hunters 4-H club, Page, livestock; Virginia Sojka and Seal Luebecke, Page, and Larry and Donnie Skidla, Atkinson, dairy; Dianne Gillespie and Ruth Ann Walker, O'Neill, clothing, and Margie Gilg and Patty Bonenberger, Atkinson, foods.

Kathryn Devall and Lynn McCarthy, O'Neill, style revue; Tom Melcher, Page, tractor driving contest.

Oberle Bound Over To Circuit Court

Frank Oberle, O'Neill was bound over to the fall term of circuit court Tuesday after a preliminary hearing on a second degree rape charge in Lake Andes, S. D.

A 14-year-old Lake Andes girl accused Oberle and two companions of attacking her June 26.

The other two men, Tom Zakrzewski sr., O'Neill, and Dean Bowman, Ainsworth, were bound over to circuit court in Lake Andes following an earlier hearing.

Sale Dates Claimed

SEPT. 8 — CLIFF FLEMING FARM SALE. Personal property and livestock including 24 head Holstein milk cows, 24 mixed yearling steers and heifers, 11 spring calves and registered Hereford bull.

SEPT. 8 — 240 ACRE LAND SALE to settle the estate of Emma Fleming. Both sales at the farm located 8 miles southwest of Ewing, Nebraska on the Ewing-Chambers road. Ed Thorin Auction Service and licensed real estate broker.

SEPT. 15-3 school houses at auction at Holt County school district 89 1/2 miles west of Emmet and 5 miles north. See complete listing in this issue of the Frontier.

SEPT. 16—Garage and office equipment at Gillette and Sons Chevrolet in Chambers. See complete listing in this issue of the Frontier.

Mrs. M. Nelson Wins Title at Boyd Fair

LYNCH — Mrs. Mollie Nelson was crowned "Woman of Boyd County" at the County Fair Wednesday, Aug. 30, and will reign until the fair is held next year at this time.

Other candidates from this locality were Mrs. Alice Neme and Mrs. C. A. Moody.

Three O'Neill Kids Suffer Burns During Week in Separate Mishaps

Little Rickey Rauterkus, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rauterkus, had his share of trouble this year.

In May he swallowed some lighter fluid and spent about a month recovering from that mishap. Then Monday he tumbled into a canner of hot water and suffered painful burns on his back and legs.

His mother was canning tomatoes when the accident occurred. She had removed the canner from the stove and placed it on a rug on the floor for a second to put in some more jars. While her back was turned the youngster approached the kettle and apparently lost his balance.

He is receiving medical care at St. Anthony's hospital. According to his mother he is in satisfactory condition and able to sit up now.

Rickey wasn't the only child burned in Holt county last week. Janet Switzer suffered burns on her foot when she spilled some hot water from a teakettle. The mishap took place at Frenchtown school when Janet was pouring water for the children to use in washing their hands.

Another burning occurred Thursday morning when Stevie Prouty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Prouty, Meek, fell in a pail of hot water while his mother was dressing chickens. He received third degree burns and is being cared for in the O'Neill hospital.

Grandma Hull, Holt County Pioneer, Honored at Party on 106th Birthday

By a Staff Writer

At a farm about 23 miles north of O'Neill there is a house and yard which was overflowing with people Wednesday who were bustling around, visiting and preparing a large noon meal.

Inside the house sat the "Grand old lady of Holt County," Grandma Hull, who was celebrating her 106th birthday.

She sat quietly in her rocking chair as each relative and friend came up to hold her hand and offer their congratulations.

Considering the fact that she has eight living children (out of 12), 32 grandchildren, 103 great grandchildren, 106 great great grandchildren and 2 great great great grandchildren, it would be a miracle if she knew them all.

However, she was well aware that this was "her party" and she was enjoying every bit of it.

She is in remarkably good health although her hearing and vision are impaired. Grandma Hull seemed quite small as she rested in her chair. She wore a pink and white print dress made by her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Haynes, Parmelee, S. D. Around her shoulders was a white wool stole, and tied around her waist was a crisp organdy apron given to her on her 100th birthday.

Planned to her dress was a pink carnation corsage to her by another daughter, Mrs. Preston Jones, O'Neill.

The day before her birthday, Grandma Hull began to get excited about her birthday which has been celebrated this way for many years. She made the remark that "everyone and his dog would probably be here" and then began to fuss a little wondering "if they were never going to get the dishes done."

Throughout the day, relatives and friends from far and near gathered at the house to greet Mrs. Hull. Last year there were 200 persons present for the basket dinner and open house. Not quite as many were expected Wednesday.

Mrs. Hull has lived on the farm continuously 75 years, now residing with her son, William. She was born in Boone, Ia., in 1855. When 20 years old Sarah Ellen Ross was married to William Hull sr., at Boone, and three years later the couple came to this 160-acre Holt county homestead. It is now a 420-acre farm.

Her sons and daughters are: Elmer, Lynch; Levi, William, Mrs. Preston Jones and Mrs. Leon Mellor, O'Neill; Arch, Crookston; Edwin, Sioux City, and Mrs. Cecil Haynes, Parmelee, S. D.

Accident Fatal To Verdigre Girl; Services Friday

VERDIGRE — Judy Jacot, 17, died Tuesday at 2 a.m. in a Sioux City hospital from injuries sustained in a one-car accident August 30 on one and one-half miles west of Verdigre while returning from her first day of teaching school.

The accident occurred when she attempted to pass a pickup truck near the William Horstman farm. She lost control of the car and it rolled over, throwing Miss Jacot from the auto.

Telephone crewmen were in the pickup and they climbed a telephone pole and called for help immediately following the accident. She was taken to the Creighton hospital, and later transferred to Sioux City. She did not regain consciousness before her death.

Miss Jacot was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Jacot sr., Verdigre. She was a graduate of Verdigre high school, and attended Wayne State Teachers college.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Gustafson will officiate.

Chambers School Plans Move to New Building

CHAMBERS — Local schools opened Monday, Aug. 30, with 60 students registered for high school and 116 in the elementary department.

There are 51 students in the six rural schools in the Chambers district.

Chambers school is being held in the Legion hall again this year, however, it is expected that all grades will be in the new school building within 60 days.

Plans are made for a milk program in the near future and a lunch program will be worked out later.

Burgettes Plan 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Burgette will be honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 17 at an open house to be held at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cuddy, 427 E. Logan. The open house will be held between 2 and 5 p.m.



FIVE GENERATIONS are represented in this picture of Grandma Hull's family. She is shown here with her son, grandson, great grandson and great great grandchildren. In that order they are as follows: (l. to r., back row) Elmer, Guy and Gay Hull, and Greg and Gaylene Hull (in front), all of Lynch.

Security Agent Here Sept. 13

Gail Robart, field representative of the Norfolk Social Security office, will be in the assembly room in the basement of the courthouse in O'Neill from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

People who are working under social security whose 72nd birthday will be this year are advised to apply now.

Men may now receive social security retirement benefits at age 62, according to Clifford Kittelson, manager of the Norfolk office. The monthly benefit is reduced by 20 percent, however, if they apply at age 62.

In some cases an early retirement results in a substantial reduction in the benefit. This is particularly true of farmers who did not come under social security until 1955.

For that reason, says Kittelson, a visit to the social security office may help a person decide when he wants to retire.

Range Meeting Planned at Broken Bow

Plans are shaping up for a Range Management meeting and tour to be held at Broken Bow September 15, the meeting to be sponsored by the Nebraska Section of the American Society of Range Management.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the Elks club building followed by discussions and reports, among which will be a talk by Elmer Vogel, rancher from Atkinson. A tour through grazing land in Custer county will highlight the afternoon program, followed by a banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations for the banquet should be sent to Harvey Jorgensen, County Extension Agent, Broken Bow, by September 8.

Page Methodists Plan Leadership Training

PAGE — There will be a Leadership Training school at the Page Methodist church September 10, 11 and 12 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Four sections of study will be held with the following teachers conducting the lessons: the Rev. Curtis Norlin, Springfield; the Rev. Joe Roe, Ainsworth; Mrs. Lyle McWilliams, Fremont, and Mrs. Charles Gates, Atkinson.

Church school teachers and workers from other denominations are invited to attend. A small fee will be charged.

Busy Beavers

It's still a mystery to James J. Chalupnik!

What happened to all the wood his workmen used in rapping along the Verdigre in an attempt to save about 10 acres of land from water on his farm south of Verdigre?

The men worked several days to fill in the dam and in one day beavers tore down the wood and not one stick of it has been found.

Where they store it is beyond Chalupnik but one thing he is sure of—they better be as good at hiding themselves because he's applied for a beaver permit!



LITTLE SANDRA CARSON probably won't appreciate this five-generation picture until she gets older, but it's a mighty big thrill for the rest of the family. These folks were present for Grandma Hull's (center) 106th birthday Wednesday. Holding Sandra is her mother, Mrs. Rex Carson, Lynch. Next to Mrs. Carson is Sandra's grandmother and great grandmother, Mrs. Harold Halsted, Lynch, and Mrs. Leon Mellor, O'Neill. Mrs. Hull is Sandra's great great grandmother.

Contracts Let For Sanctuary

Contracts were awarded Friday night for the building of a new First Presbyterian sanctuary addition here.

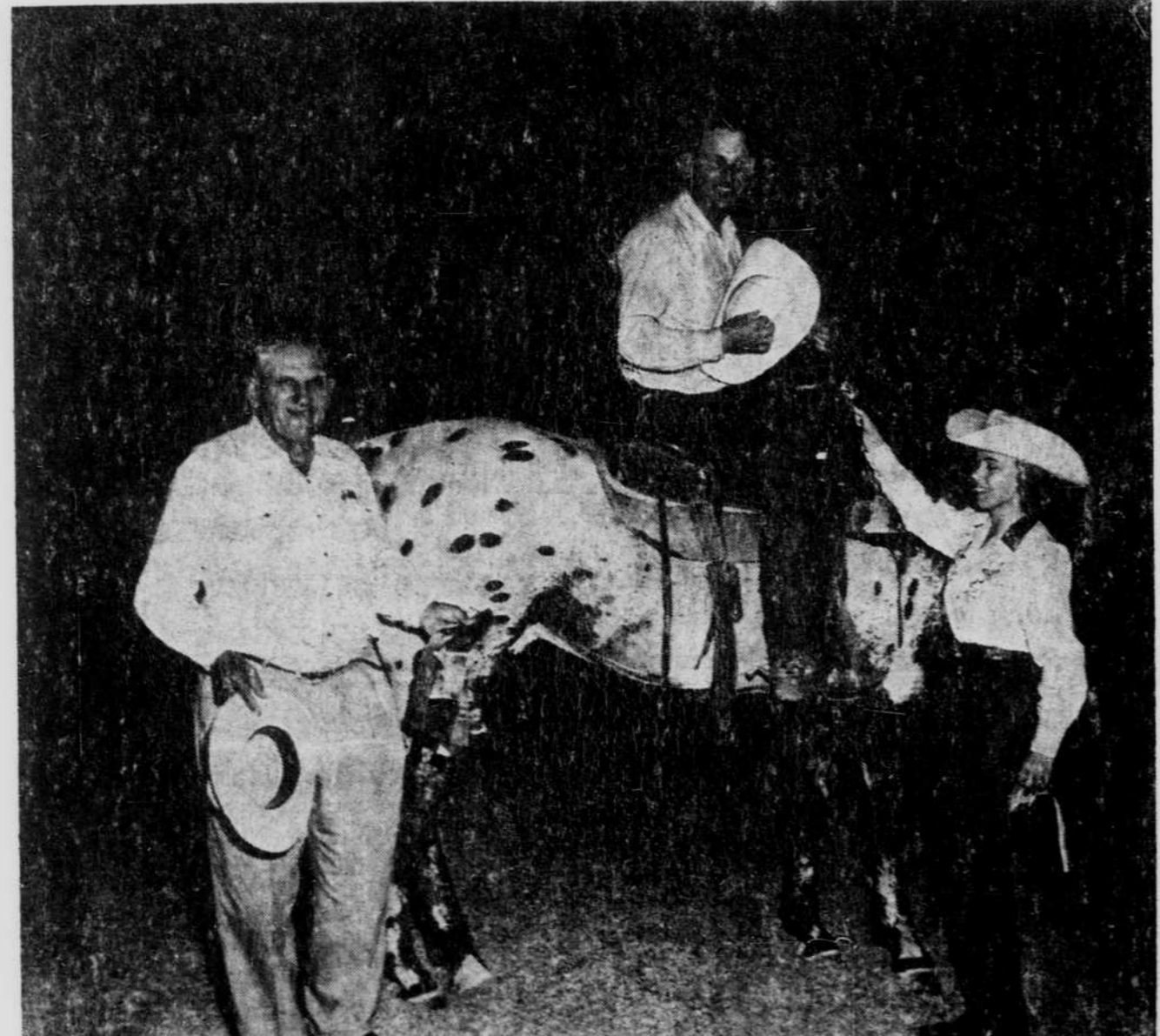
The general contract was let to the Karl Otte Construction Company of Wayne at \$38,250. Heating and plumbing went to Davidson and Son, O'Neill, \$7,022, and the electric contract went to the Kruger-Ilie Electric company Norfolk, \$7,697.

The bids totaled \$52,969. The architect's estimate was \$55,000. Construction of the new building will start in about 30 days, or as soon as the present church building can be torn down and removed.

Second Try for Oil Fails; Hit Granite

Two crews working around the clock, 12 hour shifts, announced Tuesday, after working for six days on the Dewey Schaffer land 12 miles south of Emmet, granite was hit at 2,625 feet.

They were able to drill down a little further than the attempt to hit oil which was made on the William Froelich property two weeks ago. Crew members removed the rig Sunday and it is not known for sure if plans will be made for another test in this area.



CHAMPION PERFORMANCE APPALOOSA honors at the State Fair went to General Custer, owned by Charley Peterson, Atkinson. General Custer placed first in the 220-yard race, quarter-mile race, cutting contest, rescue race, ladies pleasure class, rope race, and Camas prairie stump race. He placed second in stake race, Indian bareback race and men's pleasure class. Reserve champion performance honors went to Dry Run's Tomahawk, owned by Bill Foreman, Beatrice.