

1,800 Musicians Will Compete

17 Bands and 40 Glee Clubs To Appear April 12, 13, 14

Approximately 1,800 music contestants are expected at the O'Neill music contest on April 12, 13 and 14. Nearly that many contestants were registered by April 2 with at least 2 more schools expected to send entries.

Seventeen bands and 40 glee clubs will appear on the program. There will be 225 solos, both vocal and instrumental, and 105 small groups will also be heard.

The piano contest will be held on Wednesday, April 12, commencing at 4 p. m.

All class C and D schools will compete on Thursday, April 13, and all class B schools will appear on Friday, April 14.

Solos will be heard at the morning sessions, small groups and vocal large groups at the afternoon sessions, and the bands will compete at the evening sessions.

The following 35 schools have sent in their entries: Ainsworth, Atkinson, Brunswick, Burwell, Butte, Center, Chambers, Clearwater, Creighton, Elgin, Ericson, Ewing.

Inman, Keya Paha county high school (Springview), Long Pine, Meadow Grove, Neligh, Niobrara, Oakdale, O'Neill, Orchard, Page.

Rock county high school (Bassett), Royal Spencer, St. Agnes academy (Alliance), St. Frances de Chantel (Randolph), St. Joseph's hall (Atkinson), St. Mary's academy (O'Neill), St. Patrick's academy (North Platte).

Tilden, Valentine, Verdigris, Wheeler county high school (Bartlett), St. Ludgers academy (Creighton).

The contest judges are: Edward Kurtz, chairman of music department, Iowa State Teachers' college, instrumental judge; Paul MacCollins, chairman vocal department, instructor Morningside college, Sioux City, vocal judge; James M. Reistrup, Morningside college, Sioux City, piano judge; and T. J. Streim, also vocal judge, chairman vocal music department, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D.

Supt. Ira George, of O'Neill public school, contest manager, has announced the following facility committees:

General chairmen of local arrangements: F. N. Cronin and James W. Rooney; chairmen of door committee: Mrs. J. J. Berigan and Mrs. P. B. Hart; chairmen of entertainment of judges: Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess; chairmen of good will committee: D. H. Clauson, Rev. Ralph Gerber, Rev. V. R. Bell and Rev. Alex Onak; chairman of stenographic committee: Ted McElhaney and Mrs. Ira Moss.

Members of the district managing committee are: Greeley Price, of Pierce, superintendent of Pierce schools, chairman; Melvin Olson, of Springview, superintendent of Keya Paha county high school, vice chairman; A. G. Peterson, of Plainview, superintendent of Plainview schools, secretary-treasurer; Ruthven C. Anderson, of Madison, superintendent of Madison schools, member of board of control.

Tomlinson's Sell Bus Line Interest

Glen Tomlinson announced Saturday that he had disposed of his one-half interest in the Rapid Transit bus lines, operating between O'Neill and Norfolk. Tomlinson's interest was purchased by Rudolph and Douglas Nuttelman, Norfolk brothers.

The Nuttelmans are sons of the late Mahlon Nuttelman, with whom Tomlinson founded the Rapid line in 1930. At that time 2 roundtrip schedules were inaugurated, since increased to 3 roundtrips.

Line will continue to operate as Rapid Transit and there will be no change in schedule. Ownership change was effective April 1.

Mr. Tomlinson has not announced future business plans.

Stores To Close For 3 Hours

O'Neill stores, offices and shops will close at noon on Good Friday, April 7, in accordance with the usual custom of observing the day. Doors will remain closed for 3 hours, reopening at 3 o'clock.

ROLLIE PARKS JOINS LLOYD COLLINS FIRMS

Rollie Parks, of Page, formerly of Lynch and Orchard, has joined Lloyd Collins Implements, of O'Neill, as outside salesman.

Mr. Parks is a veteran farm machinery salesman, according to Mr. Collins, and is well-known throughout the O'Neill region.

WJAG... 780 on your dial.



SOUTH AMERICAN TOURIST... D. H. ("Den") Murphy

Murphy (above) returned Monday, March 27, from an aerial tour of South America and the Caribbean. His nephew, Donald Goff, 34, of Texarkana, Tex., is pilot of a 50-passenger craft, took his uncle along on a whirl through Brazil, the Amazon country and southern states. In a story last week The Frontier erroneously identified Mr. Murphy as Dennis F. Murphy. The latter resides in town, while Den farms and raises livestock immediately north of O'Neill.—The Frontier Photos.

ICE JAM ALLOWS FISH TO ESCAPE

Fingerlings Sweep Down River When Dam Suffers Damage

ATKINSON — Recent ice jams in the Elkhorn river on Sunday, April 2, caused some of the sheet piling at the dam at Atkinson's new recreation grounds to give way.

Frank Brady, of Atkinson, a member of the state game, forestation and parks commission, said the damage was "not too extensive."

Carl F. Andersen, supervisor of land and water for the commission, was here Tuesday to make arrangements for needed repairs.

The dam is located 1/4 mile west of the Atkinson cemeteries on the Elkhorn river. The lake was stocked with fingerlings early in December, 1949. It normally covers an area of about 14 1/2 acres and contains 20 to 35 acre-feet of water.

When the ice caused the water to back up, the fish swam merrily on downstream.

Lake probably will be restocked soon.

Geraldine Fredrickson 2d in Typing Contest

Geraldine Fredrickson, daughter of James G. Fredrickson, placed second in a field of 80 in a speed typing contest Friday at Grand Island.

Twenty-six O'Neill high school students competed with 1,500 other students from 125 Nebraska schools in an all-day inter-high school scholastic competition.

Five O'Neill contestants finished in the first 10 of their respective divisions:

Leah Serck, American history; Paul Fetrow, world history; June Ernst, advanced algebra; Irene Searles, normal training; Claude Cole, typing II.

Four teachers accompanied the O'Neill group.

Results of music and 1-act play competition were not known here until Wednesday morning.

Frontier for printing.



ROBBERY UNSOLVED

Authorities are still pressing a search for the thieves who broke into the New Outlaw Grocery in West O'Neill late Monday, March 27, or early Tuesday, March 28, cracked a safe and escaped with

WALTER SCOTT DIES SATURDAY

Lifelong Holt Resident, Ill 15 Months, Dies At Sister's Home

CHAMBERS — Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, April 3, from the Methodist church here for Walter Scott, 56, lifelong Holt county resident. Mr. Scott died about 2 a. m. Saturday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Duane Carson, west of Chambers.

Burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

The late Walter Scott was born October 29, 1893, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Scott, at the family place located 4 miles west of here. He spent virtually his entire life on the farm where he was born. He was engaged in farming and trucking as an occupation.

Mr. Scott's father died in 1934 and his mother died in 1939.

He had been in ill health for the past 15 months and in critical condition for approximately 8 months.

Pallbearers were F. N. Cronin, of O'Neill; George Atkinson, Lyle Childers, Blake Ott, Henry Walter, Alfred Walter, C. V. Robertson and Lloyd Gled, all of the Chambers and Amelia communities.

Survivors include: Brother — Harry Scott, of Chambers; sisters — Mrs. John Harley, of Grand Island, and Mrs. Carson; 3 nephews; 3 nieces.

A quartet composed of Leo Adams, Mrs. Leo Adams, Mrs. Letha Cook and Ernest Farrier sang at the funeral rites.

Winner Line Rail Service Disrupted

LYNCH — The North Western train service on the Norfolk-Winner (S. D.) line has again been delayed on account of new washouts between Lynch and Monowi. Resumption had been anticipated Friday, but ice gorges and South Dakota snow water sent the Ponca creek out of its banks over roads and tracks again that day.

Saturday many Lynch residents again moved out of their homes when flood waters forced them to evacuate.

It was the second successive weekend that the Ponca went on a rampage.

Dean Perry, of Emmet, has been transporting the mail from O'Neill to Winner.

Prairie Land Talk Omitted This Week

Romaine Saunders's popular "Prairie Land Talk" column has been omitted from this issue because of the author's illness.

Mr. Saunders wrote: "For the second time this winter I have been the victim of the 'flu.' I'm now on the way back to normal and will give 'Prairie Land Talk' the usual attention."

Mr. Saunders resides at 4706 Meredith avenue, Lincoln 6.



Miracle of the Risen Christ will be observed Sunday with special Easter worship services throughout the Christian world. These members of First Presbyterian church's choir—Miss Verle Ralya, alto; Miss Margaret Redd, soprano, and Miss Marie Guthmiller, soprano—will blend their voices with hundreds of others in Easter song. (See CHURCHES on pages 10 and 11.)—The Frontier Photo.

Election at a Glance

	1st W.	2nd W.	3rd W.	Tot
For Mayor—				
J. E. DAVIS	91	137	137	365
For City Clerk—				
O. D. FRENCH	131	185	166	482
For City Treasurer—				
JOHN C. WATSON	127	174	155	456
For City Council—				
L. M. DIEHLMAN	116			116
TONY ASIMUS		140		140
RAYMOND EBY		63		63
C. E. JONES			84	84
DE ETTA BELLIN			83	83
For Police Judge—				
H. W. TOMLINSON	120	173	145	438
For Board of Education—				
L. A. BURGESS	111	135	138	384
GEORGE SHOEMAKER	112	158	141	411

NEW OFFICERS



J. E. ("Jack") Davis... O'Neill's new mayor.



L. M. ("Mike") Diehlman... newcomer to city becomes First ward councilman.



C. E. Jones... victor over woman candidate in "Turbulent Third." Tony Asimus, new Second ward councilman, was out of the city and photograph was not available.

Women Marooned In 'Sinking' Car

ATKINSON—When the Bill Vrooman car stalled in a washout several miles south of Atkinson Thursday, March 30, Mr. Vrooman and his son, Bill, jr., started a search for a means of removing it.

On their return, they found that sand washing away had let the front wheels drop and jam the 2 front doors. Water was high enough that it entered the front seat.

Mrs. Vrooman and Clara Deerner, of Atkinson, were waiting in the car and were pleased when help came to pull the car backward from the washout.

They returned home without completing their journey.

NEW DEPUTY

Al Sipes, 36, of O'Neill Saturday was named deputy by Holt County Sheriff A. B. Hubbard.

Married, Sipes has 4 children—Janice, 10; Nancy, 8; Marlene, 6, and Albert, 5. Mrs. Sipes is the former Maude Tomlinson, of O'Neill.

Recognition Day To Be Held Today

The O'Neill Chamber of Commerce will be host to presidents of Women's project clubs in this area today (Thursday) at the third annual rural Women's Recognition program.

Women from Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Garfield, Grant, Holt, Hooker, Keya Paha, Loup, Rock, Thomas and Wheeler counties have been invited. The event will be held at the American Legion auditorium.

Mrs. M. J. Golden and Mrs. L. M. Diehlman are cochairmen of the affair.

The day's program:

Registration—10:30 a. m. to 11 a. m.

Shopping hours—11 a. m. to 12:45 p. m.

Luncheon—1 p. m.

Featured speaker on the afternoon program will be Mrs. Blanche Spann Pease, of Atkinson. In addition, vocal and instrumental numbers will be presented by pupils from O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy, of O'Neill.

Original Blizzard Writer Surrenders

The "Mrs. W. H.," a Creighton woman who touched off a lively exchange of letters in the Omaha World-Herald's Public Pulse column, has surrendered.

Shortly after the Hurricane Blizzard "Mrs. W. H." wrote and complained that O'Neill had grabbed all the blizzard publicity and ironically asked: "If O'Neill had a blizzard what was it Creighton had?"

Ensued a series of letters in which letter-writers from O'Neill, Osmond and Omaha took part. Incidentally, the letters unanimously defended O'Neill's blizzard and publicity position.

Friday's World-Herald carried "Mrs. W. H.'s" second letter in which she "concedes defeat."

Creighton Surrenders

Creighton Nebr.: I am outdone. I quit. I concede defeat. I throw in the glove where "The O'Neill" is concerned. Contrary to Osmond's notion, however, we are not jealous of O'Neill.

From now on the song shall go like this:

The storms are the noisiest, The wind is the blouziest, The snow is the blouziest, The rain is the wettiest; That's O'Neill! MRS. M. W.

Recount Necessary Before Winner Is Determined; Davis New Mayor

O'Neill's turbulent Third ward ran true to form Tuesday and packed more interest than all the other municipal balloting combined.

In the "Bloody Third" it was C. E. Jones, Central Finance Corp. manager, vs. Mrs. De Etta Bellin, housewife and paper hanger. Jones won by a slender 1-vote count.

The election board at the city hall, working behind closed doors, counted the ballots twice and found a deadlock at 83-all. On the third count, Jones was found to have a 1-vote lead—84-83.

The interest mounted as the day progressed and by 4 p. m. baby sitters and transportation were made available to vote prospects.

Both Jones and Bellin were petition candidates.

J. E. ("Jack") Davis, 40, junior partner in Midwest Motor Co., Ltd., was elected mayor while L. M. Diehlman, Tri-State Produce manager and a resident of the city only 2 years, and Tony Asimus, prominent West O'Neill businessman and farmer, join Jones as new members of the council.

Davis succeeds H. E. Coyne, hardware dealer, veteran councilman and mayor who was not a candidate for reelection; Diehlman supplants James M. Corlie, hatchery and feed store operator who was not a candidate; and Jones succeeds James M. Rooney, O'Neill Production Credit secretary, also not a candidate.

Davis and Diehlman were unopposed. Also unopposed on the ballot were O. D. French, for city clerk; John C. Watson, for city treasurer; H. W. Tomlinson, for police judge; L. A. Burgess and George Shoemaker, for O'Neill board of education.

Asimus was opposed by Raymond Eby in Second ward city council balloting. Asimus polled 140 votes, Eby, 63.

A mild "write-in" movement developed for mayor late in the day in behalf of Bennett Gilligan, O'Neill druggist, Gilligan, who was reared in O'Neill and returned to the city 18 months ago to enter business, collected 25 votes in the First ward, 54 in the second and 3 in the Third, totaling 82.

J. H. Carney counted 9 "write-in" votes for police judge in the first ward.

Keeping with recent tradition, all printed names on the ballot were petition candidates. No caucuses were held.

Petitions on behalf of French, Watson, Tomlinson, Burgess and Shoemaker were circulated and filed simultaneously about 10 days before filing deadline. Later, petitions in behalf of Jones, Diehlman, Asimus and Davis were circulated and filed. Petitions bearing names of Eby and Bellin were circulated and filed individually.

Atkinson's Third At Half-Strength

ATKINSON — Atkinson's Third ward voted at about half-strength Tuesday, giving H. J. O'Connor a 107-88 edge over Fred R. Mack.

Francis D. Lee, attorney, becomes Atkinson's new mayor, defeating Dr. W. J. Douglas 223-164. Douglas served as mayor for many years, retired, then was elected again in 1948 for a 2-year-term. Lee was endorsed by the Peoples party, Douglas by the Citizens.

I. R. Dickerson collected 336 votes and H. A. Snyder gathered 333. Both endorsed by both caucuses they were returned to their offices for another term.

Newell Peck defeated Fred Hitchcock, 235-149, for police magistrate; W. P. Carroll, unopposed, managed 322 ballots for justice of the peace.

R. O. Jarvis, Peoples party, won over Arthur Humpal, Citizens party, 68-48 for councilman in First ward. C. C. Rayer received 66 votes and was unopposed in Second ward council balloting.

N. P. McKee and James W. (Continued on page 4)

Start Building New Church Soon

CHAMBERS—About 40 members of the Baptist church were on hand Thursday, March 30, when the work of razing the old church building commenced.

Plans are complete for the erection of a new brick and tile building.

GRASS FIRE

Fire starting from the city dump east of O'Neill Wednesday morning burned a quarter mile strip 200 feet wide of a meadow belonging to Lloyd Gibson, of O'Neill. O'Neill volunteer fireman answered the call at 11:15 a. m.