

50th Anniversary To Be Celebrated

Pageant to Portray St. Mary's Story Through 50 Years

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St. Mary's academy Sunday will mark its golden jubilee anniversary.

The all-day affair will beckon thousands of alumni, former students and members of their families to O'Neill.

Already the trek to O'Neill has begun for dozens who are coming from distant corners of the land.

The celebration will begin with a 9 o'clock solemn high jubilee Mass. Officers of Mass will be St. Mary's graduates: Rev. Clement Ryan, S.J., of Denver, Colo., celebrant; Rev. Eugene Gallagher, S.J., of St. Louis, Mo., deacon; Rev. Francis Price, of South Sioux City, subdeacon; Mr. Basil Price, Jesuit seminarian, of Prairie du Chien, Wis.; Mr. William Froelich, Jr., Jesuit seminarian, of Florissant, Mo.; Mr. Thomas DeBacker, secular seminarian, of St. Paul seminary, St. Paul, Minn., all masters of ceremonies.

Appointments were made by Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, who will direct the Mass, assisted by Rev. Alex Onak, curate.

Rev. Peter Price, S.J., of Decatur, Ill., will deliver the jubilee sermon.

The Prices are sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Price, who live on a farm south of O'Neill. Father Ryan is a son of J. B. Ryan; Father Gallagher, a son of Mrs. R. E. Gallagher; Rev. Froelich and Rev. DeBacker, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker, respectively.

Simultaneous return to O'Neill of the 5 Jesuits is an extraordinary event in the order, Father O'Sullivan said.

Other Masses will be held at 8 and 10:30 o'clock.

At 10:15 there will be an alumni breakfast at the M & M cafe.

Open house will be observed at the academy throughout the day.

At 2 p.m. in the O'Neill public school auditorium there will be a pageant, entitled "Symbolic History of St. Mary's."

At 4:15 p.m. a panoramic photograph of the assemblage will be taken, and at 6 o'clock in the academy gymnasium the alumni reunion banquet will be held.

History of St. Mary's in many respects closely parallels the history of O'Neill.

In 1890 the original convent building was nearing completion when fire broke out and it was destroyed. A decade later the building was reconstructed. Since it has been enlarged and today it is one of the largest institutions of its type in Nebraska.

One thousand and sixteen persons have graduated from the academy, many more have been students. A few are deceased and a handful have been "lost" as far as the school's records are concerned.

Grade school since the academy's founding has been for both boys and girls, but until 1929 the high school was for girls only. (A thumbnail sketch of each graduate between 1900 and 1925 begins on page 7.) Several former St. Mary's students have made an impact on the national scene.

Down through the years the institution has been a widely-known girls' boarding school, annually drawing students from a half-dozen states. Its forte has been in music and other fine arts.

Present personnel includes: Father O'Sullivan, pastor; Father Onak, asst. pastor, religion I, II, III, IV; Mother M. Boniface, superior; Sister M. Antonella, principal, algebra, social studies; Sister M. Fides, science and higher mathematics; Sister M. Christiana, Latin I and II. Eng. (Continued on page 8)



Mother M. Erica . . . St. Mary's grad now head of Sisters of St. Francis provincial mother house in Denver, Colo.



Sister M. George . . . directs production of documentary St. Mary's yearbook. (Story at left)

O'Neill High Grabs 22 Music 'Superiors'

More than 1,400 people attended the closing session of the District 3 music contest here Friday evening.

Smartly dressed bandsmen from 8 class B high schools competed in the closing session. Edward F. Kurtz chairman of the music department Iowa State Teachers' college, Cedar Falls, Ia., was the judge.

Shrieks of joy mingled with tears of sorrow throughout the 3-day session as more than 1,800 students from 35 schools participated.

O'Neill compiled 22 superiors to lead in the ratings of the schools. Second was St. Mary's academy of O'Neill with 18, third was Atkinson with 16, a tie for fourth place between Ainsworth, Neligh and St. Agnes academy of Alliance, each with 14.

Results of the Class B band competition:

Superior — O'Neill, Valentine, Butte.

Excellent — Bassett, Creighton, Ainsworth, Neligh and Burwell.

Class C bands:

Superior—St. Mary's Atkinson.

Excellent—Tiiden.

Good—Ewing.

(Other superior and excellent individual and small groups results may be found on page 10).

Chambers IOOF To Mark 50th Anniversary—

CHAMBERS—The Chambers lodge 239, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Thursday, April 26, will celebrate its 50th year in the order.

The golden jubilee celebration will be commemorated with an open house Tuesday, April 25. The open house will begin at 7 p. m.

Meanwhile on Monday, April 24, a district meeting of the IOOF will be held in O'Neill.

Following a banquet, which will be served at the Methodist church, a school of instruction will be held at the O'Neill public school at 7:30 p. m.

Visit Grand Island and St. Libory—

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan Lacy were guests in Grand Island at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Horst and in St. Libory at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Glause.

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FRANK PRUSS, 83, O'NEILL MAN, DIES

Retired Stock and Grain Dealer Ill Since January

Frank Pruss, 83, a retired stock and grain buyer, died Tuesday night, April 18, at 11:45 o'clock at his home here. He had been in failing health since January.

Mr. Pruss was a former resident of the Atkinson and Emmet communities for many years.

Born at Buffalo, N. Y., January 10, 1867, a son of the late Henry and Louise Pruss, he came to Holt county in 1893 and settled at Atkinson. He spent his boyhood days in Muscatine, Ia., and he came to Holt, from Glidden, Ia.

On January 10, 1896, he was married to Anna Myers at O'Neill. They became the parents of 2 daughters.

In 1903 they moved from Atkinson to Emmet. They resided at Emmet for 20 years, leaving there in 1923 to come to O'Neill. They have lived here since.

Mr. Pruss was well-known in the grain and stock buyers' business. He retired in 1936.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Atkinson. Rev. E. G. Ihrig will conduct the rites from St. John's Lutheran church. Burial will be in Atkinson.

Survivors include: Widow; daughter — Mrs. William (Johanna) Stratmeyer, of O'Neill; granddaughter — Mary Ann Stratmeyer, of O'Neill; and a brother — Joseph C., of Glidden, Ia.

A daughter, Bertha, preceded the late Mr. Pruss in death.



Among O'Neill guests on Thursday, April 6—recognition day for rural women leaders—were: Mrs. Edward Gallagher, of O'Neill (member of reception committee); Mrs. George Keidel, of Stuart; Mrs. E. E. Weber, of Stuart; Mrs. Charles Bellin, of O'Neill; Mrs. Ted O'Hare, of Johnston; Mrs. Dick Duryea, of Brewster; Mrs. Robert Mitchell, of Amelia; Mrs. David Rohn, of Dustin; Mrs. L. H. Junod, of Valentine; and Mrs. Leslie Kime, of Valentine.

JOHN C. CARNEY, RETIRED, DIES

Came to O'Neill Region in 1876 — 2 Years After Settlement

Funeral services were held from St. Patrick's Catholic church here Monday at 10 a. m. for John C. Carney, a 79-year-old retired O'Neill farmer. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiated and burial was in Calvary cemetery here.

Mr. Carney died in O'Neill Saturday at 1:45 p. m. He had been ill only 1 day.

Fallbearers were: Harry Sullivan, P. V. Hickey, Leonard Shoemaker, Frank Murray, Frank Fallon, Robert Cook, Dick Minton and Anthony Stanton, all of O'Neill.

Born at Danville, Ill., February 7, 1871, a son of the late Patrick and Bridget Carney, the late Mr. Carney came to the O'Neill region and Holt county during 1876, 2 years following the first settlement. He had lived here continuously since.

On Novmber 28, 1899, he married Anna Bridget Welsh at O'Neill and to them 6 children were born.

Mr. Carney lived north of the O'Neill city limits where he farmed. He retired in 1943.

Mrs. Carney died May 29, 1944.

Survivors include: Daughters — Mrs. Joseph (Anastasia) Donohoe, of Fremont; Mrs. Catherine T. Craig, of O'Neill; sons — Edmond H., and James, both of O'Neill; Aloysius, of National City, Calif.; 4 grandchildren; brother — James, of Kearney; a sister — Mrs. Jeff Gibbon, of Kearney.

Atkinson Power Squabble Settled—

Plaintiff Leo F. Seger et al, of Atkinson, Wednesday dismissed a suit against Consumers Public Power district. Subject of the suit was the construction of the new 33-thousand-volt power line through Atkinson's residential area.

Seger and 17 other Atkinson citizens met with CPPD officials and attorneys Tuesday in Atkinson and agreed upon a settlement.

Settlement includes the re-routing of the power line from the residential to the industrial area in Atkinson to the substation site.



Other O'Neill Chamber of Commerce recognition day guests were Mrs. Lyle Ferguson, of Brewster; Mrs. Jack Galloway, of Bassett, and Mrs. Vern Sageser, of Amelia, state president of extension clubs.—The Frontier Photos.

Holt Prep Athletes Honored at Banquet

Holt county sport men and boys Wednesday night packed the American Legion auditorium here to honor county prep athletes and to hear J. William Glassford, head football coach at the University of Nebraska.

The banquet was sponsored by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce.

Coach Glassford delivered the main address and Gregg McBride, Omaha World-Herald sports scribe, spoke.

John R. Gallagher, prominent O'Neill attorney, served as toastmaster and gave the welcome address. Rev. Alex Onak, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, gave the invocation.

Letter winners from Inman, Page, St. Joseph's, of Atkinson, Chambers, Stuart, O'Neill, St. Mary's, of O'Neill, Atkinson and Ewing along with their respective coaches were honored.

The Cornhusker coach also showed films of various Nebraska football games.

Other entertainment was furnished by O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy.

Grutch Appointed Service Officer—

John Grutch, 41-year-old World War II veteran, Wednesday evening, April 12, was appointed county service officer by the county service board.

Grutch succeeds Kieth Abart, resigned.

Married, Grutch has been a lifelong resident of Holt county. He served in the Pacific theater with the Army infantry during the late war. He is the father of 2 children. He is a member of Simonson post 93 of the American Legion.

Abart, also a World War II veteran and father of 2, has transferred to the Niobrara Electric Membership corporation as an auditor.

Margie Finch To Girls' State—

PAGE—Miss Margie Finch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Finch, of Middlebranch, will represent the Page community at Cornhusker girls' state that will be held at the University of Nebraska June 6-12. She will be sponsored by the Page American Legion auxiliary. Miss Finch has participated in many activities during her 3 years in high school.

Holt ARC Fund Drive Over Top

Holt county chapter of the American Red Cross is \$557 over its 2-thousand-dollar goal in the 1950 fund-raising drive and 1 community's report is still incomplete.

This was announced Wednesday by the Holt ARC drive chairman, Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet. To date, \$2,557.54 has been raised in 7 Holt county communities and in rural sections, Mrs. Cole reported. Atkinson's report is incomplete.

Following is a breakdown for the respective towns, quotas and amount raised:

Town	Quota	Raised
Emmet	\$ 100	\$ 175
Ewing	125	225
Inman	75	104
Stuart	225	236.25
Chambers	150	286
O'Neill	675	933.99
Page	100	204.20
Atkinson		
(Incomplete)	550	393.10
Totals	\$2,425	\$2,557.54

Rev. Orin C. Graf Atkinson Elected

Rev. Orin C. Graf, pastor of the Atkinson Presbyterian church, Monday was elected moderator of the Niobrara Presbytery at its 2-day convention at Norfolk. Rev. Graf succeeds Rev. William Spence, of Valentine.

The convention concluded Tuesday. Among those from O'Neill attending the meet were:

On Monday — Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mrs. D. C. Schaffer, Mrs. R. H. Parker and Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh.

On Monday and Tuesday — Mrs. George C. Robertson, Rev. Ralph Gerber and R. M. Sauer.

Tax Assessment Deadline Today—

Today (Thursday) is the deadline for filing personal tax schedules with the county assessor, according to L. G. Gillespie.

Penalties up to 50 percent of the assessment will be inflicted if schedules are not filed by taxpayers, Gillespie warned.

REGIONAL STOCK MEETING SLATED

Stock Growers and Brand Group to Gather Here April 26

A panel of livestock men will discuss the future of the industry when the Nebraska Stock Growers association and the Nebraska Brand committee hold a regional meeting for all stockmen and their wives in O'Neill on Wednesday, April 26.

In organizing the sectional meeting, Dr. C. R. Watson, of Mitchell, president of the Nebraska Stock Growers association, has stated: "It is our sincere hope that no stockman will miss the opportunity to attend this meeting. It is one which makes it possible to meet and visit with people who are engaged in the same work that you are and who are interested in the welfare and improvement of the industry."

Plans for the meeting have been worked out in cooperation with the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce.

In charge of arrangements are: D. C. Schaffer, chairman, L. D. Putnam, F. N. Cronin, Melvin Ruzicka, Edward M. Gallagher and James W. Rooney, of O'Neill; Lyle P. Dierks, of Ewing; E. M. Jarman, of Chambers; Bob H. Clifford and E. C. Weller, both of Atkinson.

Meanwhile, under the leadership of Mrs. Schaffer, the women's committee is planning a special program for all visiting ladies who come to O'Neill. Mrs. Felix Taylor, of Whitman, president of the Nebraska Cow-Belles, will attend and as many of the other officers as possible will be present.

The men will register at the Royal theater starting at 10:30 a.m. The program for the day for the stockmen will get under way at 2 p.m. in the theater.

At the same time, the Nebraska Cow-Belles and all visiting ladies will meet in the lounge of the American Legion building for registration, a program, and tea. A banquet for all stockmen and their wives will be served at the American Legion auditorium at 6:30 p.m., following which Dr. A. L. Miller, member of congress, will deliver the featured address.

As banquet speaker, Doctor Miller, Fourth district congressman, will draw on his resources as a native son of western Nebraska and as a representative in congress to predict "Where Goes America?"

After the banquet there will be a dance and other entertainment in the American Legion auditorium for all stockmen and their wives. A good orchestra has been secured.

Doctor Watson will open the program at 2 o'clock in the theater building. Dr. E. P. Anderson, state veterinarian, will address the cattlemen on "Animal Disease Control in Nebraska." This will include a discussion of Bang's disease and the proposed voluntary ranch program to combat brucellosis, testing for tuberculosis, screw-worm detection and the progress being made in the study of hyperkeratosis or X-disease.

"Nebraska Brand Inspection" will be explained by Chase Feagins, of Alliance, secretary of the Nebraska Brand committee. In the last fiscal year, 1,719,904 head of cattle were inspected for proper branding and 17,891 head were held for proof of ownership. The cost to the seller for brand inspection is negligible compared to protection assured by the Brand committee's corps of inspectors.

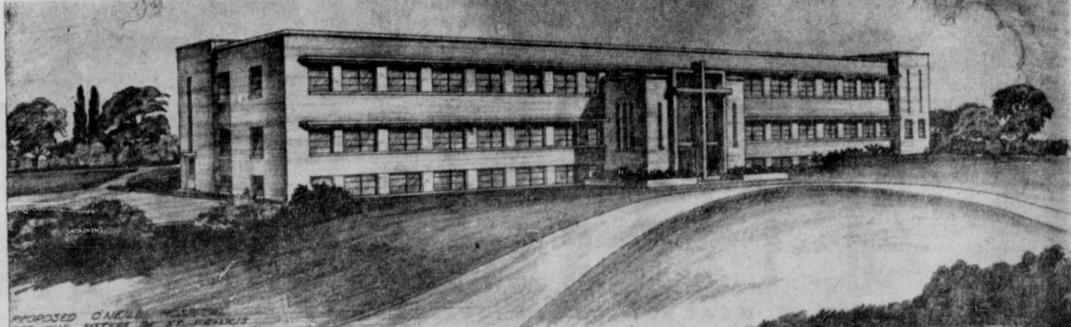
Through the efforts of Earl (Continued on page 4)

EVANS TO IMPERIAL

EWING—A. S. Evans, superintendent of schools here the past 4 years, will head the Chase county high school at Imperial next year. Mr. Evans is a graduate of Wayne State Teachers' college and completed his graduate studies at the University of Nebraska.

To Hold School Demonstration Today—

Montgomery Hardware of O'Neill is sponsoring a free cooking school and freezer demonstration today (Thursday) at the American Legion auditorium. Event will begin at 2 p. m.



PROPOSED ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL . . . Architect Frank N. McNeill's sketch of the proposed \$300,000 medical center for O'Neill. The all-modern 2-story structure will be built on the site immediately west of St. Mary's academy. Construction is planned to get underway in July. Advertising for bids on the contract will begin in May.