

Progress Event to Draw Crowd

Legion-Sponsored 2-Day Celebration Will Feature Parade

O'Neill's prosperity during the past 10 years will be the theme of a 2-day American Legion-sponsored celebration here Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16.

There will be a full schedule of activities, including a parade, baseball, open house at the Simonson post Legion clubrooms, carnival, concessions, Hollywood Death Drivers, ground-breaking ceremonies for St. Anthony's hospital, an aerial spraying contest and dancing.

The big 2-day festival will open at 1 p. m. Saturday with a parade in which prizes will be \$15, \$10 and \$5.

At 3 o'clock there will be a baseball game between the Atkinson Legion and O'Neill Legion. At 6:30 p. m., the Atkinson Midgets and O'Neill Midgets, also Legion-sponsored, will tangle.

Throughout both days there will be a carnival and concessions on lots east of the Legion club. Rides will include ferris wheel, octopus, merry-go-round, and kiddie rides. There will be 6 shows by the County Fair Shows.

Saturday's entertainment will conclude with an old time dance at the Legion ballroom.

Sunday's program will begin at 1 p. m., with the St. Anthony's ground-breaking ceremonies. (See story at left.) At 2:30 p. m., the crowd will move to the Municipal airport where the Hollywood Death Drivers will present their thrill spectacle with jallops.

A wrist watch will be dropped 1,000 feet from an airplane during the afternoon's show at the airport, and there will be an aerial spraying contest—first contest of its kind ever held in Nebraska. Civil aeronautics officials and University of Nebraska college of agriculture officials will be the judges. A \$100 first prize has been posted.

At 8 p. m. in Carney park the O'Neill Rockets will entertain Chambers, a North-Central league foe, in a baseball attraction under the lights.

The 2-day celebration will be climaxed with a dance at the Legion ballroom, featuring the Starlighters orchestra.

During the course of the celebration the Legion will maintain an open house at its clubrooms and will provide your favorite games. Club will open each day from noon.

Last year the Legion sponsored its first annual celebration which was labeled a Diamond Jubilee celebration, marking O'Neill's 75th anniversary.

Theme this year is progress. During the past decade O'Neill's population swelled from 2,532 to 3,950. During the celebration ground will be broken for the new 40-bed, 420-thousand-dollar St. Anthony's hospital, and it is planned to throw the switches illuminating a portion of O'Neill's new white way on Saturday evening.

Music will be provided by the Municipal band.

Lt. Baker to Advance Base

Lt. John Lee Baker, son of Mrs. H. J. Lohaus, of O'Neill, on July 2 was reported stationed on an advance jet air base on Okinawa preparatory to swinging into the Korean war. Until then he had not seen action but other elements of his unit had already gotten into the fray against the North Korean Reds.

Baker is a jet pilot. His mother received a letter from him Monday—first news since the Korean war began. Korea is within striking distance of Okinawa.

Until Wednesday Baker was the only known military man from the O'Neill region in the war zone.

O'Neill Firemen Reelect Officers

O'Neill volunteer firemen Monday evening in an annual election meeting reelected all officers for the coming year.

Reelected officers include: G. E. ("Hap") Miles, chief; Norb Uhl, assistant chief; J. Ed Hancock, secretary-treasurer; Roy Johnson, captain, and Robert Davidson, head linesman.

Meeting was held at the O'Neill firehouse and it began at 7 p. m.

Meanwhile, O'Neill volunteer firemen Friday, July 7, answered their first alarm in over 70 days. Firemen responded to extinguish a grass fire west of the Victor Halva shop. The record shows the last alarm previously had been turned in April 19.

John Curtis, Lincoln Official, to Speak At Ceremony

The long anticipated date for ground-breaking at the site of St. Anthony's hospital is Sunday, July 16.

The ceremony will take place between 1 and 2 p. m. at the construction site immediately west of St. Mary's academy. The rite is in connection with the American Legion-sponsored progress celebration.

John Curtis, of Lincoln, public relations official for the Consumers Public Power in Nebraska will be the principal speaker. Mother M. Erica, head of the Denver, Colo., provincial house for the Sisters of St. Francis, will turn the first shovel of dirt.

Program will begin at 1 p. m. with music by the O'Neill Municipal band. Solemnity will be provided with an invocation by Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church. The band will accompany the audience in the singing of selected hymns after which Mr. Curtis will make the address.

James M. Corkle, head of the St. Anthony's hospital building committee, said there would be brief remarks from several others.

Mother Erica, who heads the Catholic order of nuns who will own and operate the 40-bed 420-thousand-dollar medical center, will be present to move the first dirt.

Rite will close with the national anthem.

Mr. Curtis is a veteran of World War I, is a former commander of the Nebraska American Legion, is a qualified lawyer.

Busboom & Rauh, of Salina, Kans., are general contractors and will begin work immediately.

174 NEBRASKANS TO BE INDUCTED

Holt Draft Board in Session Tuesday Reviewing Files

One hundred and seventy-four Nebraskans will be inducted into the army "as soon as possible," Col. Francis Drath, manpower division chief of the Nebraska selective service system, said Tuesday.

Maj.-Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director in Washington, D. C., wired:

"The call for Nebraska is for 174 men to be delivered as soon as possible—and no later than September 30."

Voluntary enlistments will not cut down the size of the first draft quota.

Two members of the Holt county draft board met Tuesday—Glea H. Wade, of O'Neill, and Fred Jungman, of Atkinson. Also present was the chief clerk, Mrs. W. H. Harty, of O'Neill.

This marks the first draft call since January, 1949. Holt county's draft machinery, however, has been kept intact.

The board spent the day checking the file of registrants and readying for the first call, which reached the statehouse only a few hours later.

Mrs. Harty stated that all registrants should notify the office of any change in address.

Meanwhile, the air force is seeking volunteers from its active reserve components and former air force servicemen.

Officers now possessing critical military occupational specialties may request recall through the nearest reserve unit or through the nearest numbered air force.

Former airmen who have no reserve status may volunteer for enlistment in temporary grade held at the time of last honorable discharge.

Sgt. James Lyons, O'Neill recruiter, can furnish additional information to former army and air force persons interested in enlisting as well as other candidates.

Bentley Sale Set Next Wednesday

A public sale will be held on Wednesday, July 19, beginning at 1 o'clock, to settle the estate of the late George S. Bentley, who lived 18 miles south of Chambers.

Leo T. Adams, of Chambers, is the administrator; Col. Edwin Thorin, of Chambers, is auctioneer, and the Chambers State bank is clerk.

Seventy-three head of cattle will be sold, including 31 black cows and 20 yearlings. Also to be auctioned are miscellaneous items and equipment and some household goods. (For listing turn to page 7 of this issue.)

SEEK TO RESTORE POSTAL SERVICE

Chamber Opposes Recent Curtailment and Will Press for Change

The O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, in monthly session Tuesday noon at Slat's cafe, went on record unanimously seeking restoration of postal service that prevailed at the O'Neill postoffice prior to July 1. Thirty members were present.

Effective July 1, the O'Neill office made its last mail dispatch daily at 6 p. m. instead of 10 p. m., and the postoffice window closes at 5 p. m., daily except Saturday, instead of 6 p. m. daily, including Saturdays.

The change in hours was induced by Postmaster-General Donaldson's economy move.

Ed Wilson made the motion that a resolution be adopted to have the service restored and A. P. Jaskowiak seconded the move.

President L. M. Diehlman, presiding for the first time since his election to the post a month ago, appointed a committee to take the matter up with congressional and postal officials. Appointed were: Carroll ("Cal") Stewart (chairman), Edward M. Gallagher, G. E. Miles and Jaskowiak.

Diehlman reported that preparation was being made to place a first-class unofficial mail receptacle at the Chicago & North Western railway depot to enable people to post mail until the eastbound train arrives. The receptacle, however, is not under the custody of the postoffice department.

Director Ira George of the Municipal band asked the Chamber to consider sponsorship of the band in band day activities at Lincoln on October 21 (day of Nebraska-Penn State football game).

Other business at Tuesday's meeting included hearing further details of a recent highway 20 association meeting held at Sioux City. H. J. Lohaus, who was a delegate, was heard.

A delegation will go to Gordon on Tuesday, July 18, to attend the annual meeting of the Niobrara River Basin Development association.

The Chamber decided its firms would remain open throughout Saturday and Sunday evening, as usual, even though the American Legion-sponsored celebration will be time.

Committees appointed by President Diehlman include: Membership and finance—Melvin Ruzicka (chairman), John H. McCarville, L. D. Putnam, Verne Reynolds, Arnie Doering, M. E. Jacobson, Ralph McElvain, J. B. Grady, John C. Watson, N. O. McCrary and Tony Asimus.

Activities—Harold Bumann and Leo Moore (cochairmen), James M. Corkle, Arnie Doering, D. H. Clauson, Joe Stutz, A. P. Jaskowiak, Dr. C. M. Eason, Paul Beha, D. D. DeBolt, Wm. McIntosh, Hugh Ray, Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve.

Boy Scouts—M. E. Jacobson (chairman), Judge D. R. Mounts, M. E. Davis, Ira H. Moss, J. Ed

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Take a good look... the trees in the parkways on West Douglas street (looking west from Shelhamer Foods building) are giving way this week to O'Neill's new white way.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

O'NEILL WOMAN BURIED TUESDAY

Mrs. John W. Kersbrook Dies Following Long Illness

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 11, at St. Patrick's Catholic church here for Mrs. John W. Kersbrook, 56, a resident of O'Neill for 27 years. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiated at the rites and burial was in Calvary cemetery here.

Mrs. Kersbrook died following a heart attack Saturday, July 8, at her home at 8:25 p. m. She had been ill about 18 months.

Pallbearers were M. J. Wallace, Tim Harrington, F. E. Parkins, C. W. Porter, Harold E. Weier, Frank Clements, John C. Watson and Jack Arbutnot, all of O'Neill.

Mary Loretta Keenan was born December 27, 1893, at Berks, Neb., the daughter of Michael and Mary Keenan.

On February 14, 1917, she married John W. Kersbrook at St. Mary's church at Lincoln. They became the parents of 2 children.

The Kersbrooks came from Osmond to Holt county during 1923. Mr. Kersbrook is a well-known O'Neill businessman and served as mayor for many years.

The late Mrs. Kersbrook was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Survivors include: Husband—John W., of O'Neill; sons—Dale A., of O'Neill; and Jacques C., of Chicago, Ill.; mother—Mrs. Mary Keenan, of Lincoln; sister—Mrs. L. H. Pierce, of Lincoln; brothers—L. H. Keenan, of Lincoln; P. J. Keenan, of Seward, and J. H. Keenan, of Dillon, Mont.

A rosary service was offered Monday evening at the Kersbrook home.

Charles Ruther Back from Chile

STUART—Charles Ruther, of Chuquicamata, Chile, arrived in Stuart Saturday, July 8, to spend his vacation with his wife and daughter and visit his sister, Mrs. Frances Roberts.

Mrs. Ruther and Billie motored to Omaha to meet Mr. Ruther, who came by plane to Omaha. He is with the Chile Exploration company.

Mrs. Ruther came from Chile in April to spend the summer. Miss Billie has been staying with her aunt and attending high school here.

HARMEN DAMERO DIES SUDDENLY

PHOENIX—Harmen Damero, 77, farmer residing a mile south of here, died suddenly at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, July 8, while doing chores at his farm home. He was milking a cow when stricken with a heart attack and died immediately.

The late Mr. Damero was born October 10, 1873, and he spent many years in the Phoenix community.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday from the Seger funeral home in Atkinson. Rev. Orin C. Graff, Presbyterian pastor, officiated and burial was in the Phoenix cemetery.

A large crowd attended the funeral and made the trip to the cemetery despite rain and bad road conditions.

Survivors include: Widow; brother—John Damero, of Phoenix; sister—Mrs. George Syffe, also of Phoenix.

Mrs. Jacobson and Mrs. Birmingham Hostesses—

Mrs. M. E. Jacobson and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham were chairman and cochairman at the Country club fortnightly dinner Sunday evening.

PASTOR, FAMILY IN HIWAY CRASH

O'Neill - Bound Lutheran Family Escapes with Minor Injuries

Rev. Robert Olson, 25, Mrs. Olson and their 14-months-old son, Bruce, escaped serious injury last week enroute to O'Neill where Reverend Olson is the new pastor at Christ Lutheran church. They sustained cuts and minor bruises in a highway accident in which a truck crashed into the rear of their passenger car.

Reverend Olson, a recent graduate of the Missouri Lutheran synod theological school at Springfield, Ill., said the impact demolished their car. The accident occurred in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harley, of Atkinson, drove to Sherburn, Minn., to bring the new pastor and his family to O'Neill.

Reverend Olson will serve Emmanuel Lutheran church at Atkinson as well as Christ Lutheran church in O'Neill. He succeeds Rev. Clyde O. Cress, who was transferred to Cleveland, O., in the spring.

Installation services were held Sunday, July 9, at both churches. The rite in O'Neill was conducted in the afternoon and the service was held in Atkinson in the evening.

Rev. Walter Hartmann, of Ainsworth, was the installing officer. Several visiting clergymen were present.

Reverend Olson served 2 small Chicago, Ill., parishes during his vicarage and prior to his ordination. The O'Neill-Atkinson post is his first postulate.

The new pastor's original home is at Eau Claire, Wis.

The Holt county board of supervisors met in a scheduled session Tuesday.

DR. J. W. GILL, 69, DIES AT NORFOLK

Funeral Rites Wednesday For Chambers Physician

CHAMBERS—Dr. J. W. Gill, 69, well-known south-Holt county physician and surgeon who was known intimately by hundreds of families throughout this section, died Sunday, July 9, at 11:40 p. m. in a Norfolk hospital.

He had been ill since March, 1949, and had been in-and-out of hospitals during that interval.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, from the Methodist church in Chambers. Rev. Lawrence McElheran, Baptist church pastor, officiated, and burial was in the Chambers cemetery. Rev. L. R. Hansberry assisted.

The body lay in state at Biglin Bros. mortuary in O'Neill from Monday noon until Wednesday morning, when it was taken to the Gill home in Chambers.

Pallbearers were William Renninger, Walter Brown, Victor Harley, Kenneth Adams, Vern Sageser and John Waiters.

The late Doctor Gill was born on December 1, 1880, at Tekamah, a son of Thomas and Martha Gill, who had migrated from Pennsylvania to Nebraska.

He was graduated from the Tekamah public school and received his doctor of medicine degree from Cotner university's college of medicine.

At Omaha on June 14, 1911, he married Bertha Marie Wetz, of Omaha.

The Gills became the parents of 4 children—3 of whom died in infancy.

The Gills came to Chambers in 1912 from Lincoln. Mrs. Gill died several years ago.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Frank (Melba) Spath, of Chambers; brothers—Delmar Gill, and Alfred Gill, both of Tekamah; sister—Mrs. Harry Richardson, of Hoxie, Kans., 1 grandchild.

He was a member of the AF & AM lodge, was president 4 years of district 8 of the Nebraska Medical association, was a member of the Methodist church and his hobby was gardening.

In charge of floral arrangements at the rites were Hattie Tibbets, May Sageser, Blanche Sageser and Myrtle Bell.

Burial Here Sunday for Kopejtko Infant

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, July 9, at the Methodist church here for Dennis Frank Kopejtko, 3-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kopejtko, who reside 21 miles northeast of O'Neill.

The infant, after an illness of 2 weeks, died about 2:30 a. m. Friday upon arrival at the O'Neill hospital.

Rev. V. R. Bell, Methodist church pastor, officiated and burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Survivors include: Parents, 3 brothers; Larry Jerry and DeWayne; 4 sisters; Norma Ann, LaVonne and Sharon, all at home and Mrs. John Alder, of Inman; grandmother—Mrs. Joe Kopejtko; grandfather—Henry Butterfield; great-grandmother—Mrs. Anna Winchell.

A. W. Carroll Fills Hugh Ray Vacancy

A. W. Carroll, of the O'Neill Auto Supply, has been appointed to succeed Hugh Ray, O'Neill lumberman, as First ward city councilman. Appointment was made Wednesday evening, July 5.

Ray, head of the Spelts-Ray Lumber Co., resigned from the council several weeks ago. He was serving his second term.

Nuns Visit at Conway Home

Sr. M. Quentin and Sr. M. Hortense, of Atchison, Kans., arrived Saturday and spent a few days visiting at the home of their mother, Mrs. Bertha Conway. Other relatives who spent Sunday at the Conway home were: Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kjeldgaard and son, Dean, of Lyons; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClelland, of Hartington, and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Thomson and family, of Chambers.

Wanted: Some Sleep! Lost on Jamboree

"I'll always remember the great number of Scouts from all over the world as well as the things I have learned about Scouting while attending the national Boy Scout jamboree."

These were the words of William ("Bill") Malloy, of O'Neill Scout troop 210, who Monday returned from the jamboree which was held at Valley Forge, Pa., June 28 through July 9.

Malloy, son of Mrs. Ruby Malloy, of O'Neill, was sponsored on the all-expense trip and tour by the Chamber of Commerce.

The 15-year-old O'Neill high school junior heard President Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower talk, shook hands with Rep. A. L. Miller, Nebraska's fourth congressional district representative, and toured some historical points in the northeastern section of the United States during the trip enroute to Valley Forge and return.

In addition to the great number of Scouts from all over the world, Bill said he'd have a "tough" time forgetting the night of July 6.

During that day the Scouts

broke camp at Valley Forge and checked in all equipment. Stripped of bed clothes and tents the Scouts slept on the ground at the national encampment site the final night.

Malloy told The Frontier he "about froze to death that night in the damp, cold climate prevailing along the eastern seaboard."

Although Malloy departed from O'Neill June 23 with another O'Neill Scout, Richard ("Dick") Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, they did not arrive at Valley Forge until June 29.

The 2 O'Neill Scouts joined others from all parts of Nebraska and Iowa at Ft. Omaha on June 23. They spent 2 days there for indoctrination training for the national encampment and then started June 25 on the first leg of the trip.

Following an overnight train ride to Chicago, Ill., the Scouts converged on Niagara Falls, N. Y. Here, Bill thought, the famous falls were "best seen at night when assorted colored lights from the Canadian side were thrown on them."

June 27 and 28 the Scouts

spent touring New York City and took a memorable boat trip around New York's harbor.

They were guests at a radio show at Radio City, toured Rockefeller Center, circled the statue of liberty by boat and saw other points of interest in the New York harbor.

Following the boat excursion, the Scouts embarked on the New Jersey side of the harbor and from there they went to Valley Forge.

Scouts from all over the world poured into Valley Forge on the night of June 28. "The first night we slept on the ground," Bill recounts, "with June 30 spent setting up camp and drawing equipment."

During the 7 days the Scouts spent at Valley Forge, time was consumed by working for merit badges and other Scouting activities.

Malloy said he completed numerous projects toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

Besides working on merit badges and hiking, Scouts spent some time viewing the historical landmarks of the famous Valley Forge battle ground and listening to

speeches made by prominent Americans.

Malloy thought President Truman's speech "about Communism was in most parts, over the heads of the majority of the Scouts."

He recalled Eisenhower's speech, about the value of Scouting, was more "down-to-earth and understood by most of us."

Eisenhower spoke to the Scouts July 4 during the early evening. He then requested, at the conclusion of his speech, Malloy said, a big display of fireworks.

"We had the fireworks," Malloy said with a big smile.

Malloy said there had been some debate about a fireworks display until Eisenhower requested them.

During the stay at the camp site, the Scouts took a day off to sleep and they spent a half-day touring the historical points of Philadelphia, Pa.

The trip to Washington, D. C., on July 7, the day following the breaking of camp at Valley Forge, they toured the national capitol building and the con-

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