

Ground-Breaking Induces More Gifts

40 Shovel Shares Sold; \$5,000 Ryan Bequest Presented

Ground has been broken for St. Anthony's hospital. Soon there will rise in the northside residential section a 40-bed, 420 - thousand - dollar medical center that will become the city's biggest asset.

Despite a few raindrops and threatening showers Sunday afternoon, the ground - breaking rite was carried out as scheduled.

A large crowd gathered on the hospital site, a block west of St. Mary's academy to see Mother M. Erica turn the first shovel of dirt, to hear John T. Curtis, principal speaker, lay communism and laud the hospital move, and to witness an appropriate program.

The ceremonies opened with music by the Municipal band. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church offered invocation.

James M. Corkle, head of the hospital building committee, introduced Father O'Sullivan, Mother Erica, Mother M. Boniface (St. Mary's academy principal), Frank McNett, of Grand Island architect; O. Mathiason, of Salina, Kans., operating superintendent for Busboom & Rauh, general contractors; Mr. Curtis, of Lincoln, public relations official for Consumers Public Power of Nebraska, and Mayor Davis.

Mayor J. E. Davis welcomed the visitors to the city and reviewed the St. Anthony's "drama" to date.

Davis said O'Neill would be justly proud of the modern, new St. Anthony's hospital which will be filling a "long felt need."

Three grandchildren of the late James B. Ryan, widely known O'Neill hay dealer, presented to the hospital a 5-thousand-dollar bequest. The grandchildren were: James, 14; Mary, 11, and Judy, 9, children of Mr. and Mrs. Neil B. Ryan.

In addition, Mr. Ryan, who died in April, has bequeathed 5-thousand-dollars to St. Patrick's church and a like amount to the Sisters of St. Francis.

Ground was blessed by Father O'Sullivan after which Mother Erica turned the first shovel of dirt.

Mother Erica, a St. Mary's academy alumna who originated at Battle Creek, heads the Sisters of St. Francis provincial house at Denver, Colo. She came to O'Neill especially for the ceremony.

Sisters of St. Francis, who operate St. Mary's, also will own and operate the new hospital.

Mr. Curtis told the audience that while the ground-breaking marked the actual beginning of construction for St. Anthony's, it also marked the beginning of a new and difficult phase in the hospital's history.

"Much work yet remains to be done," he said. "Still more funds are needed in order that the Sisters will not be burdened with a great indebtedness."

The speaker, who was trained as a lawyer and is a veteran of World War I, made reference to the communistic aggression in Korea. He stated that Americans would prefer to die on their knees than stand under the yoke of communism.

He discussed the American freedoms and translated the freedoms into such projects as St. Anthony's.

Forty shares in the shovel, which Mother Erica used, were sold before the ceremony concluded. "Buying" of the shares will remain open for 30 days. A bronze plaque will be placed in a showcase in the hospital with names of purchasers inscribed. Each share amounts to

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The late J. B. Ryan, . . . 15-thousand - dollars bequeathed to St. Anthony's hospital. St. Patrick's church, Sisters of St. Francis. (Story at left)

GROUP TO BACK ROAD PROGRAM

Weller Named President In Organizational Meet Held Here

A Holt county chapter of the Better Nebraska association was organized here Thursday evening. E. C. Weller, prominent Atkinson auctioneer, was elected president, and Julius D. Cronin, well-known O'Neill attorney, was named secretary-treasurer.

Purpose of the organization is to back Gov. Val Peterson's road program which will be a referendum issue at the forthcoming general election.

Meeting was held at the county courthouse. H. G. Greenamyre, of Lincoln, executive secretary of the Better Nebraska association, conducted the meeting. Nearly 50 interested persons attended.

The group decided to raise funds—probably \$500—to aid the program.

A Nebraska highway planning committee, a composite group of citizens from all sections of the state, was appointed by Governor Peterson 3 years ago to prepare a long-range plan for Nebraska's highway improvement. The committee submitted its recommendations to the 1949 session of the unicameral legislature, which passed the bill with minor changes.

It was the general consensus of those present that the program will have to receive the approval of the voters if this section of the state is to receive its sorely needed road improvement.

Rev. E. B. Maxcy Expires at Bayard

INMAN—Funeral services for Rev. Eugene B. Maxcy, 79, retired Methodist minister at Bayard, who died there Friday, were held Monday at 3 p. m. at the St. Paul's Methodist church at Lincoln.

Reverend Maxcy had served the Nebraska conference for about 50 years, holding pastorates at Johnson, Palmyra, Diller, Shickley, Hardy, Lewiston, Pleasant View, Fairview, and Inman. He served Inman for several years, retiring from active ministry 3 years ago.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. F. N. Smith, of Bayard; sons—Harold E., of Bayard; James A., of Mason City, Ia.; and J. W., of Lincoln.

.58 MILL LEVY INCREASE SEEN

Election, Salary Boosts Will Account for Probable Raise

Hearing for the Holt county budget for the new year, July 1, 1950, to June 30, 1951, will be held at 11 a. m. on Wednesday, July 26, at the courthouse.

Objections and suggestions will be heard and corrections may be made.

A maximum .58 overall mill levy increase is recommended by J. Ed Hancock, Holt's budget authority. Increase is in the general fund from 1.26 last year to 2.00 for the new fiscal year.

Hancock points out that the general fund increase is to pay an expected 10-thousand-dollar expense in conducting the primary and general elections (both falling in the same year) and expected increases in pay for at least 2 county officers.

Hancock fixed the increase recommendations as a maximum and explains that the adopted budget might be less.

He pointed out that if Holt is declassified from 4-A to 4, only 2 officers—clerk and treasurer—will receive pay increases. If Holt is not declassified, other officers will share in the increase. Classification is determined by population count and Holt's loss of persons during the past decade is expected to result in declassification.

On June 30 the county had a balance of \$574,435.07 on hand, compared to \$581,987.07 a year ago.

The budget proposal calls for a decrease in road, and unemployment relief funds.

Bridge fund levy—1.60—is maximum and fixed by law. (See pages 7 and 11.)

Panties and Beer Can Plug Sewer

O'Neill's nifty new outfall lift sewage system went on the blink Tuesday night.

Good reason. A pair of ladies' panties, a beer can and a dish rag collaborated in locking 2 of the 3 mechanical pumps at the lift station.

Pumps are automatic. When a stoppage occurs another pump starts, but early Wednesday morning City Superintendent L. C. Anderson found one of the pumps carrying the burden.

Anderson isn't certain how the 3 items got into the sewerage, but he is certain the result would not be pleasant if all 3 pumps were locked at the same time.

Lynch Doctor Showered with Greetings

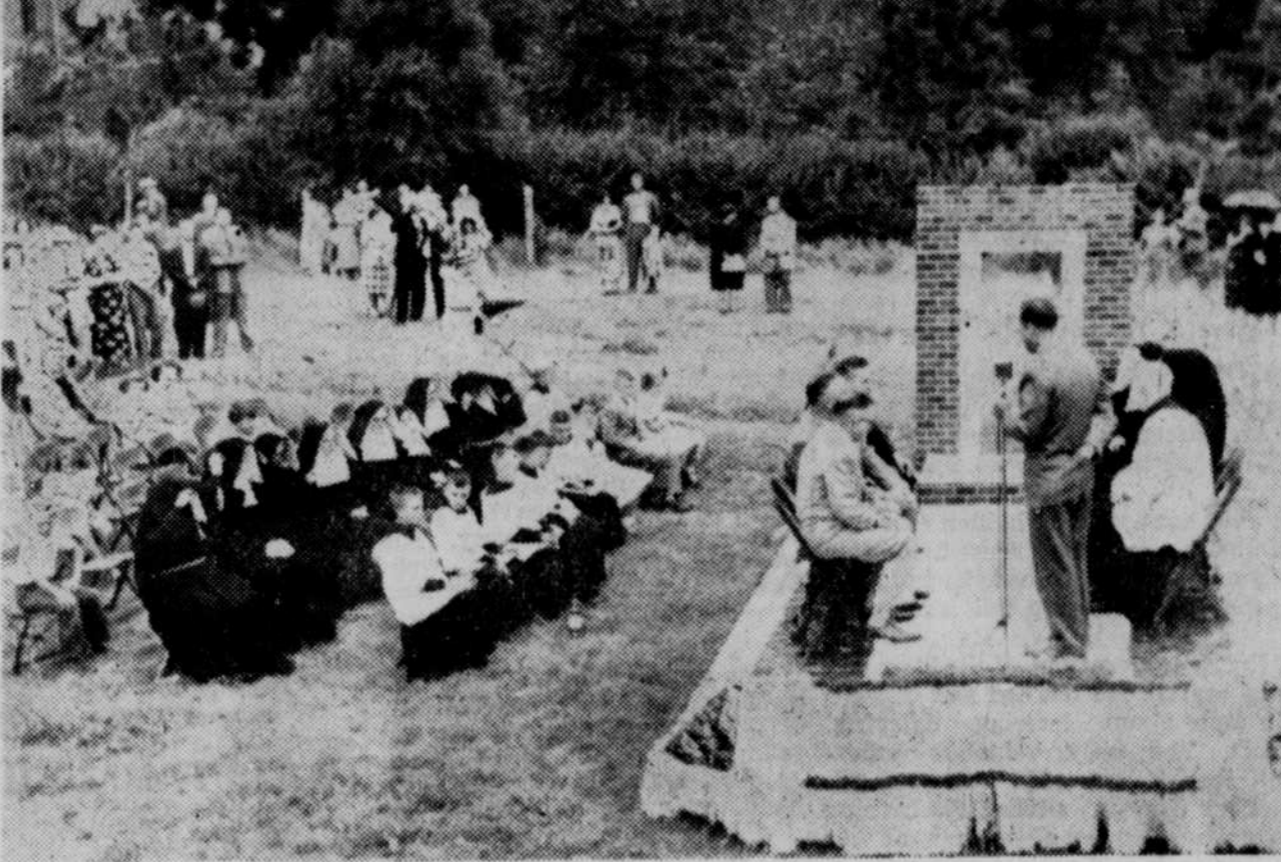
LYNCH—Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Ira and daughter, of Florida, arrived Saturday, July 8, and Mrs. G. R. (Naomi) Ira Douglas and son, George, of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived Wednesday, July 12, for an extended visit at the parental G. B. Ira home.

Dr. Ira is "much improved" after a 6-weeks' illness.

July 22 marks the doctor's 78th birth date and all week he has been receiving birthday greetings from his many friends. Doctor Ira has served Lynch since the early 1890s.



Mother M. Erica . . . St. Mary's academy provincial house at Denver . . . turns first shovel of dirt.—The Frontier Photo



Mayor J. E. Davis speaks during St. Anthony's ground-breaking rite. Portion of crowd shown at left.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

JOHN HAAKE, 90, DIES AT NORFOLK

Burial Monday for Aged Resident of Chambers Community

CHAMBERS—John Haake, 90, a longtime resident of the Chambers community, died at 10:15 Saturday morning, July 15, in the Lutheran hospital at Norfolk where he had been a patient since July 10.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. at St. Paul's Lutheran church with Rev. L. A. Dale in charge.

Music was furnished by an octette composed of Mrs. Victor Harley, Vivian Walter, Mrs. L. A. Dale, Delores Harley, Lyle Walter, Henry Brown, J. W. Walter and Victor Harley, with Mrs. J. W. Walter at the piano. Pallbearers were Herbert Neilson, Glen Adams, Herman Schipman, Arnold Zuelka, Orville Metschke and Alvin Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers were John Dankert, John Walter, sr., William Lehmann, Charles Walter, Pete Brown and Clarence Johnson.

John William Haake was born December 4, 1859, to Henry and Margaret Haake at Oldenburg, Germany.

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Seoul Evacuation 'Terrible Experience'

L. A. Ott, of O'Neill, told The Frontier on Monday that he had received a letter from his sister, Mrs. Stanley Phillips, who was recently evacuated from Seoul, Korea.

She stated that "the evacuation was a terrible experience," that she had to leave all household goods and even her car behind and that her "next address would be good old USA."

Airman Downed In Sea of Japan

BRUNSWICK—A Brunswick airman was among 5 B-29 crewmen rescued by Japanese fishermen after parachuting from their crippled plane over the Sea of Japan Thursday.

He is 1/Lt. Donald D. Miller, radarman, of Brunswick.

The others were: Capt. Allen E. Thomas, Fittstown, Okla.; Capt. Thomas B. Hoxie, Grand Rapids, Mich.; S./Sgt. Gilbert D. Wear, Rogersville, Ala., and S./Sgt. Harrison E. Utz, Finksburg, Md.

The 5 were in the water on rafts nearly 11 hours before they were rescued. The Far East air force said 6 other crewmen are being sought. The plane went down on a bombing mission to North Korea.

Frontier want ads bring quick results.

3.96 INCHES RAIN TODATE IN JULY

Haying and Threshing at a Standstill Due To Wetness

The weather can be summed up in a lone, 4 - letter word: Rain.

Haying is at a standstill because of the wetness, small grain is ripening slower than usual but generally it isn't ready for threshing, corn needs warm weather—and lots of it—to make the grade.

Rivers and streams have been swollen for several weeks and water is standing everywhere in the lowlands.

In south Holt the complaint is "too much moisture" while in northeast Holt farmers say they have "enough."

Frank Soukup, living 5 miles northwest of O'Neill, says until now the abundance of moisture "hasn't hurt."

County Agent A. Neil Dawes said Wednesday he has seen only two Holt fields in which a binder has worked.

Temperature dropped to 45 degrees early Thursday—one of the coldest mid-July days on record.

Precipitation during the past (Continued on page 4.)

PROGRESS EVENT 'BIG SUCCESS'

Weather Threatens But Fails to Dampen Celebration

O'Neill's progress celebration, second annual festival sponsored by Simonson post 93 of the American Legion, has been recorded as a big success.

But not without some anxious moments provided by the weatherman.

On several occasions during the 2-day—Saturday and Sunday—festival the skies threatened to dampen the proceedings, but all events were carried out on schedule.

Progress was the theme of the mile-long parade in which 100 floats were entered.

The parade formed in West O'Neill and marched east on Douglas street to the American Legion club to the accompaniment of snappy airs by the Neligh and O'Neill municipal bands. After reforming, the parade moved westward again on Douglas.

Judges were asked to pick winners in 3 categories: heavy floats, novelty floats and automobile floats.

Selections:
Heavy floats—Wm. Krotter Co. of O'Neill, first; St. Anthony's hospital, American Legion auxiliary, Midwest Motor Co., Ltd., and Chamber of Commerce, all honorable mention.

Novelty floats—New Outlaw Grocery, first; Carl Asimus Builders, Jay's cafe, both honorable mention.

Automobile floats—McCrary Jewelry and Mode O'Day frock shop (combination), first; Coast-to-Coast store, Firestone Home & Auto, Beckwith Oil Co., all honorable mention.

Judges were Hadden Anspach, of O'Neill; John Conard, of Emmet, and Ira Watson, of Inman.

Hundreds of persons lined the streets for the parade.

The Krotter float, with the firm name emblazoned in large white letters across the base, was a blue-and-yellow color spectacle. Miss Joan Kalhoff presided atop the prize-winning entry.

There were 2 baseball games Saturday evening. The Atkinson Midgets defeated the O'Neill Midgets, 8-4, in an extra inning game. Atkinson Legion team lost to the O'Neill Legion, 2-5.

The St. Anthony's ground-breaking ceremony started Sunday's program. (See story elsewhere on page 1.)

Sixteen hundred persons witnessed the Hollywood Dare Devils' thrill show at the Municipal airport.

The aerial spraying contest was cancelled because storm conditions elsewhere prevented entries from reaching O'Neill. Entrants from Utica and Neligh, however, presented an aerial spraying demonstration.

O'Neill Rockets defeated Chambers, a North-Central league foe, 13-8, in a Sunday evening athletic attraction.

Throughout both days a carnival operated east of the Legion club and the Legion conducted open-house.

Dances were held each evening at the Legion ballroom.

Legion officials declared the celebration a "big success" and promise an even better show next year.

Noal Long headed the parade committee.

On several occasions the crowd was forced to scurry for shelter because of showers. But a part-time warm sun and welcome flags provided a festive air for celebrants, many of whom came a considerable distance.

3 Stuart Young People in Mishap

STUART—Three young people from Stuart were injured in an auto accident 5½ miles east of Norfolk early Wednesday morning, July 12.

Miss Delores Karo suffered a broken upper jaw, possible fracture of lower jaw and other facial injuries. She is in "fair condition" at the Lutheran hospital in Norfolk.

Jim Seger lost 4 upper teeth and suffered chest injuries. He was dismissed from the hospital Saturday, July 15.

Ray Krysl suffered nose and lip lacerations, also chest bruises. He was not hospitalized and came home that evening.



First place in the heavy float division in O'Neill's progress parade went to the entry of the Wm. Krotter Co. of O'Neill. A blue and yellow color spectacle, it moved through Douglas street with Miss Joan Kalhoff presiding. (More Progress Parade pictures on page 9.)—The Frontier Photo.