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THE EGG AND THE FRONTIER . . . Dan Troshynski, who lives 1 1/2 miles south and a half-mile east of Page, brought an oversized egg (above) to The Frontier office the other day. He swears the oval is the product of a 1-year-old Leghorn Hamp hen at his farm. The egg measures 3 3/4 inches long (tip-to-tip) and 7/8 inches in diameter.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

Assessing Brisk Before Deadline

Holt People Queue to Interview Assessors

Friday, April 20, is the deadline for personal tax assessments. If you haven't contacted your precinct or county assessor by that time, and told him the story of your personal property worth as of March 10, you can be penalized 50 percent.

Holt Assessor Wm. F. ("Bill") Wefso, in the throes of the first experience of county assessor, reported Wednesday that many taxpayers had put off until the 11th hour their visits with the tax man.

Queues of people at the county offices have been common throughout the week. Some township and precinct assessors report similar experiences.

But in Holt Creek and Rock Falls townships, the assessment business was wrapped up several days ago. Harold Shaw, of Holt Creek, brought his returns in first followed by Levi Hull, of Rock Falls.

Meanwhile, several other township assessors—or legally regarded as assistant county assessors—since have completed their work.

"It is too early to determine how the assessments will compare with 1950," said Mrs. Ned Allendorfer, deputy Holt assessor.

H. W. Tomlinson is handling the assistant assessor's duties in O'Neill. He is stationed at the A. Marcellus garage.

Collins Sale Big Attraction

All roads will be leading to the fifth Lloyd Collins farm implement and farm machinery sale to be held in the Collins lots on Saturday, April 24.

These big auctions have been attracting buyers from several hundred miles and usually fill the city with shoppers.

Included in the offering will be tractors, combines, plows, mowers, hay rakes, hammermills, one-ways, cornpickers and many other new and used items.

This week's sale will be at a new location. The earlier Collins auctions have been held on the east outskirts of the city. The Collins lots are located 2 blocks south of the traffic signals (O'Neill's main intersection) — or near the Collins store.

Col. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, and Col. Harry Cooper, of Winer, S. D., will be the auctioneers; O'Neill National bank, clerk. (See ad on page 6.)

Also listed on The Frontier's calendar is a close-out of personal property by Thos. Thompson, who lives 12 miles southwest of Chambers. Mr. Thompson has selected Wednesday, May 2, as his sale date. Colonel Thorin will be the auctioneer; Chambers State bank, clerk.

New Traffic Signals Being Installed

The new post-type traffic signals, ordered several months ago by the city of O'Neill, are being installed this week. They will replace the overhead automatic signal, which hung for many years at the corner of Fourth and Douglas streets.

The new lights will be located at the First National bank corner and the old Nebraska State bank corner. The lights will be synchronized and will control pedestrian and vehicle traffic from 4 directions.

When the guidewires were torn from their moorings last fall, the overhead signal had to be taken down.

Luckily the city has escaped a tragedy at the busy downtown corner during the period no signal was in action.

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TO GIRLS' STATE . . . Miss Claryce Johnson (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson, of Walnut, will be O'Neill's delegate to the annual Cornhusker girls' state activities in Lincoln in June. She is an O'Neill high school junior. —O'Neill Photo Co.

\$225 INCREASE TO GRADE TEACHERS

9 Faculty Members Get Salary Hikes; 1 Resigns

Blanket salary increases of \$225 per year have been granted to nine O'Neill public school elementary teachers. An increase also was granted to another teacher, who declined and at the same time handed in her resignation.

Miss Luverne Schultz, fourth grade teacher for the past 4 years, will not return to O'Neill next term. Her home is at Magne.

All of the grade teachers were reelected six weeks ago by the board of education. At that time no salary increase was stipulated. At a meeting of the board last week, the blanket raises were voted.

Teachers are: Mrs. Leo (Winnie) Mullen, eighth grade; Mrs. Ralph (Alice) Fritton, seventh; Mrs. Leona Shoemaker, sixth; Mrs. Ray (Rachel) Battenhausen, fifth; (vacancy) fourth; Miss Hilda Gallagher, third; Miss Loretta Enright, second; Mrs. Al (Catherine) Fritton, first; Mrs. Harry (Grace) Peterson, kindergarten; Mrs. Florence Schultz, special room.

Mrs. Harold (Helen) Donohoe, teacher in the so-called "overflow" room, was not reelected because school officials are not certain an "overflow" room will be required for the 1951-'52 term.

Meanwhile, the board has not signed for replacements for Supt. Ira George and Prin. Howard Dean.

George has not announced his plans after his contract expires August 1 and Dean will enter the insurance business in Iowa.

Rock's Longest Resident Dies

BASSETT — Harry Green, of Newport, believed to be Rock county's longest resident, died about 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, in the Bassett hospital. He had been confined to the hospital for some time. Recently he submitted to a leg amputation.

The late Mr. Green was a rancher who lived 6 miles north and a mile west of Newport.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) or Friday.

To WCTU Meeting—

Miss Meta Martin went to Grand Island Monday to attend a mid-year executive conference of Nebraska's WCTU which was in session Tuesday and Wednesday.

HOLT RESIDENT 63 YEARS DIES

Michael Curran Buried Monday in Calvary Cemetery

Funeral services for Michael Curran, 63, a longtime resident of the Amelia community, were conducted at St. Patrick's Catholic church at 10 a.m. Monday, April 16. Mr. Curran died Thursday, April 12, in the Stuart Community hospital, where he had been a patient for 5 weeks.

Relatives said the late Mr. Curran, who never married, had been in failing health for 2 years.

Rev. A. A. Urbanski, of Church of the Epiphany, Emmet, officiated. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

pallbearers were Francis Curran, George Curran, Arde Curran, Bernie Kennedy and Arthur Doolittle.

A rosary was offered at Biglin Bros. funeral chapel Sunday evening.

The late Mr. Curran was born in Platte county on June 10, 1885, a son of Thomas Curran and Mary Loftis Curran.

He came to Holt county at the age of 2 and spent 63 years in the county, mostly in the southwestern part. He was a carpenter by occupation although he was reared on a farm.

Survivors include: Brother — James Curran, of O'Neill; sisters — Mrs. Delia Ernst, of Amelia; Mrs. Edward (Clare) Connors, of Broadwater; Mrs. Gertrude Minahan, of O'Neill; a number of nieces and nephews.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Weber, of Genoa; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Connors, of Broadwater; Rich Lewis and Bill Lewis, of Decatur, and others from Amelia and north of O'Neill.

No New Information on Doyle and Wife

Police in three states—Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma—still are searching for John Doyle and his wife.

The Doyles forged a check for \$225 to be used as a down payment in the purchase of a used car from an O'Neill dealer 12 days ago.

They beelined for the Southland. In Wichita, Kans., they wrecked the car and their 3-year-old daughter had to be taken to a hospital. The Doyles vanished.

The little girl presumably is now with Doyle's mother, who lives in Wichita.

Following the accident Wichita police combed a section of the city in which they believed the Doyles might be found, but the pair eluded the net.

Mr. Doyle had been working with a hay baling crew near Atkinson.

Milford Roberts, Atkinson, Dies

ATKINSON—Milford Roberts, 82, a native of Waterbury, died at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Stuart Community hospital. He had been a patient in the hospital for 8 days.

Mr. Roberts went to Atkinson 33 years ago. He was a carpenter by trade.

Mrs. Roberts died more than 9 years ago.

Survivors include a son—Fred, and a daughter—Mrs. Clyde Nelson, both of whom live near Atkinson. There are several other sons and daughters.

The body is at Segers' funeral home.

The funeral is tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Presbyterian church in Atkinson with Rev. Orin C. Graf officiating.

This funeral date is tentative because several of the Roberts sons may be arriving from the West coast.

Watson Home After Quick Korea 'Tour'

John C. Watson, assistant cashier at the First National bank, was back at his desk Tuesday following a quick "tour" of duty in World War III. After 10 days in Korea, the army told Watson it was "all a mistake" and loaded him aboard a U.S.-bound vessel.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Watson, of Inman, John had a rough go for 8 months in Europe during World War II. He got overseas rather late in that conflict, but was decorated with 3 battle stars including the ordeal of the Battle of the Bulge.

At war's end he came to O'Neill and became an officer in one of the banks. The army still claimed him, however, as a master sergeant in the reserves.

When the Korean affair broke-out, John was called up again. He left for active duty on October 19, 1950. He reported for duty at Ft. Lewis, Wash., was later transferred to Ft. Riley, Kans., and finally sent to Camp Stoneman, Calif., for overseas processing.

On February 15 he sailed from San Francisco, Calif., harbor and choked a bit when the Golden Gate disappeared from view.

Arriving in Japan in early March he was subsequently sent across to Korea where he was assigned to a military police outfit. The unit's job was to keep open the supply lines from the Port of Pusan to the battlefield.

Watson, who never had military police experience, applied for a change.

Lt.-Gen. Matthew Ridgway's Eighth army headquarters, reviewing the O'Neill man's combat record — the battles of the Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhine—decided it had made a mistake. In 8 days he was processed and headed homeward and he was back in the U.S.

Mrs. Watson and their daughter, Ruth Ann, had been residing with Mrs. Watson's parents at Wells, Minn., during John's absence. Now they are househunting in O'Neill and John is divorced — he believes "for good" — from the army.

During World War II he fought with the 84th infantry division of the Ninth army. John had glowing praise for the work of the United Nations forces. He said he was particularly impressed with compliments he heard for U.S. airmen.

Casualties of U.S. forces have been "very heavy," he said.

Wounded Korea Vet Off Again to Wars

Marine Pfc. Luther Larson, former Atkinson youth and brother of Robert E. Larson, of O'Neill, has completed a two-weeks' visit with relatives and has headed back for the wars.

Private Larson was the first known combat veteran to return from the Korean war front. He went the route with the gallant First Marine division, was wounded and was hustled back into the front lines in a hurry.

Larson, even to his brother, was not very talkative about the Korean hardships.

But a visit with him about the places he'd been and the times he was there suggested a bloody career for the durable guy who was a mere Holt county kid a few months ago.

Luther was awarded the purple heart for shrapnel wounds he received. The manpower shortage accounted for his being hustled through a first-aid station and right back into the see-saw battle with North Korean and Chinese reds.

He received the decoration at Treasure Island.

Young Larson was among the first of 1,800 Korean combat veterans to be returned to the U.S. for rest and recuperation.

His father is Luther Larson, sr.,



Private Larson . . . wounded . . . back up front in a hurry.

of Lucas, Ia., who came here to visit his son.

Early Monday the young Marine boarded a bus and headed for Anaconda, Mont., where he will visit two brothers and their families. From there he will proceed to San Diego, Calif., for assignment.

O'NEILL STUDENTS TO ARTS FESTIVAL

O'Neill and SMA Music and Speech Pupils Seek State Laurels

Students from the O'Neill public high school and St. Mary's academy are attending the fine arts festival being held in Lincoln this week.

Bruce McElhaney and Barbara Bennett will represent O'Neill high in the instrumental division.

Marge Birmingham, Bernadette Hynes, Lorraine Simonson, Mary Ellen Steele, James DeBacker, Bob Hynes, Tom Donlin and Fritz Flood, of St. Mary's, and Vernyce Dye, Lois Harder, John Bowen and Donna Crabb, of O'Neill high, will take part in the vocalists' competition.

Phyllis Seger, of O'Neill high, and Rose Anderson and Bernard Moore, of St. Mary's, will perform in the piano division.

Delores Hull and Esther Kinner will go with the group. Students from both schools will also take part in the dramatic presentations at the festival.

Barbara Bennett will give the dramatic reading, "The Crucifixion," by Lew Wallace.

Lorraine Simonson, of St. Mary's, will present a humorous reading, "The Soldier Lover"; Marge Birmingham, a dramatic reading, "My Ever-Long Creation"; Jack Carney, a radio newscast; and Mary Lois Kelly, a poetry reading.

Each school will also present a one-act play.

O'Neill high will present "High Window," with John Bowen, Donna Crabb, Lois Harder, Leah Serck and Don Petersen.

The play to be given by the students from St. Mary's will be "Gray Bread" with Mary J. Jarman, Bernadette Hynes, Mary Lois Kelly and Marge Birmingham.

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Stuart Man Driver of Death Auto

STUART—William Hytrek, 23, of Stuart, was driver of a car in which Rosemary Hoffman, 21, of David City, lost her life Monday while traveling south on U.S. highway 281 near Platte Center.

A second Stuart man, Robert Jensen, 23, was a passenger.

The machine Hytrek was driving plunged into a deep ravine after veering off the right side of the road, and smashing through a guard rail.

The death brought Nebraska's highway toll to 77 for 1951, compared to 60 at this time last year.

Hytrek and Jensen were taken to a Columbus hospital to receive treatment for shock, cuts and bruises.

Postoffice Ready for Mail Delivery

In reply to a number of inquiries that he has received concerning the beginning of house-to-house mail delivery in O'Neill, Acting Postmaster Thomas J. Sullivan reported this week that the plan has been officially approved and will become effective as soon as the numbering of the houses has been completed and mailboxes have been installed.

The O'Neill Lions club has undertaken the task of numbering the houses and the major portion of the work has been done, Mr. Sullivan stated.

All the necessary postal supplies for inauguration of the service have been received.

Door-to-door mail delivery, once a day, is expected to relieve a lot of congestion at the postoffice. Queues of patrons are frequently to be found at the general delivery and parcel post windows during the peak periods of the day.

Tune in at 9:45 a.m., each Mon., Wed., Sat., WJAG (780 k.c.) for the "Voice of The Frontier" . . . direct from O'Neill.

AWAIT ALL-HOLT ATHLETIC BANQUET

Nagel, Franklin and Films Will Feature Program

One hundred fifty Holt county high school athletes —representing all the schools in the county —and that many more parents and businessmen are pointing to the second annual all-Holt county athletic banquet to be held at the American Legion auditorium Wednesday night, April 25.

The event, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, climaxes the athletic activities for the school term.

Special guests will be Fran Nagel, quarterback on the University of Nebraska 1950 football team and one of the ablest ball handlers and field generals in collegiate circles last fall, and "Preacher" Marvin Franklin, of the Husker coaching staff.

The honored guests will be athletic lettermen from the various prep schools in the county.

A. P. Jaskowskiak, committee chairman, told the Chamber Tuesday that all was in readiness. The ladies' auxiliary of Simonson post 93 will serve the banquet.

Approximately three hundred persons are expected.

Highlights of the 1950 Nebraska university football campaign will be shown on a film. Commentary is recorded on the film. A full-size screen will be used. Showing will be in charge of John H. McCarville.

At Tuesday's Chamber meeting, it was decided to appoint a committee to solicit funds for membership in the Highway 20 association, like last year.

General road conditions were discussed. Deterioration of the hardsurfaced roads in the area was vigorously deplored.

The Chamber has requested the municipal band to appear on May 10 when the Lincoln Sowers—a booster group from the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce — visits here.

Secretary James W. Rooney reported that hardsurfacing of a section of U.S. highway 281 north from O'Neill, originally scheduled for fall of 1951, will be delayed. No official explanation has been made, he said.

Two representatives of the Nebraska office of price stabilization will be at the O'Neill public school band room on Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m., it was stated by Secretary Rooney.

Personal Effects Lost in Fire

All personal effects belonging to members of the Orville Neal family, in the northwest section of the city, were destroyed in a fire Saturday afternoon.

The dwelling, located east of the county garage, burned while nobody was home. Mrs. Neal had gone to a neighbor's to get her three children.

Fire started near the chimney. The house was a frame building. Mrs. Cieta Ritts and Mrs. Mabel Strong are accepting contributions of clothing or cash in behalf of the stricken Neal family.

The O'Neill volunteer firemen were summoned to the O. D. French residence at 11:35 a.m. Tuesday to extinguish a hot grease fire. Smoke caused some damage. A small cupboard was burned.

At 9:58 p.m. Tuesday firemen were summoned to the northeast section of the city where a junked car was ablaze. The machine, in a junk lot, was owned by Vernon Strong.

Dozens of curious motorists violated the law by preceding or following the fire trucks to the scene of the blaze.

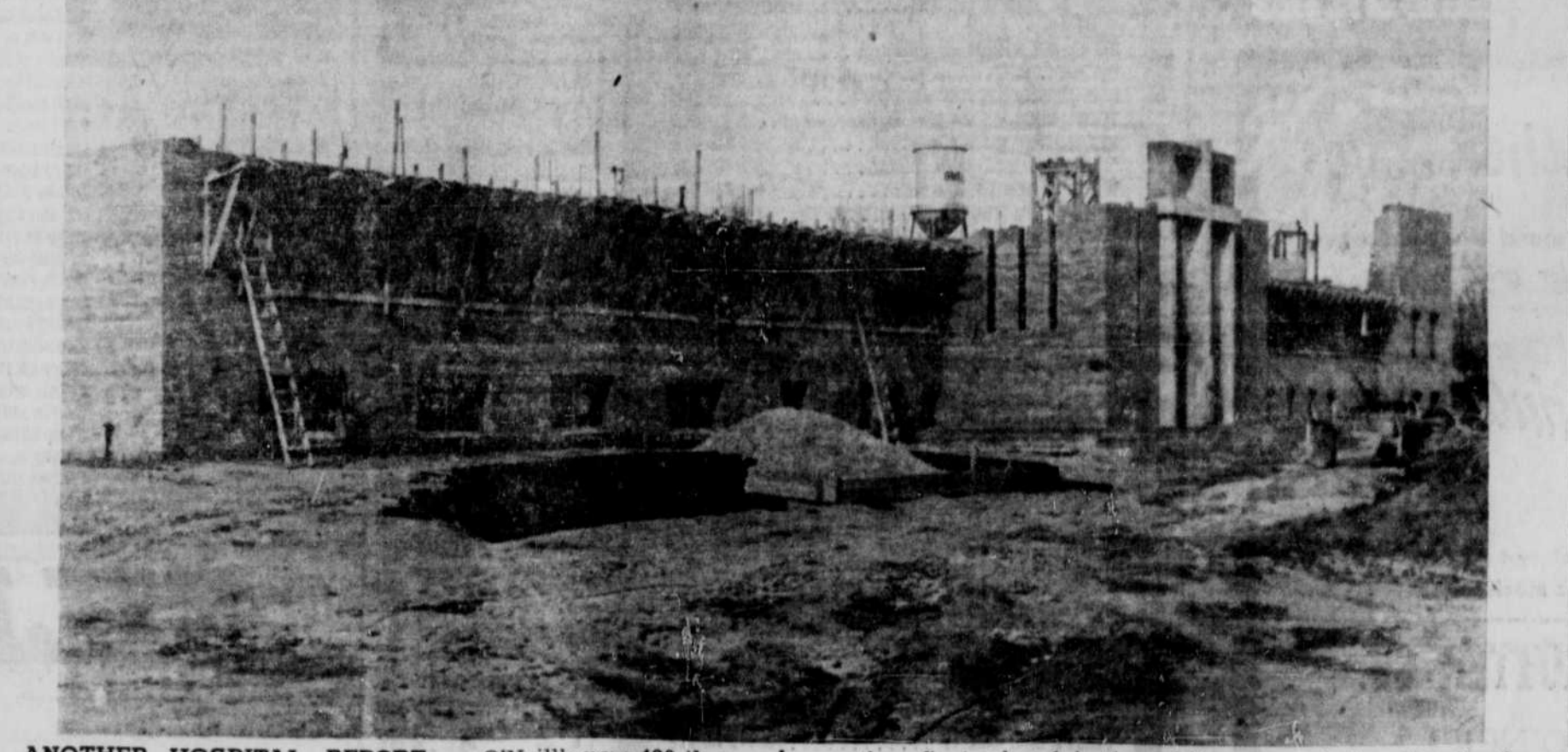
One city official expressed fear that a tragedy might occur one day when sightseers interfere in this manner with firemen and fire equipment reaching the scene of a call.

J. R. Russell, Wife Plan Open - House

PAGE — Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Page on Sunday, April 22.

They will observe open-house from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 until 9 in the evening.

Flies to Indianapolis—Ned Allendorfer, of O'Neill, last week made a roundtrip air flight to Indianapolis, Ind. He was there several days on business.



ANOTHER HOSPITAL REPORT . . . O'Neill's new 420-thousand-dollar St. Anthony's hospital continues to take shape. Workmen have stayed by their job through all kinds of winter

weather. September 1 is the arbitrary completion date for the 40-bed medical center to be staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis. —The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.