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25-POUND 'CAT'—NO LESS . . . Clarence Farr, of Emmet, and his grandson, also named Clarence Farr, of O'Neill, are exhibiting a 25-pound catfish taken from the Stuart-Atkinson gravel pits last week.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

MRS. O'MALLEY STROKE VICTIM

Farm Woman Fails to Regain Consciousness; Burial Wednesday

Mrs. Walter O'Malley, 66, well-known O'Neill farm woman living 10 miles northwest of here, died about 10 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the O'Neill hospital. She had suffered an apoplectic stroke the day before at her home, was removed to the hospital, and never regained consciousness.

Funeral rites were conducted at 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 23, at St. Patrick's Catholic church and burial was in Calvary cemetery. Pallbearers were Nicholas McHaley, H. E. Coyne, P. C. Donohoe, John Jensen, John Sullivan and Thomas Donohoe. Rev. Kenneth Carl officiated.

A rosary was offered at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday at Biglin Bros. funeral chapel.

The late Mrs. O'Malley, whose maiden name was Mary C. Merzig, was born October 8, 1884, at Ft. Niobrara, near Valentine.

Her parents were Lt.-Col. Peter N. Merzig and Bee Casey Merzig, her father being in command of the U.S. troops whose job it was to suppress Indian uprisings. In the late '80s the family left Valentine and went to Tucson, Ariz. Mary grew up on several different army posts.

She was married to Walter O'Malley, of O'Neill, in St. Patrick's church on September 20, 1922. The couple moved in 1931 to the place where she lived until her death.

On September 1, 1950, the late Mrs. O'Malley suffered a fall in her kitchen, resulting in a broken hip. She was hospitalized for several months in connection with the injury.

Survivors include: Widower; sister—Miss Elizabeth Merzig, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Merzig flew to Omaha late Tuesday and was driven to O'Neill early Wednesday in order to be here for the burial rite.

Sisters Embark on Voyage to Europe

The Misses Mary Kathryn and Veronica Coyne, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne, sailed Tuesday from New York City on the De Grasse for a European tour. Their sister, Dr. Nadene Coyne, who is interning in Philadelphia, was on hand to bade them bon voyage.

The Coyne sisters, who are employed in Chicago, Ill., will arrive in LeHavre, France, Thursday, May 31. From there they will go directly to Paris.

Other places of interest they plan to see are Italy, Switzerland, England and Ireland. They plan to visit other points if time permits.

Reverend Hall to Speak at Paddock

Rev. Wayne Hall, of O'Neill, pastor of the Assembly of God, will be the speaker at memorial day exercises at Paddock Union church and cemetery.

There will be a program of music and readings.

Everyone is invited.

Frontier for printing!



ELKHORN — A MONSTER IN SPRING . . . The upper Elkhorn river usually is little more than an oversized creek. This picture (above), taken last Thursday, is a bit deceptive. Instead of a tranquil lake in a wooded section it is a roaring monster inundating



WATER OVER THE DAM . . . The Atkinson mill dam weathered the high water in the upper Elkhorn river last week even though there was considerable apprehension when water neared an all-time high mark. The earthen dam was banked with baled hay to secure it. This graphic photo showing water racing over the spillway was taken on Tuesday, May 15.—The Frontier Photo to Elwood Brady.

everything in sight. The view is looking east from the south bridge, a half-mile south of O'Neill on U.S. highway 281. — The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville. (See story on page 8.)

NORTH-CENTRAL ELECTS TYLER

Press Group in Session Here Picks Ainsworth Man for President

Robert H. Tyler, managing editor of the Ainsworth Star-Journal, Saturday was elected president of the north-central district of the Nebraska Press association for the next 12 months. Tyler succeeds Ralph J. Kelley, publisher of the Atkinson Graphic and Stuart Advocate.

Cal Stewart, publisher of The Frontier, was named vice-president, and William L. Yost, editor of the Stuart Advocate, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Eighteen newspapers were represented, also R. F. Kennedy, of the Columbus Daily Telegram, president of the Nebraska Press association; Scott Greenwood of Lincoln, association secretary; and Fred R. Zimmer, of Hartington, past president of the association.

Paul F. Wagner, publisher of the Dakota County Star at South Sioux City and recently appointed administrative assistant to Gov. Val Peterson, was the principal speaker.

Wagner's topic was "Press Relations with the Statehouse." He told how the governor reserves the 10 o'clock hour each morning, when he is in Lincoln, for press conferences and pointed out instances where zealous reporters occasionally were "derelict in presenting all the facts in their stories that subsequently appeared in newspapers."

Governor Peterson's press, generally speaking, is "very good," Wagner said.

Before World War II Wagner was statehouse correspondent for the United Press. As in all meetings where the governor or members of his staff are invited, the discussion inevitably got around to roads. The bogey, of course, is lack of funds and the present session of the unicameral is winding up its 1951 session without having solved that problem.

Wagner pointed to a current news release from the statehouse in which State Highway Engineer Fred Klietsch answered Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation assertions.

A recent news release issued by the Farm Bureau indicated federal funds were available to counties only if state standards were met.

Wagner quoted Klietsch in stating that Nebraska counties can and do use federal funds to build secondary roads without meeting construction standards of the state highway department.

Under Nebraska law, Klietsch says, counties may build roads to (Continued on page 3)

8th Grade Promotion Exercises Monday

Holt county eighth grade promotion exercises will be held at O'Neill on Monday, May 28, in the public school auditorium.

The eighth grade group picture will be taken in front of the courthouse at 1:15 p.m., and the exercises begin at 2 o'clock. Eighth graders, their teachers and parents are urged to use the west entrance of the auditorium.

Cummingsville Store Destroyed by Fire

The Cummingsville store, located 35 miles south of O'Neill on highway 281, Monday afternoon was leveled by fire of unknown origin.

Verne Morris, proprietor, said he had no idea how the blaze started. The store had been remodeled and expanded last fall.

Morris prevented the fire from spreading and reaching gas tanks by playing a stream of water on the fire from the limited water supply at the store.

CHURCH OFFICIAL TO LOCATE HERE

Negotiations were to be completed Wednesday for the purchase of the P. J. McManus estate residence by the conference claimants' society of the Nebraska Methodist conference.

The residence will be remodeled and will become the home of a Methodist district superintendent, who will direct Methodist church activities in northeast Nebraska.

The annual Methodist conference, which convenes next week in McCook, will see the appointment of the superintendent.

Dr. E. E. Jackman, of Norfolk, is present superintendent of the Norfolk (or northeast) district. However, the church is planning to adjust the geographic lines of the district, making O'Neill the logical center.

The boundaries of the O'Neill district will be: West—the west boundary of Rock county; east—the Missouri river; north—the Nebraska-South Dakota line; south—the south-Holt county boundary and an imaginary east-line that extends half-way across the state.

Officials of the claimants' society in session Tuesday approved the purchase of the estate.

Since the death last year of Mr. McManus, a pioneer O'Neill merchant, the residence has been offered for sale publicly and privately. It is located at the corner of Fifth and Everett streets, or 1 block south and 1 block east of the O'Neill center. It is considered one of the fine homes in the city.

With stationing a district superintendent here, the Methodists will have 2 ministers located at O'Neill. The district superintendency often is accompanied by a doctor of divinity title.

Rev. and Mrs. V. R. Bell, of the O'Neill church, will go to McCook next Wednesday, when the conference convenes.

Telephone Employees Hold Dinner

Employees of Northwestern Bell Telephone company gathered Saturday evening celebrating several occasions. Among them were employees leaving, new members and service honors.

Mrs. Don Adamson is moving to the country; Miss Marilyn McConnell will work in the bank at Atkinson; Mrs. Louis Zastrow and Mrs. Gerry Babl are taking a year's leave of absence; Noreen O'Neill is the new chief evening operator; Vernyce Dye and Barbara Hancock are new operators.

Robert Clasey has completed 10 years of service and was awarded a pen. Miss Wauneta Anspach has completed 1 year.

Jet Pilot Home

Lt. Baker Flies 102 Missions Against Reds in Korea

An O'Neill jet fighter pilot, who racked up 102 strafing and bombing missions against North Korean and Chinese Reds, is home from the wars.

He is 1/Lt. John Lee Baker, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus, who reached O'Neill early Friday, May 18. Only 3 days before he was processed at Tokyo, Japan, for return to the U.S. for "rest and recuperation."

Young Baker spent 19 months in the Far East, got into the aerial fight last fall, and flew relentlessly against the Reds until he was ordered back to the States to rest awhile.

John joined the air force in

October, 1948, getting his basic training at San Angelo, Tex., and his advance training at Williams Field, Ariz. The St. Mary's academy graduate began flying jets while a cadet.

In November, 1949, he was sent overseas with the 51st fighter group, initially stationed on Okinawa. At the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, the group was moved to Japan. And that's where the grind began.

It's a major crisis every time you take-off, land, bank and turn in one of those jets. Hard on the nerves, too, not to mention the casualties inflicted by the enemy or operational accidents.

John's job was to harass the enemy, particularly the personnel, supplies and certain tactical objectives. Occasionally he'd have a go at Red aircraft—MIGs—but the enemy usually headed for the sanctuary when a dogfight was brewing.

Young Baker was a flight leader and his tunic today is bedecked with a distinguished flying cross, air medal with 6 clusters, 2 Korean battle stars and an occupational medal.

"The most outstanding experience of the whole campaign is coming home," the youthful airman explained with a grin. He flew by Pan-American air lines from Tokyo to San Francisco, Calif., and United air lines to Omaha. His parents met him there.

After a 30-day leave Lieutenant Baker goes to Lupe Field, Ariz., where he will help process and train jet pilots heading overseas.

The O'Neill air officer was interviewed on the Saturday morning "Voice of The Frontier" program by George Hammond. Two weeks earlier he had been heard on the same program from Tokyo in a special recorded program arranged by the air force.

Rabid Dog Killed

Owners of Pets Must Vaccinate to Avert Spread

Dr. E. P. Anderson, of Lincoln, state veterinarian, has reported to Drs. Bennett and Cook, O'Neill veterinarians, that a recent dog specimen submitted to the state laboratory is "definitely rabies."

The specimen was the "mute type," Doctor Bennett said.

In 28 years of practice in O'Neill, Bennett says this is his first actual contact with the disease in this region.

City officials explained Wednesday that no advice has been received by the city as to quarantine procedure. But residents with valuable pets—principally cats and dogs—should have them vaccinated immediately.

Drs. Bennett and Cook have posted the following vaccination fee scale:

Small and average size dogs	\$2.50
Large dogs	\$3.50
Cats	\$2.50

A certificate of vaccination and a tag for the animal's collar will be issued with each treatment.

Police Chief Chet Calkins said persons should report to police immediately any dog or cat that is bitten. In such a case, the pet should be confined for observation but should not be killed. The police department has orders to dispose of all dogs and cats not identified by collar and tags.

Frank Dalton was owner of a black Labrador dog that was found to be a rabies specimen. Doctor Bennett called for a (Continued on page 8.)



John Lee Baker . . . to train replacement pilots.

Doering - Case Buy Scottsbluff Store

W. A. Doering, of Albion, and Miss Ruth Case, of O'Neill, have purchased the longest-established ladies' fashion store in Scottsbluff.

The announcement was made at Scottsbluff by Mrs. Sadie Andrews, previous owner of Grigsby's store, which long has been a fashion center for western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming.

This makes the third outlet for Doering and Case, having stores also at O'Neill and Albion.

Miss Case came to O'Neill 3 1/2 years ago to operate the Apparel Shop. She took over management of the Scottsbluff store on May 14.

Miss Mary Alice Judge will manage the Apparel Shop, assisted by Mrs. Bartley Brennan.

The policies of the O'Neill store will remain unchanged, Mr. Doering said. "Miss Judge and Mrs. Brennan constantly will improve the Apparel Shop as a store of fine fashions."

Picked for Arts Course

Mary Schaffer, of O'Neill, is one of 300 Nebraska high school students who have been accepted for the annual all-state fine arts course June 7-28 at the University of Nebraska.

The annual spring smoker was held at the O'Neill Country club Wednesday evening, May 23.

Complete Plans for Memorial Day Rites

Units will assemble at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, May 30, for the annual Memorial day parade. The parade will move west from the American Legion club at 9:30 a.m., marching to Second and Douglas streets (Texaco-Conoco corner) and then retrace the line of march to the club.

Memorial day rites will begin at 10 a.m., in the Legion auditorium. Walter F. Roberts, member of the Nebraska state railway commission, will be the speaker.

Mr. Roberts is past commander of the Nebraska department of the American Legion and is a former O'Neill resident.

Military memorial rites will be conducted at the cemeteries honoring the nation's war dead.

Gold star mothers will be transported in special cars. Glea H. Wade, who is in charge of Memorial day arrangements, urges all Legionnaires to participate in the parade, preferably in uniform. The colors and municipal band will lead the parade.

JUSTICE COURT

Alvin B. DePorter, of Rushville, \$10 and costs, speeding. Tuesday, May 22, arresting officer—Frank Dineen.



INSPECT 'VOICE' FACILITIES . . . Four visiting Nebraska weekly newspaper publishers are shown (above) inspecting "Voice of The Frontier" radio facilities during a press meeting here Saturday. In photo (left-to-right) are: Fred

Peterson, publisher of the Madison Star-Mail; Ben Kuroki, publisher of the York Republican; Paul F. Wagner, publisher of the Dakota County Star; and Emil Reutzler, jr., publisher of the Neligh News (seated, back to camera).