

3 Couples Will Renew Vows

Stouts Wed 50 Years; Daughters to Observe 25th Anniversaries

An O'Neill couple Saturday, June 9, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, and simultaneously their 2 daughters with their husbands will be observing silver wedding anniversaries.

Principals in the unusual triangular celebration are among O'Neill's most prominent citizens. They are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stout, who were married June 9, 1901; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich, married July 21, 1926, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, married September 16, 1926.

The three couples will go to the altar at St. Patrick's Catholic church in a special 9 a.m. mass Saturday and renew their nuptial vows. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan will officiate.

No special invitations have been issued by the 3 couples, but they are cordially inviting all of their friends to the mass and to the open house reception from 2 until 5 p.m. in the Birmingham home.

The families request no gifts be sent.

Culminating 50 years of married life for the Stouts also means completion of a half-century of continuous residence in O'Neill.

It was at the altar of the original St. Patrick's church that C. E. Stout, a young pharmacist who had just completed his apprenticeship, and Miss Kitty Dwyer took their original vows.

Mr. Stout, now 75, was born in Blair, a rugged river town, in October, 1875. He was reared and educated there. His father helped to build the railroad bridge across the Missouri river. Just out of high school, young Charles decided he wanted to be a pharmacist. He went to Des Moines, Ia., for a short course.

Back in Blair again, a traveling salesman encountered young Stout with the proposition of an opening for an apprentice with the P. C. Corrigan store in a town called O'Neill.

"First I'd ever heard of the place," Stout recalls.

It was in 1895 the eager apprentice rode into town aboard a slow train.

Five years later he was qualified to hurdle the state drug exams—and he did!

Meanwhile, the firm had become known as Gilligan & Hershiser—the late Dr. J. P. Gilligan and Jake Hershiser, who now lives in California.

By 1901 the name had changed again. It became Gilligan & Stout.

Kitty Dwyer was the daughter of Irish immigrants, Timothy F. and Mary Dwyer. Her mother used to tell about the 6 weeks crossing of the North Atlantic in a sail boat.

Kitty was born near Hancock, Mich., where her parents spent an interim before yielding to the beckoning of Gen. John O'Neill.

Her father made an advance trip to Holt county and filed for a homestead in the so-called "Michigan settlement" northeast of O'Neill.

Pretty little Kitty Dwyer already was a well-travelled young lady when she met the young pharmacist. She had been born (Continued on page 8.)

Minority Opposes Security Payments

The Holt county board of supervisors conducted an open-meeting Tuesday night at the court house. Purpose of the meeting was to determine the sentiment of the public regarding the paying of social security for county employees—a matter which is optional to state, county and municipal governments.

Board Chairman Frank Cronk conducted the session. The majority of those present, which included mostly county employees, favored participating in social security.

The supervisors, however, will make the matter official at their next meeting.

A minority in the audience protested the social security scheme.

Mrs. Gilman Davis, Stuart, Succumbs

STUART — Funeral services for Mrs. Gilman Davis, 75, Stuart farm woman, will be held at 2 p. m., today, (Thursday) in the Community church at Stuart. Rev. Orin C. Graff, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be at Atkinson.

Mrs. Davis died late Monday following a heart attack. She had been ill about a week.

Survivors include: Widower; sons—Marion, of Stuart; M. Ray, of Des Moines, Ia.; Fernie, of Atkinson; daughter—Mrs. Arthur (Winnie) Weber, of Bassett.

Hold Picnic in Page Park
The annual Holt county extension club picnic was held on June 5 at the Page park.

Merriman Is New City Councilman

L. M. Merriman, head of an O'Neill bottling firm, Tuesday was appointed new First ward city councilman and at the same time the appointment was confirmed by the council.

Merriman was appointed by Mayor J. E. Davis to complete the unexpired term of L. M. ("Mike") Diehlman, who moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in April.

Earlier Merriman had been appointed to the post but the appointment failed to be confirmed.

The O'Neill volunteer fire department submitted to the council specifications for the 15-thousand-dollar fire truck authorized by the voters at the April election. The firemen want a new truck equipped with a 750-gallon capacity pump, a 300 - gallon booster and a hose body that will accommodate up to 1,500 feet of 2½-inch double jacket hose. The city will advertise for bids.

W. A. DOERING EXPIRES AT ALBION

Heart Attack Fatal to Operator of 3 Stores

W. A. Doering, 46, operator of Doering ladies' ready-to-wear stores in O'Neill, Albion and Scottsbluff, died about 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at his home in Albion. He had suffered a heart attack 2 weeks earlier and apparently was on the road to recovery when he was fatally stricken.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 5, at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church at Albion. Among those from O'Neill attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bartley Brennan and Miss Mary Alice Judge.

The body was taken to Tripp, S.D., Wednesday for burial.

Mr. Doering was born December 1, 1904, in South Dakota. He managed Montgomery Ward & Co. stores before establishing his own firm.

In 1946 he went to Albion and the following year purchased the Apparel shop in O'Neill, which has been managed by his sister-in-law, Miss Ruth Case.

Three weeks ago he added the Scottsbluff store—the longest-established store of its kind in that city—to the organization.

Survivors include: Widow—Mildred; daughters—Donna, who graduated this spring at Albion high school, Kay and Janice, 4; son—Robert; 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

Vandals Interfere with Communications

Consumers Public Power district officials Friday reported that vandals have been shooting at and destroying the red blinker light atop the radio transmitting tower on the east outskirts of the city.

"This has happened on several occasions," Manager L. C. Walling said, "but Friday a rifle shot severed a coaxial cable linking the transmitter with the antennae."

The matter was reported to the Holt county sheriff.

Donald Gallagher, Jr., Gets Master's at Yale

Yale university has awarded a master's degree in electrical engineering to Donald Gallagher, jr., in O'Neill. He is a son of Donald Gallagher, sr., former resident of Lincoln, who is well-known of Lincoln.

Donald, jr., graduated with distinction from the University of Nebraska last year and attended Yale under an Edison fellowship granted him by the latter university. His master's degree at Yale under the fellowship was attained with honors.

Donald will be a member of the electronic research staff at the Motorola laboratories in Chicago, Ill.

Montana Jack Sullivan Arrives Wednesday

"Montana Jack" Sullivan, of Butte, Mont., former resident and an illustrious figure in the sporting world, arrived in O'Neill early Wednesday. Each year he visits O'Neill and this year timed his visit to coincide with the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stout.

He had been to Indianapolis, Ind., for the memorial day auto racing classic and will visit here about a week.

AUXILIARY GIVES
Simonson unit of the American Legion auxiliary Wednesday night presented a \$500 check to St. Anthony's hospital building fund, boosting the auxiliary's total to \$1,900. New officers elected and installed are: Mrs. Axel Borg, president; Mrs. Noal Long, first vice-president; Mrs. Virgil Laursen, second vice-president; Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve, secretary; Mrs. C. V. Sullivan, treasurer; Rose Minton, chaplain.

ALLIANCE PASTOR GETS APPOINTMENT

Rev. Luvern Jay Will Be M. E. Superintendent; Rev. Bell Returns

Rev. Luvern Jay, Methodist pastor at Alliance for 4 years, Friday was appointed superintendent of the newly-created O'Neill district by Bishop Dana Dawson, of the Nebraska-Kansas area.

Reverend Jay and his wife will reach O'Neill on Thursday, June 14.

The Jays will reside in the former P. J. McManus residence, which the Methodists purchased a fortnight ago.

The new O'Neill district is made up of portions of the former Norfolk district and the former northwest district. Reverend Jay's supervision will extend over a territory extending from Cherry county on the west to the Missouri river on the east. The northern boundary is the South Dakota-Nebraska line.

Rev. V. R. Bell, O'Neill pastor for 3 years, was reassigned for another year. Rev. E. G. Hughes was returned to Atkinson to begin his second year, and Rev. Charles C. Chappell was returned to Ewing-Inman for his second year. The Page pastor, Rev. C. E. Wilcox, and the Chambers pastor, Rev. L. R. Hansberry, will also remain at their present stations.

Rev. Marjorie Johnson, of Spencer, was ordained a deacon in the conference.

Miss Ruth Harris Reaches New York

Miss Ruth Harris, daughter of Mrs. Esther C. Harris, docked Tuesday at New York City after having served about 4½ years in China as a Methodist missionary.

Miss Harris, whose return itinerary included visits in India and Europe, called her mother from New York. Her sister, Mrs. Derald May, of Omaha, and her brother, Guy, a student at Wesleyan university in Lincoln, were at the Harris home at the time of the call.

She will depart soon for a week's visit in Lewistown, Pa., at the home of Miss Doris Caldwell, another missionary who returned with Miss Harris. From June 20 through June 27 she will attend a national conference of missionaries at Green Castle, Ind. She expects to be home about July 1.

Seaman 2/c Tomjack Is on Leave

Reed Tomjack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo S. Tomjack, arrived early Saturday to spend a leave with his parents.

A second-class seaman, Tomjack has been gone a year, spending considerable time in the Far East.

Atkinson Led to Industrial School

A 12-year-old Atkinson 5th grader, Elmer Schaffer, jr., Monday was taken to the Kearney industrial school as an outgrowth of juvenile delinquency matters.

Woods Visit Son's Grave at Keokuk

PAGE — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood visited on memorial day at the grave of their son, Warren, who lost his life while serving with the army air force in China during World War II. Warren is buried at the national cemetery at Keokuk, Ia.

On their way to Keokuk, the Woods were joined in Lincoln where they were joined by Mrs. Earl Bolen and Dianne, of Cortland, and Mrs. Vernon Wiseman and Jo Ann, of Lincoln.

While in Keokuk, all were guest sat at a dinner given by the American war dads of Keokuk for the visiting relatives of the war dead.

Entertain 125 at Open-House

PAGE — Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lamason observed their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Page by holding open house Sunday afternoon and evening for their relatives and friends.

Leslie Lamason and Mary Skelton were married June 4, 1901, on a farm near Page. The observance of the anniversary was held June 3. Miss Frances Lamason had charge of the guest book which was signed by 125 relatives and friends.

Mr. Lamason was born in Mackinaw, Ill., and came to Holt county with his people at the age of 10. His wife was born in Princeton, Ill., and she came to the Page vicinity when a child.

They were married on the place 3 miles northwest of Page now occupied by Ben Stevens, a cousin of Mrs. Lamason.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamason, who have spent their entire married life in the Page community, are the parents of 4 children—Roy Lamason, of Lincoln; Melvin Lamason, of Page; Mildred Jeffers and Frances Lamason, both of Lincoln, who were all present for the event. They have 6 grandchildren. One grandson was unable to be present. There were 2 present Sunday who had attended the wedding 50 years ago. They were Ben and Earl Stevens, of Page.

They were presented with a

Colorful 50 Years for Dorsey Pair

DORSEY — For 33 years the combination home - postoffice-telephone exchange here has been the focal point in the Dorsey community.

And for 33 years Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wiley have faithfully served their neighbors and done a heap o' livin'.

On Tuesday, June 12, the Wileys will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

A few remnants of the generation in which they grew up will be on hand to help them, but mostly the crowd will be composed of the children and grandchildren of the men and women who helped develop northeast Holt county.

There will be a basket dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the Dorsey church. Older folks will visit with the Wileys and youngsters will frolic in the church yard.

Mrs. Wiley's maiden name was Elizabeth Binkerd and to her goes the honor of being the longest continuous resident in Steel Creek township. She came to Holt with her parents on May 6, 1880, at the age of 2.

"And there's no place like Holt county," she earnestly proclaims.

The Wileys were married at the original Binkerd home, 3½ miles from where they now live. They farmed for awhile before taking over the switchboard and postoffice in 1917.

"Traveling with horse-drawn buggies, the carriers used to set out from O'Neill before daylight and get back late at night," Mr. Wiley explains.

Mrs. Wiley has spent uncounted hours on the small switchboard, performing a glamorous and tiring service to a grateful community. She has answered the night bell in the middle of the night to switch messages bearing good news and bad news.

The highlight in their public service careers came during Operation Snowbound in 1949.

Mrs. Wiley, a frail little lady of 73 years, never will forget the night a mechanized snow army pulled up in front with 'cats and weasels.

"They were here off-and-on all night for lunch and I had 10 for breakfast the next morning. We baked pancakes, fried bacon and fried eggs for them.

"The captain said to me: 'I'll take my eggs turned over.' So I tried to turn them over but I got them scrambled!

"I practically lost my voice—and my hearing, too—handling

all those calls during Snowbound. Those long distance calls were very difficult because lines were sometimes down and grounded."

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Cols. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, and Verne Reynoldson, of O'Neill, will be auctioneers. Keith J. Sexton, of the Chambers State bank, will clerk. (For details see big advertisement on page 6 of this issue or big blue handbill.)

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CABINET MEMBER TO SPEAK HERE

Chapman, Secretary of Interior, Coming for Basin Meet

A member of President Truman's cabinet, Oscar L. Chapman, secretary of the interior, will be in O'Neill on Tuesday, July 17, to speak at the 6th annual meeting of the Niobrara Basin Development association.

Chapman tentatively plans to fly from Washington, D.C., to O'Neill in an interior department plane. He will be accompanied by several staff members and will proceed later to Colorado for a ceremony in behalf of the Big Thompson project.

Ernest A. House, president, and Vern Lindholm, secretary, both of Ainsworth, and officers in the Niobrara organization, talked with Chapman in Denver a fortnight ago.

He expressed sincere hopes he would be able to attend the O'Neill meeting.

The association was formed in 1946 for the express purpose of promoting development of the natural resources within the basin.

Officers this year are: Ernest A. House, of Ainsworth, president; Lyle P. Dierks, of Ewing, vice-president, and Paul Schneider, of Ainsworth, treasurer.

O'Neill Mayor J. E. Davis and Secretary James W. Rooney, of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, directed letters to Chapman, inviting him to attend.

It will be the first visit to O'Neill of a cabinet officer during his term of office.

O'Neill, however, has entertained high-ranking U. S. officers in other years. President Theodore Roosevelt and President Howard Taft made visits here during presidential campaigns. Vice-President Charles G. Dawes stopped briefly enroute to the Black Hills on a vacation during his term of office. William Jennings Bryan and Francis P. Matthews visited O'Neill on numerous occasions prior to their appointments as secretary of state and secretary of navy, respectively.

Final plans for the July 17 meetings are not yet completed.

Meanwhile, C. Petrus Peterson, of Lincoln, a recognized authority on irrigation, will speak on Friday, June 8, at 8 p.m. in the O'Neill public school band room.

His talk will concern reclamation in the Niobrara basin. The preliminary survey work in the basin is about completed.

The Peterson talk is under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Rooney says: "The irrigation of the proposed area in Holt county will increase the wealth and stabilize the economy of the area. It will mean prosperity and security for the farmers and businessmen."

Becomes M.D., and Father Same Week

Stephen Wallace, of Omaha, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace, of O'Neill, received his degree from the medical school of Creighton university in Omaha on Thursday, May 31.

Two days later, on Saturday, June 2, Dr. and Mrs. Wallace became the parents of a son, Patrick James.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kersensbrock were in Omaha for the graduation exercises. They returned to O'Neill Friday. Another son, Robert, who is also a student at Creighton, arrived in O'Neill Saturday.

Doctor Wallace was nominated to the Upsilon Pi national honor fraternity because of his high scholastic standing. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity.

Wallace will intern at St. Catherine's hospital, Omaha. He served in the air force during the late war.

Mrs. Ralph Merriman, South Sioux, Expires

Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. Michael's Catholic church in South Sioux City for Mrs. Ralph (Anna M.) Merriman, who died Friday.

Rev. M. A. Quinn officiated. Mrs. Merriman was a former resident of O'Neill and a graduate of St. Mary's academy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman and Mrs. R. R. Morrison, a sister of the late Mrs. Merriman, attended the funeral services from O'Neill.

Mrs. Merriman is survived by 4 daughters and 8 grandchildren. Her husband died a few months ago.