

THE WEATHER

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Seven Cents

Billie Marcellus Wins \$20,000 Today

Sageser, Maker Of Harnesses, Succumbs at 84

CHAMBERS—E. V. Sageser, 84, best-known in this area as "Dode," died early Thursday morning, Jan. 21, at his home here. He had suffered several short illnesses in recent years.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Methodist church in Chambers with the Rev. Charles Cox, church pastor, officiating. Music was provided by a quartette which included E. R. Baker, Ray Hoffman, Mrs. Ernest Durrie and Mrs. Stanley Elkins, all of this locality. They sang "In the Garden," "Does He Care?" and "Rock of Ages." Mrs. Elwyn Robertson was organist.

Billboarders were Arnie Mace, William Ritterbush, Eric Dunkert, Duane Carson, C. V. Robertson and Ruben Peltzer. Flowers were arranged by Mrs. Peltzer and Mrs. Ritterbush. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery under direction of Biglin's.

The late Eldoris Vernon Sageser, youngest child of James W. and Mary Sageser, was born in Afton, Ia., September 21, 1875. He came to Holt county with his parents in 1886.

On September 20, 1905, he was united in marriage with Elsie Mae Thompson. The couple resided in Chambers about 10 years during which time the late Mr. Sageser owned and operated a harness shop which featured hand-made harnesses.

Later the couple purchased a farm 4 1/2 miles west of Chambers where they resided until October, 1943, when they moved to Seattle, Wash. A short time later the Sagesers moved to Sedro Woolley, Wash., where Mr. Sageser worked as a carpenter and painter and visited frequently with members of the Chambers colony residing there.

Mr. Sageser was regarded as an industrious worker and always kept busy, except when lured by his favorite hobby, fishing.

Following the death of his wife in Sedro Woolley (she was buried at Chambers January 28, 1953), "Dode" continued to make Sedro Woolley his home until the summer of 1955, when he sold his Washington home and returned to Chambers to spend the remaining four years of his life. He kept house himself here except for one year during which he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carson.

In spite of declining health in recent years, he managed to hunt and fish frequently and enjoyed daily visits with friends.

Survivors include: Sister—Mrs. E. E. Perrin of Seattle; brother—M. L. (Link) of Chambers; niece—Mrs. A. J. Feists of Seattle; nephews—Bower Sageser of Manhattan, Kans., and Vern of Amelia; other nieces and nephews residing in Oklahoma; several cousins, including Dale Sageser of Seattle; also numerous friends both here and in Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers—one dying in infancy and the other, Avery, in Oklahoma about a year ago.

Filly Wins
Bill Held returned Sunday evening, Jan. 24 from Denver, Colo. where he had spent the week at the National Livestock show and sale.

Held had a filly entered in the Appaloosa division. Also, a 1959 filly, stood first in a class of 17 and went on to top the sale of her age class. She was purchased by a buyer from Stafford, N. Y.

Held is well-known among Appaloosa breeders, being one of the first in the state.



Tom Schoberg, pictured above, has been named maintenance superintendent at the O'Neill State highway department shed.—The Frontier photo and engraving

Rev. Hart to Moderate Niobrara Presbytery

Rev. John Hart, O'Neill Presbyterian pastor, was elected moderator of the Niobrara Presbytery last week at a meeting at Wayne. Rev. Hart will preside at all regular and special meetings of the Presbytery for the coming year.

Rev. Hart will also be chairman of the Presbytery Council, which conducts the affairs of the Presbytery.

Weston Whittwer, another O'Neill resident, was elected to the council for a three year term. Tom Lambert, Chambers, was named alternate representative for the Presbytery National meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in May. Principle delegate to that meeting is Charles Mulford, Stuart, who is a past moderator of the Presbytery.

85 Present At Irrigation Meet Tuesday Night

Some 85 ranchers and landholders met Tuesday night in the Holt county house assembly room to hear irrigation authorities give more information on the possibilities of the Atkinson-O'Neill irrigation project.

Larry Donegan, who is with the Portland cement association, and Val Kuska, retired Edlington railway representative who is well-informed on irrigation problems.

The two men opened the meeting by giving the land owners reasons why irrigation pays.

Following this, Gordon Wendler, Gib Johnson and Ed Sevek, reclamation bureau men from Ainsworth, again presented the facts of the Atkinson-O'Neill project by showing graphs and charts on the project.

After this presentation the meeting was opened to questions and answers.

Last week's Frontier carried questions and answers which were again asked at Tuesday's meeting.

J. Hayes To Serve Year in Penitentiary

James C. Hayes, Stuart, was sentenced to one year in the State Penitentiary at Lincoln by Judge Lyle Jackson in District Court Saturday after he pleaded guilty to no-fund check charges.

Hayes was held in Holt county jail on \$400 bond after he had written a nonfund check for \$10 at the Tri-County Bank to the IGA Grocery at Stuart.

Ambrose Biglin Funeral Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic church for Ambrose E. Biglin. Rosary will be tonight (Thursday) at Biglin's chapel at 8 p.m. The body will lay in state from 3 to 9 p.m. today.

Father Robert Duffy will conduct the services. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Biglin died early Wednesday morning at the Atkinson Memorial hospital at the age of 86.

Ambrose Eugene Biglin was born April 13, 1893, in O'Neill, the son of Owen F. and Margaret McCann Biglin. He was a banker in Casper, Wyo., before his retirement to O'Neill.

Survivors include two children, Margaret A. Shorney and Eugene Biglin, both of Casper; four sisters, Genevieve, Sioux City; Sister M. Eugene, Sioux City; Sister M. Calista, Omaha, and Mrs. F. N. Corbin, O'Neill.

The Frontier To Publish Poems By Mrs. Eby

Beginning with today's Frontier, the poems gathered by Mrs. Della Eby will be published in the Frontier. Each week this newspaper will print one of the poems.

This week Mrs. Eby has submitted a poem written by Edgar A. Guest entitled "A Father Talks to his Boy."

A Father Talks to his Boy
Said a father one day to his marvelous son

Though its true that but little fame I have won
Did it ever occur to you, looking at me

Now just what I am, I have happened to be?
You get your opinions from young minds I know

And youth always thinks that old folks are slow
But your mother and I were once youthful and gay.

Now how do you fancy we lived in our day.
There were cocktails to drink and it drinking was smart

Don't you fancy your dad could have followed the art?
Do you think for one minute that you would be here

If your mother had chosen a sporty career?
If you know what is clever just open your eyes

Look over the world, you can pick out the wise.
The men who are doing things day after day

Aren't the sports which you see in some lighted cafe
Now I'm fond of pleasure, your mother is too

Oh! I would not have seen that some things we don't do.
Did it occur to you what home would be

If you had no pride in your mother and me?
Oh! I wouldn't hinder one hour of your fun

Or hamper your youth, for too quickly it's done.
But I ask when you are tempted, that you will reflect

On the manner of men whom the neighbors respect.
Edgar A. Guest

Val Kuska, retired Burlington railway man, tells farmers and ranchers about irrigation Tuesday night at the courthouse. Pictured from the left are Gib Johnson, Gordon Wendler and Val Kuska. The Frontier photo and engraving

Betts Speaker At Angus Banquet

Merle E. Betts, director of information and research for the Farm Credit Banks of Omaha, will be the guest speaker at the Holt County Angus Breeders Association Banquet Thursday, Feb. 4.

The banquet will be at 6:30 at the Christ Lutheran church.

Betts is also editor of the Farm Credit News and edits the Land Bank Association Reporter. He is a graduate of Iowa State University, receiving his Ph.D. in 1953 in Agriculture and Journalism. He has written numerous free-lance articles for farm magazines in the area.

Auxiliary Meets

The annual Ash Grove auxiliary meeting, which has been postponed a number of times due to storms, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ash Grove hall.

Tom Schoberg Is New Highway Chief at O'Neill

Tom Schoberg has been appointed maintenance superintendent of the Nebraska State Highway crews at O'Neill. Schoberg replaces the late John Osenbaugh who had been resident engineer.

He began work for the highway department in 1945 at Spencer and has been foreman of the maintenance crews for some time. He came to O'Neill in 1951.

There are 34 maintenance men and two mechanics in the area which includes all of Holt and Boyd counties and parts of Rock and Keya Paha counties.

Assessors Meet

The North Central District assessors meeting was held at Ord Saturday. All counties, except three, were represented.

State Tax Commissioner Forrest Johnson was present. Holt county assessor William F. Wefso and Boyd county assessor Lee Mathre attended the meeting.

Thespians To Initiate

Thespian Troupe 882 of the O'Neill high school will hold initiation ceremonies tonight for 15 juniors and seniors. The initiation will begin at 8 in the bandroom.

Parents or present members and initiates, faculty members and their husbands or wives, and the board of education are invited.

Conservation Essay Winners Announced

The judging of the Conservation essays submitted by the rural schools was completed this week. There were 80 entries submitted and the judging has narrowed them down to the final six winners.

The winners are Delores Rosenkrans of District 4; teacher Lucille Pinkerman; Rita Murphy, District 168; teacher Christine Krysl; Keith Krugman of District 17; teacher Dorothy Curran; John Wabs of District 14; teacher Genevieve O'Neill; Dwayne G. Skopek of District 20; teacher Helen Marston; and Edward Fluckey of District 120, teacher Lucille LaRue.

The winning essays will be printed in succeeding issues of The Frontier. Awards will be made to pupils and their schools at the annual meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation District to be held March 11, 1960 in O'Neill.

In the Conservation question contest aired the third Thursday of each month, there have been entries from two or three schools. Unless more interest is displayed in this contest during February, it will be discontinued.

Winners in the January contest were as follows: Gregory Tenborg of Emmet, Norman George of O'Neill and Dwayne Skopek of Emmet.

The deadline date for questions to be used in February is the 9th.



The Billie Marcellus family. He will be given a check for \$20,000 today at Lincoln for being the national grand champion in a contest sponsored by the Ford Motor company. Marcellus doesn't know about the prize and it will come as a complete surprise to him this noon.



The Frontier photographer told him that this paper was starting a new feature column and this picture was taken Tuesday night. From the left is pictured Candice, 3, Billie's wife, Betty, Cynthia, 2, Billie, Gary 10 months, and Gregg, 5.—The Frontier photo and engraving

Guardsmen To Play Harlem Chics Thursday

The New York Harlem Chics, the nation's top colored girls' basketball team, will appear in O'Neill Thursday night, Feb. 4, as they play the Sandhills Guardsmen in a National Guard sponsored game.

The game will be at the high school gymnasium at 8 p.m.

The Harlem Chics tour this country and Canada, playing mens teams and using mens' rules. The girls are known for the humor and gags worked into their play.

Bassett Banker Dies

Funeral services for Harry Canenburg, 75, will be today at the Bassett Methodist church. Canenburg was a longtime resident of Bassett. He died Saturday at Neocoma, Fla.

Mr. Canenburg retired as president of the Bassett Commercial Bank in 1955 and was vacationing in Florida with his wife at the time of his death. The couple are well known in this area.

Gus DeBacker Retires; John Enke Is Manager

Gus C. DeBacker announced this week that he is retiring as manager of the O'Neill Penney store effective February 1. He will be replaced by John Enke, now at Tekamah, who will be here Friday.

Mr. DeBacker has been associated with Penney stores for the past 35 years—20 years here in O'Neill. He managed a store in South Dakota for 10 years.

DeBacker was active in O'Neill business during the 20 years he spent in O'Neill. He served on the O'Neill city council, is a past president of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce and has been active on the retail sales committee.

Mr. and Mrs. DeBacker have four children. They are Father Thomas of Omaha; Daniel, who works for a Penney store at Columbus; James, who is with the route division of the Rio Grande railroad at Denver; and Mrs. Kenneth (DiAnn) Hendrix, who works for the Colorado highway department.

Mr. John Enke, who will take over as manager of the local store February 1, is married and has three children.

Hay Bales Burn Monday Night

O'Neill firemen answered a call Monday evening about 9 when some 15 bales of hay caught fire in an alley behind the American Gear Co.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. Damage was limited to the hay, except for a burned rubber tire on a trailer parked in a parking lot next to the alley.

Polio Benefit By Grade School To Be Sunday Night

Final plans have been made for the polio benefit Sunday evening, Mrs. M. B. Marcellus, city chairman, said Wednesday. The benefit is to be given by grade school children of the O'Neill public school Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Admission charges for the program will go to the O'Neill polio drive. Participating will be grade school vocal and band students and members of Mrs. W. D. Melema's dancing classes. Everyone is invited to attend.

Results of the polio drive events to date were also given by Mrs. Marcellus and are as follows: Mother's March, \$588.81; Coffee Day, \$27.05; Sale barn collection, \$22.35; and Hot County Tournament collection, \$35.75. Other results will be announced next week.

Rural residents, who were understandably not included in the porch light campaign, are urged to leave contributions at the banks in the county. All banks have been designated to receive contributions in the the three-way new dimes drive.

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O'Neill PCA Loan Total Increases

James Rooney, secretary-treasurer of the O'Neill Production Credit Association, said this week that some \$1,835,000 in loans were outstanding through his organization at the close of business January 1.

This is a better than \$150,000 increase over the previous year of 1958. The O'Neill PCA is entirely owned by farmer-borrowers in the four-county area served by the association.



Billie Marcellus won't know it until noon today (Thursday), but he has become a fairly rich man—even in this day and age. This news in Lincoln Billie Marcellus will be presented with a check for \$20,000 as national grand champion in a contest sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. The announcement was made by O'Shea-Rogers Tractor and Equipment company, distributors of Ford tractor equipment.

Marcellus actually has his choice of prizes between the \$20,000 check or a thoroughbred race horse already trained and entered in the Kentucky Derby.

If he were to accept the race horse and the horse should win, Marcellus could win at least \$100,000.

In 1958 the winner of the race, Tim Tam, won \$116,400. 1957's winner, Iron Liege, won \$107,950 and the 1956 winner, Needles, won \$123,450.

To enter the contest Marcellus had to sell a certain number of Ford tractors. Then, for every tractor sold over this number, he received another entry blank.

During this sales contest, the Ford company also held a nationwide contest among farmers to determine the most important feature of their new Selecto-Matic tractor attachment. According to the company, there are 12 important features to the attachment and farmers were asked to rank them in order of their importance.

Then all of the Ford tractor dealers in America, some 2,600 of them, were asked to estimate the order of importance of the 12 Selecto-Matic features.

Marcellus was the only dealer to pick the correct sequence of features and became the national prize winner. He works with his father at the Marcellus Implement Company here in O'Neill.

The Marcellus', along with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Marcellus, left for Lincoln yesterday afternoon to accept today's presentation.

The Frontier arranged with the O'Shea-Rogers company to have the Marcellus' go to Lincoln on Wednesday so that this paper could make the announcement and not have them know about the prize until he received it this noon at the Cornhusker Hotel here.

Both Marcellus and his wife, Betty, are O'Neill natives. Following graduation from O'Neill high school, they were married eight years ago and have lived in O'Neill except for the time he spent in the service.

The couple has four lively children—Gregg, 5, Candice, 3, Cynthia, 2, and Gary, 10 months. Even with their duties as busy parents, both are active in community affairs. Last month he was selected associate patron of the Order of Eastern Star and she was selected associate conductress. Marcellus is also a member of the Masonic Order.

Both are members of a regular bowling team and enjoy dancing and card playing. The Marcellus family belongs to the Methodist church.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Marcellus and Betty is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson.

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