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# THE FRONTIER



FIRST PLACE WINNERS — The O'Neill High Eagles receive their Championship Trophy from Ron Parks, president of the Holt County Athletic Association.



SECOND PLACE WINNERS — Ken Curren, O'Neill Chamber of Commerce president presents the second place trophy to the co-captains of the Atkinson Balers.



THIRD PLACE WINNERS — Third place honors went to the Page Eagles. Here their co-captains receive the Lions Club trophy from Wayne Speltz.



FOURTH PLACE WINNERS — The Stuart Bronchos receive their fourth place trophy from Legion commander Melvin Ruzicka.

## O'Neill Eagles Win Holt Tourney; Atkinson, Page are Next in Line

The 25th annual Holt County Tournament came to an end here last Friday night and with that end O'Neill High was crowned champion of this roundball tournament by rights of a 49-38 victory over second-seeded Atkinson High. O'Neill did it the hard way though, Rich Hill, main cog in the O'Neill machine was missing from the lineup on account of illness.

O'Neill got off to a slow start and only Jerry Kilcoin was able to pot more than 2 points. Herman Grothe dropped in 6 of his 20 points here and led the Balers to a 11-8 first quarter lead. O'Neill sharpened up the second quarter and doubled the score here to go out at the half leading 26-28. Jerry Kilcoin and Terry Kurtz, who led the O'Neill team with 15 points each, had 10 and 8 of their points the first half.

Both teams could only manage 8 points the third quarter and O'Neill was ahead 34-28 when the third period ended.

Outscored 15-10 in the last quarter Atkinson tried hard but O'Neill out-hustled the team and that was the extent of the game. Rolland Johnson, Stan Schmeichel and Ivan Hurley scored 8

## Flu Epidemic Strikes Many In O'Neill Area

Illness took a heavy bite into the staff of The Frontier this week, at one time putting one-third of the staff out of commission.

Betty Burney, Frontier news reporter, is laid up with an ear infection at her home. She has been ill since last Thursday.

Jim Jankiewicz, linotype operator, nursed the flu Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, returning to work Tuesday.

Della Eriksen took part of Monday off to battle the bug.

All this, of course, cut down on news content and production in the plant. Everyone seems to be on the mend now and it is expected that operations will be back to normal soon.

The flu bug is raising havoc with school attendance in O'Neill this week and seems to be gaining a stronger foothold.

At St. Mary's Academy, Mother Antonella said about one-seventh of the students were absent Monday and Tuesday. Some classes were showing nearly one-third of the pupils absent Wednesday.

At O'Neill public school the picture was much the same with Superintendent H. L. McCoy reporting a sharp increase in the number of students absent the first three days of this week.

The normal number of absentees in grades K-8 is 32 per week. This week the figures have run nearly 40 per day for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is more than six times the normal daily average for the school.

In high school, McCoy said, absentees have jumped from an average of three per day to 10 per day for the first three days of the week.

Communities represented at the meeting included Spencer, Butte, and Bristow in Boyd county and O'Neill, Stuart, and Atkinson in Holt county. Committees not represented by an officer chose one person to serve on an executive committee.

Besides the officers, the executive committee includes John Krotzer, Spencer, Leo Thomasen, Butte, Alfred Drayton, O'Neill, and Elmer Vogel, Stuart (representing Atkinson). Committees not represented at the meeting are encouraged to designate someone to serve on the executive committee.

The purpose of the program and the procedure the committee might follow was discussed by John Burbank, Holt county agent. Other government agency employees present were asked for comments about the program and what help their agency could give the committee. These employees included Bill Miller, Holt county ASCS; Bob Hill, Holt County SCS; Rynold Cimfel, FHA; Ronald Gustafson, Boyd county agent, and Arthur Svoboda, Boyd SCS.

A discussion was held concerning what the committee might work on first. The persons present indicated their particular area of interest. Further plans were left up to the executive committee.

## Rites Planned Friday for Ralph Stowell

Funeral rites will be held Friday at the Methodist church in O'Neill for Ralph Stowell, 57, retired rancher who died Tuesday at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill.

Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglins. Pallbearers will be Leigh and Verne Reynolds, Carl Lorenz, Floyd Ritts, Lee Blake and Anthony Stanton.

Mr. Stowell was born July 20, 1905 at Woodbury, Ia. In 1926 he married Ima Ruby Davis. The couple moved to Holt county in 1940.

Survivors include the widow; sons, Raymond, O'Neill, Rushford, Stockton, Calif., Don, Portland, Ore., and Dick, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; daughters, Mrs. Marie Hyer, Clarinda, Ia., Mrs. Marie Ryan, Des Moines, Ia., Mrs. Glen Mick, Bedford, Ia., Mrs. Ore Townsend, Clarinda, Ia., and Mrs. Don Hoffmeister, Prescott, Ia.

## Rites Conducted At Atkinson for Milo W. Hupp, 65

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran church for Milo William Hupp, about 65, who died Thursday in the Atkinson Memorial hospital. He had suffered from a heart ailment about four years.

The Rev. Emil Kuehn officiated and burial, under the direction of Segers, was in Woodlawn cemetery.

The late Mr. Hupp was born July 18, 1895 at Bloomfield, the son of Nathan and Louisa Messerschmidt Hupp. He came as a child with his parents and settled north of Atkinson near the Niobrara river where he resided until moving to Atkinson.

He married Winifred Bogue on April 18, 1933 at Atkinson.

Mr. Hupp was a member of the IOOF lodge and a veteran member of the volunteer fire department for 36 years and an honorary member at the time of his death. Members formed an honor guard and acted as pallbearers. They were: Lawrence Pacha, Earl Penry, Ray Elsbury, Leo Kramer, A. P. Wewel and Eli McConnell.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie.

## Inman High Schedules Midwinter Concert

The annual Midwinter band concert under the direction of Leonard Sawyer will be held at the school auditorium Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. This will be a benefit with proceeds going to the New March of Dimes program. The band members will serve pie and coffee at the close of the concert.

## Venita White Enrolls At McPherson College

Central College, McPherson, Kan., announces the admission of Venita White, Amelia, to its freshman class fall of 1962. In recognition of character leadership potentialities as a part of a nationwide talent search program she has been awarded an Honor Scholarship and an Employment Fellowship.



CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONIES were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. for the new St. Mary's school building now under construction. Monstignor Timothy O'Sullivan officiated. Placed in the cornerstone was a copper box containing documents pertaining to the history of St. Mary's school and the building program including the names of the architect and the contractor. Also included in the box were copies of The Frontier, Independent, Norfolk Daily News and the True Voice. Dedication of the new building is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25.

## Rural Areas Development Group Names Officers for O'Neill Area

A Rural Areas Development Committee was organized Monday evening in O'Neill. Officers elected were: Joe Brewster, Stuart, chairman; Jerry Dennis, Bristow, vice-chairman; and John Burbank, O'Neill, secretary.

## Mrs. Batenhorst Named Heart Fund Chairman

Mrs. Marvel Jean Batenhorst, O'Neill, has been appointed Holt County Chairman for the 1962 Heart Fund Drive as announced by Val Peterson, State Heart Fund Chairman of the Nebraska Heart Association.

The campaign for support in the fight against heart disease carried on by the Nebraska and American Heart Association will run February 1 through the 28th.

## Five Area Boxers Win Matches In First Night Norfolk Fights

Five area boxers moved up in Golden Gloves competition at Norfolk Monday and Tuesday while three others lost their bouts.

Jack McGinn, who has had no fights yet at Norfolk, was slated to fight Wednesday night if an opponent could be found, and both Butch and Roger Pofahl were scheduled to fight on the finals card.

All the area boxers listed were fighting for the Ewing American Legion. Following are the results: Dale Hixson, Ewing light-heavyweight, decisively Hyna Four Cloud, Winnebago.

Bob Murphy, O'Neill, fighting in the middle-weight novice division, was knocked out in 53 seconds of the first round by Don Kinzer, Columbus.

Featherweight Rolland Closson drew a bye Tuesday, but was slated to meet Don Boykin, South Sioux City, Wednesday.

Butch Pofahl, Ewing middle-weight, knocked out George Four Cloud, Winnebago, in one minute, five seconds of the first round.

Roger Pofahl stopped Jack Freese, Albion, in one minute and 12 seconds of the third round in a heavy-weight match.

Cotton Urban, Ewing, lost by a KO in the third round of his lightweight novice match with Ronnie Free, Winnebago.

Larry Donlin, O'Neill, lost an unpopular decision to Larry Sutton, South Sioux City, in middle-weight novice division.

Bob Hixson, Ewing, won a decision over Andy Thomas, Winnebago, light-weight novice class.

## Family Night Planned For Chambers Pastor

A family night and farewell for the Rev. and Mrs. William Roten and family is planned for Sunday evening, Jan. 28. The family will be leaving soon for Detroit, Mich., where he has accepted a pastorate. The public is invited to attend.

## Issue Warrant For Arrest of Ronald Cullen

A warrant was issued Wednesday by Holt County Attorney Bill Griffin for the arrest of Ronald Cullen, O'Neill, charging him with auto theft. Cullen is reported to have stolen a 1950 panel truck belonging to his brother, Dale.

Cullen is also wanted for questioning concerning the break-in at the Page school Monday evening in which \$250 was taken. The money, most of which was used in the school lunch program, was taken from a small filing cabinet in Supt. Allen Gross' office.

Cullen was last seen Wednesday morning at Clearwater. According to Sheriff Tomjack, Cullen told employees at the Contois Motor Co. that he was interested in buying a car. He then paid \$50 down on a 1954 auto and then told them he was going down town for the rest of the money. Cullen was last seen traveling east on highway 275.

## Emerson Ashcraft, 85, Dies at Tilden Jan. 21

CLEARWATER — Emerson Ashcraft, 85, Tilden died early Sunday morning at his home in Tilden. Mr. Ashcraft led a very active life, but had not been too well since Christmas. Survivors include his son Lloyd, Clearwater, and an aged sister in California.

## O'Neill Country Club Stockholders to Meet

The annual meeting of the O'Neill Country Club Stockholders will be held on Monday evening, Feb. 5 at the Consumers building in O'Neill, Nebraska.

All stockholders are urged to attend the meeting. Time of the meeting will be 7:30 p.m.

## Norfolk Man Dies at Page From Gun Wound

Harry L. Ray, Norfolk, died instantly of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Monday afternoon at the Ivan Minshall farm north of Page, according to word from Sheriff Leo Tomjack.

Ray had accompanied Henry Meinke jr., a representative of the Dr. MacDonald Vitaminized Seed Co., to the Minshall place where he was delivering seed.

According to Sheriff Tomjack, Meinke and Mr. and Mrs. Minshall were getting the seed from the trunk of Meinke's car when Ray took a 410 shotgun from the back seat of the auto and shot himself.

Meinke told Sheriff Tomjack that Ray had said he didn't feel too well but that otherwise he was in good spirits.

## Pairings Set For D Tourney Here Feb. 19-22

Pairings were announced today for the Class D district cage tourney slated in O'Neill Feb. 19, 20 and 22 by Tournament Director Marv Miller.

Third-seeded Lynch will go against Brunswick in the opener while top-seeded Page meets Naper in the second game.

Royal, fourth-seeded, drew a bye to meet the winner of the Page-Naper tilt.

Orchard will take on second-seeded Inman in the third game. No consolation game will be played.

## Rites Held for Mrs. M. Kilcoin At Spencer

Funeral services were held Monday at St. Mary's Catholic church at Spencer for Mrs. Mary Kilcoin, 88, O'Neill. Father Robert Steinhausen was in charge of the service. Burial was in the Spencer cemetery.

Mary Kinney was born July 7, 1874 in Illinois. She was married to William Kilcoin at Manning, Ia. The couple had one son, George, O'Neill.

Pallbearers were Claude Neal, Hugh Langan, Russel Yusten, George Janousek, Pete Weber and Melvin Hood.

## Northwestern Bell Announces Plans To Install Dial Service in Early '63

Present plans are to change O'Neill telephone service to dial operation in the summer of 1963 according to an announcement made here today by Harry Petersen, manager of Northwestern Bell.

"A new building and garage will be constructed on the lot purchased some time ago on Fifth street to house the new dial equipment and business office. Construction of the building is expected to start this summer," Mr. Petersen stated.

The dial equipment should arrive in O'Neill early in 1963. Mr. Petersen explained that it will take several months to complete the installation and test it to assure that it is ready to take over the handling of calls. Local telephone men will be trained to operate the equipment.

The new system will make it possible for customers in cities that have direct distance dialing service to dial long distance calls direct to O'Neill telephones.

Petersen said, "The new local dialing equipment will be designed to improve service in many ways. The number of customers on rural lines have already been reduced to eight or less and the ringing will be adjusted so that these customers will hear only one other ring besides their own. Extensive work will be done on outside lines and cables to prepare for the dial service."

New telephones equipped with dials were installed on most rural lines in connection with the recently completed rural line rebuilding project. A little later on a special group of repairmen will start the job of preparing all telephones for dial operation.

## School Board to Meet To Consider Pay Raises

### Social Security Agent To Visit O'Neill, Butte

Gail Robart field representative of the Norfolk social security office will be in the assembly room of the court house in O'Neill from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, January 31.

James Hoffman, field representative of the Norfolk social security office, will be in the court room of the courthouse in Butte, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1.

Any self-employed applicant should bring with him an extra copy of his 1961 income tax return together with his own copies of income tax returns for 1958, 1959 and 1960.

### Rites Held for John Mohr, 78, At Atkinson

ATKINSON — John Mohr, 78, a life long resident of the community died Wednesday, Jan. 17 in the Atkinson Memorial hospital. He had been in failing health for a time.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church with the Rev. Charles Gates officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery under the direction of the Seger Funeral home.

Pallbearers were: Al Baker, Eli McConnell, Harvey Hansen, Willis Peterson, Frank Schaaf and Lewis Vaughn.



John Mohr was born Oct. 11, 1884 at Stearns Prairie, a community 12 miles east of O'Neill. His parents were Alvin and Catherine Streetor Mohr.

On April 20, 1908 he married Ethel Elsbury at the home of her parents. Justice of the Peace, Ancil Haynes performed the ceremony. They were the parents of eight children. A son and three daughters preceded their father in death.

The couple lived many years in the O'Neill and Emmet community before moving to Atkinson in 1932. Mr. Mohr was a painter and interior decorator.

Survivors are: Wife, Ethel; daughters, Mrs. Jay Dobrovolsky of Atkinson; Mrs. Robert Cunningham of St. Joe, Mo., and Mrs. Tommy Dunn of Omaha; Son, John Jr., of Atkinson, 12 grandchildren. Two brothers, William of Burlington, N. D., and Frank of Atkinson and three sisters; Mrs. Pearl Thorston of Burlington; Mrs. Minnie Flisinger of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Ida Caren of San Jose, Calif.

### Five File for County Offices

Five filings were received at the county clerk's office this week.

Filing were: Bill Griffin, (R) county attorney; Kenneth Waring, (R) county clerk; J. Ed Hancock, (R) county treasurer; Frank Cronk, non-political, county judge, and Leo Tomjack, (D) sheriff.

### Mother's March Planned For Monday Evening

The annual Mothers March for the March of Dimes will be held Monday evening beginning at 7 p.m. A blast from the fire siren will be the starting signal.

At the present time 61 mothers have volunteered their efforts in helping to collect for the March of Dimes.

### Sale Dates Claimed

JAN. 27 — MR. AND MRS. RICHARD WRIGHT CLOSING OUT SALE. Full line of excellent farm machinery and household goods. One block east of Dankert's service station in Chambers. M. Grossnicklaus, auctioneer, Chambers State bank, clerk.

JAN. 29 — MR. AND MRS. ALBERT BLOK CLOSING OUT FARM SALE. 10 east, 9 north, 4 east, 3 north and 1 east of O'Neill. 17 head of cattle, line of farm machinery, hay, Rudolf Bros. auctioneers, O'Neill National bank, clerk.

See complete listing in this issue of The Frontier.

FEB. 9 — HOLT COUNTY ANGUS ASSOCIATION 16th ANNUAL SALE, 34 registered Angus bulls, 14 registered Angus females. For catalog write to Frank Bealzer, Sec., Page.

FEB. 20 — HOLT COUNTY HEREFORD BREEDERS ASSOCIATION Silver Anniversary Sale. Selling 53 bulls, 5 females at O'Neill Livestock Market. Write Kieth Abart, sale manager, for catalog.

O'Neill public schools board of education will meet today (Thursday) to consider pay raises and a salary schedule for teachers in the system.

This will be the third meeting of the board on the pay schedule. The schedule now considered grants annual pay raises based on length of service and provides incentives for teachers to further their education.

On the tentative schedule are salaries starting at \$3,100 annually for teachers with 64 hours of college credits with an annual increase of \$150 per year.

Teachers with 96 hours credit would start at \$3,300 with annual raises of \$150.

The schedule also provides a base pay of \$4,800 for teachers with BA degrees with the same increment as other teachers until they reach five years of service and a top pay of \$5,050.

Teachers with 18 hours toward a master's degree would start at \$4,450 with annual increases of \$150 until the top of \$5,200 is reached.

Teachers carrying a master's degree would start at \$4,700 and receive increases of \$150 annually for a time.

All the above salaries are quoted for starting teachers with no experience. New teachers in the system would receive no more than three years credit for previous work.

A maximum allowance of \$300 would be given each year to each teacher who is absent of the tentative schedule until that teacher reaches the scheduled pay.

The schedule is set up for teachers under a nine-month contract or hired for the number of teaching days required. Any teacher hired for additional duties would be paid an additional salary set up by the administration and board of education.

A pay schedule was requested by teachers earlier this school year. They submitted a tentative schedule for consideration which later was revised by board action.

Figures are not available for the amount of increase in total salaries paid teachers in the system.

Board members seemed unanimous in their feeling that a pay increase was in order and that a good salary was necessary to keep good teachers in the system.

A meeting of the Committee of 35 to discuss problems of the school and possible solutions was scheduled for Wednesday night in the school band room.

McCoy will meet with the committee, explain some of the problems and turn the meeting over to the members.

Only two of the 35 persons asked to serve on the committee have declined, McCoy said, while 24 have returned acceptances.

### Blaze Damages Chambers Home

The Chambers Fire Department was called out Wednesday, Jan. 17 to extinguish a fire in the home of Mrs. Floyd Whitaker in the north part of town. The fire was started by the lamp of a kerosene water heater which failed to function properly. Considerable damage was done by both fire and smoke, however the loss was covered by insurance.

Mrs. Whitaker is a patient at St. Anthony's hospital and there was no one in the house at the time the fire was discovered by neighbors about noon Wednesday. Vernon Whitaker, who has been caring for the place, was on his mail route at the time.