

## Holt County 4-H Leaders Receive Basic Course Leader Diplomas

Graduation diplomas were awarded to twenty-four Holt county 4-H club leaders Monday afternoon during the final session of the Basic Course for 4-H Leaders. In order to receive a diploma, leaders had to attend at least four of the five course sessions. Ten of the twenty-four leaders attended all five sessions.

The course, begun in February, was conducted by County Extension Agents Catherine Indra and John Burbank. Topics covered during the five sessions included: Understanding Boys and Girls; Leader Responsibility; Program Planning; Teaching Methods; and Records and Reports. A total of 61 different leaders attended one or more of the sessions.

Those leaders who attended four or more and received diplomas were: Mrs. Byrl Beck, Mrs. Edward Dvorak, Mrs. Inez Hayes, Mrs. John Schwindt of Atkinson, Mrs. Lawrence Kaup, Mrs. Bill Morgan, Mrs. Donald Skrdla, Lawrence Skrdla, Mrs. Robert Jonas, Stuart, Mrs. A. T. Crumly, Mrs. Arthur Grass and Mrs. George Wettlaufer, of Page. Mrs. Lloyd Gleded and Mrs. Lloyd Wintermote of Chambers, Archie Cleveland, Ewing, Mrs. Gilbert Fox, Mrs. Al Kloppenborg, Mrs. Elmer Schant and Mrs. Judy Strong of Emmet, Mrs. C. E. McVay, Miss Ramona Wayman, Mrs. Albert Witfeldt, Mrs. Ben Gillespie and Mrs. Harold Milnar of O'Neill.

## Area Students Named To U of N Honor Roll

Four area students earned average grades of 8 (approximately 90%) or better in 12 or more hours of registered course work during the first semester at the University of Nebraska.

Ranking in the upper portion of their class were Michael R. Voorhies, Orchard, Gary W. Fick, Inman, Ronald J. Hosopka, Verdigré, and Marjorie L. Kortmeyer, Napier.

## Construction to Begin Soon on New Building

Construction will start this week on Oscar Spitzberger's new building for his Chevrolet and Oldsmobile agency to be located on the east edge of O'Neill, on the south side of Highway 275.

The building will be 120x70 feet. There will be a showroom in the center front of the building, with the service station on one end and the cafe on the other. The shop will be located in back, the full length of the structure.

Spitzberger will handle the dealership for both the Chevrolet and Oldsmobile automobiles and among the personnel will be his sons, Mike, presently in the service, and Jim. The cafe will be managed by A. L. Wood. A grand opening date will be announced later.

The Spitzberger family moved here in 1937 from Bonestell, S. D., at a time he operated a Buick agency. In 1959 he became a representative for an insurance company, Mutual of Omaha, which association he plans to maintain. Mr. and Mrs. Spitzberger have four children, Mike, Jim, Ann, and Mary.

The Donovan Brothers at Valentine will be in charge of the construction of the Butler building.

## Poppy Day Chairmen Named Here

Betty Hamik and Jean Holz have been named co-chairmen for Poppy Day by the American Legion auxiliary at its regular meeting of Post 93 held March 7 in the Legion club rooms.

The date for Poppy Day will be announced later. Plans for the Legion Junior auxiliary state conference which will be held in O'Neill June 3 and 4, were reported by Gertrude Streeter. Edith Davidson reported on the Junior auxiliary preparatory work for the Pan-American program.

Lucille Klingler told the members that cards had been sent to Gold Star Mothers and a pin has been ordered for Mrs. John M. Gallagher. Helen Grutsch, rehabilitation chairman, sent thank you cards to be used by patients at the Veterans hospital in Omaha.

## Services Held At Stuart for Mrs. Engler

STUART — Funeral services were conducted in Stuart Thursday morning for Mrs. Pete Engler, 88, who died on her birthday Sunday, Mar. 11, at 8 p.m. in the Stuart Rest Haven after a lingering illness.

The Rev. A. J. Paschang officiated at the rites in St. Boniface Catholic church. Interment was in the Stuart cemetery. Mrs. Engler's husband preceded her in death September 5, 1957, and a son, Andrew, died in 1951.

She is survived by her sons, Bernard C. and Edwin, Stuart; Paul, Bassett; Julius, Newport, and Gilbert and Eugene, Atkinson.



LEPRECHAUNS RAN RAMPANT THROUGH O'NEILL Saturday as nearly 80 of the "little people" vied for honors in the St. Patrick's day leprechaun contest at the K. C. hall. Shown above are the five winners as they appeared in the finals. They are, left to right, Kevin Tharnish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tharnish, fourth place; Terry Cleveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Cleveland, third place; Phil Gildersleeve, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Gildersleeve, fifth place, Mary Margaret Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynus Howard, first place; and Terry McManus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McManus, second place. Cash prizes, totaling \$30, were awarded with \$10 for first place, \$7.50 second, \$5 each for third and fourth and \$2.50 for fifth.

## Former O'Neill Men Held for Robbery

Two former O'Neill area men are reported being held on a robbery charge at Kimball. The two, Dennis Dale Kazda, 20, and Donald Gene Kazda, 27, have been charged with the \$1,100 holdup of a Kimball liquor store. The pair were returned to Kimball Friday after being captured near York after their car became stuck in a field.

Police in Anaheim, Calif., are reported to be holding a third brother, Ralph, 22, under \$25,000 bond in connection with a holdup shooting there.

The three, originally from O'Neill, have been living in the Neligh area.

## Services Held At Bristow for Mrs. Mineburg

BRISTOW — Funeral services for Amelia Mineburg were held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Methodist church with the Rev. V. R. Daniels officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant View cemetery north of Lynch under the direction of the Jones Funeral home.

Amelia Sommerfeld Mineburg was born August 18, 1882 in Germany the daughter of Gustav and Constance Sommerfeld. The family came to America and settled in the Turner community when she was a small child. In 1892 they homesteaded in Boyd county south of Bristow.

She was married to William Mineburg in 1912 and the couple moved to a farm north of Lynch where they resided until his death in 1937. At that time Mrs. Mineburg went to a farm south of Bristow to reside with her brothers, James and Joseph. In 1950 she retired to Bristow.

Mrs. Mineburg died Friday in the Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Parker and Mrs. Francis Fernen of Valentine and four brothers, Gustav Sommerfeld of Gregory, S. D.; Albert Sommerfeld of Sterling, Colo.; Herman of Hartington and James of Bristow.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and a brother.

## Verdigré Pioneer Woman Honored By Friends on 100th Birthday

VERDIGRE — Tribute was paid Sunday to Mrs. Anna Chvala, who celebrated her 100th birthday Thursday, Mar. 15.

Her children honored her with a dinner and open house at the St. Wenceslas auditorium which were attended by most of her 96 living descendants.

They settled at Pischelville in May, 1939, where Mr. Chvala farmed for two years, and then moved to Boyd county for a period of time. After that the family farmed for 50 years at Monowi until 1942 when they moved to Verdigré. Mr. Chvala died June 2, 1945 and 6 of their 13 children also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Chvala has an excellent memory and is still gifted with good eyesight and hearing. She remembers the trip to America on a sailing vessel and that it took one and a half months to make the trip. She still has a 100-year-old trunk that she brought from Europe and has the wedding dress she wore 75 years ago.

Time hasn't lessened her love of folk music and dancing, and Mrs. Chvala continues to do her own housework.

Among the many guests who attended Sunday and presented Mrs. Chvala with flowers, birthday cakes, gifts and cards were friends and relatives from Omaha, Fremont, South Dakota, California and all nearby towns.

## Services Held At Ewing for Mrs. E. Black

EWING—Funeral services for Mrs. Edith Black were held Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist church in Ewing with the Rev. Lester Spragg officiating. Burial was in the Ewing cemetery.

Pallbearers were Clarence Bergstrom, Elmer Bergstrom, Nels Bergstrom, Gail Boies, Ralph Munn and Thomas Bishop, all nephews of Mrs. Black.

Julia Edith Shobe was born at Ewing July 2, 1887, the daughter of Charles and Mary Shobe. She died March 12, 1962 at Renton, Wash., after a brief illness.

On April 7, 1909, she was united in marriage to John Black at the home of her parents west of Ewing. The couple was the parents of four children.

Mrs. Black was a member of the Methodist church, the Royal Neighbors of America, and the W.S.C.S. of the Ewing Methodist church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, Lloyd, three sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include: sons, Floyd, Ewing, and Gerald, Seattle, Wash.; one daughter, Mrs. John (Eleanor) Angus, Ewing, two sisters, Mrs. Maude Boies, Ewing, and Mrs. Fred (Bertha) Gombert, Banks, Ore.; two brothers, Edwin, Ewing, and Ernest, Norfolk and 10 grandchildren.

## Lynch Seniors Plan Class Play Friday

LNCH — The senior class play, "In Case of Murder", will be presented Friday at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Special entertainment is planned for between acts two and three.

## Late Filings Made For County Election

Four additional candidates filed with County Clerk Ken Waring by Friday to have their names placed on the ballot for county election.

Filing were Alice French, non-political, incumbent, for superintendent; John R. Gallagher, Democrat, for attorney, and Chris McGinn and Earl Billings, Ewing, both on the Republican ticket, for sheriff.

## Rites Held for Mrs. E. Murten

INMAN — Mrs. Benjamin H. Murten, 85, Inman, died Friday, Mar. 16, following a three month illness at Crowell Memorial Home where she had resided the past two and a half years.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Inman Methodist church. The Rev. Robert Linder officiated at the rites and at burial in the Inman cemetery.

Eva E. Murten was born October 7, 1876 at Ashland, N. Y., to Arthur and Lola Tompkins Smith. At the age of four years she came to Holt county with her parents.

She was married to Benjamin H. Murten December 18, 1907 at Inman. He preceded her in death in December, 1941. Mrs. Murten was a member of the Methodist church. She had no survivors.

Pallbearers were Don Keyes, Jim Coventry, Clarence Hansen, Elwyn Smith, Lewis Kopecky and Vaden Kivett.

## Ewing Rural Firemen To Have Meeting Friday

EWING — There will be an annual meeting of the Ewing Rural Fire District Friday at 8 p.m. at the fire station.

# Arrangements Completed For Senior Citizens Home

## Funeral Rites Saturday for Mrs. Harkins

INMAN — Mrs. Marshal L. Harkins, 81, died Tuesday, Mar. 20, at 7:45 p.m. at Inman following two and one half years of illness caused by cancer.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Biglins chapel at O'Neill with the Rev. Robert Linder officiating. Burial will be in the Inman cemetery.

The body will lie in state from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday at Biglins. Ella Jane Harkins was born October 31, 1880 at Griswold, Ia., to William J. and Hannah Kirk Martin.

She was married June 4, 1902 at Griswold to Marshal L. Harkins.

Survivors are her husband; three children, Forrest R. Harkins, Turlock, Calif., Mrs. H. C. Smith and Hildred Harkins, both of Inman, and one sister, Mrs. H. H. Rousseau, Long Beach, Calif.

## OHS Seniors Plan Class Play March 30

The O'Neill high school senior play cast is going into the last week of rehearsal for its Broadway comedy, "Out of the Frying Pan", to be presented March 30 at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium under the direction of Mrs. Alice Bergan.

Members of the cast are Roland Johnson, Mike Hand, Bob Kramer, Kay Lee Rees, Merna Butterfield, Vicki Gedwillo, Mike Fletcher, Jack McGinn, Lonna Haynes, Joan Pease, Don Skopec and David Schen. Ruth Ann Walker is student director.

## Scouts to Present Circus Here April 8

A Scout Circus will be presented by the Sandhills Scout district April 13 at 8 p.m. in the public school auditorium.

The Circus will include entertainment by many Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorers in the Ainsworth, Long Pine, Bassett, Stuart, Butte, Spencer, O'Neill, Inman and Ewing districts.

Tickets will be on sale in all towns taking part in the Circus. The proceeds will be used for summer camp and troop equipment.

## Page Couple Observe 66th Anniversary

PAGE—March 10 was the date of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray's 66th wedding anniversary and a quiet observance was held by the couple in their Page home.

Celebrating the occasion with them were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, Mrs. Icie Snyder and Mrs. Nell Snyder, Atkinson. Mrs. Robert Gray served a dinner in honor of the couple.

John Gray and Essie Ward were married at the home of John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, March 10, 1896. The Rev. Bartley Blain, with whom Essie made her home, performed the ceremony in the presence of immediate relatives.

Survivors are her husband; three children, Forrest R. Harkins, Turlock, Calif., Mrs. H. C. Smith and Hildred Harkins, both of Inman, and one sister, Mrs. H. H. Rousseau, Long Beach, Calif.

Medical care for the residents will be provided for by their own personal physician and licensed nurses will be on duty 24 hours a day.

Religious services will be held in the home for the residents who cannot attend services at the local churches. The home will be non-denominational and non-sectarian.

The originators have planned 10 years to assure residents they will receive the highest quality attention and service without the proportionately higher costs usually involved.

Training for the management personnel will be accomplished at the original Senior Citizens Home at Oxford, and this training will be necessary prior to the opening of the O'Neill Home. This training will be required for the personnel at all 10 homes the organization is planning to build in Nebraska this year.

Originators and owners of the project are S. A. Swanson, Jr., M.D., well known surgeon in Omaha, and N. B. Bentley, M.D., physician and surgeon, and owner of the Oxford General hospital in Oxford.

She was Homecoming and Frolics attendant in her freshman and sophomore years and has been a cheerleader and pep club member for three years. Miss Morrow is junior class secretary, a member of Thespians, and participates in Walther League and Christ Lutheran church activities.

## Tickets On Sale For Talent Contest

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Talent Contest sponsored by the O'Neill Lions club to be held April 5 at the high school gymnasium.

## Rites Planned At Inman for Mrs. Kopecky

INMAN — Mrs. Josephine Kopecky, Inman resident, died Tuesday, Mar. 20, at Antelope Memorial hospital at Neligh where she had been hospitalized the past month. Mrs. Kopecky's death came three days before her 74th birthday.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Inman Methodist church. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Linder and the Rev. Lisle Mewmaw. Interment will be at Inman. The body will lie in state from 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Biglins Chapel.

Mrs. Kopecky is survived by one son, Lewis Kopecky Jr., and one grandson, Richard Ralph, both of Inman.



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## Sale Dates Claimed

APR. 11 — ALVIN & ALICE JOHNSON CLOSING OUT SALE. 7 miles south and 2 east of Chambers or 3 west and 1 north of Hoerle's station. Complete line of machinery, 20 head of dairy cattle and some buildings. Merlin Grossnicklaus, auctioneer. Chambers State Bank, clerk. Watch The Frontier for complete listing.



INSTALLATION CEREMONIES were conducted Wednesday morning at O'Neill high school for members of the National Honor Society. Senior members are (l to r, front) Merna Butterfield, Connie Brockman, Vicki Gedwillo, Eileen Pribil, Fred Rosenkrans, Melvin Sanders and Robert Kramer. In the back row are sophomores, probationary members: Duane Skopec, Dolores Rosenkrans, Joan Riffey, Laurrell Haynes, Dianne Gillespie, Diana George and Vicki Fletcher.

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STAGGERING FROM THE FOAM-COVERED launching pad in the St. Patrick's day activities in O'Neill is the brave astronaut Pete Matthews, his tattered costume bedraggled and soaked with green foam. Space crewman Dr. G. R. Cook (in shiny helmet) points to the fleeing spaceman as firemen continue to pursue him with the hose. The smoking launching pad still pours forth smoke in a gallant but futile effort to lift off and orbit the Irishman. In the foreground (in tall hats) are part of the long parade of leprechauns who took part in the hilarious doings of the day's festivities.