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Seven Cents

Final Results of Annual District III Music Contest

Over 2,000 young musicians competed Thursday and Friday in the annual district Class III music contest held in O'Neill.

Following is a list of instrumental and vocal contestants and their ratings: 1, superior; 2, excellent; 3, good and 4, fair.

Instrumental Class D—

Soprano clarinet solo: 2, Maureen Coufal, Stuart; Bill Coventry, Inman, and Sandra James, Meadow Grove.

Alto saxophone solo: 1, Judy Beed, Chambers; 2, Caroline Max, Page; 3, Peggy Crumly, Page.

Soprano saxophone solo: 2, Carolyn Hallman, Page.

Bariitone saxophone solo: 2, Sharon Michaels, Inman.

Tenor saxophone solo: 1, Bonnie Heiss, Page; 2, Carmen Givens, Stuart, and Jane Horrocks, Meadow Grove.

Cornet or trumpet solo: 1, James Melcher, Page, and Charles Krobot, Stuart; 2, Alvin Crumly, Page; 3, Robert Pribil, Inman.

Trombone solo: 1, Thomas Rundquist, Royal; 2, Bill Heckert, Elgin; 3, Sandra Rundquist, Royal; Gail Grant, Meadow Grove; 2, mMelcher, Page; 4, Thyra Lulow, Meadow Grove.

Bariitone solo: 2, Ruth Ann Hansen, Inman; Jeannie Hamley, Meadow Grove, and Kent Stauffer, Page.

Wind bass solo: 2, Peggy O'Brien, Page.

Flute solo: 1, Carolyn Fick, Inman.

Violin solo: 1, Kay Kelley, Inman.

Miscellaneous instrumental ensemble: 1, Chambers; 2, Royal; Inman, and Page; 3, Inman and Meadow Grove.

Brass sextette: 3, Stuart.

Percussion ensemble: 1, Meadow Grove.

Cornet or trumpet trio: 2, Stuart.

Flute trio: 1, Meadow Grove; 3, Stuart.

Clarinet quartette: 3, Stuart.

Saxophone quartette: 1, Stuart; 2, Chambers.

Mixed brass quartette: 2, Stuart.

Instrumental Class C—

String bass solo: 2, Dennis Spence, Atkinson.

Flute Solo: 1, Jean Soulier, Tilden; 2, Janell Soulier, Tilden; Venita Knudsen, Niobrara.

Soprano clarinet solo: 1, Helen Gokic, St. Mary's; 2, Judy Spangler, Ewing; Janice Kreyck, Niobrara; Joan Spangler, Ewing.

Tenor saxophone solo: 1, Jolene Kennitz, Niobrara.

Cornet or trumpet solo: 1, Jean Mulhair, Lynch; 2, Larry Skrdla, Atkinson.

Trombone solo: 1, Kenneth Liska, Niobrara; 2, Carol Anderson, Spencer; 3, Doug Spence, Atkinson.

Bariitone horn solo: 2, Judy Sullivan, St. Mary's; Lorrie Werner, St. Edward.

Snare drum solo: 1, John Stier, Spencer; 2, Barbara Liska, Verdigr.

Eb alto horn or mellophone solo: 2, Carol Cameron, Niobrara; Carol Frank, Verdigr.

MUSIC CONTEST . . .

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Rites Planned Here Friday for Custer Johnson

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church in O'Neill for Custer E. Johnson, 72, who died Tuesday at St. Anthony's hospital.

The body will lie in state at the church from 11 a.m. Friday until the funeral hour. Burial will be in Wood Lawn cemetery in Atkinson. Rev. Glenn Kennicott will officiate.

Mr. Johnson moved to O'Neill from Lancaster county two years ago. He was married to Ethel M. Hickman February 18, 1914, in O'Neill. They lived in Lancaster county 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, two brothers, Sewell of Atkinson and Lowell of O'Neill; three sisters, Mrs. Mattie Weller, Atkinson, Mrs. Agnes Osborn, Mission, S. D. and Mrs. Frank (Phania) Searles, Arvada, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two daughters and two sisters.

Palbearers will be Grant Peacock, Bruce Johnson, Carl Lorenz, George Hartford, Kenny Ruggless and Clarence Ernst.

Stary Gange To Address Stock Growers

Stary Gange, Visalia, Calif., will be the banquet speaker at the 73rd annual convention of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association to be held at North Platte, June 14-16.

In making the announcement, Chester Paxton, Theford, president of the Stock Growers, said that Mr. Gange has made a hobby of talking on Americanism over the country. The topic of his banquet address the night of June 15 will be "The Future is Always Young".

Stock Grower convention sessions open at 2:00 p.m. June 14 at the Fox Theatre in North Platte. Business meetings close on June 16 when officers are elected and the 1963 convention site is selected.

High School Rodeo Slated At Valentine

The Sandhills National High School Rodeo will be held in Valentine this year. The dates have been set for August 15 through 19 at the Cherry County fair grounds. The National Rodeo is held in a different state each year, with local personnel promoting the event.

400 to 600 high school students, both boys and girls, will compete in the annual affair. The youths compete in all the events in which a professional rodeo star takes part.



JIM WILSON, St. Mary's Academy student demonstrates a chemistry experiment to part of the crowd which attended the science fair held Monday evening at St. Mary's. Students from the seventh grade through high school prepared the exhibits and explained them to the visiting parents and guests.

Ewing Girl Wins Trip to Club Week

EWING—Faye Scheer, Ewing, a member of the Happy Hollow 4-H club has been awarded a prize trip to Club Week in Lincoln and Omaha June 12 to 15.

The award is given by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben to one 4-H member in the County for service in 4-H junior leadership.

Faye is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Scheer, Ewing.

Annual T.B. Meeting Held Here Tuesday

The annual business meeting of the Holt County Tuberculosis committee was held Tuesday in the Town House, under the direction of Mrs. James Gallagher, general chairman.

Officers reappointed were: Mrs. James Gallagher, general chairman; Mrs. Ed Gleason, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Devoy, representative director; Dr. Finley, chairman, case finding, and Mrs. Robert Clements, Christmas seal chairman. New chairman: Mrs. Ed Gleason, health and education and Robert Clements, publicity.

Pauline Kelly, field representative of the Nebraska Tuberculosis association was present.

Dr. Finley reported there were no new cases of T.B. in Holt county in the past year, however, our neighboring Boyd county reported two new cases.

Mrs. Clements reported the Christmas seal campaign totaled \$1496.

The 1962 budget was established and the meeting adjourned.

No One Injured in Two Car Crash Sunday

No one was injured when cars driven by Larry Fernau and William Orsborn collided at the intersection of seventh and Clay streets Sunday morning. The Fernau car was traveling south and the Orsborn car was traveling east at the time of the collision.

There was about \$400 damages on the Fernau car and only minor damages to the Orsborn auto.

Presbyterian Manse Dedication Planned

An informal dedication of the Presbyterian manse will be held Sunday, May 6, from 3 to 9 p.m. Formal services for the dedication will be at 5 p.m.

Inman Senior Class To Present Play

INMAN—Seniors of the Inman high school will present their play, "Mountain Girl" (tonight) Thursday at 8 p.m. in the school gym.

Members of the cast are Ruth Ann Hansen, Bob Morrow, Kay Kelley, Barbara Keil, Kathy Fick, Garnett Gilgoly, Sharon Michaels and Bob Pribil.

Two juniors, Warren Hansen and Bill Coventry will also assist with the play.

Page Resident Honored on 90th Birthday

PAGE—Rollie Snell, oldest resident of Page, celebrated his 90th birthday Monday, Apr. 23. He was the honored guest at a birthday party that afternoon in the William Neubauer home. Twelve guests were present: Mmes. Alma Tegeler, Anna Bowen, Hatie Carson, the Rev. Miner Smith, Icie Snyder, Maude Martin, Donna Smith, Art Frahm, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart and Roy Wilson, friends and neighbors.

Rollie was born at Galva, Ill., and came to Holt County from Johnson County where the family lived for a short time. He was among the early settlers of this section and saw the hardships, peculiar to a new county, drought, grasshopper plague and changeable weather.

Shortly after his marriage to Kate stills May 30, 1885, he took a homestead about five miles northwest of Page where they lived until they retired to the village.

Rollie has recalled that he and Kate went alone to O'Neill driving a team hitched to his new lumber wagon. They felt as proud of their newly acquired transportation as anyone could with the latest in car or plane.

Mrs. Snell is dead and Rollie lives in their home alone.

He still has a garden for sharing with his friends and likes being out in it in the early morning hours as has been his life-long custom.

The Snell family of three daughters are: Mrs. Harvey (Mabel) Cullen, Edgar, Mrs. Roy (Hazel) Stewart, Page, and Mrs. Dale (Alma) Asher, Logan, Ia. There are eight grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

McCarville Named as K of C Delegate

John McCarville was named as one of seven delegates to attend the national convention of the Knights of Columbus to be held at Boston, Mass., in August at the state meeting held in Omaha Monday.

Attending the meeting from O'Neill were Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clements, Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy and Mr. and Mrs. John McCarville.

Three Re-elected To REA Board

The 15th annual meeting of the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation was held Tuesday in the Legion club in O'Neill.

The following directors were re-elected: Carl Schmidt, Spencer, Emil Micanek, Lynch, Carroll O'Neill, O'Neill and Charles Mulford, Stuart.

Reports of the operation for the past year were given and future construction plans were discussed.

Ralph Foreman, manager of G and T at Columbus was the speaker.

Stamm to Speak Here at Annual Irrigation Meet

AINSWORTH—Dr. Leo R. Beattie of Ainsworth, president of the Niobrara River Basin Development Association, had indicated that G. G. Stamm, chief of the division of irrigation land use with the Bureau of Reclamation in Washington, will be one of the dignitaries to speak at the association's annual meeting in O'Neill.

The meeting May 14 will feature many other government and local officials in summing up progress in the basin and in planning future development.

The Ainsworth Chamber of Commerce has gone on record to assist basin officers and directors here in securing association memberships and urging members to attend the annual meeting.

Vern Lindholm, Ainsworth, a director of the association, said that it is important that Ainsworth residents maintain membership in the association for several reasons.

There is a need for funds in order to meet expenses of unforeseen problems that may arise in the continuation of the Ainsworth project. There is a need for membership here to show continued interest in the O'Neill project and assist that work as a matter of returning the assistance O'Neill has given the Ainsworth project.

Two from Area Earn Honors at Creighton Univ.

John L. Bakker and Morris B. Pongratz are among 49 Creighton University students to be honored Saturday for achieving their primary goal while at the University.

These students will be cited for academic excellence at the Honors Banquet to be held at the Creighton student center.

VFW District Meeting Held At Long Pine

The VFW district II meeting was held in Long Pine Sunday. Those attending from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Revell, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stoffer, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sprague, Herbert Underwood and Anna Brown.

An election of officers was held and the following were elected: Luella Klingphill, Valentine, district president; Frances Rudenick, sr., vice president; Goldie Tucker, jr., vice president; Pat Thomas, treasurer; Myra Stoffer, chaplain; Dorothy Darnell, conductress; Anna Brown, guard; Darlene Burge, Barbara Sprague and Mary Ann Revell, trustees.

Extension Women Plan Smorgasbord Today

Members of Holt County Home Extension Clubs are extending an invitation to all women to attend their annual observance of Home Demonstration Week. A smorgasbord of desserts will be served at 1 p.m. today in the Legion Hall in O'Neill.

This will be followed by a talk on smorgasbords by Ethel Diedricksen, food specialist at the University of Nebraska. Also on the program will be Ethel Saxton from the Extension Staff at the University of Nebraska.

Group singing will be led by Mrs. Blaine Garwood of Amelia.

Tibbetts Services Held Wednesday At Chambers

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 2, at Chambers for Mrs. Hattie R. Tibbetts, 76, who died Sunday at St. Anthony's hospital. Services were held at the Methodist church at Chambers with the Rev. Charles Cox officiating. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

Hattie Ray Cooper was born May 19, 1885, at Kankakee, Ill. She came to Chambers with her parents when she was three years old. As a young woman she joined the Methodist church and remained a faithful member until her death.

She was united in marriage to Clarence E. Tibbetts of Chambers December 23, 1908. The couple lived on a farm west of Chambers for several years and then moved to Chambers where they purchased the Ford garage.

Mr. Tibbetts died in December of 1952.

Survivors include four brothers, W. D. Cooper, Riverton, Wyo., Harry C. Cooper, Winner, S. D., Lyle V. Cooper, Chambers, and James F. Cooper, Yakima, Wash.; two sisters, Genevieve Bell, Fort Collins, Colo., and Glennie V. Ward, Los Angeles, Calif.

Palbearers were Glen Taylor, Willard Thompson, Gavis Wintermote, Louis Harley, Melvin Bell and Ray Hoffman.

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City Council Votes To Annex 19 Acres

Page High Names Honor Roll Students

The following students were named to the Page high school honor roll: Alvin Crumly, Aletha Rutherford, seniors; Caroline Max, Connie Nissen, Charlene Fusselman and Dick Linder, juniors; Linda Thompson, LuAnn Nissen, Donna Smith, Roberta Asher, Randy Shaw, Carolyn Hallman, John Crumly, Jim Crumly and Jean Crumly, freshmen.

Fire Detection System Gets Board Attention

Scholastic recognition, teacher positions and fire detection systems occupied the O'Neill board of public education Tuesday night. Supt. H. L. McCoy suggested a banquet similar to the athletic banquet as an annual event to recognize scholastic achievement.

He said details would have to be worked out, but he felt such a dinner could have a good effect on grades.

First, second and sixth grade teachers still are needed to fill out the elementary staff and vacancies exist in high school in football and math.

Quite a bit of time was occupied in discussing the fire detection system being installed in the school.

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Services Planned Saturday for Richard F. Strube

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5 at the Biglin's chapel for Richard Francis Paul Strube, who died Tuesday at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill.

Burial will be in the Mount Hope cemetery at West Point. Palbearers will be Bennett Gillespie, Clay Johnson Jr., Jim Sessions, Bill Hinrichsen, Wayne Spelts and Dwight Harder.

Two Autos Stolen Here This Week; One Recovered

Two cars were reported stolen in O'Neill this week. An auto belonging to Eli McConnell, Atkinson, was stolen from in front of the court house in O'Neill at about 10 a.m. Monday.

Soon after the car was reported stolen Wilmer McConnell spotted the car speeding west on highway 20. The car was later in the yard near Valentine and two persons were taken into custody. The couple arrested gave their names as Jerry Anderson and Maria Hall but later gave the names as Ellen Nerden and John Pekrum. The girl is 16 and the boy is 20. Both are from Milwaukee.

The couple had left a 1959 Oldsmobile in O'Neill parked in front of the courthouse when they switched cars.

Tuesday evening a 1954 Mercury belonging to Frank Eppenbach was stolen from in front of the Methodist church between the hours of 7:30 and 10 p.m.

No trace has been found of the Eppenbach vehicle.

Strong Winds Hit Atkinson Area

A violent wind and rain storm struck the Celia community late Thursday, causing some damage. Some hail was also reported.

The storm reportedly uprooted some large cottonwood trees near the house at the North Hendricks ranch 14 miles north of Atkinson. A metal roof on a stock barn at the Mark Hendricks farm was torn off.

Several stacks of hay were swept away at the Emil Colfack ranch.

Violent winds were also reported between Atkinson and Emmet Thursday night when a new airplane hanger belonging to Leo Monahan was swept from its foundation.

Farther south in Holt county near Amelia the Vernon Thompson, Vernon Berry, B. Blackmore and Steve Sladek homes were damaged and several windows were reported broken.

Owen Moses reported that a roof was torn from a shed.

Sale Dates Claimed

THURSDAY, MAY 10—G. H. Jones personal property sale, at his home a block west of Harding creamery in O'Neill. Also is a combination sale. See ad in this issue of The Frontier for full details. Ed Thorin auction service.

Country Club Plans Clean-up Day Sunday

Clean-up day at the O'Neill Country Club will be held Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. All members are urged to help with this project.

A potluck supper is planned in the evening.



THIS 120x70-FOOT BUILDING soon will house the new Chevrolet-Oldsmobile agency of Oscar Spitzberger. The building will contain showroom and shop for the auto agency as well as a service station and cafe. Spitzberger's sons Jim and Mike plan to join their father in the agency. A. L. Wood will run the cafe. The building is located east of O'Neill on highways 20-275.



FISH ARE BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER! Reports have been coming into the Frontier office of many good fish lately. This lunker largemouth bass fell to a silver minnow cast by Lynn Briggs, Omaha, who was fishing in a lake south of O'Neill. The 20-inch lunker will soon grace the wall of Briggs' home. Ed Thorin, fishing Sunday with Joe Tennis, landed a northern pike that tipped the scales at a little more than nine pounds. Bluegills are starting to hit flies now that the sun has warmed the water and strings of crappies are in evidence.

'Ploesti' Receives Praise From Book Reviewers

Reviewers have been universally lavish in their praises of the historical non-fiction book PLOESTI, by authors James Dugan and Carroll (Cal) Stewart, in the 3 1/2 weeks that have elapsed since Random House made the release. PLOESTI is a full detail account of the low level bombing mission to the Romanian oil center August 1, 1943 when four-engine B-24 Liberator bombers, based in the Libyan desert, undertook to destroy Hitler's principal source of high octane gasoline and oil.

NEWSWEEK magazine: "First-rate battle log... the authors generate an almost excruciating dramatic tension even before the onset of the fiery 27-minute battle."

TIME Magazine: "...taut and gripping tale of a disastrous yet heroic snafu pieced together from letters, diaries, interviews and correspondence with U. S., German and Romanian survivors."

AMERICA (Jesuit) Magazine: "...the best non-fiction work so far in World War II literature... historians a century hence will be using it while official histories remain under layers of dust."

PITTSBURGH PRESS: "...Monumental account of one of the most crucial battles of World War II. If research alone were the sole criterion then this comes close to being among the finest of its kind. But there's more..."

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE: "...Monumental job of digging and it is obviously a labor of love by Dugan and Stewart, rankwise inconspicuous air-men. Writing is nowhere padded..."

EL PASO TIMES: "...Unbelievable detail... each bullet fired has been traced right into the pages of the book..."

THE NATIONAL OBSERVER: "...Profusely illustrated with maps and photographs, the book is drawing general praise from the critics..."

SAN FRANCISCO SUNDAY CHRONICLE: "...The greatest air battle of all time—largely neglected in the chronicles of war. The story has been told with suspense, poetic feeling and even humor... massive research..."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR: "...The book describes and discusses the event from as many angles as even the most avid history 'buff' could wish... gripping and moving reading because, in the main, the authors let the men do their own talking..."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE: "...Unforgettable chapters... in no other document has this reader found..."

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