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Mrs. Krotter . . . heart ailment.

Mrs. John R. Krotter Dies Unexpectedly

Fred H. Tucker, 61, Expires at Norfolk

Chambers Rancher Ill 9 Days

CHAMBERS—Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, from St. Paul's Lutheran church here for Fred H. Tucker, 61, Chambers rancher. Mr. Tucker died at 2:15 p.m., Saturday, April 21, in the Lutheran hospital at Norfolk. He had been ill nine days. Rev. Howard Claycombe, jr., church pastor, officiated. Biglin's were in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were William Ermer, Roy Backhaus, H. Medcalf, Eric Retzlaff, Frank Nekolita and Leonard Peterson. The remains were forwarded to Wisner where interment rites were conducted at 3 o'clock.

The late Fred Henry Tucker was born December 4, 1894, at Brooks, Ia., the son of Henry and Christina Knutson Tucker.

On October 20, 1940, he married Erna Barendsen at Wisner. That year the couple came to Holt-county from Wakefield. The late Mr. Tucker was in service during World War I. Survivors include: Widow — Erna; brother—Frank of Lincoln; sister—Mrs. Lilly Davis of Webster City, Ia.

\$13,000 Rural Fire Truck Is Purchased

The newly-formed O'Neill Rural Fire Protection district's officers last Thursday evening purchased a new rural fire truck. Chassis selected was Ford, to be purchased through the Lohaus Motor company, and the fire-fighting equipment is to be supplied by the American LaFrance company. The truck will be fitted in New York state and delivered here in several months. Total cost will slightly exceed 13,000 dollars. Andy Clark is president of the district. P. V. Hickey and Homer Marling are also officers.

Bowlby Surrenders Class C License

LYNCH—Lois H. Bowlby of Lynch, holder of a class C liquor license, has voluntarily surrendered her permit for the balance of the license year, which ends April 30. A hearing set Wednesday by the state liquor commission was cancelled. The license was cited for alleged gambling on the premises and the commission charged that credit rules were violated.

MADE 'ADMIRAL'

Sfc. James R. Lyons of the army recruiting office at O'Neill has been made an "admiral" in the Nebraska "navy" by Gov. Victor Anderson. Lyons, who recruits in a 10-county area, has again been given temporary possession of the Iowa-Nebraska per capita recruiting plaque.

SNEAK TO BLACK HILLS

EWING — The Ewing high school senior class, accompanied by their sponsor, Supt. Lewis Carter, returned Monday from a sneak day trip which took them to the Black Hills. The trip was made in a chartered bus.

Returning from Jersey—Mrs. Donald McKamy and Miss Dorothy Bennett are expected to return Friday from a two-weeks' visit with their sister, Mrs. Kenneth Ferree, at Haddensfield, N.J. Mr. Ferree has been ill.

SPENCER—Mrs. John R. Krotter, 45, wife of a prominent Spencer businessman, died about 3 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch. She had entered the hospital two days before. The late Mrs. Krotter suffered a heart ailment and had been in a delicate health several years. A rosary service was held at the Jones funeral home at 8 o'clock Sunday evening.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, April 23, from St. Mary's Catholic church with Rev. William Foster, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Spangler, R. B. Drickey, Edward Zahn, Gayle Cgahn, T. E. McGuire and Mandus Olin. St. Mary's choir furnished music.

An overflow crowd attended the requiem high mass. The late, Leona Catherine Wedige Krotter was born August 14, 1910, at Stuart, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wedige. Following her graduation from St. Joseph's high school in Atkinson in 1929, she was married to John R. Krotter of Stuart. They became the parents of two children—one of whom, Katherine Kay, died in infancy. The Krotters resided in Stuart until 1935 when they moved to Spencer where she made her home until the time of her death.

The late Mrs. Krotter was a member of St. Mary's church, was active in church affairs, had served as president of the Altar society. She also had served as secretary of the Spencer Women's club.

She was noted for her neighborliness and often befriended many of the people of the community.

Survivors include: Widower—John R. of Spencer; son—Robert J. of O'Neill; grandchildren—Patricia Kay and William J. Krotter, both of O'Neill; parents—Mr. and Mrs. John Wedige of Atkinson; sisters—Mrs. Guss Peterson of Bonesteel, S.D.; and Mrs. Myron Colamer of Batesland, S.D.; brothers—George Wedige of Atkinson, Raymond Wedige of Newburg, N.Y., and LaVern Wedige of Norfolk; eight nieces and five nephews.

Other relatives attending the services were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steinhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Florian Scholz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wewel, Mr. and Mrs. John Weichman, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Weichman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weichman, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Krotter, all of Stuart; Mr. and Mrs. Anton Weichman, Mrs. Alois Wewel, Mrs. Dora Wallinger, Mrs. Frank Weichman, Sr., Atkinson; Mrs. C. T. McVay of Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Schiefen of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Krotter of Palisade; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd West of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. Logan Thome of Bonesteel, S.D.; and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kersten of Omaha.

Parkins Re-elected Concert President

F. E. Parkins was re-elected president of the O'Neill Community Concerts association on Tuesday evening at a meeting of the directors. Mr. Parkins, one of the founder of the O'Neill organization, will begin his third term. Other officers re-elected were: John C. Watson, vice-president; Mrs. Maxine Mattern, secretary; and J. B. Grady, treasurer. Membership chairman for the 1956-57 season have not yet been selected.

O'Neill firemen were called Friday afternoon to the Robert Davidson residence to extinguish a grass fire.

Neighbors Give Aid to 3 Farmers

Disc, Plant 110 Acres Oats and Barley for Lowell Clouse

Lowell Clouse, who lives one mile west and 1 1/2 miles north of the drive-in theater corner, returned to his home Monday to find his neighbors had disced and planted 110 acres of oats and barley.

He had entered the hospital last Thursday for observation and was concerned about a heart ailment. Twenty-one men assisted. They brought 14 tractors with drills and discs. Ninety acres were finished by noon.

Assisting were Don Adamson, Earl Eppenbach, Leroy Holz, Orville Morrow, Gerry Sausser, Don Clyde, Frank Soukup, Maurico Harman, Kenneth Ellingson, Clinton Harman, Bert Barnhardt, Bob Hanley, Hugo Holz, Frank Fleming, Erwin Murray, Bill Cook, John Cook, Marvin Clouse, Gene Bauman, Joe Schollmeyer.

Women who helped with the noon meal were Mrs. Marvin Clouse, Mrs. Jack Riley, Mrs. Floyd Sanders, Mrs. Don Adamson and Mrs. Orville Morrow.

Marvin Richter Is Aided

DOERSEY—Ten neighbors gathered Thursday, April 19, at the home of Marvin Richter, who was ill in St. Anthony's hospital. They brought tractors, plows, discs and drills, prepared the ground and sowed 35 acres of oats.

Those assisting with work were Charles Gifford, Butch Nimitz, George Calkins, Howard Oberle, DeLayne Oberle, Lloyd Brady, Clint Ruegge, Harvey Krugman, Fred Krugman and Frank McDonald.

Mrs. Frank McDonald, Mrs. George Calkins and Mrs. Lloyd Brady furnished and helped with dinner at noon.

Elwyn Robertson Given Assist

CHAMBERS—Elwyn Robertson, who recently injured his left arm, was befriended Tuesday by neighbors who gathered at his place to assist with spring work.

Robertson had been hospitalized in O'Neill until Monday when he was dismissed.

5 Bands Will Play in Massed Concert

CLEARWATER—Five high school bands, totaling more than two hundred members, will participate in a massed band concert at 8 p.m., Friday in the Clearwater school auditorium.

Leonard Sawyer of Royal is the director of each of the bands. The following schools will take part: Page, Royal, Inman, Meadgrove Grove and Clearwater.

Decatur Plans Big Celebration

A centennial celebration and bridge dedication will be held May 3-6 at Decatur. Festivities begin at 1 p.m., on Thursday with registration, for old settlers' day. Friday will be parade day. Saturday the wild west program, and Sunday will be designated as youth and bridge dedication day.

Area Athletes Receive Numerals

University of Nebraska Track Coach Frank Sevigne has awarded 1956 track numerals to the following high school athletes in this area: 'O'NEILL (St. Mary's)—Ray Donohoe, full blue.

To Attend Ball—Miss Mary F. Foelich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich, will leave Friday to attend the annual Barristers' ball at Georgetown university, Washington, D.C. A classmate, Miss Angela Lamb, will accompany her.

Sunday Guests—Mr. and Mrs. John Blake of Geddes, S.D., Mr. and Mrs. James Donohoe and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Grenier were Sunday dinner guests of Hattie Kindlund.

Degree Work Staged—CHAMBERS—Forty members and visitors were present when Chambers IOOF lodge, 239 put on the initiatory degree work on Tuesday night.

Mrs. C. E. Yantzi returned to California from Hawaii March 15. She visited in California for two weeks before returning to O'Neill.

Celia School Finishes Term

CELIA—Mrs. Emil Colfack and pupils of Sunnyside school in this community closed the 1955-56 term with a picnic and basket dinner on Friday, April 20. It was the first Holt county school to finish the term.

The Clarence Focken, Leon-Chaffin, Joe Hendricks and Emil Colfack families participated in the picnic. Teacher Isla Ruda and pupils of the Lauridsen school visited the Celia school Friday afternoon and a baseball game was played.

Samuel Noring Dies at Bassett

Recently Retired as C&NW Agent

INMAN—Samuel Noring, 66, who recently retired as Chicago & North Western railroad agent at Bassett, became ill Sunday morning, April 22, and was taken to the Bassett hospital. He died later that day.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, at Bassett from the Methodist church. Military burial rites were conducted at the Inman cemetery.

The late Mr. Noring was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Noring. He began working for the C&NW in 1910, and was employed at the Inman station for many years. He was agent at Bassett the past 12 years. He was in service during World War I.

Survivors include: Widow—Margaret; sons—Harold of Wagner, S.D., and Raymond of California; sisters—Mrs. Bena Craig, who lives east of Inman; Mrs. Roy Grubbs of Page and Mrs. Ted Myers; brothers—William of O'Neill and Gilbert of Pocahontas, Ia.

McKenna to Address Nebraska Jaycees

Hugh McKenna, a native of O'Neill and currently national president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will speak at the Nebraska Jaycee convention to be held in Norfolk next week.

Twenty-two O'Neill Jaycees, in monthly session Tuesday night, discussed the forthcoming state meeting and also the national convention to be held in June at Kansas City, Mo. The O'Neill chapter will be represented at both affairs.

The O'Neill unit is sponsoring a "Miss O'Neill" beauty contest and a junior golf tournament among its May activities.

Tells About Recent Soil Tour—EWING—Dr. William Ross, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, spoke briefly on the Holt county soil conservation district at Monday evening's meeting of the Men's club of the U.P. church.

Doctor Ross told of the recent organized visit of various conservation projects.

CHECK RECEIVED

ATKINSON—The Motherhouse of the Kuanegund Sisters of Blessed Kungunda at Chicago, Ill., last week forwarded a check for 10, thousand-dollars to be applied to the Atkinson Memorial hospital building fund. The order, dated March 27, was received by hospital staffs and operates the Atkinson hospital.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Bellin and Mrs. Bonnie Larsen, both of Springfield, April 24.

William Leland Anson, 27, of O'Neill and Virginia L. Thiele, 21, of Elgin, April 24.

Mrs. R. J. Byers of Omaha is visiting Mrs. C. E. Yantzi for two weeks.

Boyd Homesteader Turns 90

By a Staff Writer SPENCER—Karl Frederik Wilhelm Boettcher, better known as "Uncle Willie" Boettcher, Sunday, April 22, was feted by 83 relatives, friends and parishioners who gathered at the Immanuel Lutheran church parlors to help him observe his 90th birthday anniversary.

The actual anniversary date was Tuesday, April 24, but the affair was scheduled two days early in order that more could attend.

Wearing his customary white beard (the weather protector comes off each June), "Uncle Willie" received so many cards, letters and well-wishes, tears came to his eyes. He presided at the huge birthday cake and he posed with his sister, Mrs. Minnie Ehrlich, 88, of Spencer, in the center of a family group picture.

Mr. Boettcher was born in Saxony, Germany, April 24, 1866, the only son in the family. He came to America with his parents and several sisters when he was 12-years-old. The



The Cranfords . . . 'oppers, chinch bugs, fire.—The Frontier Photo.



These good neighbors aided Lowell Clouse, O'Neill farmer, on Monday, discing and planting 110 acres of oats and barley.—The Frontier Photo.

Orchard Couple Wed Half-Century

(Photo on page 6) ORCHARD—Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holliday of Orchard today (Thursday) will have been married 50 years. They plan a special observance but will be at home to their relatives and friends on Sunday, April 29.

Mr. Holliday was born in England January 31, 1882, came to the U.S. when he was 20. Mrs. Holliday, whose maiden name was Cassie Eicher, was born at Newark, Wis. Her mother died when Cassie was 8-years-old.

The Hollidays have two sons, Lloyd and Tom, who with their father own 1,280 acres of land, the John Deere agency and five town properties, and one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Eva) Billings.

Mr. Holliday is a member of the Masonic lodge; Mrs. Holliday is an Eastern Star.

Mr. Holliday has two brothers and two sisters living: Robert of Orchard, Hugh of Page, Mary Holiday of O'Neill and Mrs. Hannah Vollersten of Sioux City.

His wife has one sister, Mrs. Edna Kresimek, who lives in Wisconsin.

Sgt. Donald Boyle has returned from Camp Hale, Colo., where he was engaged in mountain training. His wife and son of Ft. Riley, Kans., accompanied him to O'Neill.

'The Big Show' Scheduled by Kindergarten

"The Big Show" will be presented by Mrs. Harry Petersen's kindergarten classes at 8 p.m., on Friday, May 4, at the O'Neill public school auditorium. This musical playlet was written by Elinor Smith Gerber of Lexington, formerly of O'Neill.

A "finished product" will be presented Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Children who cannot sit quietly during the evening performance are invited to come for the afternoon showing.

The grade school children will attend the afternoon performance and will not be admitted Friday night unless accompanied by parents. Mrs. Petersen says she is "in hopes these measures will eliminate the noise at the Friday night performances."

Kindergarten graduation, which is usually held simultaneously, will be held at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 13, at the public school.

Mrs. Gerber has written a series of playlets for kindergarten presentation here.

WE BEG YOUR PARDON

Rating of Brenda Bealart of Page, flutist, was erroneously noted as four instead of two in last week's issue in connection with the district music contest sponsored by the Nebraska High School Activities association.

Atlantic crossing required seven days.

The Boettcher family settled in Lancaster county, near Lincoln. Mr. Boettcher came to Boyd county in 1895 and established a homestead 7 1/2 miles northwest of Spencer.

At Butte he married Miss Elsie Boettcher (no kin), also a native of Germany. Her people were homesteaders near Butte. They became the parents of five children. His wife died in 1924.

"Uncle Willie" remained active on the place until 1932, when his son, Robert, took over. Meanwhile, he makes his home with his children. Currently he is at the home of another son, Walter.

In reminiscing, Mr. Boettcher recalled the visits of Indians at the homestead. "They were usually passing through," he remembers. "We got along fine. They stopped in once in awhile to get chickens."

The spry, short-statured German is fourth in a line to carry the full name—Karl Frederik Wilhelm Boettcher. He remembers the coming of the railroad (Continued on page 11)

Fred M. Seery, 81, Rites at Chambers

CHAMBERS—Funeral services for Fred M. Seery, 81, were held Thursday, April 19, at the Methodist church. He died Sunday, April 15, in the Bassett hospital.

Rev. Ralph Chamberlain of Grand Island officiated at the funeral, assisted by Rev. J. M. Hodgkin. A mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Ed Eisenbauer, Mrs. Letha Cook, E. A. Farrier and Stanley Lambert, sang "In the Upper Garden There." "Under His Wings" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," accompanied by Mrs. Bernard Hoffman.

Pallbearers were Lester Miles, Charles Schmidt, Glen Adams, Hylas Farrier, Gerald Rothchild and Vernon Rothchild. Ushers were Charles Grimes and Kieth Sexton.

Burial was in Chambers cemetery.

Fred Morris Seery, son of Andrew and Harriet Seery, was born March 14, 1875, at Fullerton, N.Y.

He moved to Nebraska with his parents when a small boy and grew to manhood on a farm near Cairo. On December 26, 1906, he was united in marriage to Edna Hodgson at Grand Island. Two children were born to this union.

He was engaged in farming. In 1917 the family moved to Balhagh, and in 1937 to the Chambers community. He made his home with his son, Ray, and wife after the death of his wife in January, 1955.

Survivors include: Son—Roy of Chambers; daughter—Mrs. Lawrence (Pearl) Westover of Bassett; three grandchildren—Wilma and Janet Seery and Con Westover; sister—Mrs. Blanche Paffman of Odell, Ore.; brothers—Eli and Freep Seery, both of Cairo.

ENLISTMENTS TOLD

Recent enlistments through the army recruiting office here include: Arvid D. Erb of Verdugo, for telegrapher maintenance school; Dennis D. Bejot of Ainsworth, for quartermaster supply records school; Robert E. Allen of Ainsworth, for the reserves.

FUN NIGHT SET

ATKINSON—The Parents-Teachers' association will sponsor a fun night tonight (Thursday) at the school auditorium. Games, contests, prizes and food will be featured.

DRAWNS 10 DAYS

CLEARWATER—William Lamonte Patras of Clearwater was sentenced to 10 days in the Madison county jail on charges of issuing two insufficient fund checks in Norfolk.

Lynch Pair Marks 50th Wedding

Cranfords in Series of Moves; Always Return to Boyd

LYNCH—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cranford, 79, married 47-years—anniversary, on Sunday, April 22, looked back on 50 years of married life spent in several different communities in Nebraska and South Dakota.

They count good health and five grown sons among their blessings. On the opposite side of the ledger were acavastating hail, grasshoppers and chinch bug plagues in South Dakota, and a fire that destroyed all of their belongings except the clothes they were wearing, cattle in the pasture, and an old iron pump.

Mr. Cranford was reared in Burt county near Tekamah. He came to Boyd county with members of his family before the turn of the century. They lived north of Monowi.

Mrs. Cranford's maiden name was Katherine Denoma. Her father was French and she lived from the time she was 9-years-old until she was 17 on a place east of Gross.

Frank and Katherine met at a county dance on Sunshine Bottom. "He was a good dancer in those days," remembers Mrs. Cranford.

They were married April 22, 1906, at Wagner, S.D. "We were married on Sunday, four of our boys were born on Sunday, and we celebrated our golden wedding on Sunday," observed Mrs. Cranford.

The couple moved to near Reliance, S.D., in Lyman county, making the trip in a covered wagon. First year they had good crops there, succeeding two years no crops at all and they returned to Boyd. Later they went to Charles Mix county and ranched near Martin, S.D.

They lived south of Kinkaid (near Ainsworth, in Brown county) on a homestead for several years. While burning cow chips (the handiest, most economical fuel) in the spare heater, sparks from the chimney touched off tinder dry grass and buildings.

They returned "home" once again and have stayed put now for 22 years. They have dwelt in their present home in East Lynch more than 11 years.

"Cows, hogs and horses have been our life's guests," declares Mr. Cranford.

Fifty persons called Sunday at the Cranford home.

Their children are Clarence of Dakota; Earl, of Omaha; Roland of Valentine, Lewis of Spencer and Alya of Dade City, Fla. All of them were present for the golden wedding observance.

There are nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Cranford suffered a fall on the porch late Monday and was taken to Sacred Heart hospital and was to remain there several days. The injury was lacerated to prevent blood clots. Mrs. Cranford suffers diabetes.

Frontier Garh By Niobrara Residents

NIOBARA—Residents of this community are blossoming out in frontier garh to avoid being picked up and tried before the kangaroo court.

Women are wearing long dresses and sunbonnets, men are growing whiskers, for the centennial celebration June 16-17.

POLICE COURT

Garry W. Waller, speeding, \$10 and costs \$4; April 21. Charles Summers, stop sign violation, \$10 and costs \$4; April 21.

LaVern Van Conest, drinking in car, \$10 and costs \$4; April 21. Carbett L. Alley, improper U-turn, \$2 and costs \$3; April 19. Eugene Colman of Elgin, reckless driving, \$25 and costs; \$7; April 22.

Russell Miner, speeding, \$10 and costs \$4; April 21. J. L. McCarville, overparking, \$2 and costs \$2; April 18.

RECITAL SCHEDULED

Miss Alvara Ramm's voice students will present a recital Wednesday, May 2, at 8 p.m., at St. Mary's academy.