



Mary Fetrow (left), valedictorian, and Carolyn Lindberg, salutatorian, at O'Neill high school.—O'Neill Photo Co.



Sharlene Shoemaker (left), valedictorian, and Kathryn Wilson, salutatorian at St. Mary's academy.—O'Neill Photo Co.

## City's Two Schools Are Graduating 80 Seniors

Dr. Cal Reed, chairman of the department of elementary education at the University of Nebraska, will address 37 members of the O'Neill high school graduating class at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) at commencement exercises in the school auditorium.

Dr. Reed, a chief advisor of the Nebraska Parent-Teachers' association, taught rural school in Nebraska, high school, served as a high school superintendent and obtained his doctor of philosophy degree at Nebraska.

Members of the 1936 senior class are: Kenny Bachhaus, Jack Bailey, Elmore Blain, Russell Borg, Nina Burival, Robert Bural, Marilyn Carroll, Dean Clyde, Larry Conarro, Lila Dailey, Frank Fretow, Mary Fretow, Pat Grenier, Francis Havranek, Kay Hibbs, Harold Hicks, Jerome Howard, Beverly Johnson.

Jim Johnson, Archie Juracek, Ivan Kaiser, Pat Kallhoff, Eddie Krugman, Merle Krugman, Donald Lieth, Carolyn Lindberg, Beverly Linquist, Kathleen McConnell, Roger Niemeyer, Jack Norman, Vernon Passieux, James Rodman, Shirley Schultz, Mabel Thomas, Gary Waller.

The O'Neill high school band, girls' glee club and Miss Patty Grenier, senior vocalist, will provide music.

Dr. Reed will be introduced by Supt. M. J. Baack, H. J. Lohaus, president of the board of education, who present diplomas and read Willard Seifermoser will present scholarships and awards.

Miss Mary Fretow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fretow, has been announced as valedictorian, she will receive the state teachers' college scholarship. Miss Carolyn Lindberg, salutatorian, will receive the church college scholarship.

Other awards:

Kay Hibbs, Norfolk Junior college scholarship; Marilyn Carroll, Grand Island Business college; regents scholarship (to be announced tonight).

This year's graduation class contains two cousins, Frank and Mary Fretow. Several years ago the same situation occurred when Marilyn and Fred Fretow were graduated. Frank and Marilyn are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fretow and Fred and Mary are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fretow. The initials of each girl and boy are the same, F. F. and M. F., for both years.

### Fourth 'R' Stands for Religion

In baccalaureate services for O'Neill high school seniors, held Sunday evening at the school auditorium, Rev. J. Olen Kennel, pastor of First Presbyterian church, urged the graduates to "earn and to hold to the fourth, and most important 'R'—religion. He emphasized this 'R' is not elective.

Reverend Kennel said the clergy is proud that America's first schools were in the church parsonages.

"Something is happening across America today," the minister declared, speaking also to eighth grade graduates. "We hear less and less about security. People are wistfully yearning for a faith, a solid rock, a transcendent life for Jesus that goes beyond the popular term of security."

The speaker said that Saul, if he were to walk the Damascus road in America today and answer the wistfulness, would say: "For me to live is Christ."

He urged his youthful listeners to "be humble and to learn to kneel before your God."

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## Election Interest Is Slight

### Four-Way Unicam Race Appears to Get Most Attention

Holt county voters will go to the polls next Tuesday, May 15, to vote on primary candidates. Heading the republican ballot will be Dwight D. Eisenhower for president. His counterpart on the democratic ticket will be Estes Kefauver.

County Clerk Kenneth Waring and requests for absentee and disabled ballots have been very few. The Holt county sheriff's office began delivering election supplies to the 43 voting precincts this week.

Interest is very slight in the 1936 primary. Locally, most interest will center in the four-way race for the unicameral legislative seat now held by Frank Nelson of O'Neill. Others seeking the non-political seat are Fred Jungman of Atkinson, Hugo Sieber of Butler and John Tenberg of Emmet. The two highest voters in the primaries will compete in the general election this fall.

Sample ballots appear on pages 1 and 7. (Note: There is an error in the sample GOP ballot as it appears on page 8. For county supervisor, Sixth district, there is no republican candidate, whereas two names erroneously appear.)



This is a view of the finale showing the entire cast of "The Big Show," which was presented to a capacity crowd Friday night by the O'Neill public school kindergarten pupils. The color spectacle, a song-playlet, was written by Elinor Smith Gerber of Lexington, formerly of O'Neill, and directed by Grace Peterson, kindergarten teacher. (Complete story and pictures on page 15).—O'Neill Photo Co.

## Chief Sivesind to Leave Force

Joe Sivesind, chief of police here for the past year, has offered his resignation to Mayor D. C. Schaffer and will commence work for Beatrice Foods, Inc., as wholesale salesman on Friday, May 25.

Formerly of Orchard and a former military policeman, Sivesind has resided with his family in O'Neill for several years. Mayor Bill Perry of the Beatrice Foods branch here said Robert Clouse is leaving the company June 1 after having been employed by the firm for several years. Clouse has not announced his future plans, Perry said.

Mayor Schaffer said the city regretted losing Chief Sivesind. No successor has been named, although Schaffer said he had received a half-dozen applications.

## Pupils from Amelia Grab Top Honors

### A. N. Butler, 70, Burial in Missouri

### Barber at Inman for 40 Years

An eighth grader from Amelia school district 228, where the two-grade high school is under fire from the office of the state commissioner of education and the state board of education, Wednesday afternoon was honored for a record high scholastic standing among Holt county eighth graders.

Marcia Widman received a rating of 127 out of a possible 129 in county eighth grade examinations. Last year the winner was Rochelle Sammons, also of district 228.

In addition, Dale Fullerton, one of Marcia's classmates, was one of 15 "superiors" among the county's 114 rural eighth grade graduates. Another classmate, Joan Fullerton, rated in the group of 20 "highs."

There was less than standing-room-only at Miss Alice L. French, county superintendent, presented the diplomas. She paid special tribute to Miss Widman, and she also declared the scholastic level of the class of 1936 to be "about a year higher than average."

Duane Carson is the teacher for the eighth graders and Mrs. Etha Pater taught the Amelia pupils in the lower grades.

The two-grade high school, taught by Carson, is being denied accreditation, largely because it is too small, Amelia partisans, who pay the bill, declare a school cannot be judged by the number of pupils. They have engaged a Lincoln law firm to take their problem into Lancaster county district court at Lincoln.

Pupils on the promotion day program were Janet Krugman, Kathleen Brady, Janet Waller, Janith Gans, Margaret Mary Funk, Ruth Osborn, Marcia Widman, David Garwood.

Miss Lucille Mitchell of Stuart presented arithmetic awards to 42:

Third grade: Nelda Cunniff, first; district 245; Mary Lynn Shearer, second; 11; Judy Sycie, third; 53; Bernard Bonenberger, fourth, 81; Jerry Kaiser, fifth, 222.

Fourth grade: Charles Krobot, first; district 205, and Delores Rosenkrans, district 4; Galen Dultz, second; district 233; Susan Larue, third, 134; Leonard Blain, 50, and Everett Garwood, 245, fourth; Duane Skopec, fifth, 20.

Fifth grade: Ledean Weller, first; district 233; Bruce Bowen, second, 55; Bonnie Clifford, 206; Ellen Prost, 249, third; Madeline Catherine Herbk, 4; Madeline Richards, 20, and Rosemary Mahoney, 5, fourth; Barbara Beel-aert, fifth, 88.

Sixth grade: Carole Hoffman, first, district 299; Janet Krugman, 60, and Elgie Karr, 242, second; Madene Stearns, third, 46; Larue Weller, 233, Karen Meusch, 11, and David Garwood, 245, fourth; Ronnie Richards, 20, Morris Pongratz, 8, and Louise Harris, 55, fifth.

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## Houston Rites Held Monday at Venus

### Widow, Son Hurt on Way to Funeral

PAGE—Funeral services were held at the Venus church at 1 p.m., Monday, May 7, for Harry Houston, 75, of Collins, Mo., who died Saturday, May 5, at Collins.

Rev. Don Olmsted, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist churches at Orchard and Venus, officiated.

Burial was in the Enterprise cemetery.

The late Mr. Houston was a son of the late Arthur and Susan Houston. He was born near Lincoln April 8, 1861. Except for a few years spent in South Dakota and six years at Collins, Mo., Mr. Houston was a lifelong resident of the Page and Middlebranch communities.

His first wife, the former Kate Meyers, is deceased. Francis became the parents of one son, Forrester, and one daughter, Florence.

He was united in marriage with Miss Mary Blaine on March 4, 1920, at Middlebranch. To this union six children were born.

The widow, Mary, and one son, Walter, were hurt in an automobile accident Sunday at Claremont, Mo., while enroute to Page for the funeral. Mrs. Houston suffered a dislocated vertebrae and will be hospitalized about three weeks at Elma. Mr. Walter, who suffered a fractured ankle, was dismissed the following day.

Survivors include: Widow — Mary; sons — Forrester of Omaha; John of Graysville, Ind.; Walter of Kansas City, Mo.; Francis of Wilmington, Calif.; and Robert of Collins, Mo.; daughters — Mrs. Florence Bauman of Iowa, Mrs. Opa Ruth Nutts of New York and Mrs. Eleanor Moore; sister — Mrs. Richard Bengtson; brothers — James of Pierre, S.D., and Jack of Norfolk, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Daugherty and Mrs. Mildred Martin, are deceased; also one brother, Guy.



Doctor Bild... "best west of Sioux City."

## Wind Testers Face Housing Crisis

### Furnished Units for Families Needed

With the vanguard of the air-force-sponsored wind test program, expected to arrive next week, the Chamber of Commerce is "distressed" about a lack of housing facilities for eight to 12 families.

Three-room furnished apartments and furnished dwellings of air force and university scientists and their families are urgently needed, according to Chamber Secretary William Matern.

Some of the wind test people, coming from distant points such as Massachusetts and Texas, will be here up to four months.

Matern reported the situation, which he described as "critical," at Monday evening's Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Miss Florence Ponton's office is the "clearing house" for the housing project. Her office is in the Golden hotel building and her phone number is 106.

There are plenty of single rooms available, Matern explained, but furnished family units have been impossible to line up, he declared.

At the first wind test three years ago several families from the Air Force-Cambridge (Mass.) research center and from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were here for a number of weeks.

Officers of the O'Neill Saddle club asked for C of C support for a parade to be held in conjunction with the annual O'Neill rodeo. Dates for the rodeo are June 8, 9, 10. President G. E. Miles appointed a committee to work with the Saddle club committee to plan a parade.

A report was made of last Thursday's visit to O'Neill of Sid Bradley, assistant chief of the Nebraska resources division, Ten C of C committeemen met with Mr. Bradley and discussed possibilities of attracting new industry here.

Bradley said industry is attracted on the basis of raw materials, marketing factor or labor supply.

He pointed out O'Neill could

## Dr. Bild, Page, Dies in Office

### Physician 53 Years Is Fatally Stricken with Heart Attack

PAGE—Funeral services for Dr. E. J. Bild, 79, who started practicing medicine at Page in 1903, were held at 2 p.m., Monday, May 7, from the Methodist church.

Rev. Leslie Mewmaw, church pastor, officiated and burial was in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Doctor Bild died of a heart attack at his office late Friday afternoon, May 4, while alone. He was found dead about 5:30 p.m. by Pat O'Brien and Tony Coenen, two boys who were delivering newspapers. They had seen several men they had been unable to awaken Doctor Bild.

The late Elmer Jacob Bild was born in Sweden on January 19, 1877. He was the lone remaining survivor of a family of seven sons and one daughter.

He was united in marriage with Miss Ellie Virginia McClaren of Climbing Hill, Ia., October 26, 1903. They became the parents of two sons and one daughter.

The Bids began housekeeping in Page where he had established a practice two years earlier. In 1919 the Bids left Page to practice at Wausa and later in Iowa, returning to Page in 1945.

Reason for their return here 11 years ago was twofold: To retire from active practice and to be near their daughter, Mrs. Earl (Emily) Rodman, at O'Neill.

The late Doctor Bild has been described by old acquaintances as a quiet and unassuming type. He never made a bid for fame or fortune but quietly healed and carried out the responsibilities of his profession. In his declining years he spent considerable time renewing old acquaintances and welcoming new friends.

In the early days before the era of health specialists, Doctor Bild was regarded by many as "the best country doctor west of Sioux City." He was particularly known as an able baby doctor and authority on skin diseases.

## Baker to Represent Oil Company Here

Pahl Baker, former O'Neill high school principal and basketball coach who has been with the Continental Oil Company the past year, has returned to O'Neill where he will headquarter for his firm. He will be district manager and his territory will extend from Ainsworth to Plainview and from Bartlett to the South Dakota line.

Baker succeeds Russ Bongie of Ainsworth, who is being transferred to Ft. Dodge, Ia. The promotion for Bongie comes after five years on the territory. Bongie originated at Creighton.

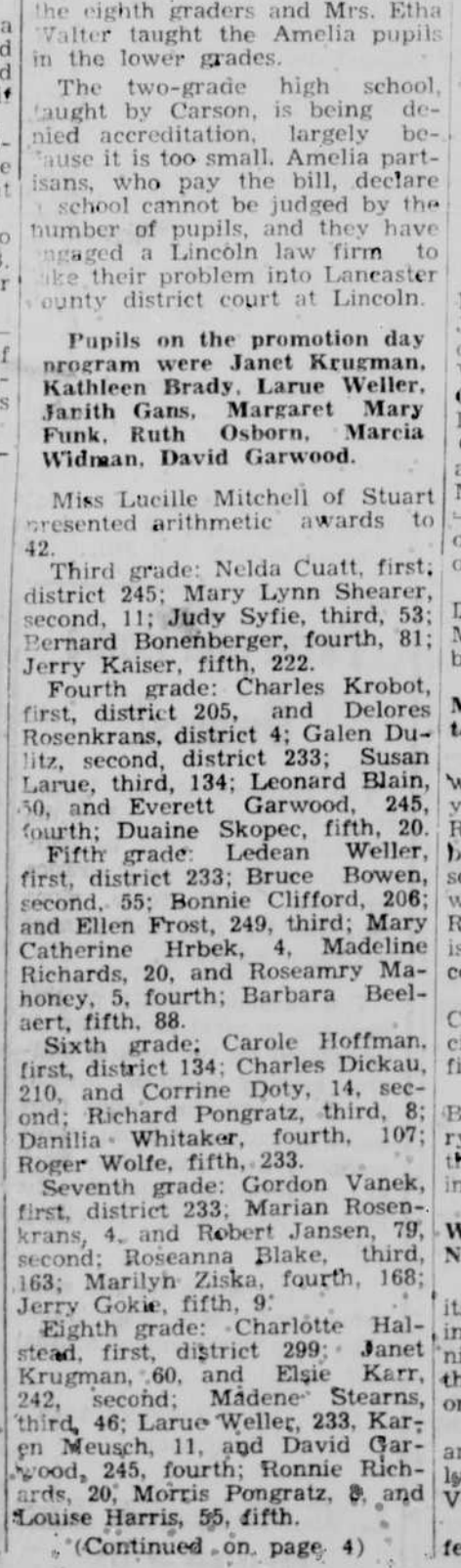
LYNCH — M. P. Stenger was released from the hospital on Wednesday, May 2, and is convalescing at his home north of town.

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## Magnolia



O'Neill High Seniors Perform on Class Night

## Woman's Club to Note 35th Anniversary

The O'Neill Woman's club at its next meeting will be observing its 35th anniversary. The anniversary session will be held at the home of Mrs. L. A. Burgess on Wednesday, May 16, at 8 p.m.

All of the charter members and early members are especially invited, according to Mrs. Vernon Lorenz, who is president. A tea and program will be featured.

## Courthouse Brick Get New Mortar

The Holt county courthouse, built in the era of the works progress administration, is undergoing a face-lifting that might not be too obvious to the public. But the project, expected to extend over six weeks, is intended to check deterioration caused by the elements.

Crumbled mortar between some of the bricks has permitted water seepage down some of the walls. A new roof will replace the present roof.

Workers with forced air and power equipment are cleaning out the old mortar, replacing it and blasting, waterproofing and repairing steps.

A Sioux Falls, S.D. firm has the contract for \$5,678.

## 'Lou' Birmingham Enroute to Europe

Miss Mary Louise ("Lou") Birmingham will depart Friday for national headquarters of the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C. After spending a week there, she will depart for Red Cross headquarters in Europe to receive an assignment.

Miss Birmingham returned about a year ago from the Far East where she had served with the American Red Cross in Japan and Korea for about two years.