



Mr. Closson . . . he was called upon to make a speech.—The Frontier Photo.

Andrew Closson, 83, Honored at Banquet

Mrs. May M. Landis, Long Ill, Succumbs

Resident of O'Neill Since 1937

Mrs. May M. Landis, 68, widow of the late Roy G. Landis, died early Saturday, September 22, in St. Anthony's hospital here where she had been a patient nine months. The late Mrs. Landis had been an invalid several years. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, September 24, at the Methodist church with Rev. Glenn Kennicott, church pastor, officiating. The remains lay in state at Biglin's chapel until the funeral hour.

Burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery at Neligh. Pallbearers were Earl Rodman, W. B. Gillespie, Clay Johnson, Jr., Jerome Gallagher, Henry Lofflin and Merle Hickey.

The late Mrs. Landis, whose maiden name was May M. Allen, was born May 1, 1888, at Clay Center, Kans., the daughter of David and Emma Allen. When she was five-months-old, she moved with her parents from Kansas onto a farm near Tilden, where she lived for 18 years, moving from there to Wheeler county.

On December 23, 1906, she was married to Mr. Landis at Deloit. They became the parents of two sons and two daughters. The Landises began their married life on a farm homestead near Deloit and several years later moved to Neligh.

A number of years later they moved onto a farm in the Willowdale community in northwestern Antelope county, spending five years there before moving to Brunswick where they resided until 1933.

McDonald Store Founder Is Dead

J. M. McDonald, sr., 75, founder of the McDonald merchandising chain numbering one hundred stores, died Friday night at Battle Creek, Mich., who got his start in the merchandising business when he and three brothers opened a dry goods and grocery store in Kingston, Mo., retired as president of the company in 1948.

He worked for a time for the J. C. Penney chain as vice-president. In 1934 he purchased the interest of Harry Ekberg in the Brown-Ekberg chain (including the O'Neill store). Later the chain became known as Brown-McDonald, still later designated as the J. M. McDonald company.

Mr. McDonald was a widely recognized raiser of Guernsey cattle. The O'Neill store, and others throughout the seven-state chain, were closed 3 1/2 hours Tuesday in memory of the founder, Manager Joe Stutz said.

Married 44 Years — John Kurtz, 13, Wins C of C Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Price celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Open-house was held in the afternoon at which 62 guests called. Four sons and their families were among those present. They were Mr. and Mrs. Steven Price of Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Price and family of Burwell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price and family of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Price of Norfolk.

Jack Penner, about 40, an Indiana parolee, Saturday voluntarily told the Nebraska safety patrol he was wanted in that state for parole violation.

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H. E. Asher Is Fatally Stricken

Consumers Engineer Dies While Finishing Spencer Hydo Job

H. E. Asher, 59, longtime plant engineer for Consumers Public Power, was fatally stricken about 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 26, while directing the finish of an extensive repair project at the Spencer hydro-electric dam.

Workers said Mr. Asher had shown no signs of illness through the day, but had entered the hydro plant a few moments before he suffered the heart attack, which proved fatal. He never regained consciousness.

Dr. D. H. Bendorf of Butte who was summoned upon arrival pronounced Mr. Asher dead.

The late Mr. Asher suffered a heart attack about 2 1/2 years ago. Funeral arrangements are pending. Members of Garfield and AFA&M will have charge and burial will be under the direction of Biglin's.

The late Mr. Asher was born September 17, 1897, at Peoria, Ill., a son of Everett E. and Emma Boehler Asher. He lived in Illinois and Iowa and trained as a diesel engineer.

In June, 1935, at Fairmont, Minn., he married Miss Esther Chambers. They moved to Spencer that year where Mr. Asher took charge of the hydro plant for Northern Nebraska Power company, subsequently owned by Interstate Power company and Consumers Public Power.

In 1937 the Ashers moved to O'Neill. Mr. Asher's work as plant engineer for CPPD took him to many points throughout the state and, occasionally, his services were required in nearby states.

He had been directing for Consumers the repair and improvements at the Spencer dam. The project, which has been in progress all summer, was nearing completion. Water was scheduled to be turned through the dam in just a few hours.

The late Mr. Asher was a member of the Methodist church and Garfield lodge. Widows: Esther M. daughters—Mrs. Joe (Evelyn) Bangs of St. James, Mo., and Miss Donna, at home; Mrs. Donald of Valentine, formerly of O'Neill, and Eileen of Racine, Wis.; four grandchildren; brother—M. E. Asher of Valentine, formerly of O'Neill.

Program included: Duet, "Silver Threads Among the Gold", by Alvera Shilousky and Virginia McDonald with Janell Hoke accompanist; remarks, by Rev. F. E. Barry of St. Peter's Catholic church; poem, by Miss Van Zandt; cornet solo, "Stephen Foster Selections", by Paul Gunter with Miss Hoke at the piano; short talk, by Rev. Lee Bridger, church pastor; duet, "Beyond the Sunset", by Ed Hoag and Ebben Graft with Mrs. Graft at the piano; skit, "Crossing the Tracks", by Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke and son, Clayton; selections on the auto harp, by Andrew Olson.

Roll call was answered by the honorees with year and place born and where housekeeping was started.

Closing song, "God Be with You", was sung by the entire group and Father Burke gave the benediction.

Members of the Sunset club in attendance were Mrs. Louise Van Conet, George Latzel, Ora Stevens, Mrs. Pauline Noffke, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Schuette, Miss Anna VanZandt, Mrs. Grace Briggs, Mrs. John Wunner, Mrs. E. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Borden, Albert Larson, Mrs. Hannah Tuttle, Andrew Closson, Mrs. Cora Canaday, Mrs. Marie Beelaert, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson, Ben Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Will Conner, Mrs. Jennie Sparr, Ed Hoag, Mrs. Jessie Angus, William Walter, Dewitt Gunter and Mrs. Florence Butler.

Mrs. Ralph Eacker was master of ceremonies.



8-Pound Spoonbill Cat Taken from Mizouo. Ted Zabroski (left) and his nephew, Carl Chmiel proudly exhibit an eight-pound spoonbill catfish hauled from the Missouri river late Tuesday. They made the catch from a line, using perch bait, at the Ft. Randall reservoir. The unusual fish gave the men quite a struggle before landing it. The spoon, over a foot in length, provides a grotesque appearance. Allan Chmiel, 4 1/2, Carl's son, looks on approvingly.—The Frontier Photo.

Rodeo, Quarter Sale Here Next Week

The annual fall O'Neill rodeo, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday nights, October 1 and 2, will have as features a cutting horse contest and a quarter horse sale. The cutting horse contest, which has approval of the national association, is scheduled for two grounds and a final session.

Holt Entries Win Ak-Sar-Ben Awards

Holt county 4-H livestock exhibitors have received several awards at the annual Ak-Sar-Ben exhibition in Omaha, according to Assistant County Agent Warren Peden, jr.

Receiving blue ribbons for Angus beef breeding helpers were Sharon Miner of O'Neill and Robert Beelaert of Page. Beelaert also had a blue ribbon Angus steer and a red ribbon Angus steer.

It's Barbecue Pit; Not Monster Grave

That big pit in the St. Mary's academy campus, measuring 3 1/2 feet in depth, 3 1/2 feet in width and 10 feet in length, is not for burying a monster. It's a barbecue pit and an estimated 1,200 persons will be dished up U. S. choice beef come Sunday afternoon. Proceeds of the barbecue dinner and carnival in connection with the completion of the new station, will go to St. Mary's academy.

The affair is under the sponsorship of the Friends of St. Mary's. The carnival will feature a myriad of games of skill and fun, novelties and other entertainment. Baby sitters will be provided for parents who might otherwise have trouble breaking away for the 1 to 4 p. m. serving. (Details in page 3).

Returns from Florida — Arbuthnot Station in Grand Opening

R. G. Rockey returned to Ewing from Miami, Fla., where he had visited his daughter and family.

Ressel Again Heads ASC Committee

Harry E. Ressel of Holt county agriculture stabilization and conservation (ASC) committee, Wednesday was reelected chairman. Other members are Homer Ernst of O'Neill, vice-chairman; Al J. Sausser of O'Neill, third member; Floyd Butterfield of Lakeview, first alternate; and Edwin Grutsch of O'Neill, second alternate.

McNichols Family Going to California

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNichols and son, Robert, have returned from two weeks spent in Wilmington, Calif. They are winding up affairs here and expect to be leaving for California to make their new home.

Family Gathering at Lindbergs

A family gathering was held at the Fred Lindberg home on Sunday. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weber and sons of Pasadena, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rosencrans and family, Miss Demaria Lindberg, Mrs. Augusta Lindberg, Mrs. and Eleanor Lindberg, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindberg, all of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Enquist of Wausa; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wakely and family of Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gannon of Inman and Russell Woepfel of Ewing.

CAR HITS UNDERSLUNG

An eastbound auto driven by Andrew E. Ogren, 38, of Odebolt, Ia., struck an underslung rack late Wednesday on U.S. highway 20 about two miles east of the Stafford junction. The rack was being pulled by a tractor driven by Carl Jensen, 54. The rig was owned by Sam Regan of Inman. The auto hit the left rear corner of the underslung with about \$200 damage to the car. None was hurt.

McElhaney Enroute Back to U.S.

Bruce McElhaney, who has been stationed at Bad Kissingen, Bavaria, Germany, expected to sail Tuesday for about an eight-day voyage to New York. He will be separated at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., and then will return home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhaney.

TOOKER IS HURT

Ralph Tooker, an employee at the Municipal airport here, was hurt early Sunday morning enroute from Atkinson to O'Neill. He suffered a broken leg when his car overturned one mile west of Emmet. It was a one-car accident and the machine was badly damaged.

Atkinson Farmer or 35 Years Dies

ATKINSON — Joseph Niezgocki, 87, died Saturday, September 22, at the Hofermeister nursing home at Genoa, where he had been residing the past year. He had been a resident of the Atkinson community 35 years where he had been a farmer.

Atkinson Home on Monday

St. Anthony's hospital Monday marked the fourth anniversary of its formal opening. The half-million-dollar medical center opened September 24, 1952.

3 Page Couples Note Anniversaries

PAGE — Three Page couples are observing wedding anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Smith were married at O'Neill September 19, 1895, marked their 61st; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder, who were married at Tecumseh September 21, 1898, 58th; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dow, who were married near Inman September 22, 1898, 58th.

NEW MANAGER

ATKINSON—Harvey Groff has been named new manager of the Atkinson Cooperative Creamery. He has been engaged in the cream, poultry and egg business here. He will transfer his personal feed, poultry and egg business to the association.

COUNTY COURT

Harold N. Hawkins of Yankton, S.D., overheard on axle \$60 auto, cost \$4, September 22, officer—Donald Jenny.

Baseball Club Entertained

The O'Neill Rockets baseball team and their wives held a turkey dinner Sunday evening at the Fred Appleby home. Guests were the umpires and their wives and Mr. and Mrs. Les Weber. Thirty-eight were present.

Calvin Barthel High Bidder on Ranch

Calvin Barthel, one of the heirs of the estate of the late L. W. Barthel, was high bidder Monday in the referee's sale of the four-tract 4,000-acre family ranch. Purchase price was 107-thousand-dollars, or about \$27 per acre, according to John R. Gillauster of O'Neill, referee, and Leo F. Clinch of Burwell, attorney for the estate.

Nora Henderson, 84, Rites Held at Page

Mrs. Henderson died at 10:20 a.m. Sunday, September 23, at the home of her son, Wayne, at Orchard. She had been in failing health since the first of the year and had spent the past few months with her children and at her home in Page, where Miss Maud Martin cared for her.

Medesmes Norman Trowbridge, Stanley Gross, Merwyn French, Irvin and Neven Jokes, Jr., sang "The Old Rugged Cross", "In the Garden" and "Ivory Palaces" with Mrs. John Lamason as accompanist.

Pallbearers were George Clacey, Dee and Ronald Grass and Clyde Streeter and Fred Brederhuf, both of O'Neill. Mrs. George Clacey and Mrs. J. W. Finch were in charge of the floral tribute.

The late Mrs. Henderson, daughter of the late King C. and Susan Gleason, was born at Stiles, Ia., November 23, 1871.

She was united in marriage with George W. Henderson on March 7, 1886, at West Grove, Ia. They had their early married life on a homestead at Garden City, Kans. returning to West Grove for a time before moving to Holt county, where they settled on a farm six miles northwest of Page. They became the parents of six children.

Mr. Henderson died August 28, 1923. Mrs. Henderson continued to live on the farm until 1934, when she retired to Page. She was a member of the Presbyterian church at West Grove. She also was preceded in death by one son, Clyde.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. LaVelle Schieder of Plainview, Ewing, Plainsboro, Orchar'd, Bloomfield, Beatrice, Lincoln, Omaha, Le Mars, Ia., West Grove, and Drakeville, Ia.

Axel Johnson, 70, Dies in Lynch Hospital

LYNCH—Axel Johnson, 70, of Bristow died late Saturday afternoon, September 22, in the Lynch hospital.

Mr. Johnson, who retired from the farm about six years ago, was taken to the hospital Monday, September 17.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Rosedale Lutheran church, north of Bristow; and burial was in the Rosedale cemetery.

Survivors include: Widow; three sons and one daughter.

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Proposal to Reorganize Falls Short

Districts Turn Down School Merger Plan in Page Balloting

First school district merger effort put to the voters in the history of Holt county was defeated Tuesday at the polls in the town hall in Page.

Seven districts were affected by the proposed merger. The election, conducted under the school reorganization laws recently enacted by the Nebraska legislature, had three phases.

Election unit 1: Electors in school district 241 (a portion of which is closer to Inman than to Page) voted 4-2 against the merger. This automatically disqualified 241 from becoming a part of district 2 (Page).

Election unit 2: Electors in districts 248, 57, 110, 97 and 138 voting as a unit) rejected the proposal to merge into the Page district, 60-46.

Election unit 3: Electors in district 2, which included 106-10 in favor of accepting the proposed merger.

However, the results in election unit 3 have no effect because the other units turned thumbs down and no merger is imminent.

Had the voting in the first or second units been 55 percent or more favorable to the merger, the county school reorganization committee could have consummated at least part of the proposal.

Ballots were canvassed late Wednesday in the office of the committee secretary, Miss Alice French, superintendent of public instruction.

Committee members are: George Collins of Atkinson, chairman; Lyle Dierks of Ewing, vice - chairman; Howard Oberle of Dorsey, Harry Mitchell of Atkinson, Ira Moss of O'Neill, Pete Frahm of Amelia and Frank Schmidt of Page.

Frosh to Be Given Public Treatment

The initiation of O'Neill high school freshmen will be open to the public, starting at 7 o'clock tonight (Thursday). It will be the first initiation and kangaroo court in OHS history to which the public is welcome.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Mary's academy frosh were garbed in rare get-ups Wednesday and were obliged to appear in the business district.

An initiation dance in the evening climaxed the affair.

Auction Calendar

Saturday, September 23: Mrs. Mary Uhl estate, two-story dwelling and two lots plus two vacant lots, in O'Neill; Norbert Uhl, administrator; Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer. (Details on page 9.)



Arbuthnot's new D-X station on Douglas . . . grand opening.—The Frontier Photo.