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Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kelley . . . cutting the cake on their 60th wedding anniversary.—The Frontier Photo.

## Kelley Mark Their 60th Wedding Anniversary

### Mrs. Susanna Gathje, Canada Native, Dies

#### One of 14 Children in Pioneer Family

ATKINSON—Mrs. Susanna Gathje, 77, died at 7:50 p. m., Friday, November 9, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been a hospital patient two weeks. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Monday, November 12, at the Seger funeral chapel with Rev. Sallach officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

She came to the United States in June, 1897, and made her home with her parents in Holt county.

On February 1, 1900, she married Christian Gathje at Atkinson. They became the parents of four children.

The late Mrs. Gathje was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church, having received her early Christian training in the parochial schools of Canada. She was a charter member of Emmanuel Lutheran church in Atkinson. She joined that church when it had a handful of persons for a congregation and services were held at Holt Creek, 12 miles south of Atkinson.

She was an honorary member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary league.

Mr. Gathje died June 7, 1949. She was also preceded in death by her parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Survivors include: son—Henry, of Seneca; daughters—Minnie, of Atkinson; Mrs. Emil (Marie) Johnson of Atkinson, Mrs. Alvo (Clara) Crawford of Seneca; brothers—John Walter and Alfred Walter, sr., both of Chambers; William Walter of Atkinson and Otto Walter of Omaha; four grandchildren—Carol Sue and Sharon Elaine Crawford, both of Seneca; Ila Mae Johnson Engler of O'Neill; Daryl D. Johnson ACC, stationed at Adak, Adak, Alaska, with the navy; five great-grandchildren—Carol, Gregory, Burnette, Christian and Mark Engler, all of O'Neill.

### Cronin Heads Drive for Creighton 'U'

Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attorney, has been named state chairman of a one-million-dollar fund drive in behalf of a new library for Creighton university, Omaha.

He has been attending area meetings at West Point, Norfolk, Albion and O'Neill during which the plans are being told to committees composed of alumni and friends of the university.

Rev. Carl J. Reinhart, S. J., Creighton president, spoke at Monday night's O'Neill meeting at the Golden hotel. Representatives were present from Holt, Rock, Keya Paha, Boyd, Knox and Antelope counties.

Thomas G. Slattery of Atkinson, class of 1926, is chairman of the drives at the O'Neill center.

The library drive is the second step in the university's 10-year development program. Funds are being raised on a nationwide basis.

Creighton is the only Jesuit university between the Missouri river and the West coast.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cronin were in Sioux City Sunday and Monday visiting Sr. M. Eugene and Miss Genevieve Biglin and Miss Nora McNeill.

## Education Board Gets Criticism

### 300 Attend Meeting of Small Schools Group at Burwell

BURWELL—Three hundred persons from 26 Nebraska counties converged at Burwell Wednesday afternoon for a meeting of the Nebraska Small Schools association. Representation was largely members of various boards of education and other interested persons.

The small schools group was organized this summer to oppose certain trends in the state department of education. These trends, association officials explain, would sound the "death knell" for most of the small two- and four-grade high schools in the state.

President Lloyd Waldo of Amelia said all sections of the state were represented at Monday's conference held in the American Legion auditorium.

County chairmen were appointed and Clyde Widman of Amelia will head the Holt group. County and area meetings will be scheduled soon, President Waldo explained.

The association was born out of Amelia's attempt to retain its two-grade high school, which has been declared inoperative by the state education commission. Amelia and Westerville (Custer county) took cases into the district court, seeking to restrain the state board of education and the education commissioner, F. B. Decker, in their efforts to close the schools.

Currently, the Amelia district—228—has an appeal in the hands of the state supreme court. The Small School association has fixed membership at \$1 per legal voter per district with a maximum of one hundred dollars.

"We are going to bring a good many rural schools into our movement," President Waldo declared.

Leo Clinch of Burwell is secretary-treasurer.

Also discussed at Wednesday's meeting was possible legislation that might be forth coming in the next session of the unicameral legislature. The association decided, tentatively, to press for some legislation counter to the move to close-down the small schools.

The law which made the state education commission appointive (instead of elective) came under some criticism. When the state board of education was established two years ago, the same law provided for the creation of an education commissioner to replace the state superintendent of public instruction, which previously was on the ballot.

The state board of education is elected by districts on a staggered basis and, as one spokesman put it, "the board is elected by the people and they're handing you and running things, it'd take 10 years to do anything about it."

## Nonagenarian Dies At Farm Home

### Mrs. Ida Noble in Ill Health a Year

Mrs. Ida Noble, 92, who had been in ill health about a year, died Wednesday, November 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orton Young, where she had been under care for some time.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 8, at First Presbyterian church with Rev. J. Olen Kennel, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers were neighbors from the Star community: Phillip Lee, Orton Young, Walter Young, Ben Miller, Bob Tomlinson and Charles Cole.

The late Mrs. Noble was born January 5, 1865 at Rander, O., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David N. Jones.

She lived at Julian before coming to Holt county. She married Josiah Star Noble at Missouri Valley, Ia., on October 6, 1877. Her husband died in December 1946.

Survivors include: Son—Ray of Star; sisters—Mrs. Blanche Bize and Amelia Schuster, both of Brock; brother—Will Jones of Brock.

She was preceded in death by two children.

Visits in Lincoln—Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every and George Fuller visited in Lincoln over the weekend with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Johnson. They stopped on way home in Norfolk to visit with their son, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin VanEvery and daughter, Mrs. Carl Miller, and family.



Mrs. Erdmann, Michael and Mrs. Arnolt . . . getting acquainted.—The Frontier Photo

## 'Grandma' Arrives from Germany

Mrs. Elizabeth Erdmann reached O'Neill about 5 p. m., Monday—having arrived from Oldenburg, Germany, a town near Bremen in the British sector.

She is on a six-months visitor's visa, but hopes to stretch it a bit, mostly because she is getting acquainted with her grandson, nine months-old Michael Arnolt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Arnolt.

Mrs. Erdmann's coming to the United States is a long story. Mr. Arnolt had been an engineer—and a fine arts student—in Germany. Six years ago he

## James J. Murphy, 78, Expires in Hospital

### Longtime Resident of Stuart Locality

James J. Murphy, 78, pioneer Holt county resident and rancher who lived in this vicinity nearly all of his life, died at 2 p. m., Wednesday, November 7, at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Boniface Catholic church in Stuart at 11 a. m., Saturday, November 10. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery.

Nephews of the late Mr. Murphy acted as pallbearers: Lloyd James, Alfred James, Frank Murphy, Cornelius Murphy, James Murphy and Francis Torpy.

James Joseph Murphy, son of Jeremiah and Bridget O'Neill Murphy, was born July 21, 1878, at Dubuque, Ia. He came to Holt county with his parents when he was three-years-old. The family homesteaded on a place three miles south of Stuart. It is now owned by J. P. Murphy.

The late Mr. Murphy owned and operated a ranch adjoining and including part of the family homestead for many years. He retired from ranching and sold the place about four years ago to his nephew, Frank Murphy. Since then he made his home in Stuart and, in recent months, at O'Neill.

Survivors include: sisters—Mrs. H. L. (Mary) James of Atkinson and Mrs. T. P. Edmonds of Englewood, Fla.; brother—J. P. Murphy of Stuart; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by one sister, Mrs. William (Abbie) Torpy of Atkinson.

## Burned Fatally in Gas Explosion

BURWELL—Floyd T. Lantis, 26, was fatally burned Saturday evening in a gasoline tank explosion.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Monday at the Methodist church. Burial was in the Rose rural cemetery.

Survivors include: Widow, who came from Wyoming; parents—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lantis of Rose.

## CANVASSING BOARD MEETS

The Holt county canvassing board was in session Wednesday and will windup the finalizing of the November 6 general election voting in a meeting on Friday. County Clerk Kenneth Waring said about 150 out of the 175 mail ballots that had been requested were tabulated.

Weeks

Guest Is 82—Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shelhase of Atkinson spent Monday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Shelhase, celebrating the 82d birthday anniversary of Keith's grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Schmittner.

## Thieves Get Loot at Inman Store

INMAN—Thieves forced the rear door at the Finkbine Bros. lumber and hardware firm here in the early Monday morning hours, and made off with a varied loot.

Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack said the following was reported stolen: Four dozen leather gloves, a Remington automatic 20-gauge shotgun, a 12-gauge Ithaca pump gun, 75 boxes of shotgun shells, 40 boxes of 22-calibre long shells, six boxes of shells for large rifles and \$18 in cash taken from the money drawer.

Only evidence found was an empty carton bearing an Omaha address. Tomjack said Omaha police are checking the address.

## Mrs. Tony Lech, 50, Burial at Atkinson

### Funeral Rites Held Tuesday

ATKINSON—Mrs. Tony Lech, 50, died late Sunday, November 11, in a Norfolk hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Tuesday, November 13, at the Methodist church in Atkinson with Rev. Curtis Barnett officiating. Burial was in Wood Lawn cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gene Hickcock, Carroll Raymer, Conrad Fricke, Franklin Hickman, R. J. Kelley and Rex Beckwith.

The late Mrs. Lech, whose maiden name was Calella Johnson, was born March 10, 1906, at LeMars, Ia., a daughter of Andrew and Serelia Bixler Johnson.

At the age of 3 she moved with her parents onto a ranch west of Emmet, where she grew to womanhood. Burial was in Holt county rural schools.

She married Mr. Lech April 8, 1928, at Emmet. They became the parents of three children.

Her husband was a veteran of World War I. He spent two years in Veterans hospitals before his death July 8, 1948.

The late Mrs. Lech resided in and around Atkinson, also at Omaha, returning to Atkinson in 1932.

Her health began to fail about that time and she entered the state hospital at Norfolk, where she was a patient 22 years.

She submitted to surgery about a year ago, and her condition was delicate after that time.

Last spring she was permitted to spend short periods of time at the home of her Omaha son, Lowell, and her daughter, her most recent illness, it was considered inadvisable for her to be away from her physicians.

Survivors include: son—Gary of Atkinson; Mrs. Dick (Carol) Osborn and Mrs. Russell (Gloria) Exton, jr., both of Atkinson; six grandchildren; sisters—Mrs. Mattie Weller of Atkinson; and Mrs. Frank (Agnes) Osborne of Mission, S.D.; and Mrs. Frank (Phania) Searles of O'Neill; brothers—Sewell Johnson of Atkinson, Custer Johnson of Waverly; Lowell Johnson of O'Neill.

One sister, Mrs. Frank (Frances) Searles, died in May, 1948. She also was preceded in death by three other sisters and by her parents.

Relatives from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson of Waverly; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips, all of Akron, Ia.; Charles Johnson of Vermillion, S.D.; Mrs. Percy Anderson and son, Randy, of Columbus.

## Turkeys Being Given Saturday

(Details on page 16)

The annual turkey day will be staged here Saturday, November 17, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Weight guessing will be the key to the proposition of winning a free turkey for that Thanksgiving day table.

A partial list of member firms cooperating includes: Ben Franklin, Gambles, Johnson Drugs, Johnson Jewelry, O'Neill Drug, Osborne Shoe Store, J. C. Penney Co., Petersen Clothing, Coast-To-Coast, Gillespies Electric.

Shelhamer Equipment Co., Ely's Conoco Service, Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, Biglin's Furniture, Consumers Public Power, First National Bank, O'Neill Insurance Agency, O'Neill National Bank, O'Neill Cleaners, The Frontier, Holt County Independent, Ideal Cleaners, Farmers Produce Western Auto, J. M. McDonald Co., McIntosh Jewelry.

## Grand Opening for Western Auto

A. P. ("Scottie") Jaszkwiosk poses in the new, enlarged Western auto store on the eve of the grand opening. (See advertisement on page 11.)—The Frontier Photo.

## Hearing on Trains Will Be Delayed

### Railroad 'Refuses and Neglects' to Furnish Revenue, Other Data

The Nebraska state railway commission has postponed a hearing scheduled Monday, November 19, at Valentine. The hearing had been scheduled in connection with the Chicago & North Western railroad's application for permission to remove passenger-mail-express trains 13 and 14—the last two remaining passenger trains serving most of north-Nebraska.

Counsel for the Save-the-Trains association, Einer Viren of Omaha, had requested a continuance of the matter.

The commission said the hearing will be rescheduled later at a date to be determined.

In requesting the continuance, the Save-the-Trains counsel declared that the Chicago & North Western had "refused and neglected" to furnish certain information on revenue and expenses, which the association had requested.

Mr. Viren also told the commission that the recent weather conditions in western Nebraska had hampered the association in collecting certain information from livestock shippers residing considerable distances north and south from the main line—Omaha-to-Chadron, a distance of 450 miles.

The association counsel also included in the request for continuance the fact that a new commissioner, elected last week, would be taking office after the first of the year. Mr. Viren, the S-T-A counsel, suggested it would be an "unfair burden" on the newly elected member to start proceedings at this time.

## Diagonal Parking Restored in City

Diagonal parking Saturday was restored to Douglas street and South Fourth street after an absence of more than a year.

Parallel parking had been inaugurated in connection with street-widening.

City workmen late Friday began applying the new parking lines and early Saturday the revived 30-degree parking came into use. The change-back was welcomed by many motorists, some of whom experienced difficulty in parking parallel.

State Highway Engineer L. N. Ress was advised of the change because highways 20, 275 and 281 traverse these streets. Mr. Ress agreed to the change-back provided the diagonal parking did not interfere with four-lane travel.

Providing four-lane travel was a stipulation in the street-widening contract between the city and the state and federal highway departments.

Two Cardinals Land Berths on Loop Team

Jim McGinn and Gene O'Neill, St. Mary's academy grid mainstays, landed berths on the all-Niobrara Valley conference mythical grid team.

Selections

FIRST TEAM

Ends—Carl Weeder of Lynch and Harry Stewart of Niobrara. Guards—Richard Volquardson of Niobrara and Dan Roberts of Spencer.

Center—Gene O'Neill of St. Mary's.

Backs—Larry Keeler of Butte, Jim McGinn of St. Mary's and Rollo Kreyck of Niobrara.

SECOND TEAM

Ends—Leroy Johnson of Verdigre, Bruce Weier of St. Mary's. Guards—Boyd Bloemkamp of Butte and Jim Soulek of Lynch.

Center—Kenny Rosengren of Spencer.

Backs—Tom Schneider of St. Mary's, Gary Tews of Niobrara, and Dennis Farnik of Verdigre. The loop trophy is to be rotated on a three-month basis among the champions who tied for the title—St. Mary's Spencer and Niobrara.

## Hospital Starts Record Department

Mother M. Coronata, administrator of St. Anthony's hospital, announced Wednesday that the hospital has established a separate department for the handling of patient's records.

Sister Teresa, registered record librarian, will head the new medical record department.

Sister Teresa, a graduate of St. Mary's academy prior to her new appointment was head of the medical record department at St. Joseph's hospital, Alliance.

Mrs. J. W. Rooney, who formerly handled these records for St. Anthony's, will assist Sr. Teresa.