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Small School Group in Show of Strength



Mrs. Royal Lanman, 88 Years, Dies Gold Star Mother; Rites Wednesday

Mrs. Royal R. Lanman, 88, 811 East Benton st., died at 3 p.m. Sunday, January 20, at her home in O'Neill. She had been in failing health for eight years.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 23, at the Westway Methodist church with Rev. Duane Lauber, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Prospect hill cemetery.

The remains lay in state at Biglin's chapel between 7 and 9 o'clock Tuesday evening and at the church on Wednesday between 11 a.m. and the funeral hour.

Pallbearers were Ray Osborne, Frank Fritton, Earl McClanahan, Archie Ashby, Herman DeGroff and James VanEvery.

The late Mrs. Lanman, whose maiden name was Jessie Myrtle Sessler, was born April 9, 1868, at Osmond, a daughter of Zedekiah Sessler and Famer Barnes Sessler. Her father was a native of Virginia; her mother a native of Michigan.

When she was 3-years-old she moved to Niobrara where she was reared by her grandparents. On December 23, 1915, at Niobrara she married Mr. Lanman, best-known as "Roy".

On three different occasions the Lanmans moved to Norfolk, returning to Niobrara and Verdel. They lived for a time on a farm near Monowi in Boyd county, coming to Holt county in 1945.

Their son, S/Sgt. Robert E., was killed in action on Luzon in the Pacific area March 15, 1945, while participating in World War II. Mrs. Lanman was a gold star mother of the American Legion auxiliary at Verdel.

The couple moved to O'Neill that same year—1945—and have resided here since that time.

Survivors include: Widower—Royal; daughters—Mrs. Vern (Loretta) Grenier of Mt. Vernon, Wash., formerly of O'Neill, and Mrs. George (Imejean) Mellor of Spencer; sons—Roy E. ("Bud") of Verdel and Donald D., of Vermillion, S.D., a university student; Mrs. Mame Sessler of Denby, S.D.; sisters—Mrs. John Faulk of Denby, S.D.; and Mrs. Dale Fox of Albany, Ore.; brother—William Land of Portland, Ore.; 13 grandchildren.

Iowa Farmer Will Speak at Meeting
Edmund Groomes, a farmer of Menlo, Ia., will be principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan association stockholders' meeting to be held Wednesday, January 30.

The meeting will be held at the American Legion auditorium here, starting at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon by the American Legion auxiliary.

Program will be in the afternoon. "The NFLA is marking its 40th year of service" according to Lyle P. Dierks of Ewing, secretary-treasurer.

'56 Rainfall Far Below Normal
DELOIT—Lambert Bartak, a neighborhood weather observer, furnishes the following precipitation figures:

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| 1953 | 23.42 in. |
| 1954 | 19.99 in. |
| 1955 | 16.71 in. |
| 1956 | 13.87 in. |

The normal for Holt county is about 24 inches.

Auction Calendar

Tuesday, February 5: Holt County Aberdeen-Angus association, 57 bulls, 32 females, 11th annual sale of registered Angus; O'Neill Livestock Market. Write E. L. Miner, O'Neill, for catalog.

Mrs. Bernard Dusatko of Emmet, was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Bob Cook.

(See editorial on page 2.)

The Nebraska Small Schools association, born at Amelia as an outgrowth of an effort to save the two-grade Amelia high school, made an impressive show of strength Tuesday at the state capitol in Lincoln.

About three hundred persons from 15 counties appeared at an education committee hearing. They flexed their muscles a bit but offered no opposition to a bill under consideration at the hearing.

Leo Clinch of Burwell, secretary-treasurer of the organization, said some of the group come to talk with legislators. Most of them attended a hearing on a teacher certification bill.

The organization was recently labeled a "noisy minority" by State Education Commissioner Freeman B. Decker. The association is opposed to the K-12 school reorganizing proposal.

The proposal has not been introduced in the legislature and is not given any chance of approval if it is introduced.

Mr. Clinch said the new organization has 10 thousand to 12 thousand members. There are units in 34 counties and 10 more counties are organizing, he said.

Dues are \$1 a member up to a maximum of one hundred dollars for one school district, he said. Chauncey Barney has been hired as Lincoln counsel.

Senators Frank Nelson of O'Neill and J. W. Burbach of Croft introduced LB 293 authorizing school boards to pay membership dues in educational organizations and to hire attorneys.

Senator Nelson said the bill was requested by the Small Schools association.

Mr. Nelson said the Nebraska Rural School Boards association had planned a bill authorizing use of school funds for membership dues. School funds have been spent this way for years and only recently has a question been raised, he said.

No opposition developed at the hearing on the bill which would liberalize two provisions in Nebraska's teacher certification laws, but the committee voted to hold the bill for possible incorporation with a later measure on the same subject.

The Small School association is watch-dogging the education legislation in all respects. President Lloyd Waldo told The Frontier.

The group supported the measure in Tuesday's hearing. Homer Wild of Fremont, member of the Small School group, said: "We believe in that inscription on the north side of the capitol which says, 'Salvage of the state lies in watchfulness of the citizen,' and that's why we're here!"

The controversial K-12 was not discussed.

Hattie B. Ticknor Burial Saturday

Mrs. Hattie Birdella Ticknor, 81, former resident of Inman, died at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 16, at Denver, Colo.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, January 19, at Biglin's funeral chapel. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery near the grave of her husband, the late Fred Ticknor.

Grandsons were pallbearers: Oliver Whiter and Russell Whitty, both of Nappi, Dean Ticknell of Burke, S.D., and Alfred Allison of Winner, S.D.

Rev. Glenn Kennicott of the Methodist church officiated. The late Mrs. Ticknor was born May 12, 1875, a daughter of John Fillmore and Caroline Meeker Fillmore.

She moved from Holt county to Denver about 25 years ago. Survivors include: Sons—Elmer of Burke, S.D., and Vaughn of Ogallala; daughter—Mrs. Francis Kator of Winner, S.D.

One son, Harold, died after the family moved from Holt.

Involved in Accident
Chambers—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Adams of Atkinson, formerly of Chambers, drove to Scribner Sunday to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christianson, and family. Mr. Christianson was involved in a car accident a few days earlier. The mishap had caused considerable damage to his car. None was hurt.

Weather Summary
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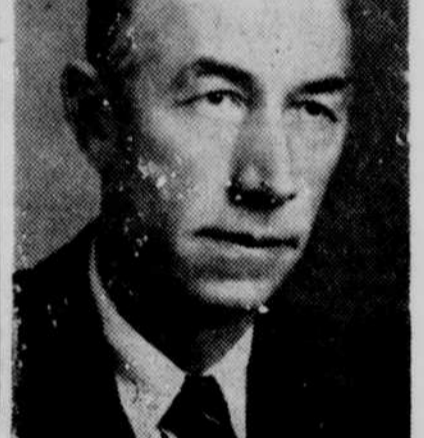
Coloradoans Here
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ridgeway of Colorado Springs, Colo., visited from Wednesday until Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Ridgeway, and Merle Richards of Atkinson.

Schaffer to Quit PCA Presidency

Helped Found Credit Group and Served 20 Years at Head

D. C. Schaffer, president of the O'Neill Production Credit association for the past 20 years and one of the original incorporators in 1934, announced Wednesday that he will not be a candidate for office of director in the election to be held at the annual stockholders' meeting today (Thursday).

In announcing his intention to withdraw, Mr. Schaffer said: "Since I have served as a member of the board for 22 years, it seems to be time for the members of the association to elect someone else to this position. During these years, I have enjoyed the privilege of serving with the other directors and value my experiences and friendships resulting from my contact



Schaffer... helped found four-county organization.

with other association members." Mr. Schaffer, currently mayor of O'Neill, intends to continue his ranching activities.

Stockholders of the O'Neill PCA will hold their annual meeting today at the Royal theatre in O'Neill. They will elect directors from Holt and Garfield counties. C. F. (Frank) Clark of Burwell is a candidate for re-election for director from Garfield county.

Principal speaker at the meeting will be Charles R. Kellogg of Valentine, member of the district Farm Credit board of Omaha.

5 Cub Scout Dens Organized in City

Five Cub scout dens are now organized in O'Neill. Elroy A. Lieb has den I, Mrs. Neil A. Daves, den II; Mrs. Red DeWitt, den III; Mrs. M. B. Marcellus, den IV.

Mrs. Harry Larsen had den five in January and Mrs. Carol McKay will have that unit in February, assisted by Mrs. Larsen.

February theme is the blue and gold banquet, which will be held the last part of February. Grant Peacock is cub scout master.



Sen. Fay Wood of Seward (left) chats with Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill during a recess this week in Nebraska's unicameral. Nelson is co-sponsoring a bill to enable schools to pay membership out of school district funds for organizations such as the Nebraska Small Schools association.—The Frontier Photo by Bruce Rehberg.



This street intersection accident sent three O'Neill youths to the hospital and resulted in extensive damage to both machines. Larry Taylor's car (grey) hit middle of Matthew Hynes, jr., machine (black).—The Frontier Photo.

About That Kid Chorus:

Superlatives Hard to Come By

By a Staff Writer
"Best concert yet!"
"Angel voices!"

"First-rate singing with a bit of Broadway thrown in!"
Just a sample of the praises heaped upon Director Eduardo Caso and members of the internationally-famous Tucson (Ariz.) Boys Chorus heard by more than 1,200 persons here Thursday night in the second of the 1956-'57 series of Community Concerts.

After two hours and 10 minutes of hard work by the artists and sheer delight in behalf of the audience, Mr. Caso was obliged to prevail on the nationalistic instinct of the listeners in order to break up the meeting.

You see, the audience alternately applauded, cheered and rocked under the deft and flexible Caso treatment.

The concert would still be in progress except that Mr. Caso called on the chorus to do "God Bless America".

The audience, in a mood for encores and more encores, persisted. Mr. Caso stayed on with his superbly trained and unique class of music-makers.

Finally, Mr. Caso called for audience participation in "The Star Spangled Banner."

That did it—ended the concert. But the sweet memory will linger as long as there are men and women living who were in the O'Neill public school auditorium that blessed night.

No one could have conceived more variation in programming than Mr. Caso conjured, assisted by a very able piano accompanist, Alfred Del Moral.

Work of Handel, Lvovsky and Randall Thompson was included in the first grouping—religious numbers. The 26-voice chorus instantly endeared itself to the hearts of the listeners with the rich tonality of the very first bar. With Mr. Caso exacting superb tone and magnificent discipline from the shiny-faced group, the Sandhills people settled down for a full evening of pleasing-to-the-car music.

Thompson's "Alleluia" was a highlight by smoothness and balance of the highest order. The lowliest infidel in the big room was compelled to acknow-

ledge a God in Heaven as little Terry Grimble sang "The Lord's Prayer".

Terry's face had been scratched up a bit—playing football a few weeks ago. The scratches, however, had no bearing on the music. Terry, 8, was born and reared in Tucson, has a sister.

The second grouping—classics—included unexpected byplay. There were hilarious antics on stage during the "Laughing Song" in which Joel Cohen, slightly compeunt, stole the show in the laughing passages.

Transition from a Russian chant to the laughing piece was easy enough—Tucson style.

Cowboy songs and characteristic music of the Southwest made up the third group. Authentic staging with cactus and campfire and an occasional forlorn howl of a "coyote" from off stage provided the background for a medley of such favorites as "Blue Prairie", "Lie Low Little Dogies", "Cool Water", "Blue Shadows on the Trail", and "Tumbling Tumbleweed."

Robert Dawson, soon to quit the high soprano ranks with the blessing of Mother Nature, moved the audience with "I Wander... I Wander" and later in a "girlish"

twist, tickled the funnybones with "Conin' Through the Eye".

But the fourth grouping—famous American show tunes—pleased the O'Neill audience beyond compare. The insatiable crowd virtually demanded encores—and got them—from a generous Mr. Caso and a weary band of young troubadours. The older boys (already graduated from the soprano bracket) were equal to the prolonged program, but the little fellows—ages 8, 9, 10—evidenced some weariness.

About that time Mr. Caso called for the national anthem.

Show tunes included bits from "Oklahoma", "Hans Christian Andersen" and "My Fair Lady".

Mr. Caso, a music master at hybrid boys' schools in Mother England, has brought to the nation a music machine that is entitled to more superlatives than we can muster. Add a dash of Broadway, Mr. Del Moral's Steinway finesse, a brief moment of satire at the expense of Mr. Preley and you have a fair summary of Thursday's concert by the Tucson Boys Chorus.

The appropriate superlatives they're hard to come by when dealing with Mr. Caso & Co.

3 Youths Hurt in Street Accident

Hospitalized After Two-Car Crash

Three youths were hurt about 10:30 p.m. Monday in a two-car crash at the corner of Seventh and Everett streets.

Larry Taylor of O'Neill was driver of one of the machines, northbound on Seventh street.

Matthew Hynes, jr., was operator of the other car, traveling east on Everett. Jeff Waggon was a passenger in the Hynes machine.

Police Chief John N. Schmit, who investigated, said Taylor's car ran into the side of the Hynes machine. Both drivers, however, told Schmit they did not see the other vehicle. Both machines were badly damaged.

All three were hospitalized and their condition is "good". Taylor suffered three fractured ribs, elbow and leg cuts and facial lacerations.

Hynes and Waggon received numerous cuts and bruises. Hynes will be released today (Thursday), his physician said.

Hynes complained of a shoulder hurt and Waggon suffered a gash near the eye.

One Minute Needed to Windup Meeting

When the Grattan township board recessed its annual meeting on Tuesday, January 15, folks trekked homeward to resume the meeting one week later—Tuesday, January 22.

But only one minute was needed to adjourn proceedings for a year.

P. V. Hickey was acting chairman. He opened the meeting, there was an immediate motion to adjourn; a second to the motion was quickly forthcoming; nobody voted nay in a show of hands.

During the first session a week earlier, the citizens voted to increase the township library budget from \$3,000 in 1956 to \$5,000 in 1957—an increase from .56 of a mill to a full mill. The group also voted to pay one-half the grading and claying costs for opening a four-mile road southwest of O'Neill. Next day the county board agreed to pay half the grading and claying costs and provide the grading. The county will except the road as a part of its road system.

The library room was well-filled for both sessions with interest centered on increasing the library budget and opening of the road.

Caribbean Cruise for Two Sisters
Mrs. W. J. Froelich and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham are on a cruise in the Caribbean sea and will make stops at several West Indies resorts. They left here Monday, January 14, and will return February 8. Mrs. Froelich and Mrs. Birmingham are sisters.

CHILD WANDERS
ORCHARD—Elaine Morsbach, 5, Monday attended rural school for the first time. She wandered away, became the object of a widespread search and was found several hours later about three miles in the opposite direction of her home. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morsbach and suffered no ill effects.

Lions Schedule Organizational Meet

An organizational meeting for a revived Lions club will be held Thursday evening, January 31, at Slat's Supper club. A. T. ("Steve") Holcomb of Lincoln, state organizer, will be present; also the members of the Bassett chapter.

O'Neill has been without a Lions club for several years. Several new members already have been signed, Mr. Holcomb stated.

New Managers for Standard Station

Raymond Hamik and LaVern Engler, both of Atkinson, have purchased the Standard Service Station in O'Neill. The station has been owned and operated by Lloyd Ruback of O'Neill. The new owners took possession last week.

FIRE CLASSES

O'Neill volunteer firemen attended instruction classes Tuesday night at the fire station and will be taking instruction the next three Tuesday nights. John Doyle of Lincoln is teacher. In the spring the classes will be in the form of outdoor drills.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gettert were in Omaha for the weekend. Their children stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Liable, in Atkinson.

Armory Hit by New Directive

More Than Double Present Strength May Be Necessary

A new federal policy governing the national guard may block the proposed 200-thousand-dollar armory for O'Neill.

A federal directive can still similar plans at Wayne, Alliance, Chadron, Fairbury and Ogallala.

The directive forbids new construction in a community where the national guard strength is less than two hundred men. Strength of O'Neill's company D, 195th tank battalion, currently is in the 80-85 bracket, although recruiting drive was launched a fortnight ago. Capt. J. L. McCarville, jr., commanding officer, said the directive is a "tough assignment" because it means more than doubling the enlistment.

Of 10 armories in the state in the planning stages, only Omaha and Beatrice could meet the new requirement, the adjutant-general's office announces. York armory, beyond the bidding stage, will proceed.

Two weeks ago the city council here accepted an appraisal committee's figure of \$6,565 for nearly a square block of ground on the north side of the city as a site for company D's proposed armory. The real estate belongs to Ry J. Spindler, who agreed to accept that figure.

The state has 18 armories at present, but only at North Platte is the membership over 200. Seventeen others which have fewer than 200 men are located at Norfolk, Auburn, Broken Bow, Columbus, Falls City, Fremont, Gering, Grand Island, Kearney, Lexington, McCook, Nebraska City, Scottsbluff, Sidney and Seward.

Because the Nebraska national guard is fighting the directive, there is still hope the guard bureau in Washington will take another look at the picture.

Mothers to March Against Polio

A mothers' march against polio will be held in O'Neill between 7 and 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, it was announced this week by Woodrow Melena, who is in charge of the arrangements in behalf of the Holt county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Officers and block workers will be announced in next week's issue. The start of the march will be signaled by the fire siren.

Meanwhile, a polio benefit dance has been scheduled Saturday evening, January 26, at the American Legion ballroom, featuring Eddie Stan and his orchestra. Proceeds will go to the polio fund.

The Elkhorn Project club donated \$50 to the fight against polio—that amount representing proceeds from a benefit card party held Sunday evening. Other groups likewise are sponsoring benefit affairs.

A talent show will be held tonight (Thursday) at Ewing. Churches, schools and individuals are participating in the polio benefit. Mrs. Lloyd West is Ewing's drive chairman.

Octogenarian Dies of Heart Attack

Bare Funeral Rites Set for Friday

LYNCH—Charles A. Bare, 80, a retired rancher who had made his home in Lynch for many years, died Monday, January 21, of a heart attack. He was splitting wood in the yard at his home when he was stricken.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, January 25, at the Odd Fellows hall in Lynch under the direction of the Jones funeral home.

The late Mr. Bare was born in Iowa October 14, 1876. In March, 1901, at Pender he married Bertha Ward. They became the parents of six children—one of whom died in infancy.

He had suffered a heart ailment for several years, but had been down twice the day he was fatally stricken.

The late Mr. Bare was a member of The Followers religious group.

He and his wife observed their 55th wedding anniversary last year. Mr. Bare retired from active work about seven years ago.

Survivors include: Widow—Bertha; sons—Rollie of Mitchell, Glenn of Morrill and Don of Lynch; daughters—Mrs. Harlan (Flora) Bradstreet of Garden Grove, Calif., and Mrs. C. L. (Fay) Brady of O'Neill; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters—Mrs. Effie Twyford and Lola, both of Walthill, and Flora of Albuquerque, N. M.; brother—Frank of Walthill.

Former CB&Q Agent at Page Succumbs

PAGE—Henry Howerter, 67, former Burlington railroad agent at Page, died Sunday, January 20, at his home in Lincoln. He lived at Page during the early twenties.

Mr. Howerter and his wife visited old friends at Page last fall.

Survivors include: Widow—Marie; daughters—Mrs. Russell Stuber of Inglewood, Calif., and Mrs. Ralph D. Nelson of Lincoln.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, at Lincoln with burial in Memorial Park cemetery.



Hurt at Game

Miss Carole Johnson (above), O'Neill high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson, suffered a fractured pevis Friday night in the confusion that climaxed the O'Neill-Bloomfield basketball game. Miss Johnson, a cheerleader, was knocked to the floor or fell. She was taken to St. Anthony's hospital and dismissed Sunday. (Details on the game on page 4.)—O'Neill Photo Co.