



Mr. Dishner, former mayor . . . came to O'Neill in 1903.—The Frontier Photo.

F.J. Dishner, Formerly Mayor, Dies

Stricken Late Monday at His Home Here; Funeral Rites Today

(Photo at left.) F. J. ("Frank") Dishner, 82, who served two terms as mayor of O'Neill and for many years was active in business, civic and political circles, was stricken with a heart attack Monday evening, March 11, at his home, 625 East Douglas st. He died about 15 minutes later.

Nine years ago he was critically ill and submitted to major surgery. After being inactive and confined to his home for about two years, he recovered and enjoyed good health until the past two weeks, during which he admitted he was "not feeling well."

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m., today (Thursday) at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery. Pallbearers will be H. E. Coyne, James W. Rooney, J. Leo Moore, P. C. Donahoe, Carroll W. Stewart, J. J. Berigan, C. J. Gatz and Ed Wilson.

A rosary service was held Wednesday evening at Biglin's chapel.

Mayor D. C. Schaffer has requested that O'Neill business firms close during the funeral hour today in memory of the former mayor.

The late Francis Joseph Dishner was born September 10, 1874, at Kentland, Ind. His parents, John J. and Margaret Dishner, natives of Germany, moved the family to Platte county, near Columbus, when Frank was a boy. He was reared there, attended St. Bonaventure school, farmed for a time, and later attended Omaha Business college.

To O'Neill in 1902
He was a salesman who he first came to O'Neill in 1902, became fond of the town and settled here. Later, he purchased the real estate agency of the late Albert B. Newell.

Mr. Dishner was an avid student of real estate matters and credited his legal and contractual knowledge in that field to the late M. F. Harrington, a colorful O'Neill attorney.

On January 23, 1918, at St. Patrick's church he married Miss Martina Golden, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Golden. He was elected mayor in 1916 and served one term. Later, in 1946 he was again elected mayor and served one term, being forced to withdraw from leadership because of illness. However, during that term he founded a city planning commission which aided in making extensive improvements on the municipal water and sewer system.

Appointed by Roosevelt
In 1953 he was appointed U. S. commissioner for the O'Neill federal district by President Roosevelt. (The district includes most of north-Nebraska and southern South Dakota.)

Mr. Dishner was an original member of Charles Carroll of Carrollton council 701 of the Knights of Columbus and took an active part in establishing KC chapters elsewhere in this area.

Mr. Dishner's hobbies were fishing, hunting and golf. When a young man he purchased one of the early automobiles placed in service here.

He was the sole remaining member of the original Dishner family of Columbus, having been preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters (two of whom were nuns).

At the time of his death Mr. Dishner owned two farm tracts near here in addition to city property.

Survivors include: Widow—Martina; several nephews and nieces.

Merriman Pulls Out; VanVleck Enters

Deadline for filing of petitions of candidates in connection with the April 2 municipal election passed Tuesday.

City Clerk O. D. French said the following names will appear on the ballot provided the petitions are valid.

For board of education: Dale Fetrow and Harold E. Weier, candidates for seats now held by Ira H. Moss and Francis N. Cronin, who are not seeking reelection.

For city council: First ward—M. J. Golden and Allan VanVleck; Second—Dr. Edward M. Gleason and C. R. ("Russ") Foree; Third—Fred Heerman and Roy Lawrence.

Golden and Heerman are incumbents. John Turner, Second ward councilman, is not a candidate for reelection.

A petition in behalf of L. M. Merriman for first ward councilman was withdrawn. Merriman retired from the council a year ago.

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Pastor Gedwello and family. Front row—Judith, 7, and Gloria Jean, 5; back row—Victoria, 13, Pastor Gedwello, Janine Beth, 11-months, Mrs. Gedwello, and Linda Joyce, 10.—The Frontier Photo.

Story of John Kee, Wife— Pawnee, Holt Farms Swapped

One hundred and fifteen persons Sunday, March 10, signed the guestbook at the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kee of O'Neill.

A reception in their honor was held in the parlors of First Methodist church between 2 and 4 p. m., arranged by members of the family.

Mr. Kee, 76, was born March 20, 1880, in a log cabin near Jacksonville, Ill., a son of John and Malinda Johnson Kee. He was the sixth child in the family, which included six girls and three boys.

Loading all of their belongings into two horse-drawn covered wagons, the elder Mr. Kee headed across Iowa for Richardson county, Nebraska. Young John then was six-years-old.

The family set out on the overland trip June 1, 1886.

Trip Marred
Several incidents marred the trip. One mare decided to have a colt; that required a stop. The mare eventually kicked and killed the colt. Another mare (there were two teams in the caravan) was frightened by a binder and cut her forearm in a wire fence. The horse trouble delayed the family reaching Richardson county until August 1. The Kees finally settled on a Pawnee county farm (across Richardson line), about three miles west of Humboldt.

John and his brothers and sisters attended a nearby rural school. He farmed with his father and for himself (four years) in Richardson county.

Mrs. Kee's maiden name was Della Elizabeth Harshbarger. She was born April 25, 1885 near Stella, a daughter of Henry and Alice Legg Harshbarger. She was one of a family of nine children.

Mr. Kee and Miss Harshbarger were married March 10, 1907, at the farm home of her parents, located five miles west of Stella. They began housekeeping on a farm three miles northwest of Humboldt, where they resided one year, later moving to the Pawnee City community, where they lived on a farm eight years.

Their children, all present for Sunday's observance, were: Mrs. T. H. (Wilma) Hering of Omaha; Mrs. Ralph (Elva) Leidy of Bentonville, Ark.; Mervin of Crofton; Mrs. Wayne (Aladene) Bates of Emmet; and Mrs. Rodney (Iona) Livings of Sioux City. There are 12 grandchildren. Six girls and six boys.

Mr. Kee has two sisters living: Mrs. Nettie Hedapp of Sebastopol, Calif., and Mrs. W. J. (Dora) Bever of Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Kee has three brothers and two sisters living: William H. Harshbarger of Eagleview, Mo.; Mrs.



Doctor Ira . . . helped bring two thousand babies into the world.—The Frontier Photo.

here; two sons dying in infancy. Mr. Kee was treasurer of the district 157 board of education 30 years.

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Josie Bodie of Humboldt; Clifton Harshbarger of Stella; Mrs. Milo Hynek of Humboldt; Earl Harshbarger of Ft. Pierre, S. D.

Mrs. Hering had charge of the guestbook; Mrs. Louis W. Reimer and Mrs. J. Lavern Jay poured Mrs. Claude Bates had charge of the punchbowl. Miss Karen Bates, a granddaughter, assisted.

Mrs. Homer Ernst baked the anniversary cake.

Mrs. Kee appeared in a navy blue dress trimmed in white with a yellow carnation corsage. Mr. Kee wore a dark suit.

All of the children were present Sunday also all of Mrs. Kee's brothers and sisters with the exception of Earl Harshbarger of Ft. Pierre, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bates were hosts at a buffet supper for the group Sunday evening at their farm home south of Emmet.

AUCTION CALENDAR
Saturday, March 16: Mrs. Mary Bazelman of O'Neill; 150 acres north of O'Neill; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer—real estate broker.

Tuesday, March 26: Vernie Johnson, eight miles northeast of O'Neill; Angus stock cows and milk cows; two tractors and other hay machinery; some household goods; Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer; First National Bank of O'Neill, clerk. (Details in next issue.)

Wednesday, March 27: Raymond Kenny of Amelia; closeout of livestock, machinery, household goods; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer. (Details on page 9.)

Friday, March 29: Mrs. Eva Backhaus of Amelia; residence on glots in Amelia. Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer. (Watch for sale bills.)

Little Tommy Davidson celebrated his first birthday anniversary Wednesday, March 7 at a party. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Davidson.

Coloradoan Will Produce '57 Rodeo

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Inman comes highly recommended as one of the outstanding rodeo producers of the south-west with the best stock and knowhow to put on a fast and thrilling show. Fair Secretary James Gibson said.

The fair board decided to build new chutes and pens to bring all of the action up front of the grandstand, which will be a big improvement.

The 1957 fair dates are now set for August 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Pastor Installed at Two Churches

(Photo at left.) Rev. A. S. Gedwello, a native of Sioux City and recently assigned to a Missouri synod Lutheran church parish at Poplar Bluffs, Mo., Sunday, March 10, was installed as pastor at Christ Lutheran church at O'Neill and Emmanuel Lutheran church in Atkinson.

Pastor Gedwello, his wife and their five daughters are residing in the Lutheran manse here on East Douglas st.

The rite of installation was conducted by Rev. John Rath of Spencer, who has been interim pastor. Rev. D. E. Sallach of Fairfax, S. D., preached at the Atkinson installation in the afternoon. Rev. W. Hartmann of Atkinson, circuit visitor, preached at the O'Neill service.

Also present was Rev. W. Seefeldt of Orchard. Lutherans from Stuart, Atkinson, Chambers, Orchard and Spencer participated in the evening rite here.

Former Atkinson Woman, 47, Dies

ATKINSON—Mrs. Peter Bonenberger, 47, who moved from Atkinson to Staples, Minn., about three months ago, died unexpectedly Friday, March 8, at Staples.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Tuesday, March 12, at the Seger funeral home here with Rev. A. S. Gedwello, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Pallbearers were Edward Albrecht, Alex Frickel, Blaine Garwood, George Albrecht, Herman Frickel and Arthur Harley. The Emmanuel choir furnished music.

The late Mrs. Bonenberger, whose maiden name was Freda Viola Johnson, daughter of Frank and Stella Johnson, was born February 2, 1910, at Malmö.

Lives on Farm
She married Mr. Bonenberger April 10, 1925, at Burke, S. D. They spent most of their married life on a farm near Atkinson. Last fall they held a public sale at the place, four miles southeast of town, and moved the family to Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include: Widower; sons—Bernard of Basset, Richard, Peter, Jr., Ronald, Lawrence and Roger; one of Staples; daughters—Mrs. Lawrence (Dorothy) Brau of Omaha, Mrs. J. (Jeanne) DeGroff of Utah, and Mary Ann of Staples; 12 grandchildren; brothers—Harry Johnson of Staples, Mervin Johnson of Amelia, Emil Johnson of Atkinson; sisters—Mrs. G. A. Wedgreen of Arvada, Colo., and Mrs. Jack Banks of Chadron.

X-Ray Reveals Nine TB Cases in Holt

The nominating committee of the Holt County Tuberculosis association met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. J. Baack, who is president of the Holt association.

Mrs. Bennett Gillespie is chairman of the nominating committee. The slate will be presented at the annual meeting in April, exact date will be announced.

Mrs. Baack reported 48 percent of the county was X-rayed, an increase of 8 percent over the last time the mobile unit was here.

There were 4,995 chest X-rays taken in the county. A report from these X-rays reveals nine possible cases of tuberculosis and 14 other conditions, such as heart ailments, etc., needing attention.

Stuart 580
Atkinson 880
O'Neill 1,814
Chambers 545
Inman 210
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Ewing 573

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PAGE—Funeral services for Henry O. Parks, 85, who counted 183 living descendants, were conducted at 2 p. m., Wednesday, March 13, at the Methodist church here. Rev. Byrl Baty of Wesleyan Methodist church officiated.

Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Mr. Parks died at 3 p. m., Sunday, March 10, at a rest home in Genoa where he was residing.

The late Mr. Parks was a retired farmer.

Members of the Masonic lodge acted as pallbearers.

The late Henry Oscar Parks was born November 15, 1871, in Mills county, Iowa. He lived in Pierce county before coming to Holt.

His parents were J. Alfred Parks and Sarah Simms Parks, both of whom were natives of England.

Weds in 1891
He married Bertha Ogan September 6, 1891, at Creston. They became the parents of 15 children—12 of whom are living. Mrs. Parks died April 5, 1940.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one son, two daughters, five brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include: Sons—Leroy of Garland, Wyo.; Marion of Page; Ralph of Dakota City; Orville of Lincoln; Owea of Page; Harold of Eugene, Ore.; Alva of Ewing and Earl of Page; daughters—Mrs. Elsie Naslund of Page; Mrs. Eva Long of Banks, Ore.; Mrs. Emma Larson of Klammath Falls, Ore.; Mrs. Fern Boelner of Orchard; 65 grandchildren and 106 great-grandchildren.

Holt Population Up 436 Persons

Twenty-eight Nebraska counties showed a decrease in population last year, compared with 1954, according to estimates by the University of Nebraska's department of business research. But Holt county reveals an increase of an estimated 436.

Indicating the continued rural to urban population shift, estimates comparing 1956 with 1954 show that all Nebraska's 23 principal cities had population gains, most of them substantial.

Dr. Edgar Z. Palmer, department chairman, said the estimates are based on the state population as released by the U. S. Census Bureau last July 1, or 1,444,000, compared with 1,359,000 in 1954.

O'Neill's steady population growth offsets a depopulation of the rural areas and shrinkage in some of the towns.

Estimated population of counties follows:

Antelope 1954 1956
11,024 10,958
Boyd 4,740 4,808
Brown 4,904 5,213
Cherry 9,016 8,413
HOLT 14,794 15,130
Keya Paha 2,145 2,192
Knox 14,493 14,778
Rock 2,923 2,913
Wheeler 1,489 1,442

Safeway Leases Lohaus Building

Safeway Stores, Inc., have leased the Lohaus Motor company building at the corner of Fifth and Douglas streets, it was announced Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus, owners of the building.

Under a 25-year pact, the 70 ft. by 140 ft. structure will undergo extensive remodeling.

The Lohaus firm, Ford agency here, in turn has leased the Shriner estate building near the corner of Fourth and Everett—the building recently vacated by the Harry R. Smith Implements. The Shriner building, likewise, will be renovated and repaired to make room for the Lohaus firm.

Mr. Lohaus said the garage equipment and stock will be moved during April. Possession will be given to Safeway May 1.

In addition to the building, Safeway also has leased the used car lot, which will be converted into parking space. The Lohaus lots, including building site, measure 180 ft. on Douglas and 140 feet deep.

WEATHER SUMMARY

March 7 hi lo pr.
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March 8 42 22 .08
March 9 47 26
March 10 67 31
March 11 54 29 .01
March 12 74 18
March 13 54 27

New Flower & Gift Shop Opening Set

(Photo at right.) Formal opening of Helen's Flower and Gift Shop at the new, enlarged location, first door east of the Golden hotel, has been set for Saturday, March 16, according to Mrs. Helen Sullivan, owner.

Free carnations will be presented to the ladies between 2 and 4 p. m., and free coffee and cookies will be served.

The firm, formerly located in the Weingartner building on the opposite side of Douglas st., originally was known as the "Elk-horn Flower Shop."

Mrs. Sullivan said the shop will specialize in floral arrangements for all occasions and will carry a complete gift line. A large new custom-built freezing compartment is a feature of the new store, which has been completely remodeled. (Details on page 8.)

Mrs. Sullivan . . . her shop is a showplace. — The Frontier Photo.



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