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200 Attend Style Show

Mrs. John L. Baker (above) models a three-piece pale yellow outfit at Wednesday night's benefit style show sponsored by the Woman's club. Proceeds from the two hundred spectators go to the Grattan library. Mrs. Baker's cardigan was of ribbed orlon; blouse was tailored with convertible collar, and the skirt was slim and trim with scooped pocket. There were 17 models.

Heavy Snow Blankets Area; Brings Cheer

Andrew Cizek, 90, Expires at Lynch

Rites for Retired Farmer Set

SPENCER—Andrew Cizek, 90, a farmer who had lived in retirement in Spencer more than 30 years, died at 4 a. m., Wednesday, March 20, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m., Friday, March 22, at the Methodist church, Rev. Clyde A. Wells, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in the WBFA cemetery. The body will lie in state at the Jones funeral home until the funeral hour.

The late Mr. Cizek was born January 18, 1867. His wife, the former Antoni Jerman, died July 8, 1948. Pallbearers will be Jerry Mashek, Anton Soukup, Howard Miller, Ernest Klasna, Ed Kriebel and Ray Kerbel, all of Spencer.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Charles (Agnes) Sedlack of Spencer; Mrs. Frank (Betty) Klasna of Spencer; Mrs. Emil (Tonia) Micanek of Lynch; Mrs. Ernest (Bessie) Sixta of Lynch; sons—Joseph of Spencer; Frank of Denver, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother—Albert of Spencer.

24 Present for Conoco Sales Meet

Twenty-four persons were present Monday evening at a dinner meeting sponsored by the Continental Oil company. Merchandising plans for the new year were outlined by Gley Powell of North Platte, district manager for Conoco, and by Paul Baker of O'Neill and Duane Nantkes of Chadron, district sales representatives.

Adverse road conditions prevented Conoco representatives from Valentine, Ainsworth, Butte, Bristow, Spencer and Plainview from attending the meeting at the Golden hotel. A dinner at the M&M cafe preceded the meeting.

Agents and dealers present were: O'NEILL—Ray Eby, James Storms, Lawrence Johnson, Robert Timmerman, Alva Mareluis, Allan VanVleet, Joe Bartos. ORCHARD—Ed Richards. EWING—Willis Rockey, Gail Boies, Martin Pofhal.

ATKINSON—Glen McClurg, P. M. Mentzer, Roger Hawthorne. WINNETOON—Delmar Anderson, William Lane. CHAMBERS—Glen Burge.

Guests were Robert E. Moore of Merril Dr. Pepper Bottling company; D. D. Dwyer of Grand Island; B. F. Goodrich representatives, and Carroll ("Cal") Stewart of The Frontier.

Heads Cancer Drive—Mrs. Rex W. Wilson is the O'Neill chairman of the 1957 cancer drive.

Stock-Grain Farm, Closeouts, Dairy Cattle on Calendar

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 on page 11).

Wednesday, March 27: Raymond Kenny of Amelia; closeout of livestock, machinery, household goods; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer.

Friday, March 29: Mrs. Eva Backhaus of Amelia; residence and lots in Amelia. Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer. (Details on page 8.)

Monday, April 8: Rudolph and Della Johnson, 14 miles north of O'Neill on U. S. highway 281 and two miles east; 640-acre improved Holt county stock and grain farm, including eight-room dwelling; other good improvements; 26 head of dairy cattle; complete line of machinery; some household goods; Lester Pearson of Spencer and M. Larson of Anoka, auctioneers; O'Neill National bank, clerk. (Details in next issue).

Beckenbauer Returns from Far East—Lt. Robert Beckenbauer, who has been stationed in the Far East, called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Beckenbauer, Sunday from Oakland, Calif. As soon as he is separated he plans to fly or come home by train to Omaha, where his parents will meet him.

J.Q. Archer Dies After Long Illness

Confined to Home After Suffering Stroke 7 Years Ago

EWING—John Q. Archer, 86, well-known in the Ewing locality, former manager of the Ewing Co-Operative Creamery and former member of the Holt county selective service board, died Friday, March 15, at his home.

A rosary service was held at 4 p. m., Sunday at St. Peter's de-Alcantra Catholic church. Funeral services were conducted at 9 a. m., Monday, March 18, at the church with Rev. Peter F. Burke, church pastor, officiating. Severe weather conditions prevented the service from beginning at the appointed hour and restricted attendance.

The church choir furnished the music with A. E. Spittler at the organ. Pallbearers were Lyle Dierks, Gail Boies, Lester Bergstrom, Sam Regan and Kermit Jefferies, all of Ewing, and Marvin Miller of O'Neill.

Mr. Archer was born June 28, 1888, at Imogene, Ia., the son of Frederick H. and Julia Archer. On February 14, 1911, he married Bertha Keenan at Shenandoah, Ia. They made their home at Shenandoah for a time, then moved to Colorado where they spent two years. The Archers returned to Iowa for one year and came to Holt county in the spring of 1916.

Mr. Archer farmed northeast of Ewing until 1928 when the family moved into town. He was appointed manager of the Ewing Co-Operative Creamery.

Mr. Archer suffered a stroke December 3, 1949, which left him paralyzed. Thereafter, he was confined to his home for many months spending most of his time in a wheelchair.

Mr. Archer was a member of St. Peter's church and the Knights of Columbus. He was a former member of the Nebraska Co-Operative Creamery association.

He was manager of the creamery at the time he suffered the stroke, and several months later retired from that position. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Survivors include: Widow—Bertha; sons—Maurice of Grand Island; Edmund of St. Louis, Mo.; and John, jr., of Troy, Ala.; daughter—Mrs. Marjorie Smith of Denver, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; sisters—Mrs. Catherine Gilmore of Omaha and Mrs. Ruth Saner of Alameda, Calif.; brothers—Leo of Villisca, Ia.; Robert of Imogene, Ia.; Fred of Gordon, and Ralph of Portland, Ore.; several nieces and nephews.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Archer of Grand Island; Mrs. Marjorie Smith of Denver, Colo.; John Archer, jr., of Troy, Ala.; Edmund Archer of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Archer of Imogene, Ia.; Mrs. Catherine Gilmore of Omaha, and Mrs. and Mr. Charles Buntz, Mr. and Mrs. John Kehr, and also her brother, Walter Keenan, all from Shenandoah, Ia.

Fertilizer Meet Delayed 'Til Tonight

A fertilizer discussion to be conducted by a factory representative, was scheduled for Monday evening, March 18, at the American Legion auditorium was postponed until tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

Sponsors of the meeting are the O'Neill Grain Co., George Petersen Feed Store and the Emmet Hay Co.

Postponement was caused by road conditions. Subsoil Moisture Is Key

Bringing to his listeners the benefit of considerable personal experience in soils and water problems in Nebraska, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Schrunck says the question of irrigation is entirely dependant upon the amount of subsoil moisture.

60 Years Ago He Earned the Title— Dr. Ira in Enforced Retirement

By MRS. MERRILL ANDERSON Special Correspondent

LYNCH—It was St. Patrick's day, March 17, 1897—that a youthful doctor, born and reared on an Indian agency at Greenwood, S. D., walked from the portals of the St. Louis, (Mo.) College of Physicians & Surgeons with a sheepskin under his arm.

Dr. Guy B. Ira was destined to spend a lifetime administering the art of healing in the busy Boyd county town of Lynch, not much more than a stone's throw from his birthplace, which was in the shadows of old Ft. Randall.

He studied advanced medicine in Chicago, Ill., and New York City, and established a general practice at Newburn, Ill.

A year later he returned to the land of the Santee Indians to visit his father, Dr. George W. Ira, and his mother, the former Beatrice Hobbs.

In company with Will Barker, Doctor Ira had been on a hunting sidetrip, and arranged to stop overnight in Lynch.

A Mr. Phimple, whose wife was gravely ill, learned the young doctor was in town and appealed for help. The Phimple place was seven miles down the road. Mrs. Phimple recovered and Doctor Ira never returned to Illinois. Instead, he ordered his personal effects shipped to Lynch.

By the time the belongings arrived, he was snowed under with work. (A tape-recorded interview with Doctor Ira was broadcast on the Wednesday, March 20, "Voice of the Frontier" program WJAB, 9:00 a.m.)

Doctor Ira, 83, now lives quietly at the top of Lynch's main street. He has been in enforced retirement for six years, getting about the house on crutches.



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

He has sought medical attention in Rochester, Minn., Omaha, Chicago, New York City without success. (Continued on page 8.)

Another Try for Fire District

STUART—A revised petition in an attempt to create a Stuart rural fire protection district has been filed with Holt County Clerk Kenneth Waring at O'Neill.

The proposed district would include the equivalent of nearly four townships in Holt county and a three-mile wide corridor in Rock county, extending from the Niobrara river south 30 miles.

Proponents of the district voluntarily withdrew the original petition because it included the town of Newport, which is excluded in the second petition.

Waring said the second petition, although lacking as many names as the first, "appears to be adequate".

Rock county did not accept the original petition. Holt officials have not yet been advised of the official action at Bassett the second petition.

Holt county townships included are all of Stuart, Holt Creek and Cleveland, west three miles of Dustin; west half of Green Valley.

MOVING TO OMAHA Mr. and Mrs. John Simon and family are planning to move to Omaha shortly.

Irrigation Potential Double—Schrunck Brims with Enthusiasm

Rise in the irrigation field of John Schrunck, who was born and reared on a farm northeast of Atkinson, became understandable to the 250 persons who heard him speak Friday afternoon at the joint annual meeting of the Holt county soil conservation district and Holt county extension.

In brief: Mr. Schrunck brims with enthusiasm for irrigation in all forms. He said he sat in a conference with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson and concurred when the secretary said: "Irrigation takes 80 percent of the risk out of agriculture."

Ray Siders of Inman conducted the extension portion of the program. Elmer Allyn of Stuart conducted the conservation portion.

Child, 2 1/2, Ill for Two Days, Dies

Mary Ann Pribil, 2 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pribil of O'Neill, died at St. Anthony's hospital Tuesday, March 19, at 5 p. m.

She entered the hospital at 8:30 a. m. the same day. Death was caused by pneumonia. She had been ill only two days.

Survivors include: parents; brothers—David, Richard, Robert, Donald and Michael; Sister—Deloris; grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schollmeyer of Page and Mrs. Mary Pribil of O'Neill.

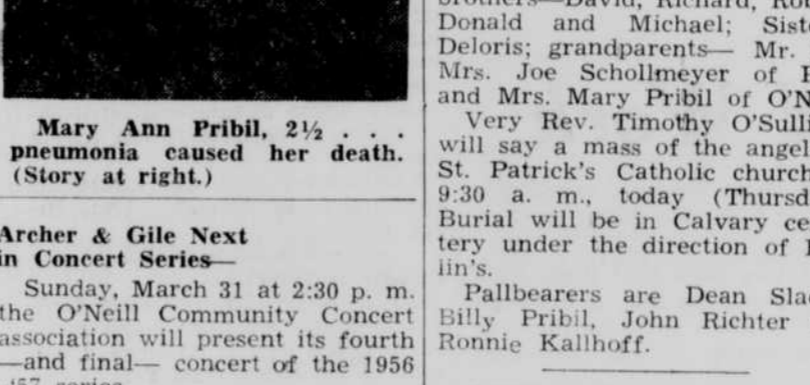
Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan will say a mass of the angels at St. Patrick's Catholic church at 9:30 a. m., today (Thursday). Burial will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers are Dean Sladek, Billy Pribil, John Richter and Ronnie Kallhoff.

ATKINSON—Mrs. Lois Martens has been named judge for a Ft. Worth, Tex., flower show to be held in April.



Mary Ann Pribil, 2 1/2, pneumonia caused her death. (Story at right.)



Archer & Gile Next in Concert Series—Sunday, March 31 at 2:30 p. m. the O'Neill Community Concert association will present its fourth and final—concert of the 1956-57 series.

Archer and Gile are the artists. Doors will be open at 1:45 p. m.



The Ben Vonaseks . . . presented framed colored panoramic view of their farm.—The Frontier Photo.

W. L. Dodge Rites to Be Held Friday

SPENCER—William Leroy Dodge, 79, died Sunday, March 17, at his home in Spencer.

Mr. Dodge was found dead at his home by LeRoy Nyquist, who liver oil. Death was believed to have been caused by complications of old age.

The late Mr. Dodge was born June 27, 1877. He came to Boyd county in 1938 and had worked on various farms in the community.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m., Friday, March 22, at the Jones Funeral home in Spencer, where the remains will lie in state until the funeral hour.

Survivors include one brother, Charles Dodge, of Homer.

Clara B. Springer, 82, Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Clara B. Springer, 82, who had been a Holt county resident since 1889, died at 11:15 p. m., Tuesday, March 19, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Loyd Godel.

She had been ill six years. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m., Friday, March 22, at First Presbyterian church with Rev. J. Olen Kennel, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers will be grandsons—Richard, Donald, Veidon and Larry Godel, Carroll Grenier and Veldon Tomlinson.

The late Mrs. Springer's maiden name was Clara B. Walker, daughter of Henry and Annetette Brown Walker. She was born August 31, 1874, at Providence, R. I. The family lived on a farm

at Hampton, Conn., before coming to Holt county in 1889. Her father was an early hotel operator at Stuart.

On December 4, 1894, she married H. W. Bowring at Butte. They became the parents of two children—Cecil and Ralph. Mr. Bowring was a railroader.

On May 9, 1905, she married Andrew Springer. The family lived on a farm in the Opportunity locality for several years, later moving into O'Neill where Mr. Springer was a laborer. Two children, Dora and Thelma—were born of the second marriage.

Mr. Springer died December 31, 1946. The late Mrs. Springer joined the Presbyterian church. Survivors include: Sons—Ralph E., of Kuna, Ida.; daughters—Mrs. Frank (Cecil) Grenier of O'Neill; Mrs. Robert (Dolly) Tomlinson of O'Neill, and Mrs. Loyd (Thelma) Godel of O'Neill; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

Soren G. Jensen, War Veteran, Dies

SPENCER—Soren G. Jensen, 59, a veteran of World War I, died Sunday, March 17, in the Veterans hospital at Grand Island.

There was a rosary service Wednesday evening, at St. Mary's Catholic church in Spencer.

Brucellosis Plan Hailed Into Court

Peterson Wants Court to Declare 1956 Plan 'Null, Void'

Charley W. Peterson of Atkinson, an extensive land owner and a large-scale cattle operator, Friday filed a petition in Holt county district court seeking to restrain the state and federal agricultural departments from proceeding with a brucellosis testing program.

Named as defendants are: Nebraska department of agriculture, bureau of animal industry; U. S. department of agriculture, animal disease eradication branch; Dr. J. L. George of Lincoln, state veterinarian; Warren Peden of O'Neill, assistant Holt county agent, and Neil Dawes of O'Neill, county agent.

Peterson in his petition, filed by Francis D. Lee, Atkinson attorney, states he is owner of land in Fairview, Shamrock and Dustin precincts.

He declares that during January, February and March, 1956, Dawes and Peden attempted to establish through a brucellosis committee a brucellosis area and caused petitions to be circulated. The petition states a hearing was held August 29, 1956, and that Doctor George declared the area official on and after September 10, 1956.

Peterson attacks the establishment of the area as "fraudulent and erroneous". He says the Dawes office set forth in writing that 76 percent of the owners of breeding cattle in the area, representing ownership of 90 percent of the breeding cattle therein, signed the petitions.

Peterson's petition, quoting the March 1, 1956, assessment record, said 85,130 head of breeding cattle were assessed—the sole lawful manner of indicating the breeding cattle population in the area.

The figures used by the county agent and state veterinarian would indicate 9,749 head of breeding cattle more than shown on assessment records.

The petition declares that the brucellosis program provides for inspectors coming onto premises owned by Peterson ("and others similarly situated").

Peterson is petitioning the court to rule the brucellosis area "null and void" to prevent entering of inspectors onto his premises.

Wilson Says Full Story Not Told

Dale Wilson, head of the Chamber of Commerce committee appointed to investigate possibilities of improving street markings and house numbering in the city, insists that The Frontier neglected to tell the full story in its news stories relating to recent meetings of the city council and Chamber of Commerce.

Wilson said he outlined three proposals to the council: (1) Changing Fourth and Douglas to the corner of 20th street and 20th avenue with numerical designations in sequence for streets and avenues throughout the city; (2) expanding and improving upon the present names and numbers of streets within the established layout; (3) a plan to redesignate Fourth and Douglas as First street and First avenue with North, South, East and West prefixes on all streets each direction from 20th avenue (Douglas) and First street (Fourth).

Wilson added: "I honestly feel the present system leaves room for improvement. I want to make it clear that I laid before the council three separate plans. The council appeared to like the 20th street and 20th avenue idea, and that is the one that got all the publicity.

"To improve upon and extend the present and existing system would be perfectly all right with me. And I stressed to the council and to the Chamber membership that the decision was theirs; I only offered proposals because I was asked to do so.

"I thought The Frontier was unjustly harsh and caustic, editorially, on its treatment of the proposal. We all have a right to our own opinion," Mr. Wilson declared.

"I will say, however, The Frontier agreed the present system of house numbering and street designations can be improved upon."

John M. Grutsch, Wife Will Hold Open - House

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Grutsch, 128 E. Fremont st., will observe their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday, March 27.

Open-house will be held at the Fellowship hall, First Presbyterian church, from 2:30 to 5 p.m.