

Chorus in Debut with 'Messiah'

Music Lovers Await Sunday's Oratorio Presentation

Music lovers in north-Nebraska are looking forward to the presentation of George Frederick Handel's famous oratorio, "The Messiah," to be sung by the O'Neill Civic chorus Sunday afternoon, December 16, starting at 3 p.m.

Soloists will be Kathleen Flood Hansen, soprano; Stanley J. Lambert, tenor; Herberta Hutton and Phyllis Johnson Loy, sharing the alto roles.

An earlier announcement by Director Charles B. Houser named Hansen, Lambert and Joseph George, bass, as soloists. Mr. George will not be available.

This weekend Mr. Houser revealed the alto soloists.

Mrs. Hutton, of Chambers, is an O'Neill public school graduate. While in school she was active in band, chorus and glee clubs.

In October, 1944, while in California, Mrs. Hutton contracted polio which caused her to completely lose the use of her voice. She showed a great deal of courage and determination in regaining her voice and in assuming the responsibility of a solo part.

Mrs. Loy is a graduate of the O'Neill high school. She has won "superior" ratings for alto solos in the district music contests and has appeared as soloist with the O'Neill Municipal band.

The response to weekly rehearsals has been enthusiastic, according to Mr. Houser.

"With the good attendance at rehearsals and fine cooperation of all concerned, our community has a civic chorus of which I feel it can be proud," he said.

Mr. Houser, the director, holds the master of music degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., and bachelor of arts and bachelor of music degrees with honors from Coe college, Cedar Rapids, Ia. In 1946-'47, he was assistant conductor of the Coe college band and conducted the Orchestra hall, Chicago, Ill.

Before coming to O'Neill, Mr. Houser taught for 2 years in the Des Moines, Ia., public schools and was a member of the Drake-Des Moines symphony.

Among his teachers have been Dr. Francis Pyle, Eric Leidzen, Dr. Alfred Einstein and Dr. Ross Lee Finney. He has performed in the following musical shows: Oklahoma, Finian's Rainbow, Up in Central Park, Carousel, Kiss Me Kate, and South Pacific. He has had wide experience as an organist-conductor, having performed under such outstanding men as Karl Weirich, Carl Peaker, Marshall Bidwell and Herbert Haugh. Mr. Haugh is one of this country's leading tenor soloists of Handel's "Messiah" and other oratorio literature.

The "Messiah" will be presented at the public school auditorium under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Admission is free.

James G. Bastian, jr., pianist, will accompany the 70-voice chorus.

3 Married Men in Draft Call

Five Holt county selective service registrants will leave today (Thursday) for induction into the armed forces.

They are: Raymond E. Pettijohn, of Stuart; Robert G. Fuller, of Stuart; Keith V. Kennedy, of Page; Lou Gene Livingston, of Atkinson, and Richard W. Walton, of O'Neill.

There are 3 married men in this group—Kennedy, Livingston and Walton.

Twenty-nine men will report for preinduction physical examinations on Tuesday, December 18. A big portion of these men will be included in the January draft call.

Those to report for physicals are:

- From Amelia: John P. Hansen.
- From Atkinson: Erwin G. Schultz, Donald E. Everett, Dale O. Jarvis, Murray D. Mellor, Leroy H. Roth, Fred W. Warner.
- From Emmet: Darius Burgess.
- From Page: Richard L. Cunningham, Donald L. Park, Robert M. Summers, Ronald D. Wood.
- From Stuart: Martin J. Miksch, Max L. Kunz, George J. Kohle, Orville G. Gilpin.
- From Ewing: Ramon E. Farewell.
- From O'Neill: James E. Gallagher, Richard E. Sanders, Roland Green, James E. Bridges, Paul W. Roseman, jr., Ronald E. Borg, Lawrence E. Pribil, Gerald E. Davidson, William A. Brady.

Congressman Miller Coming Friday

Fourth District Congressman A. L. Miller, of Kimball, has scheduled a stop at the Holt county courthouse Friday, December 14. He terms his visit a "citizens' clinic" between 2 and 4 p.m. "These meetings," he explains, "help me a great deal in getting the views of the folks at the grass roots on problems facing our country today."

Mail Carrier Sights Bobcat on Route

Tracks of lions have been reported from widely-spread Nebraska points during the past few weeks, ranging from Ceresco to Bellevue.

Comes now a story from Ernest Rosenkrans, of Lynch, who says he sighted a bobcat on the Ray Wilson farm near Redbird. He claims he saw the animal Saturday while carrying mail.

When he and his father hurried back to the spot the bobcat had disappeared.

FINANCES CENTER SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Storm Restricts Attendance but Discussion Lively at Hearing

The Nebraska legislative council acting under the authority of a legislative resolution, was in O'Neill Saturday studying the problems of education in Nebraska as related to the north-central and northwest section of the state.

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. and concluded about 3 p.m.

Adverse weather conditions restricted attendance of many from a distance, but those who were present engaged in a lively discussion of current school problems, including redistricting, teachers' certification, teachers' retirement, methods of financing education, kindergarten questions, and others.

State senators present were Frank Nelson, of O'Neill, the host senator; Glen Cramer, of Albion, chairman of the committee; Dwight Burney, of Hartington; John Adams, of Omaha, and Dick Marvel, of Hastings.

Also present was Dr. R. V. Schumate, head of the state's research bureau.

Boyd, Antelope, Boone, Rock, Holt and Cedar counties were represented.

The problem of teacher retirement has to do with putting the present system on a sound financial basis. The committee is employing an actuary to work out several plans and until his report is ready there is little to discuss on the subject.

Certification was discussed fully and several agreed that the normal training teacher fills a big need in this part of the state. It was hoped by several the normal training courses would not be discontinued in the high schools. The "floater" has been eliminated from the teaching profession by changing the 3d grade elementary certificate to a 1-year certificate.

"A normal trainer just out of high school is much happier in our isolated schools than a 1- or 2-year college student," explained Miss Alice L. French, Holt county superintendent of public instruction.

School finance was obviously involved in most school problems, the hearing showed.

Other subjects discussed were local vs. state control and standardization of state text books.

A snowstorm hastened the adjournment for the benefit of those who had to travel a considerable distance.

Santa Wants to Greet Small Fry

Ol' Santa will buzz into town about 2 p.m., Saturday, December 15, probably with a jet-propelled airplane.

He's taking time off from the whirl of activities at the North Pole to make a special call on small fry from the O'Neill region.

Santa will be met at the airport by a municipal fire truck. He'll be laden with treats aplenty and he wants to talk with as many admirers as possible.

In a telegram to The Frontier Wednesday, Santa explained that he'd be using the O'Neill public school building once more—as in the past few years—and he'll have helpers there to shepherd the kids through the line.

The Chamber of Commerce is aiding the busy ol' boy in the arrangements.

District Judge D. R. Mounts is chairman of the Santa reception committee.

Hundreds of persons filled the O'Neill streets last Saturday for the free turkeys ducks and chickens. A last-minute change in plans resulted in tickets being strewn from a moving vehicle instead of the live fowl. Many tickets were tossed but not all were redeemable on a bird.

CONDITION 'FAIR'

Condition of Michael London, of O'Neill, is "fair" in St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, where this week he submitted to major surgery. His family is near him.

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'JUNIORS' TAKE OVER AT COURTHOUSE ... Converging on the Holt county courthouse from 9 different high schools, juniors en masse literally took-over here Monday. Occasion was the student government day sponsored by the American Legion. Legionnaires from Simonson post 93 and from several neighboring posts assisted with the classes in each county office. As customary since the student program was inaugurated 3 years ago, the juniors are "elected" from the various schools. They occupy the various offices for the greater portion of the day, after which a critique is held and students make written reports to their teachers. Holt

County Clerk Ruth Hoffman was hostess to an all-girl class. In the photo (left-to-right) are: Frances Gotschall, Atkinson high; Mrs. George Bosh (regular clerk in office), Shirley O'Connell, St. Joseph's (Atkinson); Evelyn Davis, Inman; Lois Ann Bergstrom, Ewing; Jean Boyens, Stuart; and Neva Jarman, Chambers; back row — Miss Hoffman; Patricia Clinkenbeard, O'Neill high (partially hidden), and Ruth Ann Connet, St. Mary's (O'Neill). Marlene Kelly, Page, was a member of the class but does not appear in this picture.—The Frontier Photo & Engraving.

THOMAS SALEM, 69, DIES AT WHEEL

Pioneer Southwest Holt Merchant Stricken Enroute to Church

CHAMBERS—Thomas Salem, 69, of Chambers, died about 10 o'clock Sunday morning enroute from his home to attend church services at Amelia. He was driving alone in his car when he was stricken with a heart attack.

His machine veered off the road and into the ditch, through a fence and into an adjoining field. The machine did not overturn.

He was found dead by passers-by.

Funeral rites were conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson. Rev. Anthony Urbanski, of Emmet, officiated. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The body was at Biglin Bros. funeral home in O'Neill, where it lay in state until the funeral hour. A rosary was offered Monday evening.

The pallbearers were Edgar Petersen, Jerry O'Malley, George Nachtman, Arthur Doolittle, Oscar Peterson and Michael Kennedy.

The late Mr. Salem was born in Bethlahia, Syria, July 29, 1882. He came to the U.S. in 1898, originally settling in Omaha. In 1901 he reached Holt county and was an itinerant merchant in this region for several years.

In 1910 he launched a general merchandise store at Amelia, which he continued to operate until 1945. He lived at Chambers from 1946 until the time of his death.

Survivors include 2 nephews—Joe Daas, of Chambers, and Albert Otte, of Winner, S.D.

The late Mr. Salem had extensive real estate holdings in southwest Holt county and in the Winner, S.D., vicinity. He never married.

Spring Hereford Date February 2

The Holt County Hereford Breeders' association met in O'Neill Monday night for the annual business session.

Members reelected Floyd Whitaker, of Chambers, president; George Rowse, of Chambers, vice-president; James W. Rooney, of O'Neill, was reelected secretary; treasurer; Henry Wood, of Ewing, and Claire McVay, of O'Neill, were named to the board of directors; carryover members of the board are Clarence Ernst, of O'Neill, and Elwyn Robertson, of Chambers.

Date for the annual spring sale was set for February 2, 1952.

The members voted a \$25 contribution to the grassland fertilizer experiment plot at Atkinson.

Thirty-three attended the session at the Town House. Secretary James W. Rooney was unable to be present because of illness.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McManus were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Treinen and Adam Fifer, of Marcus, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Semmens, of Cherokee, Ia.



Seated around the county supervisors' conference table are these juniors (left to right): Melvin Atkinson, Chambers; Shirley Shald, Stuart; Elizabeth Schaffer, O'Neill; Myron Shavlik, Chambers; Ronnie Park, Page; Larry David, Inman; Dianne DeBacker, St. Mary's (O'Neill); and Lyle Lemmer, Atkinson. Supervisor Frank Cronk (right foreground) is lecturing on the functions of the board. Other supervisors sat out of camera range.—The Frontier Photo & Engraving.



Inside the vault in the office of the clerk of the district court, Ira H. Moss, are: Lois Miller, Page; Gary Spence, Atkinson; Howard Beed, Chambers; Dave Eby, O'Neill high; Marcia Bigelow, Stuart; Florence Lee, St. Mary's; Joan Coventry, Inman, and Marcia Gibson, Ewing.—The Frontier Photo & Engraving.

70-Voice Lutheran Choir in Cantata

The 70-voice Lutheran Choral union, of zone N-6, Nebraska Walthier league, presented the Christmas cantata, "Childe Jesus," at the O'Neill high school auditorium, Wednesday, December 12.

"Childe Jesus" was the Christmas story in beloved songs. Among the many sung were "The First Noel," "We Three Kings," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," and others.

An added feature was singing Christmas carols with the entire audience joining the choir.

The Choral union was under the direction of Rev. R. W. Olson, of O'Neill. Reverend Olson studied voice culture and choral conducting under Dr. E. Carl Lundgren, of Illinois Wesleyan university of music.

Leave for California

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Sauer will depart Saturday for the West coast where they spend each winter. They will have an apartment in which they will reside. They will not know their winter address until after their arrival.

INSTALL REV. LEE IN CHURCH RITE

New Presbyterian Minister Recently Spends 6 Years in Alaska

Rev. Sam Lee, of York, recently returned to the U.S. after 6 years spent at an Alaskan outpost, has been installed as the new pastor of First Presbyterian church here. He succeeds Rev. Ralph Gerber, who went to Lexington in October.

Reverend Lee was at a mission at Point Arrow, Alaska. He has a wife and 2 children—a boy, 14, and a girl, 4.

The Lees were moving to O'Neill Tuesday and Wednesday. Installation rites for the new pastor were conducted Sunday. They will occupy the church manse.

Attends Celebration

Bessie Klinger attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gustafson at the Lutheran church at Newman Grove Sunday.

Postoffice to Stay Open Saturday P.M.'s

Acting Postmaster Thomas J. Sullivan announced this week that the O'Neill office will remain open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, and Saturday, December 22, to facilitate patrons with yuletide mailing. Normally, the windows close at 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

The longer window hours is expected to relieve congestion of weekend holiday mail, particularly with regard to packages.

Mr. Sullivan said this year's volume is considered "very heavy" and postal officials and employees will appreciate early mailing.

Mrs. Rasley Entertains School Students

Mrs. Georgia Rasley, owner of the Royal theater, Wednesday entertained the pupils of St. Mary's academy and O'Neill public school in a series of showings, continuing through the afternoon, beginning in the morning and noon.

This is an annual Christmas time treat provided by the Royal's management.

'LARRY' BARRETT DIES AT NORFOLK

Heart Affliction Is Fatal to O'Neill Farmer; Rites Friday

Laurence E. ("Larry") Barrett, 59, died early Wednesday, December 12, at Our Lady of Lourdes hospital, Norfolk, where he had been a patient only a few days. He had been a sufferer of a heart ailment for about 4 years.

The body was removed to Biglin Bros. funeral home where a requiem will be offered tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. A requiem mass will be said at 10 a.m., Friday, December 14, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

The late Mr. Barrett was born at O'Neill June 7, 1892, a son of Patrick and Ellen Dempsey Barrett.

He lived on a farm virtually all his life, farming for many years 3 miles southeast of the city.

On May 5, 1920, at Omaha, he married Julia Sullivan, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sullivan. They became the parents of a daughter, Sheila.

Survivors include: Widow; daughter—Mrs. James (Sheila) Holsclaw, of O'Neill; 1 grandchild; brothers—Patrick, of Greeley; Walter, of Lincoln; sister—Mrs. Margaret Dunn, of Omaha.

X-Ray Survey Starts Tuesday at Stuart

It won't be long now! The Holt county chest X-ray survey will begin in Stuart next Tuesday morning. The state department of health X-ray unit will give free chest X-ray to residents of Stuart and vicinity December 18, 19 and 20.

Sponsored by Holt physicians and extension clubs, the chest X-ray survey has as its goal the filming of every adult chest in the county. While youngsters under 12 years are remarkably free from pathological chest conditions, local physicians emphasized, they, too, are welcome, especially if any symptoms exist.

More than 507,000 Nebraskans have taken advantage of the X-ray unit to receive their free chest X-ray, and 97 out of each 100 were found to be perfectly normal and healthy.

The X-rays are taken merely for screening purposes, and where any pathological condition is found to exist, the individuals are referred to their personal physicians for further observation.

Following completion of X-raying in Stuart on Thursday, December 20, the unit will give chest X-raying in the following Holt communities:

- Atkinson: Wednesday afternoon, January 2; Thursday and Friday, January 3 and 4, all day; Saturday morning, January 5.
- O'Neill: Tuesday through Friday, January 8-11, all day, and Monday afternoon, January 14.
- Chambers: Wednesday and Thursday, January 16 and 17, all day.
- Inman: Saturday morning, January 19, all day and Monday, January 21.
- Page: Wednesday and Thursday, January 23 and 24, all day.
- Ewing: Monday afternoon, January 28; Tuesday and Wednesday, January 29 and 30, all day.
- Mrs. Robert Martens, of Atkinson, and Mrs. Frank Grenier, of O'Neill, are cochairmen in charge of arrangements for the Holt visit of the X-ray unit.

Clothes Torn from Man in Accident

An O'Neill farm hand, Herbert Gidese, 28, was brought to the O'Neill hospital Tuesday afternoon after an unusual accident.

His clothes were caught in a power-takeoff, at the Alfred Drayton farm, where he works. The injured man was obliged to make his way from the scene of the accident, about a mile from the house, with most of his clothes torn off.

He was brought to O'Neill where it was found he suffered a fractured leg, some bruises and other injuries.

He was "resting comfortably" Wednesday morning, hospital attendants said.

McDonald Employees Guests of Manager

Manager Joe Stutz, of McDonald's store here, Wednesday night entertained 12 employees at the Town House. The dinner is an annual affair. Mrs. Stutz was also a guest.