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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kurtz . . . on their wedding day — March 18, 1902.

Ray Kurtz, Wife Wedded 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kurtz celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Wednesday, March 19, by holding open house from 2 until 4 o'clock at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper, in O'Neill. Sixty-five guests besides the immediate family, signed the guest register.

Mrs. Kurtz is the former Rilla Johnson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, who lived at Irving, Ia. Mr. Kurtz was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kurtz, who lived at Colo, Ia.

They were married at Colo on March 18, 1902. They lived in Iowa until 1923, when they moved to Nebraska onto a farm north of O'Neill on the Niobrara river. They lived there one year, moved onto another farm for a few years, and then moved to the farm on which they now reside. This place is 20 miles north of O'Neill on Eagle creek. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz became the parents of nine children, two of whom are deceased. Curtis, who died in infancy, and Melvin, on February 25, 1951.

The seven living children joined their parents for the anniversary celebration. They are: Mrs. Hal M. Bucher and Andrew Kurtz, of Pasadena, Calif.; Mrs. Fred (Doris) Harvey, of Mission, Kans.; Clifton Kurtz, of Bethel, Kans.; Mrs. Dan (Ladonna) Snyder, of Atkinson, and Mrs. Robert (Charlotte) Larson and Mrs. Charles (Bonnie) Cooper, of O'Neill.

The Kurtzes spent a portion of the winter in the South. Both Mr. Kurtz, 68, and his wife, 70, are in good health although Mrs. Kurtz has been ailing for 18 months.

Decorations for the open-house observance were done in white and gold. A multicolor cake, yellow roses and jonquils graced the serving table where Mrs. Wayne Hill poured.

Other relatives present, besides the children and 15 grandchildren, were Mr. Cooper, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Clifton Kurtz and Mrs. Andrew Kurtz.

650 PARTICIPATE IN 4-H FUN NIGHT

Record Throng Sees Presentation of Awards

A record crowd of 650 participated in the annual 4-H family fun night festivities Saturday night at the O'Neill public school auditorium.

An array of 4-H talent paraded onto the stage to entertain the throng.

Many awards were given out as a result of the work done by the members and leaders in 1951. There was a total of seven club week trips or registrations given, which is the largest number won in this county.

These members will spend a week at Lincoln at the agriculture college and will even get special cars on the railroad to take them to Omaha for a day.

Many gold medals were given out to county champions in the various projects. Local leadership was also given recognition by presentation of 4 two-year leadership plaques, five leaders with five years of leadership — small silver four-leaf clover pins. One leader with 10 years service was given a gold four-leaf clover pin.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes presented these awards and was assisted by Mrs. Bayne Grubb, of Chambers, who is a member of the county 4-H club committee. The committee selected the winners by examining records and special report forms of the 4-H members and recommended to the state 4-H club office that they be considered for state competition. Some of the awards given were state competition awards.

Those receiving awards were: Ila June Coon, Meira Dobrovinsky, Kay Dvorak, Betty Coxhill, Carol Schultz, Lois Puckett, Doris Ward, Corine Sweet, Mrs. Herb Sweet, Alice Young.

Alice Young, Kay Coventry, Brenda Colman, Carolyn Tams, Dorothea Vitt, Murray Mellor, Sally Christon, Edward Boyle, Raymond Wagman, Demarus Weiso.

Bob Tams, Roland Hansen, Joseph Backhaus, Samuel Watson, Richard Boyle, Caroline Skoppe, Linnelle Tompkins, Alice Waaley, Walter Reis, Jr., Vesia Mitchell.

Lona Spry, LeRoy Gary Holcomb, Elaine Babutzke, Charles Pierson, Lorna Marcellus, Lionel Ackes, Mary F. Vitt, Gale Holcomb, Judy Trowbridge, Tom Christon, John Vitt, Patrick Boyle.

The evening's entertainment consisted of a variety of musical, dramatic and physical accomplishments. It was necessary to limit each club that wished to take part to only one number.

In discussing the program, Clarence Ernst, of O'Neill, stated he got "much more good out of seeing these local boys and girls appear than he would out of seeing a highly trained professional group perform."

The evening's program: Community singing, led by Barbara Trowbridge, of Page, Mrs. Howard Manson at the piano.

Riverside club: Club song, accompanied by Mary F. Vitt on accordion.

Wide Awake club: Skit and song, "I Want a Man."

Sandhill Billies: Skit and song, trio.

Clover: Four girls sang, "A (Continued on page 5.)

No Foundation for Narcotics Stories

Stories of narcotics traffic in Holt county have been rampant in recent weeks, particularly in O'Neill since the slaying of O'Neill's Police Chief Chet Calkins.

Both Holt County Sheriff Leo S. Tomjack and Holt County Attorney William W. Grimm said Wednesday there is no foundation for the reports.

Lloyd Collins Books Auction

Lloyd Collins, owner of the Holt County implements, has booked another big machinery auction for Saturday, March 29. The sale will be held on the east outskirts of the city, starting at 12:30 p.m.

"This is not an inventory, everything goes," Mr. Collins said, as he reached his list of farm equipment and machinery. (See big advertisement on page 4.) Included will be 26 tractors—near-new and used.

Cois. Ed Thornin and Wallace O'Connell, both of O'Neill, will be auctioneers; O'Neill National bank, clerk.

Another sale on The Frontier's calendar includes a 640-acre ranch and personal property owned by Clinton and Syvilla Schermer, who reside 25 miles south and 6 miles east of Bassett. Their sale will be held Tuesday, by the Thornin-Reynoldson auction service, of O'Neill.

C. F. Small & Sons, of Amelia, held their dispersion sale Wednesday, attended by a large crowd. Ten persons came in four airplanes. The crowd was big despite adverse road conditions.

Vern Sageiser, of Amelia, paid \$1,000 for CM Mischiet Maker #187, the registered Hereford herd sire, top sire of 100 head of cattle. One hundred fifteen head of cattle were sold, including registered Hereford bulls and females and 27 dairy cows. Sale prices were regarded as good. Col. Ed Thornin, of O'Neill, was auctioneer.

Rev. Bell Reported in 'Fair' Condition

Condition of Rev. V. R. Bell, pastor of the O'Neill Methodist church, was posted as "fair" Tuesday at St. Francis hospital, Grand Island.

Reverend Bell, who suffered a heart attack on Monday morning, March 10, was transferred from his residence here to Grand Island late Sunday. Mrs. Bell is near him.

Their son, Rev. Joseph Bell, of Nashville, Tenn., only member of the family living a considerable distance away, was summoned to Grand Island. He will substitute for his father at the Sunday morning worship here.

Robert Taylor, 22, of O'Neill, is being held by Holt county authorities at the request of Boyd County Sheriff Claude Collins.

Kerr Breakfasts Here During Tour

U.S. Senator Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma, was an O'Neill visitor Friday. There was a breakfast held in his honor at the Town House, attended by a large crowd.

Senator Kerr is a democratic candidate for the presidency. He flew from O'Neill to Grand Island for his next speaking engagement.



MEMORIAL FUND REACHES \$2,500 . . . The Chet Calkins memorial fund Wednesday reached the \$2,500 mark, according to officials of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the move. Chamber Secretary Laurence Haynes (left) and O'Neill's Mayor J. E. Davis are shown

presenting Mrs. Calkins with the fund records and bank deposit books at her home. Her husband, O'Neill's beloved police chief for 17 years, was slain in his automobile between 1 and 2 a.m. on March 7.

Aitken to Speak at Spencer Meet

SPENCER — State Highway Engineer Harold Aitken, of Lincoln, will be principal speaker at a Nebraska Highway 281 association meeting here Friday night.

Aitken is expected to discuss the future of the north-south U.S. route which passes through O'Neill, Grand Island and Hastings between the Kansas - Nebraska and South Dakota - Nebraska boundaries.

The O'Neill Chamber of Commerce will be represented at the dinner meeting. O'Neill is the seat of the Nebraska Highway 281 association, a non-profit organization.

Bible Teacher 50 Years Dies

STUART — Mrs. L. L. Cosner, 81, a resident of Stuart for many years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Marcellus, Monday, March 17.

Mrs. Cosner taught a Sunday-school class in the Methodist and Federated churches in Stuart for over 50 years and had also received recognition as a member of the WSCS for the longest time before the group disbanded.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. D. B. (Mary) Marcellus, who lives near Stuart; son — Lawrence, a military officer stationed in Arizona.

Funeral services will be held at the Community church Saturday, March 22, at 2 o'clock.

Kersbrock Out of Mayor Race

John Kersbrock, former mayor of O'Neill and a petition candidate for the same office this year, verbally has advised City Clerk O. D. French that he is withdrawing from the mayoralty race.

Kersbrock did not sign his acceptance. Signature is required before a name can appear on the ballot.

Other petition candidates for municipal offices are: J. E. Davis (incumbent), for mayor.

Joe Stutz, for city council, Second ward.

L. M. Merriman (incumbent by appointment), for city council, First ward.

Emmet Crabb, for city council, Second ward.

O. D. French (incumbent), for city clerk.

John C. Watson, for city treasurer.

Petition candidates for O'Neill city school board of education posts are Mrs. Loretta Hynes and H. L. Lindberg.

They are slated to succeed Miss Anna O'Donnell and Dr. H. L. Bennett, who are not candidates for reelection. Both have served on the board for many years.

MARTENS BUY BULL — ATKINSON — Alfred Martens paid \$1,950 for the reserve champion bull at the Western Nebraska Hereford association's show and sale at Alliance Monday, March 10. The bull, NZ Royal Emblem 4212, was consigned by George Heinz, of Henry. Top bull in the sale sold for \$3,900.

Hunt for Unknown Assassin Continues

ARC Fund Drive Well Underway

"Many of the good old ways that made the 'good old days' good have fallen by the way, but old-fashioned neighborliness is still going strong in Holt county," according to Mrs. Tom Sullivan, chairman of the Holt county Red Cross chapter's 1952 fund campaign.

"The Holt county Red Cross chapter's \$2,189 campaign goal is nothing more than a goal of neighborliness," Mrs. Sullivan said in reporting the campaign's progress. "The campaign's slogan is 'Answer the Call,' meaning the call of neighbors in time of need."

"So far the people of Holt county have always answered that call. This sum is a pledge of neighborly help, through the Red Cross, to people everywhere. It's the kind of neighborly assistance that made it possible for people knocked out by last summer's floods to make a comeback. It's the call for blood to save the life of a wounded soldier in Korea, and for help sought by thousands of servicemen and their families every day. It's help that you, yourself may never have to seek, for it's help in time of human suffering. At the same time, it's the kind of help that you would be quick to offer if you came face to face with the person in need. It's help that must be there, ready when your neighbor here in Holt county or thousands of miles away needs it."

Mrs. Sullivan pointed out that the Red Cross is the means of carrying out a person's natural impulse to help others, providing a practical way for people to give of their time and financial support for that purpose.

"The Red Cross is the people," she stressed. "Volunteers make its service possible, and every person who backs them up with funds is a part of the Red Cross. It's your Red Cross, not just a few people's. You have helped make Red Cross what it is, and you will help shape its future. When a volunteer solicitor calls on you here in Holt county to 'Answer the Call,' remember that the call is not a call for Holt county alone, but a call for all people to give a hand to a neighbor wherever he may be in need," she concluded.

Working almost full-time with Tomjack as Capt. Harold Smith, of Lincoln, chief of the Nebraska safety patrol's bureau of criminal investigation, and Lt. Harry Brt, head of the patrol's Norfolk area.

They have made numerous "side-trips" to various localities to check tips and clues, all unavailing.

The clothes Chief Calkins wore the night he was murdered have been forwarded to the federal bureau of investigation laboratories for a thorough examination.

Detective Inspector Harry Green and Detective Capt. Al Clinchard, both of Omaha, were here Friday in connection with the Calkins case. They have forwarded several .32-caliber guns confiscated in Omaha to laboratories for ballistics checks.

The slayer of Calkins fired five or six shots into the chief's body in the upper right chest area. One pierced the heart. Calkins died instantly.

Authorities are contacting members of the student bodies of Plainview, Broken Bow and Neligh high schools. Basketball teams from those schools were participating in the district class B cage tourney here on the eve of the slaying.

At least five persons said they saw Calkins talking with a man near the scene of the slaying. These include Mrs. Mary Fleming and Harry Wayman, both of O'Neill, and Richard Spittler, 20, LeRoy Boies, 20 and Bill Sisson, all of Ewing. They reported Calkins inspecting the rear of a Kaiser sedan between 1 and 1:15 a.m.

On several occasions during the week the investigators have latched onto what they regarded as "hot tips" but the trails invariably led into a stone wall.

Chambers Auto Hits Patrol Vehicle

A state patrol automobile, operated by Trooper Hugh Spradling, of Norfolk, was struck and damaged at 7 p.m. Monday while parked 1/2 miles west of Norfolk on highway 275.

The car was struck by one driven by Merle J. Fagan, 42, of Chambers, Spradling reported.

Spradling said he had stopped his car behind a pickup truck. Fagan passed on the right hand side of another car going the same direction, and then cut in and struck the parked patrol machine on the right rear side, Spradling stated.

Fagan, according to the patrol, then drove "several blocks" before stopping his car. The patrol car was damaged about a rear fender, bumper and rear light. There also was some damage to the other machine.

The patrol Tuesday noon was still investigating the accident.

Chambers Couple Marks Anniversary

CHAMBERS—A family dinner party was held here Sunday in observance of the 54th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wintermote, at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gaius Wintermote and family.

The J. W. Wintermotes' grandson, Robert Wallace, was among the guests. He has been serving with the navy air force the past two years and is now stationed at Washington, D.C. He visited here enroute to Washington from Stockton, Calif., where he had visited his mother, Mrs. Ida Howard, and other relatives on a leave.

WEATHER SUMMARY

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
March 13	33	25	.05
March 14	34	22	
March 15	33	19	
March 16	42	16	
March 17	47	32	
March 18	41	28	



The Kurtzes today . . . spent the winter in the South.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richter greet U.S. Senator Robert S. Kerr during breakfast visit. Kerr is a demo presidential candidate.