

Spring Jury Court Term Opens Monday; Teacher Winner In Salary Suit

District court will convene next Monday for the trial of a few jury cases. Scheduled for the opening of court is the case of the state of Nebraska vs. Conklin. Following this the damage suit of McCarthy vs. Douglas comes up, an Atkinson physician being sued on an alleged charge of malpractice in caring for an injury sustained by the plaintiff. O'Connor vs. Wilburn, automobile accident, is also set for trial.

George E. Collins, of Atkinson, Tuesday began action for divorce from Lettie Collins, alleging desertion and cruelty.

A recent ruling of the court will be of interest to school boards generally throuthout the county. Eleanor Monahan, teacher in Dist. 35, brought action for her pay which was being withheld by the action of some of the school board on the grounds the teacher was not legally hired. The court holds, in effect, that the patrons of the school were getting the benefit of the teacher's services and she is entitled to her pay.

Burned About Face In A Gasoline Explosion

G. A. Mitchell, hostler at the Burlington round house, has a somewhat badly burned face as a result of a gasoline fire in his home Sunday morning. The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, some two years of age, had turned the burner of a gas stove so that there was a leakage which filled the pan below. When Mr. Mitchell lighted the stove this pan of gasoline burst into flame. George carried the burning pan to the door to throw it out and the cold air carried the flame up to his face. He tossed the hot receptacle out and turned his attention to the fire that had spread from the stove, some damage resulting to the walls.

Postoffice Construction Should Be Started Soon

Mr. Beha tells us he has word that the deeds have been completed and accepted for the property on upper Fourth street where the postoffice is to be built and the money will be sent completing the transfer in a few days. The post-office project was started over a year ago, there being delay in getting property titles perfected. Getting this building started should be expected soon now.

Tenth Birthday For Holt County Doctor

Page's busy M. D., Dr. O. W. French, really has a birthday of convenience since he rarely has time to celebrate it anyhow. The event occurs only every four years on February 29th and occasionally not that often as the doctor was 12 years old when his second birthday came along. This was due to the fact that a rule of the Gregorian calendar made 1900 not a leap year, and hence contained no extra day in February.

Dr. French's mother, Mrs. George French, served an oyster supper last Friday evening in honor of his tenth birthday and also the birthday of his father which occurred last week. Dr. French was born on a farm southwest of Page and was one of the earliest graduates of Page high school.—Page Reporter.

Point Record For Soukup

Francis Soukup, St. Mary's center, who made 274 points the past basketball season was chosen on the all-tournament team at the recent Class B tournament at Long Pine. Other selections were O'Neill and Johnson of Atkinson, Dennis of Butte, and a player from Lynch. Two hundred seventy-four points in one season is an all-time record of players at the Academy.

Work of excavating for the basement for the court house was completed Tuesday. The architect is to meet with the board Monday to arrange for calling for bids on the construction work.

IT'S A SENSATION!

With each Columbia Tire, 30-3 1/2, at only \$3.89, you also get a gal. of Oil, Tube Repair Kit, Chemically Treated Dust Cloth and an 8-piece Handy Socket Wrench Set, all for \$3.89—440 Tire at \$4.39, same FREE goods. Gamble Store.—Adv.

LOCAL LINGO

Superintendent McClurg is touring in the northern end of the county in behalf of the schools.

First and second mortgages, covering the same property and totaling \$218,750, executed by the Northern Nebraska Power corporation to the First Trust company of St. Paul, were filed with the register of deed at the court house Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Asher of Page, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every last Saturday. Accompanying the Ashers here were Mary Jane and Evelyn Van Every, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Van Every of Opportunity.

Mr. and Mrs. James Evans returned to their home at Grand Island yesterday after a stay in the city for a time looking after some property interests here. Mrs. Evans will be remembered as Martha Smith by long time residents here.

Thirty-nine cars, with license plates other than Holt county, nosed to the curb at Fourth and Douglas Tuesday morning—a similar number most any morning now—indicates that the winter famine in traffic from far and wide is now well over.

John Dick and family with his brother, Henry, moved this week to York county. They have resided the past eleven years on farms two miles north of town. Mrs. Friesen and sons, Frank, Pete and Clause, of the same neighborhood, also have moved to York county.

Our old friend Mike Englehaup writes from Chambers that in the fifty-five years he has been in Holt county '36 is the first time he had "frozen his fingers and thumbs feeding the stock." From various reports, you are not the only one to have been frost-bitten, Mike.

OLD FASHIONED TIRE SALE!
48% & 50% from Standard First Line List on Certified 1st Line Tires and good quality tube. These items are FREE with 30x3 1/2—29x4.40—1 Gal. Oil, Tube Repair Kit, Treated Dust Cloth and 8-piece Socket Wrench Set at \$3.89 & \$4.39.—Adv.

A crew of shelter belt workers, standing room only in a truck with a stock rack, pulls out from in front of the postoffice at 7 sharp each morning for the vicinity of the Hickey farm north of the cemetery, where tree planting for a stretch of the shelter belt project is going on.

Archie Bowen had to get up early Tuesday morning when he heard the patter of rain outside. In the work of enlarging his store building an opening extends along the east edge of the roof. Rain was impeding some goods in the store and Archie hustled out before daylight to take care of things.

Services at the Presbyterian church.—Sunday school at 10 a.m., C. E. Yantzi, superintendent; morning worship at 11, "Creative Living"; evening service at 7:30. Rev. and Mrs. Goodenberger will tell of their work in China. The talks will be illustrated with pictures. Rev. H. D. Johnson, pastor.

As will be seen by their advertising, Stoff Bros. are having a sale out at the ranch the 19th. They came here four years ago and have gotten together a fine herd of the popular White Faces. They expect to leave soon for their native Germany and we trust will not find Europe a general battle field when they arrive.

Joe Wagman called Tuesday to have his paper sent to Atkinson in the future. Mr. Wagman and family have been residing three miles down the river. As a substantial testimony of the esteem in which this family was held in the neighborhood friends gathered in Sunday evening for a farewell party. The Wagmans were all packed up ready to start in the morning but the guests had brought baskets of lunch and a pleasant evening was spent, everybody joining in well wishes for the family in their new home.

Funeral Services For Henry Ritts Held Here Wednesday Afternoon

The funeral of Henry Ritts, who died on Monday, was held at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock yesterday with Rev. Mr. May conducting the service. Deceased was a long time resident of O'Neill and had been for years the reliance of many householders for their interior decorative work. He was a native of Iowa, in which state he was born April 1, 1864. Two daughters survived, Mrs. Ritts having died some four years ago. Mrs. Sam Thompson of this city and Mrs. Harry LaPage of Omaha, are the immediate surviving relatives. Mrs. LaPage, with her husband and daughter, came from Omaha for the funeral.

Square Stacks Offer Hay Measuring Problem

Dr. L. A. Carter returned Saturday evening from a trip to his ranch in Wyoming precinct. He has taken the ranch over after having leased the past five years and is stocking up with a resident manager in charge. He found no difficulty in getting into that section of the county, following highway 11 to some three miles north of Swan lake, where he had to leave the highway to go southeast to the ranch. He made the purchase of a number of stacks of hay in the neighborhood at \$1.50 per ton. The stacks are square instead of the familiar round type and this offers a problem in mathematics which puzzles the doctor to know how to ascertain the amount of hay per stack. The rules are simple and largely in use in this county for measuring round stacks but nobody seems to have at hand a formula for measuring a square stack.

Senior Class Play Mar. 17

On the most appropriate day of the year, St. Patrick's, the Senior class of St. Mary's academy will present its play, "The Luck of Derryveragh," a modern Irish comedy in three acts.

The cast: Lord of Derryveragh, Donald Wehrstein; Cathleen, Jane Mains; Larry O'Leary, Francis Soukup; Constance, Betty Biglin; Fergus, Bennett Heriford; Deirdre, Estella McNichols; Sheila, Mary Kathryn Coyne; Nora, Cecilia Edwards; Mike, Donald Martin; Bridget, Lucille Hickey.

There will be a matinee at 2 and the evening performance at 8.

Botanical Freak

A curious botanical specimen was secured along the Elkhorn river near town during the winter. It consists of a bare stock of extremely hard wood about two feet in length terminating in two branches at the top and attached to a large bulb similar in shape and size to a squash and two short roots. A few have ventured more or less authoritative suggestions as to what it might be but no absolute authority is available. The specimen is to be seen in the window at the Hershiser shoe shop.

Grattan Project Club

The Grattan Project club met at the home of Mrs. Clarence Hoxie on Wednesday, Feb. 23 for an all day meeting. Mrs. Viola Hoxie was a visitor. A very nice dinner was served at noon. Mrs. L. Barrett and Mrs. Emma Lawrence demonstrated needle work and crocheting. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. George Weingartner.

Tall Tale

Holt county has many splendid fields of sweet clover every summer. It is interesting—if true—how a Holt county man was instrumental in getting sweet clover introduced in the hard hills of counties southeast of Holt. The story comes on no less authority than Frank Biglin that an O'Neill man driving thru Boone county reached for his shotgun, removed the shot from a shell, took a handful of sweet clover seed from a sack in the car, loaded the shell, put it in the gun and blazed away at the side of the road. Next time thru there he saw a fine bunch of sweet clover growing.

Mrs. Brooks of Atkinson is in the city today for the funeral of her life-long friend, Mrs. Chapman.

BRIEFLY STATED

Rodell Root was up from Chambers Monday.

W. O. Houshin, of Stuart, was in the city Tuesday.

Tom Henrihan, of Atkinson, had business here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Koblyer of Atkinson, were in the city Monday.

John Gaughenbaugh went to Atkinson Monday, expecting to return Wednesday.

L. G. Gillespie was looking after business in the Emmet neighborhood Tuesday.

Sheriff Duffy had official business in western Wyoming township the first of the week.

J. P. Mann expects to leave the first of the week for a visit to his niece in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chudomelka of Inman visited Sunday afternoon at the Vic Halva home.

Mrs. R. Saunders and two sons, of Swan precinct were in the city for a short time Monday.

Allen Spindler and Marvin Van Every spent Friday and Saturday in Norfolk visiting friends.

The Friendly Neighbors extension club met at the home of Mrs. Tom Edwards Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carson, accompanied by Mrs. Carson's mother, Mrs. Scott, are up from Chambers today.

Tom Edwards returned Sunday night after spending a week at the bedside of his father, gravely ill at Rockton, Wis.

L. H. Taylor has moved to Riverton, Wyo. He has been living on a farm in southern Holt county on highway 281.

R. H. Mills came over from Gregory, S. D., Monday to make some arrangements for moving back to O'Neill.

Guy Cole of Emmet was in the city yesterday and called on business, radiating a lot of good cheer at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chocholousch and son, August, of Verdigris, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Halva last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Golden, who has been ill at the Western hotel the past three weeks with pneumonia, is still under the care of the nurse.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Saunders Sunday. The mother and child, both in superb condition, are at the home of Mrs. Zastrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Powleski were called to Ericson yesterday. Mrs. Powleski's father, Mr. Pierce, in the drug business at Ericson, died suddenly.

Charlie Pettijohn, who has spent the winter in the city, made a trip to the ranch up in Dustin last week. He says they have got thru the winter in good shape up there.

Robert Renter, a former resident of the Chambers community, was in the city over night Monday on his way home near Lincoln after a visit to relatives in Boyd county.

Miss Helen Halva came up from Grand Island last Thursday for a short visit at the home of Vic Halva. Miss Halva left for Gregory, S. D., where she will visit with her father for some time.

Dick Morrison tells us his father is still at the hospital in Omaha and Mrs. Morrison is staying with him. It was found necessary to reset the bones as they had not started to heal properly.

Ralph Leidy, the enterprising hatchery man, is busy these days testing chicken flocks on the farms for disease reactors, similar to what has been done among cattle herds. Any flock from which he secures eggs for his hatchery is given the test.

Last Rites Held Monday At St. Patrick's Church For Mrs. Myron Sparks

Mrs. Ellen Sparks, another pioneer, passed away Friday, March 6, following a paralytic stroke. Funeral was held Monday at St. Patrick's church, interment in Calvary cemetery.

Deceased was the daughter of Michael and Margaret Sullivan, who came to Pennsylvania from Ireland and where she was born on Feb. 7, 1868. In 1880 she came with the family to Holt county and in 1897 was married to Myron Sparks. Her husband died some five years ago. There are five children, William, Edward and Joseph Sparks and Mildred Davis of O'Neill, and Margaret Lovey of Omaha, surviving. Mrs. Sparks was a sister of Supervisor John Sullivan and had a sister, Mrs. Margaret Dwyer, at Denver.

Her death removes another from the ranks of the fast diminishing group of early pioneers. Her parents were among the first settlers across the river south of town as were also the family of her husband and Mr. and Mrs. Sparks had made their home in the same neighborhood.

Ed Burge had a fall from a ladder at Inman Tuesday, sustaining a fractured heel bone. He is now at his home here with the foot in a cast and will be laid up for some weeks. He was at work at Inman's new school house when the accident occurred. This is the second accident that has befallen Ed, he just lately having resumed work after a long period of idleness from an injury.

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Asks O'Neill Man For Information

Inquiry comes to Eli Hershiser of this city for information concerning an old trail from the long abandoned Ft. Niobrara, near Valentine, to Ogallala. Grace McCoy Hummel, at one time a Holt county girl, is doing some historical research work in the counties west of Holt. Another inquiry is where the town of Irwin derived its name.

Mr. Hershiser has been able to give some facts as he was in the country from Valentine to Gordon at the time. Irwin got its name from Bennet Irwin, a ranchman. Eli, another small town of that section, was named for Mr. Hershiser. He was endeavoring to hold down a claim and also a job with the newly built railroad. The claim was "jumped" and he had to take up quarters elsewhere, his last stopping place becoming the town of Eli.

Estimates A Sortage of About 300 Farms

Judge Tomlinson estimates that there is a shortage of 300 farms in Holt county. Not that there isn't plenty of land. The need is for buildings and fencing and improvements necessary to make farms. There are vacant tracts of one section or more within a short distance of O'Neill which could be converted into fruitful farms sustaining a considerable population. The same is true all over the county, some communities having more and others less of little used land. The judge also feels that the one-year tenure of lease is an expensive system, entailing much moving each spring that is a waste. The present unsettled state of industry and uncertain property rights now disturbing real estate values in Nebraska combine to discourage capital to venture into farm development.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Susie Ross went home Sunday afternoon, feeling much improved.

Mrs. Floyd Anderson and baby, Mary Joann, of Chambers, went home Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Ted Hopkins, of Inman submitted to a minor operation Friday the 6th, and went home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lewis Tasler, who has been in the hospital for sometime for medical treatment is in a serious condition at present.

Zeb Warner, who has been in the hospital the last week, is still in a serious condition.

The weather gauge got up to 74 above Monday but enough of a drop by Wednesday morning to form ice. Nobody is particularly interested in the temperature only as it goes to the extremes either way.

9 DAY BIRTHDAY RADIO SALE!

7-tube A. C. Console, \$29.95—5-tube Mantel, \$14.94—Farm Mantel, complete with tubes, less batteries, \$14.95—"B" Batteries, 73c—House Lamps, 7c—Flashlight Batteries, 3c—Dairy Pails, 3 for 79c—1 qt. Varnish FREE with a gal of Egg Shell Paint. Gamble Store.—Adv.

MINOR MATTERS

The school boy that hasn't a bag of marbles as he reluctantly heads toward the temple of learning at the clang of the first morning bell, feels he is not properly equipped for the more important affairs of the day. He may be "skinned" out of most of them by evening but comes back with another sack to enter the arena again next day.

One million dollars worth of cattle were sold at the Atkinson sale ring during 1935 according to information at hand. At 4 per cent sale charges a neat profit accrues to the promoters of the enterprise and the town business interests profit to some extent. It will probably show the largest turn over of any single business in the county.

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Five representatives from administrative headquarters at Lincoln were in the city yesterday and held a meeting at the Golden hotel to talk over in an instructive way matters pertaining to the assistant act. Fourteen counties are in the O'Neill district. The county treasurer and county board in each county comprise committees to pass upon the cases in their respective counties. Ten counties had representation in the meeting here.

Mrs. Meer, of Valentine, was in the city Monday, returning her daughter and two friends to St. Mary's academy after the week-end spent at home. Mrs. Meer is the wife of Dr. Meer, at one time a printer in O'Neill, now a dentist and druggist at Valentine with an extensive practice and large business. His drug store has attracted country wide attention for furnishing a prescription which is said to work wonders for asthma sufferers.

A tragedy—bloody, shocking, fatal—on the hard and cold pavement directly in view of the editorial sanctum with no possibility to act the role of the hero to the rescue. A pair of White Leghorns from the yard of a householder wandered this way and were looking things over up and down the curb when one ventured too far and was caught in the hurrying traffic. A spurt of blood, a flutter of wings, a clanging of the air and that hen's day was done.

Editor Cronin, accompanied by his son, J. D., drove to Sioux City Sunday. J. D. returning to O'Neill while D. H. proceeded to Rochester, Minn., to the Mayo institution for some medical work he has had under contemplation all winter. He expects to be away two weeks. Those in charge at The Frontier will endeavor to keep the wheels of industry going at the old stand while Mr. Cronin is away and trust he returns with the desired results attained from the dental work involved.

About the earliest of O'Neill business men to get down to their place of business in the morning is Clyde King of the Galena lumber yard. Summer and winter, rain or shine, snow or blow, Mr. King is in his office at 7 o'clock and puts in a ten-hour day or longer when occasion demands. Probably a habit acquired in youth when a journeyman printer ten hours was a day's work. The writer imbibed the same industrial philosophy which still sticks.

MRS. CHAPMAN DIES AT HER SON'S HOME MONDAY AT OMAHA

Funeral Held This Afternoon At Episcopal Church. Interment At Prospect Hill.

Many here were genuinely grieved to learn that Mrs. L. C. Chapman had died Monday, March 9, at the home of her son Lawrence in Omaha where she had gone only a week previous. Friends knew that she had not been in the best of health of late weeks and her son came here early last week to take her to Omaha with him. The remains were brought to O'Neill by Mr. and Mrs. Chapman Tuesday and were at the Biglin chapel all day yesterday for many friends who wished to have the last look at the calm and restful features of another of our departed pioneer women.

Angeline Simpson was born June 29, 1870, near Kingston, Ont., Canada. At the age of ten she went with her parents to Iowa and in the early 80's they came to Holt county and settled with other pioneers near the river in the northwest part of the county. When Angeline became of age she took a home-stead. Interested in the natural beauties, animals, birds and the many wild and shy things on the vast prairies all about she could make friends even with these. A pet badger she had tamed was the source of Badger post office being so named when Mrs. Simpson, her mother, became postmistress.

In 1889 Miss Simpson was married to Lewis C. Chapman and they made their home at Atkinson several years, two children, Ida Bernice and Lawrence, were born there and in 1900 the family came to O'Neill, Mr. Chapman transferring his law business from there here. Always active, progressive and interested in the better things, some years ago she launched into business in O'Neill by opening a store for the sale of ladies garments. She met with marked success at this. Four years ago her husband died.

The funeral is held today at 2 o'clock at the little church Mrs. Chapman and a few other O'Neill ladies were responsible for building, the Episcopal church on upper Fourth street that is soon to be removed to make room for the new federal building. Rev. Snowden, rector at Valentine, conducts the services. Interment in Prospect Hill. Her daughter, Mrs. Ulbrich of Hollywood, Cal., and her son, with his wife, from Omaha, and a sister of deceased, Mrs. Robert Byrnes from Minneapolis, are here.

Dorsey Club Meets

The Dorsey Project club held a party on March 7th at the home of Mrs. Carl Grant with about forty guests present. Most of the guests arrived with "Dobbin" hitched to their wagons, some driving as far as eight miles. Only two cars ventured out and they had much trouble trying to get thru the almost impassable roads.

The entire evening was spent in playing games, which kept the crowd in a continuous uproar. These were sponsored by Louis Hansen and F. P. Hunter. A delicious lunch was served at 12 o'clock and after an hour of social chatting the guests departed for their homes, declaring Mrs. Grant and our program committee royal entertainers.

There will be Lutheran services at the Episcopal church on Wednesday, March 18, at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. Wm. G. Vahle, of Atkinson.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank the many kind friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness and expressions of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our darling mother and sister, Mrs. Myron Sparks.—The Sparks family, Mr. John Sullivan and Mrs. J. J. Dwyer.

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We sincerely thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and help in the death and burial of our beloved husband, father and brother. We also wish to thank the South Side Improvement Club for their beautiful flowers.—Mrs. Ambrose Bluffey and Children, Brothers and Sisters.