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SISTER MARY LINA OF ST. MARY'S DIES OF FLU-PNEUMONIA

Death Was Very Sudden, Coming After An Illness Of But Four Days.

Death once more visited St. Mary's Academy, and on March 30, called Sister Mary Lina, the teacher of the Second grade.

Until Wednesday morning, March 27, Sister Lina was in school but grew suddenly so ill, she was obliged to give up. Her death was caused by flu-pneumonia and several complications which sapped her vitality and gave her no chance to overcome the disease.

Sister Lina, coming from Meadville, Pa., entered the Order of St. Francis at Buffalo, N. Y. She spent about twenty-six years as superior in various parish schools—St. Leo's of Columbus, Ohio; St. Joachim's, Buffalo, N. Y.; St. Elizabeth's, Charleston, W. Va., and St. Leonard's Portland, Oregon.

Her work in those schools was with the pupils of the Seventh and Eighth grades.

Since coming to St. Mary's, nearly four years ago, she has proved herself a kind, patient, and thorough teacher of the little tots, and they have learned to love her and appreciate her worth.

Her death was most edifying, and the community will miss her, as she was an inspiration to all who knew her. The funeral was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's church, Rt. 1, Rock. Monsignor McNamara officiating.

Mother Claver and the Sisters extend sincerest thanks to the good people of O'Neill for their sympathy and generous aid during these days of trial.

WHAT'S DOING IN THE LEGISLATURE

By James R. Lowell

The adage has it that a gift horse should not be looked in the mouth, but there is a growing undertone of thought in Nebraska that questions the benefits derived as a whole from the FERA.

Congress is pretty certain to pass the \$4,880,000,000 work relief bill, the largest appropriation in peacetime history for any nation. Federal representatives intimated just before the state passed the \$4,000,000 relief bill that Nebraska would get in the neighborhood of \$35,000,000 during the next two years if the state relief bill was passed and if when the national relief bill went through.

The Lowell Service recently made a brief survey and found the sentiment to run something like this among business men, farmers, privately employed laborers, and even among a part of the FERA administrative employees:

The CCC has done an admirable piece of work, and other federal relief measures have good points. The rural rehabilitation farmstead program looks like a good experiment, but it can be only a drop in the bucket so far as solving the relief problem is concerned.

Work relief is more to be desired than the dole, BUT there is bound to be an enormous amount of waste where millions are to be spent in a short length of time with a hastily gathered administrative force. The same work could be done much more cheaply and efficiently thru private industry.

A number of those interviewed suggested that if the grade-crossing elimination projects, rural electrification, et. cetera, contemplated under the new work relief program, were given to private contractors with the job being the chief consideration and relief secondary, things would work out better for all concerned. There was considerable doubt as to the advisability of spending nearly five billion dollars, however.

Many persons, and not all of them were republicans, expressed the opinion that we would be better off if the federal government had never gone into the relief business. Relief rolls would be about 50 per cent smaller if local authorities had had the administration of relief, they said.

It was pretty generally agreed that we have the bull by the tail where the relief problem is concerned, and there is certain to be "hell-a-poppin'" when the federal

government does withdraw from the business of relief.

There was considerable argument as to whether morale has been maintained or lowered by the mammoth scale of relief.

The opinion was frequently expressed that while the federal government gave the desire to keep relief out of politics as one of its prime motives in administering relief itself, the fellows at Washington are using this same relief as a political football to assure President Roosevelt's re-election in 1936.

Within a few weeks a representative of the Lowell Service will make a tour over the state to get the general opinion of Nebraskans on the relief question, which is generally agreed to be one of the most serious the country has ever faced.

Is too much being spent for relief in Nebraska? Would local administration be more satisfactory than federal administration? Would we be better off if the federal government had never gone into the relief business? Is there any possible way of getting out of it now? Watch this paper for a cross-section of Nebraska opinion on these and similar questions.

Prospects for immediate passage of a liquor control law were dim this week with the law makers indulging in a large amount of oration and huge amounts being themselves to the radio microphone at frequent intervals to let the folks at home know they were "in there and fighting."

One of the more important amendments adopted to date is by Hanthorn (R) of Superior, specifying that on-sale and off-sale licenses shall not be issued to the same establishment, and that liquor sold by the package must be taken to the purchaser's residence before the seal is broken and consumed there.

The house has approved giving a state liquor commission final power in granting licenses, altho the various local authorities shall have an opportunity to make recommendations "unless for good cause shown."

State wholesaling and state distilling have been entirely deleted from the bill.

An amendment by Barnes, of Cherry, defines a hotel as a place with at least five rooms for transients, instead of 25 as originally provided. This is important as the hotels probably will be among the main places where liquor by the package is sold, and in smaller communities where only one license is issued, the hotel will be the place that gets the license.

Another important amendment is by Havekost, of Hooper, requiring labeling of quantity of each liquor container, and providing that no amount less than one-half pint be offered for sale. This eliminates the one-tenth pint bottles now on the market, legally in most states, which make it handy for a man to step into the alley and polish off a drink.

Local option, which is certain to be the chief bone of contention, had not been tackled early this week.

The meat of the legislative action during the past week aside from the liquor question:

The senate threw aside the 35-member uni-cameral proposal and adopted a revised scheme by Dafoe of Tecumseh, allowing 49 members. Under the districting of this proposal, the minimum population would be 19,901 in Otoe county, designated as a district by itself, and ranging up to slightly more than 37,000 population in each of two districts, one of which would be Washington and Dodge, and the other, Madison and Pierce. The remaining 46 districts would have a population each somewhere between these two extremes.

The administration-sponsored gasoline port of entry bill was passed by the senate and is now in the house. It would require the department of agriculture to establish ports of entry where motor vehicle fuels may be imported into the state. The object is to avoid bootlegging of gasoline from neighboring states where the gas tax is lower than in Nebraska.

A bill was revived, reducing the salary of the clerk of the supreme court from \$5,000 to \$3,500; court reporter from \$4,000 to \$2,700, effective in 1939. Judges were lowered by previous action from \$7,500 to \$5,200 per year.

A bill was introduced at the instigation of Governor Cochran, to combine the soldiers' home at Milford with the one at Grand Island, thus allowing the state to put the Milford property into other use.

The senate passed a bill to create a state compensation court with three judges at \$3,600 a year and a clerk at \$3,000 to hear and decide all claims brought under the workmen's compensation law, and fix allowances for services of doctors, lawyers and nurses. The bill has yet to run the house gauntlet.

The house passed its bill to require state highway department to maintain federal aid roads thru cities of less than 2,500 population and to pay half of cost thru cities of 2,500 to 25,000 population.

The house killed Representative Perigo's bill to raise the levy on intangible property. This means intangibles will be taxed under the old law which the legislature of 1933 sought to change. The bill passed by that legislature was subsequently declared unconstitutional.

The governor signed a bill permitting governmental subdivisions, banks, private trusts and other financial institutions to invest in FHA securities and make loans under the federal housing program.

The senate judiciary committee changed the proposed chain store tax to exempt "any public utility or place of business at which the principal business conducted is the sale or handling of agricultural or dairy products, petroleum products, coal and building materials, and stores owned by co-operative companies."

Nebraska is losing the distinction of being the cheapest state in the Union in which to own a new car, due to action of the present legislature.

The average first year tax on a car in this state up until now was \$51.05. This included the license fee, gasoline tax, federal gasoline and oil taxes which averages \$5.50 per car, and federal excise taxes of \$17.95.

Contributing to Nebraska's fall from grace, in the eyes of the new car buyer, are the one cent tax levied for relief and the probable 50 cent levy to finance a state police force. This state will still remain near the bottom of the list, however.

Incidentally, State Tax Commissioner Smith estimates that 90,000 automobiles for which licenses were issued in this state last year, escaped being taxed because they were never listed when the assessor came around. He says that while 407,144 automobile licenses were issued in 1933, only 316,462 cars were placed on the tax lists last year.

Will Hold District FHA Meeting Here

Next Monday night there will be a district meeting held in this city which will be addressed by the head of the FHA for the state of Nebraska. This district comprises six counties, with O'Neill as the headquarters. The meeting is for contractors and material men and the benefits of the FHA will be discussed by the state officials. The meeting will be held in the dining room of the Golden Hotel.

Corn-Hog Sign-up Above Last Year

The first of April was the last day applications could be made for 1935 corn-hog contracts. Monday night a total of 1,509 applications were on record in Agricultural Agent Reece's office, which was nearly a hundred over last year. This indicates a large majority of the farmers are interested in the attempt to control the production of basic commodities and thereby increase their net return from their farm. This number of applications covers approximately 80 per cent of the total corn and hog production of Holt county.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their help and sympathy in the loss of our dear husband and father. Your kindness will always be remembered.—Mrs. Peter Clausen and children.

Lyle Switzer, of Clearwater, and Miss Lovena L. Guntz, of Ewing, were granted a marriage license in county court on April 2.

STOCKHOLDERS OF COUNTRY CLUB RE-ELECT DIRECTORS

Plan Decorating And Planting of Flowers And Trees, And New Playground Equipment.

The stockholders of the O'Neill Country Club at their meeting Tuesday evening elected the same board of directors as served the previous year. The directors in their meeting following the stockholders session elected Dr. L. A. Burgess as president, it being the fourth year that Dr. Burgess has acted in that capacity.

The activities as outlined by the directors are planned as follows:

The club house will be redecorated, flowers and many new trees will be planted, playground equipment will be installed on a large scale.

The following committee of ten has been named by the president to conduct the feminine activities for the coming year: Mrs. George Agnes, Chairman; Mrs. R. M. Saunders, Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, Mrs. C. J. Gatz, Mrs. Sam Lidell, Mrs. C. J. Olson, Mrs. Pete Todson, Mrs. J. P. Brown, Miss Marjorie Dickson and Miss Helen Biglin.

The club officials will stress four major events during the coming season:

The opening dance, about May 20th, with the best orchestra available.

The annual Invitation Tournament to be held on June 23, 24 and 25.

The Fourth of July celebration with a large and better program.

The annual Stag Party, the closing event of the season.

There will be many intervening entertainments that will be most enjoyable, it is hoped. The financial report shows the club to be in the best condition of its history.

A membership drive will be conducted and it is hoped that a larger membership may be obtained than was had in 1934 when the club had 83 members. An invitation will be extended to all residents of O'Neill to join the club, especially will new residents of the city be encouraged to share in the pleasures of the 1935 season.

C. M. T. Camps Will Be Held This Year

Citizen's Military Training camps will be held again this year, according to an announcement made today by Major General Stuart Heintzelman, Commanding the Seventh Corps Area. A quota of 4,000 will be trained in the Seventh Corps Area, which consists of the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas.

The camps will be held from July 2 to July 31 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, for Basics and Infantry; from July 3 to August 1 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for Basics, Infantry and Field Artillery; from July 10 to August 8 at Fort Lincoln, North Dakota, for Basics and Infantry; at Fort Riley, Kansas, for Basics, Infantry and Cavalry; from July 23 to August 21 at Camp Pike, Arkansas, for Basics and Infantry; and from August 1 to August 30 at Fort Crook, Nebraska, and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for Basics and Infantry.

The object of the C. M. T. Camps, General Heintzelman states, is to develop the manhood of the nation by bringing together young men of high type from all walks of life, in the same uniform, on a common basis of equality, and under the most favorable conditions of outdoor life; to teach them the privileges, duties, and responsibilities of American citizenship; to inculcate self-discipline and obedience; and to develop these young men physically, mentally and morally.

All applicants are examined physically, and those who meet the requirements are considered for one of the training camps mentioned. Travel expenses to the camps are refunded by paying candidates, upon arrival at camp, the travel allowance of five cents per mile for the distance from their homes to the nearest camp. The same allowance is paid for the return travel the day the candidates leave camp. All necessary expenses at the camp are paid by the government. Food, uniforms, lodging, athletic equipment, laundry service and medical

care are furnished without expense to the candidate.

No obligation for future military service of any kind is incurred by those who attend these camps.

Snow Brings Relief From Dust Storms

The dust storms that have raised "cain" in Nebraska and several midwestern states during the past three weeks seem to be over, at least for the time being. Saturday night we had a nice snow fall, amounting to about four inches, which contained .28 of an inch of moisture. Most of the snow was gone Monday and Tuesday night we had another fall of about five inches, which was very wet, and measured .38 of an inch of moisture. Tuesday it snowed most of the day, in spurts, and the snow-melting as soon as it fell, it was almost impossible to measure the moisture content. Then Tuesday night and Wednesday morning we had another which will add considerable to the moisture. It is estimated that there has been at least an inch of moisture during the past five days and this will assist in placing the ground in excellent condition for spring planting and will be invaluable to the fall grains, both rye and wheat as well as the pastures.

James Dolan Dies At Wyoming Home

James P. Dolan, 76, passed away at his home in Riverton, Sunday night following a long illness during which he had been failing rapidly, due to his advanced years. Funeral services were held from St. Margaret's Catholic church, the Rev. Fr. Leo Morgan in charge. Interment was made in the family plot beside the remains of his wife who preceded him in death in 1931, and two sons, James P. and George who passed away within the past few years.

Rosary was said at the home of Mrs. Grace Campbell, a daughter, in this city, Wednesday evening at 7:30, and the funeral services were also held from her home today.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of E. E. Davis of the Davis Mortuary.

Pallbearers were: P. J. Cain, F. B. Simon, Felix Applehans, J. E. Smith, Al Kirsh and A. C. Allen.

James Patrick Dolan was born on October 3, 1858 at Clinton, Iowa. He resided for many years with his family at O'Neill, Neb., from which place they came to Riverton about 15 years ago and have resided here ever since.

He is survived by one sister who was in attendance at the funeral from Powell, Wyo., in company with two of her sons, and the following children: Mrs. Frank J. Gill, of Lander; Mrs. Joseph Sinkula, of Wisconsin; Leonard Dolan, of Baird; Mrs. Grace Campbell of this city, and Ted Dolan, of Laramie, all of whom were present at the funeral.

The surviving members of the family have the sincere sympathy of all their friends, as this has been only one contest in the city, that for councilman in the Third ward, the voters refused to get excited over the election. The Third ward, where there was a contest, polled the heaviest vote in the city, and then only about half of the normal vote was cast. Norb Uhl, who has been filling the position by appointment, filling a vacancy, was elected over R. H. Parker with a vote of 138 to 82. Following was the vote cast in the several wards: First, 70; Second, 33; Third, 220.

J. A. Mann Appointed County FHA Chairman

M. S. Archer, of Ewing, supervisor of the F. H. A. for this district, was in the city the forepart of the week. Mr. Archer announces that he will move to this city the coming week and make this his home. He also announced the appointment of J. A. Mann as county chairman of the F. H. A. for Holt county.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills, of Gregory, S. D., were in the city last Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives and old friends. They were on their wedding tour as they were married Saturday morning at Gregory. We understand that Mrs. Mills is the owner of a Gregory county farm a few miles from Gregory and they will make their home thereon. Although well past seventy, Hank was stepping around like a twenty year old youngster. O'Neill friends tender congratulations and good wishes.

Dr. N. P. McKee, of Atkinson, was transacting business in this city last Wednesday.

Hospital Notes

Marion Clouse went home Saturday afternoon.

L. Z. Ballinger went home Monday afternoon.

Fred Wagman, of O'Neill, was operated on for acute appendicitis Friday evening the 29. He is convalescing rapidly.

Mrs. Guy Johnson, of Opportunity, came in Monday afternoon for medical treatment. She is much improved this morning.

Mrs. Asher expects to go home today.

Reduced Interest On Loans Offered By Federal Land Bank

The Federal Land Bank announces a reduced interest rate on its loans.

"The lowest interest rate ever offered agriculture on mortgage credit is now available to farmers obtaining Federal Land Bank loans through the O'Neill National Farm Loan Association of O'Neill, according to Jas. F. O'Donnell, Secretary-Treasurer.

"Mr. O'Donnell has just been notified of the permanent reduction of the interest rate from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent, effective on all land bank loans closed after April 1."

Informing the secretary-treasurer of the new permanent rate, D. P. Hogan, president of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, declared: "As in the past, the Federal Land banks again have taken the lead in reducing interest charges. This new rate marks a milestone in the progress farmers are making by conducting their credit affairs cooperatively. The reduction will mean a saving of thousands of dollars to the land bank's future borrowers in your community."

Commissioner loans, also made by the land bank on either first or second mortgage security, will continue to bear 5 per cent interest.

First Shipment Of Seed Oats Arrives

The first shipment of government seed oats for Holt county has been received in O'Neill and is available for distribution at the Farmers Union Elevator. Additional shipments of oats are expected in the near future. There is also a small supply of Spring Wheat available.

To date no barley has been received since there has not been sufficient orders received for a carload shipment. There is also considerable barley owned by Holt county residents that is available for seed, some of which has been sent to the state seed analyst for seed tests. A list of people having seed for sale is on file at the Agricultural Agent's office and anyone having seed for sale is urged to list it so that the public may be informed of the source.

City Election Quiet; Uhl Defeats Parker

The city election passed off very quietly last Tuesday, a very small vote being polled. As there was only one contest in the city, that for councilman in the Third ward, the voters refused to get excited over the election. The Third ward, where there was a contest, polled the heaviest vote in the city, and then only about half of the normal vote was cast. Norb Uhl, who has been filling the position by appointment, filling a vacancy, was elected over R. H. Parker with a vote of 138 to 82. Following was the vote cast in the several wards: First, 70; Second, 33; Third, 220.

Presbyterian Men Hold Meeting Here

The men of the Presbyterian churches of Atkinson, Stuart, Kellar and Bethany met with the local Presbyterian men last Monday night. A fine program of quartet music and instrumental music had been prepared. Dr. A. V. Hunter gave an excellent address on Building Foundations for the Future. A number of men from the Methodist church, with their pastor, Rev. May, were guests of the local group.

Busy Hour Club

The Busy Hour Club was held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Wayman, Tuesday, March 26, 1935. All members were present. Visitors were Mrs. Fred Lorenz, Mrs. Otto Lorenz, Mrs. Albert Roseler, Mrs. Eddie Roseler and Martha Boldra. A shower was also given for the bride, Mrs. Charles Vorce, who received many presents. After the shower a delicious luncheon of fruit salad, doughnuts and coffee was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held April 24 at the home of Mrs. John Miller.

"BOB" MARSH DIES AT HIS HOME OF A HEART ATTACK

Was Sick But A Short Time, Being Ordered To Bed Last Friday Due To Heart Trouble.

Robert J. Marsh died at his home in this city at 7:30 last Wednesday morning after an illness of five days, of heart failure, at the age of 68 years, 9 months and 27 days.

Bob was sick only a few days. He was around town as usual a week ago and circulated a petition for members of the school board, the forepart of last week, covering the entire business section. He exerted himself then, as it was a very blustery and windy day, and he felt mean for a few days after and last Friday consulted a physician who ordered him to bed. He had a heart attack shortly afterwards and he sank rapidly until the end came Wednesday morning.

Robert J. Marsh was born in county Mayo, Ireland, on June 6, 1866. When he was a few years of age his parents came to this country and settled in Scranton, Pa., where the family resided until the spring of 1878 when they moved to Nebraska and settled on a farm northwest of this city, where they made their home for many years. Some forty-five years ago he moved to this city and he has been a continuous resident of O'Neill ever since.

On October 15, 1895, he was united in marriage to Miss Kate Menish, a daughter of one of the pioneer families of the northwest settlement, who survives him.

"Bob" Marsh was quite active in civil and political affairs in this city and county. Coming to this county with his parents fifty-seven years ago, when he was a little under twelve years of age, practically his entire life was spent in this city and county. He was a member of a good-sized family, three boys and two girls, and Bob lived to mourn the departure of all of his brothers and sisters.

He always took an active interest in politics and served this district as a member of the County Board, and later served as postmaster of this city. Last spring he filed on the republican ticket as a candidate for state railway commissioner and won the nomination, being defeated in the democratic landslide by Will Maupin. Altho defeated in the general election he felt pretty good over the fact that he carried this county by over 1,600 votes, in the face of a heavy democratic vote.

For several years he has been writing insurance, both life and fire and met with marked success. He had an agreeable personality and had a faculty of making and retaining friends. He was about the last survivor of the large colony of Pennsylvanians that settled the county northwest of this city in the latter seventies, at least the last that we know of that live in this section. He was a good citizen and his sudden passing will be a source of sorrow to many friends over the county.

The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's church Friday morning at 9 o'clock, interment in Calvary cemetery.

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