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BIG FIRE THIS AFTERNOON THREATENS O'NEILL'S LARGEST INDUSTRY

Hay Barn, Just West of Tri State Hatchery Burns And Endangers Entire Tri State Plant

Firemen Extinguish Flames On North and West Side of Hatchery Building With Little Damage to The Building

The fire alarm sounded about 1:30 this afternoon and it was discovered that the Pat O'Connor hay barn, just west of the Tri State Hatchery was on fire. The fire had gained great headway before it was discovered, and from the start it could be seen that the building was doomed. The hatchery just a few feet east also caught on fire and it looked for a time as if it was doomed, but the fire department soon had the fire there under control, without a great damage to that part of the Tri State plant. Men were kept on the roof of the Tri State Main plant all afternoon to watch for flying sparks.

There was a lot of hay in the barn, just how many tons we have been unable to learn and it will burn for several hours, which will necessitate keeping a close watch there all afternoon and probably tonight. At the time of going to press we have been unable to ascertain the amount of damage to the hay barn and contents and to the hatchery. The damage to the latter will not be learned until the goods stored therein have been inspected, after the danger of fire has been eliminated. O'Neill citizens are rejoicing that the fire was no worse.

The fire started in the grass at the southwest corner of the hay barn and burned to and into the barn. The barn was insured, but we have not learned the amount carried, but we have been unable to learn whether the hay stored therein was insured or not.

Real Pioneer Celebrates 80th Birthday at Home Northeast of This City

Sunday, December 10 was the eightieth birthday of Mrs. P. J. Lansworth, a pioneer Holt county settler, and in honor of the event nine of her thirteen children gathered at the family home in celebration. Mrs. Lansworth, one of the few left of the true pioneers of Holt county, is hale and hearty, doing practically all of her own work, raising chickens, in fact does the regular routine work of a farm woman.

Coming to Holt county from Milwaukee, Wis., more than sixty years ago, Mrs. Lansworth has endured all the hardships connected with taming the wilderness, building a home, raising a family in a land where only the fittest survive. Mrs. Lansworth still makes her home in the same section in which is located the original homestead. Many interesting experiences can Mrs. Lansworth relate of the early days, of Indian scares, bitter cold winters when deep snow and blizzards kept the settlers imprisoned, and personal contact was made afoot through the deep drifts. Many and oft were the times Mrs. Lansworth was called to the bedside of a sick neighbor, and no night was too dark or cold for her to respond when the call came. Many a mother, when her hour of childbirth approached, was cheered and comforted by her presence when roads were impassable and a doctor was unable to reach his patient.

Through all the years Mrs. Lansworth has remained cheerful and optimistic, with a firm faith in the future. She believes that good, even better times lie ahead, and that it behooves us to "stand by" and keep faith until the adjustment is made.

The sons and daughters who celebrated with her are: John A. Harry O, Addie L. Wrede, Mrs. Chas. Manson, Mrs. Goldie Liddy, Mrs. Nell Boshart, Mrs. Pearl Widfeldt, all of O'Neill, Nebr.; Mrs. Claire Van Hove, Bristow, Nebr.; Mrs. Grace Mammaerlun, Butte, Nebr.; the four children not present are Peter J. Pr., Seattle, Wash.; Isa L. Brundage, Omaha; Robert Lansworth of Tekamah, Nebr.; and Mrs. Mabel Kerns, King City, Mo.

Former Local Federal Employee Indicted For Defalcation in Office

Richard A. Bishop, collector of internal revenue in this district for about two years and who was removed from office about a month ago, was indicted by the federal grand jury at Omaha this week on the charge of embezzling \$118.00 of government funds, in small amounts over a period from October 12, 1938, to October 11, 1939. He will probably be tried at the next term of U. S. court at Norfolk.

Boys, Watch Your Step

O'Neill, as yet has not reacted to the spirit of Christmas, at least in so far as external decorations are concerned. Talking with several people, who last year, decorated the outside of their homes with wreaths and colored lights, and placed Christmas trees outside, we understand that every night, the colored lights were stolen from the trees, and in many cases, even the decorations were torn off, and the trees overturned. This year they are going to request the police force to watch particularly the outside trees, and any offenders caught will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. It certainly seems too bad, that when the people of the city are ready and willing to spend time and money to decorate their homes, that some thoughtless children will attempt to destroy property that does not belong to them. The people of the community should all work together, and make O'Neill a beautiful and well decorated place for the holidays.

Bob Parks, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parks, who was seriously injured when thrown from a horse a few weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to be removed from the hospital to his home.

Prominent Man Passes Sunday

Frank P. Hunter died at his home north of Star last Sunday morning at 3:20 a. m., after an illness of about six months of cancer, at the age of 56 years, 8 months and 14 days.

Frank Hunter was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on March 26, 1883. The following year his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hunter, came to this county and settled in the northeastern part of the county, where Frank lived practically all his life. On March 14, 1908, he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Carson, who with his mother, one brother, William, of North Bend, Oregon, and one sister, Mrs. William Brady, of Calgary, Alta., Canada, are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband, son and brother.

Frank Hunter always appeared to be enjoying the best of health. Large, heavy set and always with a smile on his face he appeared the personification of healthfulness and vigor. But he had not been well for the past year and a fall last spring is supposed to have aggravated the malady which finally called him.

The writer had known Frank Hunter practically all his life. We never knew a finer man on this mundane sphere unless it was his father, the late Joseph Hunter. They were both of the same type, friendly, with a hearty smile and handshake for their friends. They had no enemies, for men with their easy, peaceful and kind disposition do not make enemies. If they had enemies the enmity was always on one side for the Hunter's entertained no enmity for any human being. They were men among men and everyone was their friend.

In the death of Frank Hunter we feel that we have lost a friend of many years and we will miss his visits to this office when he would drop in and we would discuss the current events of the day as well as the days of long ago, that came within his memory. He was in the prime of manhood and seemed to have many more years before him, but the Lord thought otherwise and we all have to bow to his call. Frank Hunter will be missed, not only by his immediate relatives but by everyone in the county who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, for in his death a real man passed from this earth.

The funeral was held last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, services in the church at Dorsey and burial in the Mineola cemetery, a short distance from the home where Frank lived for the first few years after his folks came to this county. Rev. George Longstaff, of Juanita, Nebr., an old friend of the family, officiated at the services. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in that section of the county, attesting the high standing of the deceased among the people in northeastern Holt.

The Frontier force joins the many friends of the family in this city and county in extending condolences to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

Had Been Resident of County For Over Half A Century

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Dr. L. A. Carter Visits Old Home Town in Kansas

Dr. L. A. Carter drove to Pawnee City last Sunday, returning home Tuesday evening, after visiting a few days with his sister, Mrs. Lisco and old acquaintances there. While at Pawnee City, Dr. Carter drove to Mahaska, Kans., where he practiced medicine twenty-eight years ago. It is but a few miles south of Pawnee City. Doc says he had a great time visiting in his old Kansas home last Monday. He said that he met many of his old patients, but very few he was able to recognize and none of them recognized him until he told them who he was. Twenty-eight years makes quite a difference, but Doc says that he had a very enjoyable visit and is glad he made the trip.

St. Mary's Academy Basketbballers Seem Headed For The Top

The Boys Have Played Two and Won Two With Impressive Scores in Both Games

St. Mary's basketballers opened the season in the new High School gymnasium last Wednesday evening with a victory over the Butte High School team with a score of 39 to 21. This was the first game played in the new high school gym and was the first home game for St. Mary's. Their first game of the season was played at Norfolk, in which they were also victorious.

Kubichek led the victors with eight points, while Adkins rang up nine for the losers. St. Mary's led from the opening moments of the game and held the lead throughout. At the half the score stood 20 to 6 in favor of St. Mary's.

St. Mary's second team also won their game against the Butte second team with a score of 24 to 15.

Following is the score of the first game:

St. Marys (39)	FG	FT	PF	Pts
G. Hammond	3	1-1	0	7
B. Kubitehek	4	0-0	2	8
J. Shoemaker	2	1-3	1	5
B. Biglin	2	1-1	1	5
F. Hickey	2	0-0	1	4
B. Shoemaker	2	0-0	2	4
P. Kubitehek	0	0-0	0	0
B. Price	2	1-1	3	5
Kersenbrock	0	1-2	1	1
Porkins	0	0-0	0	0
Miles	0	0-0	0	0

Butte (21)

FG	FT	PF	Pts	
O. Johnson	0	0-4	0	0
Couch	0	1-1	0	1
D. Anderson	0	0-1	1	0
L. Anderson	0	0-0	1	0
Armstrong	3	1-4	3	7
D. Johnson	0	0-0	0	0
Tomek	0	0-1	1	0
Friecker	2	0-1	0	4
Adkins	4	1-2	1	9
Froelich	0	0-1	0	0

O'Neill Stores to Be Open Until 9 o'clock P. M., All of The Coming Week

Beginning Monday night, December 18, until Saturday night, December 23, inclusive, the stores of O'Neill will remain open until 9:00 P. M. to accommodate those who are unable to do their shopping during the day.

THE LAST OF THE REAL PIONEERS PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME LAST SUNDAY

Henry Bauman, Who Came to This County in 1876 With A Colony From His State Passes Away

He Was The Last Survivor of The Colony; Some of Whom Settled in This County, While Others Settled in Madison County

Henry J. Bauman passed away at his home in this city last Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, after an illness of a little over three years, at the age of 86 years, 11 months and 7 days. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from the Catholic church, Rev. Peter Burke, of Plainview officiating and burial in the Catholic cemetery at Atkinson.

Henry Joseph Bauman was born in Wayne county, Penn., on January 1, 1853. He lived in his native state until 1876 when he came to this county. Shortly after his arrival in the county he took a homestead west of Atkinson where he lived until 1894 when he disposed of his farm and moved to Madison county, where he lived until 1917 when he came back to this county and lived near Stafford until 1923 when he came back to this city which had been his home since. On April 18, 1882, he was united in marriage at Atkinson, Nebr., to Miss Anna Alsworth. Nine children were born of this union, five of whom with his beloved wife are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are: Mrs. J. P. Protivinsky, Eugene, Howard and Ralph, O'Neill, and Lloyd, of World, Wyoming. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Barbara Spitzer, Scranton, Penn.

Mr. Bauman was a splendid citizen and neighbor. Until he suffered a stroke, about three and a half years ago, he was down town every day greeting his old time friends and neighbors. He was a

COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR EDUCATION

O'Neill Sent Sixteen of The Forty-One Students From This County

Among the forty-one students from Holt county who are registered at the University of Nebraska this year, fifteen are attending the University for the first time. Four of the new students from O'Neill are freshmen in the College of business administration. They are: Henry F. Reimer, Woodrow D. Melena, Hugh F. McKenna and James R. Herre. Robert E. Clift is a freshman in the college of Engineering, and Jacques C. Kersenbrock is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Billy J. Morgan and Olive Mae Stuart, freshmen in the College of Agriculture, are the new students from Stuart. Bonnie N. Bernholtz and Ida Mae Noble, both of Page, are also freshmen in the college of Agriculture. From Ewing come M. Marie Rockey, freshman in the School of Journalism, and Julian K. Spittler, sophomore in the College of business administration. Marjorie R. Moore of Inman and Zelma M. Waldo of Amelia are freshman and sophomore, respectively in Teachers College; Robert E. Jungman of Atkinson is a first-year student in the College of Engineering.

Wallace French, of Lincoln, freshman in the college of Engineering, was graduated from Page high school in 1938.

Of the forty-one students from Holt county, sixteen are from O'Neill. Ewing follows with eight Atkinson with seven, Inman, Page, and Stuart with five each, Amelia with three, and Chambers and Emmet with one each.

Some 6771 students are registered at the University this year, one of the largest enrollments in the history of the institution. Thirty-three states are represented and nine foreign countries—Hawaii, the Philippines, Germany, South America, Puerto Rico, Canada, Egypt, Switzerland and Italy.

O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM OPENS THE BASKETBALL SEASON WEDNESDAY

Plays Spalding First and Second Teams in O'Neill High School's New Gymnasium

O'Neill High School opens the 1939-40 basketball season this Friday playing Spalding's first and second teams in the new high school gymnasium. The home boys have a new set of war-up suits which will make their appearance add to the sparkle of the new court. The pep club girls are hoping that their new costumes will be here and can be used in the first game.

O'Neill High's basketball machine will be built around two lettermen, Leo Valla and Ralph Brown. Promising material includes Meredith McKenna, Harold Calkins, Don Lowery, Ned Porter, Ted Sirek, John Osenbaugh, Pat Mitchell and Keith Vincent. As a group the squad is short and quite inexperienced. One third of the boys in the varsity squad are freshmen.

Two games next week will complete the local schedule before the holidays. Next Tuesday the boys will travel to Stuart and on Friday, December 22, Albion will be entertained on O'Neill's floor. This will be the third game on the tour being made by Albion. They will play Valentine, Ainsworth and then O'Neill on a week from this Friday. The games this year promise plenty of excitement and entertainment. Join in the cheering and pull for your team. There is plenty of room for everyone—plenty of color—plenty of light—let's go.

Another added feature to the basketball games this year will be the school band. The band will be there in uniform for each home game to add music and zip.

No dull moments—come out for the games—give the school your support—help the boys in the game—thoroughly enjoy yourself.

Two lettermen from last year, Ralph Brown and Leo Valla, form the nucleus around which this year's O'Neill High School basketball team will be built. Bill Ryan, a third year veteran, may be able to play the second semester when his arm, broken in football, has mended. The squad has been divided into two groups, one of which will play intramural games, and the other from which the first and second teams will be chosen. Boys in the latter group are: Brown, Bruegeman, Burgess, Calkins, French, Leach, Lowery, Kirwan, McKenna, Mitchell, Osenbaugh, Porter, Sirek, Valla and Vincent. Three games will be played before the Christmas vacation; Spalding here on Friday, December 15, Albion here on Friday, December 22, and the third game at Stuart on December 19.

FOOTBALL

Ralph Brown was elected honorary captain of the 1939 O'Neill High School football team at a meeting of the lettermen, Monday. Nineteen boys played enough during the past season to earn their "O". Of these, twelve will have completed eight semesters of school in May, leaving seven veterans around whom to build the 1940 team.

1940 lettermen are: Bill Allendorfer Bob Allendorfer Ralph Brown Alvin Bausch Warren Burgess Harold Calkins Zane Cole Joe Grutsch Meridith McKenna Dale Matula LaVern Morrow Louis Reimers Ted Serek Bill Ryan Lloyd Snyder Leo Valley Donald Vequist Dick Wyant Phillip Yarnall

Ross Welton was down from Atkinson Tuesday.

Vocational Agriculture Boys Are Initiated

On Monday evening, December 11, the Neligh F. F. A. Chapter initiated the O'Neill Chapter.

The Neligh officers and advisor gave an initiating ceremony, and then gave the O'Neill Chapter an informal initiation. Thirty-five members were initiated separately to the degree of Greenhands.

After the initiation the Neligh officers gave some very interesting talks on the work they have done, and the work they are going to do.

The initiation and talks were very much appreciated by the O'Neill Chapter. This will help them to get a better start, and to know what an older chapter has done.

Refreshments were served by some of the O'Neill F. F. A. members.

Christmas Program of St. Mary's At K. C. Hall Sunday, December 17th

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1939 at 8:00 p. m.

A one-act play, "Christopher's Candle," and a comedy, "Christmas at Casey's" will be presented by the dramatic class under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek. The casts are as follows:

CHRISTOPHER'S CANDLE
Mrs. Casey, the mother
..... Constance Biglin
Mr. Casey, the father...Bob Parkins
Their Children: Mary, Marjorie
Mains; John, Junior Shoemaker;
Kathleen, Eileen Kelly; Denny, Edward Campbell.

CHRISTMAS AT CASEY'S
Christopher, a little boy
..... John O'Neill
Cynthia, his mother
..... Kathryn Finley
Donald, his father
..... George Hammond
Maggie, his nurse...Ramona Dancy
Peggy, a young neighbor
..... Betty McNally
Jim, her friend Bob Early
Abigail, an old woman
..... Mary J. Her
Ruth, a young wiouw
..... Eileen McKenna

St. Mary's band under the direction of Mr. Ira George and the Tonette Band will furnish the instrumental music.

A group of fifty grade children in choral gowns, singing Christmas anthems, will be a special feature of the evening.

LuAnn Iler, Patti Kaiser, Kathleen Flood, Jackie Davis, and Bob Wallace will be soloists while Barbara Birmingham and Paul Stein play a duet, "Up on the House Top" on the tonette.

A torchlight procession will be held by the choral group, singing "Adesta Fideles," a two-part chorus will be sung by Grade Five, and the Choir will sing three-part choruses.

Former Employee Dies In A Lincoln Hospital

Kenneth H. Strout, a printer who was employed in this office for five weeks this fall and who left here sick on November 13, died in a hospital in Lincoln Sunday, December 3. He was taken sick here on November 10 and his folks came up from Seward on Monday and took him to Lincoln, where he entered a hospital. He was a world war veteran and his experiences over seas did not help his health any. He was 43 years of age and an extra good printer.

A "Nativity" tableau will close the program during the singing by all of the "Prince of Peace" accompanied by St. Mary's Band. Mrs. Thos. Brennan is the accompanist for the evening.

The bleachers for the grouping have been kindly loaned by the O'Neill Photo Company and the Seth Noble Company.