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CLOSING ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL YEAR AT ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

The Last Ten Days of the School Year Were Active Ones For the Graduating Class as Well as Members of the Entire High School

On May 16th the Junior-Senior Banquet was held. The scheme for decoration was most fitting, a Maytime scene and it put everyone in just the right mood for an enjoyable evening.

The Senior Class Play, "Grand Girl" followed on May 23rd, at the New Gym, with Miss Catherine Finley, Miss Mary Ann Meer, and Bill Kubitschek as the leading characters. The young graduates showed marked talent for drama, and a large and appreciative audience reacted with much praise and applause.

The intermissions were filled with splendid musical selections by St. Mary's Band under the direction of Mr. Ira B. George.

On May 24th, Field Day was held for the grades, and awards were given to the lucky contestants. Much amusement was created by the youngsters in their games, races, etc.

The Alumni Banquet took place on Sunday May 26th. One hundred and thirty members participated. Mrs. Bess Lohaus as toastmaster kept everyone in good spirits. A very nice program followed the banquet, and the members enjoyed the hearty responses given by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John G. McNamara and Rev. Richard Parr. Monsignor remarked that he has now been present at a week of these Alumni Banquets. He also praised the loyal spirit shown, and said St. Mary's must thrive with such faithful Alumni.

The 28th of May saw the Crowning of the May Queen—the temporal one, most popular and loved pupil by vote of the student body, Miss Catherine Finley—and the Crowning of our beloved Queen of May, Mary Immaculate.

The crowning took place in our beautiful park on the West side, with the graduate girls in their Commencement dresses, sky-blue taffeta, the Juniors in formals, and the other girls all in white. The

entire school, grades, High School and the faculty, took part.

It was a most beautiful picture, one to be remembered. A fitting close was given by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church and the singing of "Holy God."

That evening the Eighth Grade presented a cantata, an adaptation of Longfellow's "Hiawatha", in which they were seeking the right path of life. Various groups of the different walks of life came to advise them, and finally, a High School group urged them to enter High School at St. Mary's as a sure guide to truth and progress in the better ways of life. Awards were given to each grade according to Honor, Excellence and Merit.

Class Day exercises were held on May 30th, in the Academy Gym with William Kubitschek as valedictorian.

On Commencement Day, May 31st, a High Mass at 8:00 A. M. was attended by the entire student body, all receiving Holy Communion.

The Commencement followed at 10:00 A. M. in church when thirty-two students of the High School and seventeen Eighth Grade pupils received Certificates of Graduation.

The address was given by Rev. Michael Condon of Spencer. Rt. Rev. Monsignor McNamara conferred the honors.

The following received scholarships:

William Kubitschek, Creighton University; Alma Wallace, Nazareth College, Nazareth, Ky.; Margaret Taylor, Duchesne College; Mary Anne Meer, St. Teresa's College, Winona, Minn.; Catherine Finley, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minn.; Mary Zirnig, State Normal; William Biglin, St. Louis University; Ruth Pribil, Briar Cliff, Sioux City; Darleen Weber, Mount St. Scholastica, Atchinson, Kans.; Monica Hoefs, Marymount, Salina, Kans.

New Hotel Is Opened In West O'Neill

The O'Neill Hotel in west O'Neill, owned and operated by the Asimus Brothers, opened its doors for business on Tuesday of this week. The new hotel is modern in every respect, three floors and eighteen rooms, with a bath and toilet on each floor. This hotel makes a valuable addition to the rapidly growing west O'Neill as well as to the city as a whole.

A Charming O'Neill Lady Given Pre-Nuptial Party

A miscellaneous pre-nuptial shower was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hickey on last Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Clea McNicholas. The afternoon was spent playing cards, after which a delicious lunch was served.

Margaret Eileen and Pat Hickey enacted a mock wedding ceremony which added much to the entertainment. The bride-to-be, received many beautiful gifts.

Scottville Feeder Calf Club

A meeting was held by the Scottville Calf Club at the home of Ray Siders Saturday night, June 1.

The main topic of discussion was the cure of warts and diseases.

Raymond Revel, a new member was voted into the club making a total of ten members.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lee Berglund, June 26.

After the meeting a delicious lunch was served.

Lightning Strikes Catholic Church Wednesday

During the rain storm last Wednesday morning, about 10 o'clock lightning struck the Catholic church, tearing part of the slate roof off the building near the corner on the southwest corner of the building. The damage is protected by insurance.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and assistance rendered during the sickness and following the death of our beloved wife and mother. Your kindness to us in our hour of sorrow will never be forgotten.—John Pribil and Family.

Superintendent and Mrs. C. F. Grill and son left the first of the week for Wallace, Nebr., where they will visit relatives for a few days and will then go to Falls City for a few days visit then on to New York City where Superintendent Grill will spend six weeks in Columbia University, completing the four year course and will then receive a Master's Degree in Education. This is the fourth straight year that Superintendent Grill has spent his summer vacation at Columbia further equipping himself in his chosen vocation.

Lyndle Stout left Sunday morning for Lincoln, taking with him the following members of Four-H Clubs throughout the county who will attend 4-H Club week now being held at Lincoln: Patti Shaffer, of O'Neill, Helen Rector of Middlebranch, Ralph Allyn of Stuart and Marjorie and Bob Reese of Amelia.

Charming O'Neill Lady A Bride Monday Morning

A very beautiful wedding was solemnized Monday Morning, June 3, at 7:00 in St. Patrick's church, when Miss Angela Pribil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pribil, Jr., of O'Neill, became the bride of Mr. Charles Denesia of Lincoln, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Denesia of Wayne. A double wedding ring ceremony was officiated by Msgr. McNamara. The church was very attractively decorated with white carnations.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Agnes Brennan, the vocalists were Robert and John Shoemaker, Jr., cousins of the bride.

The bride wore a formal gown of white taffeta, fashioned with shirred neck line and puffed sleeves. Her finger-tip veil was held back by white satin bows.

The bridesmaid was Miss Ann Loretta Pribil, a sister of the bride. She also wore a formal of robin egg blue, set off with pink velvet.

The groom wore a suit of teal blue. The best man was Mr. Francis Pribil, a brother of the bride, who wore a harmonizing suit of medium blue. Each wore a white carnation.

Immediately after the ceremony, coffee was served for the newly wed couple in the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker.

At 10:00 A. M. a three course breakfast was served for immediate relatives of the couple, and special guests; in the home of the bride's parents. The table decorations were carried out in blue and white.

Mrs. Denesia was a high school graduate of St. Mary's Academy of O'Neill, and also a graduate of Wayne State Teacher's College, has attended the University of Nebraska, and has been a successful teacher in the schools of Holt county for the past several years.

Mr. Denesia was a high school graduate of Carroll and also a graduate of Wayne State Teachers College, did graduate work at the University of Nebraska. During the year of 1938-39 he was principal in Vanduser, Mo., and is now employed with the National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The bride's going away outfit was a mannish suit of Oxford grey. The accessories were a dusty pink. Mr. and Mrs. Denesia plan to be at their new home in Lincoln after June 10th

Miss Martha Hanley, of Omaha, was in O'Neill for Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. De Hall, of Birmingham, Alabama, who have been here for the past two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Arbutnot, left Wednesday morning for Houston, Texas, and New Orleans, La., where they will visit before returning to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDonough returned Sunday night from Clyde, Kansas, where they were called by the serious illness of Mr. McDonough's mother, Mrs. M. L. McDonough. Mrs. McDonough, who was eighty-three years of age at the time of her death, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, and funeral services were held on Saturday at Clyde. Billie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDonough, remained in Clyde to visit with his grandfather, M. L. McDonough for a few weeks.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church is sponsoring a "Talent Night" program. It will be given in the new high school auditorium, Thursday, July 13, starting at 8 o'clock. This program is being given as a benefit to help raise funds for sending delegates to Summer Youth Conference at Blair, Nebr. Included in the program are vocal solos, instrumental solos, readings, duets, small skits, tap dancing and many other amusing bits. This will all be home talent and the public is cordially invited to attend. There will be a small admission charge.

O'Neill's Population Probably Set At 2501 Officially

Mayor Kersenbrock received word from the census supervisor of this district this morning that the population of O'Neill is 2,501. This was the figure arrived at after a complete check-up of the list as filed by the enumerator and the extra list as sent in by the check-up on the enumerator. From the letter we judge that the check had been completed and that this will probably be the official census for this city.

BRIEFLY STATED

Rose Bennett spent the week end with her mother at Page.

Attorney W. W. Griffen made a business trip to Norfolk, Friday of last week.

J. B. Ryan drove to Sioux City, Sunday, and visited his sister Mary, returning home in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich left Monday for Chicago, where they will spend the coming week.

Frank Biglin and Miss Genevieve Biglin made a business trip to Sioux City on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Dawn Howard of New York City, New York, arrived here Saturday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecile Brown and family of Winner, South Dakota, spent Sunday in O'Neill, visiting at the home of his parents.

Miss Cecile Tequist, of Spencer, Nebraska, came Monday and is visiting her sister, Miss Clarissa Tequist.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rose and daughter, Norma, spent Decoration day visiting relatives at Grand Island, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus DeBacker and children went to Hastings, Thursday to spend Decoration Day there visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Margaret Hughes and children of Omaha, arrived Friday and are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindberg.

Miss Alice Sexsmith left Wednesday afternoon for Kansas City, where she will take a summer course in art work.

James Kinsman left last Thursday for Des Moines and Hampton, Iowa, on a business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dempsey, of Omaha, spent the week-end in O'Neill visiting relatives and friends.

A food sale will be given by the Epworth League of the Methodist church on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Morrison's store.

Gordon Anderson, of Sioux Falls, S. D., arrived here Saturday to spend a few days of his vacation visiting friends.

Misses Lillian and Terry Nightengale went to Norfolk, Sunday, where they attended a family reunion.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. O'Neill at the Stuart hospital on June 2, 1940, a nine and a half pound baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Mathis and Mrs. Lyndle Stout left Saturday morning for Lincoln, where they will visit relatives and friends.

Miss Hazel Gifford left Saturday for Winner, S. D., where she will visit until next Saturday with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Catherine Verzel, of Atkinson, spent the week end in O'Neill, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Verzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dartt, of Wall, South Dakota, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burge over Decoration Day.

Cloud Bursts Followed By Floods Cause Havoc In Northeast Nebraska

The past week has been a wet one in northern and northeastern Nebraska. Starting last Monday, just before noon here and then again that night this section was visited with .66 hundredths of an inch of moisture. The rainfall was much heavier east of here and was a cloud burst at Homer and in that vicinity where over ten inches of rain fell, inundated the town and tore buildings from their foundations and swept many of them down stream. In this vicinity there were several people drowned, nine bodies having been recovered and three others are still missing. Over six inches of rain fell in Sioux City and at Pender, south of Homer that town was under water and business places flooded but no lives lost.

The rainfall at Norfolk Monday night was seven and three-quarter inches which fell in less than seven hours. Pilger, Wisner and West Point, on the main line were also badly hit with high water. There was no train from the east into O'Neill on Tuesday morning, the west bound passenger train being held at Fremont and then sent back to Omaha. A train from Omaha reached here about 10:45 Wednesday morning coming via the Albion line. No train from the east today, but one is expected to reach here about 5 o'clock this evening.

The east bound passenger, also going down over the Albion line, as the main line is out of commission, went off the track between Oakdale and Albion, injuring four people, all but one of whom were employees of the railroad. It is estimated that it will take a couple of weeks to get the main line ready for use.

Following is the rainfall for the month of June:

June 1	.02
June 2	.03
June 3	.03
June 4	.63
June 5	.35
June 6	.39

A total for the month of June to date of 1.42 inches and a total precipitation since the first of the year of 8.11 inches.

Miss Helen Sullivan returned Saturday morning from Omaha, where she went to attend the graduation exercises of Creighton University, as her cousin, Bernard Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sullivan, was graduated from the Medical school.

the telephone operators of the Northwestern Bell entertained at a pre-nuptial shower at the home of Miss Grace Connolly on Monday night, honoring Miss Sebanna Smith, whose marriage to Bernard Madison will be an event of the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coyne and daughter, Verne, left Sunday for Minneapolis, Minn., where they will attend a music recital given by their daughter, Mary Kathryn, a student in the University of Minnesota music school. Miss Coyne will be graduated later this month.

Mrs. Clyde Streeter and son, Vincent, drove to Lincoln Saturday where Vincent remained for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mathews. Miss Elaine Streeter, who has been visiting in Lincoln for the past week returned home that evening with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Waite and daughter, Evangeline, came up from Loup City last Tuesday afternoon to attend the graduating exercises of St. Mary's Academy and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin and family. They returned home Saturday morning.

F. R. Boyens of Plainview, Nebraska, was arrested by Corporal M. D. Nelson of the State high patrol, and appeared before County Judge Reimer on June 1, charged with driving while intoxicated. He pled guilty to the charge, and was fined \$20.00 and costs of \$3.10, and his driving license suspended for ninety days.

THE O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING EXERCISES HELD FRIDAY EVENING

Capacity of the Auditorium Taxed to Accommodate the Large Number Attending

The commencement exercises for the 1940 graduating classes of the O'Neill Public schools was held Friday night, May 31, in the new auditorium. Dr. G. W. Rosenlof, newly appointed Registrar of the University of Nebraska, gave the commencement address. He spoke on the subject "Democracy Looks To Youth." Many favorable comments were expressed by the school patrons about Dr. Rosenlof's talk. It was most interesting and timely.

Honorary diplomas were granted to Davene Loy, Ruth Page, and Irma Manzer for rating in the upper ten per cent of the Senior class scholastically. Ruth Page received a Regent's Scholarship to

the University of Nebraska that she won by competing with seniors throughout the State of Nebraska. A scholarship to any one of the church schools in the state was earned by Lois Jean Robertson. Davene Loy was presented with a scholarship to any of the State Normal Colleges of Nebraska.

It is hoped that many of the high school graduates will be able to continue their education in higher institutions of learning this fall.

After the recessional the Seniors assembled at the entrance of the auditorium to receive congratulations from their friends and relatives.

O'Neill Boy Seriously Injured when Motorcycle Hits Automobile

Last Sunday afternoon, while returning from a motorcycle trip to Sioux City, Bennet Heriford and Miss Goldine Sekista were injured when the motorcycle crashed into a car, just outside of Orchard, Nebraska. Miss Sekista was not badly injured, and was brought back to O'Neill Sunday evening by Bennet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Heriford, who drove immediately to Orchard, after being notified of the accident. Bennet suffered severe head injuries, as well as a broken collar bone, and is at present in the hospital at Orchard, and while he has not regained complete consciousness, his condition was reported as much better today. Mrs. Heriford remained in Orchard to be with Bennet.

Young O'Neillites Imitate Their Elders at Party

One of the most successful social affairs of the season was held last Thursday evening, when the very young set were entertained at a no-host dancing party at the Golden hotel. Dancing started about eight o'clock, and lunch was served at ten, after which dancing continued until ten-thirty, at which time the party broke up, all the young guests declaring that they had never had a more enjoyable time. Those present were, the Misses Ann Harty, Lou Ann Iler, Donna Gallagher, Beverly McCarthy, Betty Gallagher, Lou Birmingham and Yvonne Sereck. Billie Froelich, Jimmie Golden, Ed Campbell, John Lee Baker, John Brennan, Eddie Martin and Joe Biglin. Miss Bernadette Brennan and Mr. and Mrs. Max Golden acted as chaperones.

Undergrads of St. Mary's Entertain Class of 1940

The undergrads of St. Mary's Academy entertained a group of St. Mary's Academy 1940 graduates at a formal dance, followed by a midnight supper at the Golden Hotel last Friday evening. Out-of-town guests included Mary Wynn Johnson, of Wisner, and Carolyn Colburn, of Lincoln, who were the guests of one of the 1940 graduates, Marjorie Ann Mains, of Emmet.

Miss Anastasia Fallon

Mrs. Anastasia Fallon, 82, widow of the late William Fallon, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. C. Sechrest, Omaha, last Monday morning. The body was shipped to this city for interment at the side of her husband, who passed away on January 1, 1925. The body was supposed to have reached here on Wednesday morning, but the train that evening was cancelled and later reinstated, but the undertakers were not notified, so at this time 11:15 Thursday the body has not yet reached the city. It is on a train that is being held up between Oakdale and Albion; the trains having to run via the branch line, on account of the wash-outs on the line made during the deluge of last Monday night. It is expected that the train will arrive some time this afternoon.

Mrs. Fallon is survived by nine children. They are: Mrs. B. C. Sechrest, Mrs. Agnes Brundage, Mrs. W. L. Yarlott, Mrs. Geo. Walker, all of Omaha; Mrs. C. R. Mares, Schuyler; Mrs. C. G. Zimmerman, Nebraska City, and Miss Rose of Chicago; sons, William, of O'Neill and James, Santa Barbara, California.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued to Herman E. Gans of Stuart and Rinnie A. Kubart of Atkinson, June 3rd.

Wm. E. Luckow of Truman, Minn., and Elizabeth Holz of Chambers were issued a license to wed on May 31st.

Thomas E. Welsh of Walnut and Ellen Jo Vonasek of Verdel were granted a marriage license on June 5th.

Gordon Smith of Atkinson and Alvin Seger of Stuart were issued a marriage license on June 4th.