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## HEART ATTACK PROVES FATAL

### Thomas F. Gallagher, 69, Succumbs at Home Here Early Today

## BURIAL SATURDAY

A heart attack early today (Thursday) claimed the life of Thomas F. Gallagher, 69, a life-long Nebraskan who had been retired for less than a year.

Mr. Gallagher died at his home in O'Neill.

Born at Neligh on November 5, 1877, he moved with his parents to Holt county in 1880, where he continued to reside through out his life. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Gallagher, were natives of Ireland.

On November 8, 1896 Mr. Gallagher married Miss Julia Ernest at O'Neill.

They farmed continuously northwest of O'Neill until the summer of 1946, when they moved into the city.

## Widow Among Survivors

Survivors include the widow; two sons, Thomas L. Gallagher and Robert J. Gallagher, both of O'Neill, and two daughters, Mrs. Marie Timmerman, of Royal, and Miss Maxine Gallagher, of O'Neill; five grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Teresa Connolly, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. James O'Donnell, of Emmet; and one brother, John S. Gallagher, of Emmet.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic church here with burial in Calvary cemetery. The following have been selected as pallbearers: Thomas Murray, Henry Murray, Floyd Johnson, H. E. Coyne, A. B. Hubbard and Ed Menish.

## DISTRICT COURT DATES FIXED

The 1947 terms of court for the Fifteenth judicial district were announced this week by District Judge D. R. Mounts, of O'Neill.

Jury terms—Holt county, beginning March 10 and November 3; Boyd, March 3 and September 22; Brown, March 24 and September 29; Keya Paha, April 14 and September 15; Rock, April 7 and October 13.

Equity terms—Holt county, (open): Boyd, first Monday each month except March, April and November; Keya Paha, first Thursday each month except March and November; Rock, first Thursday each month except March and November.

Ted McElhaney, of O'Neill, is the court reporter.

## 264 Deaths on State Roads During 1946

Traffic accidents in Nebraska took a toll of 264 lives in 1946, according to reports to the state safety patrol. This was an increase of 54 over 1945.

Capt. C. J. Saunders, superintendent of the patrol, attributes the cause of the increase to the removal of controls on gasoline use, which increased the traffic on the highways. Age of vehicles caused them to be less dependable, he added.

"We cannot dodge the real cause of accidents," he continued. "Inattention is the blame for the great majority of accidents." Capt. Saunders said. "There is no excuse for an automobile running into the rear of a truck or crashing into a train."

## North Western Pays \$14,516.62 for 1946

The Chicago and North Western Railway company will pay a total of \$14,516.62 in taxes for 1946 on its railroad operating property, in Holt county, it was announced Wednesday by R. A. Miller, of Chicago, Ill., the railroad's tax commissioner.

The figure includes state, county, city, village, school, and township taxes.

## Army Airman Flies Here from Alaska

Flight Officer Loyd R. Vequist, a member of the Seventh weather group of the Army Air Forces, arrived in O'Neill on Christmas day by plane from Fairbanks, Alaska. Flying alone, he made two stops enroute. The last jump was from Great Falls, Mont.

He left the O'Neill airport Tuesday, enroute back to Alaska where he is stationed. Vequist plans to be released soon from the service.

Miss Margaret Bohn, of New York City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bohn, flew from New York to Omaha, to spend the holidays with her parents here. She will leave Friday to return to New York. During the war, Miss Bohn was a Navy nurse in the Pacific theater of operations.

## Birthless New Year's but Stork Works Overtime Today

The stork was a busy fellow in the city today (Thursday) as candidates for the honor of Holt county's first 1947 baby began to put in their appearances. The winner of the contest, to be announced next week by The Frontier, will be showered with gifts from O'Neill merchants who have appointed themselves as a reception committee.

New Year's day was a birthless affair in the city. The Frontier learned, but the stork worked overtime today (Thursday) and by 8 p.m. had deposited three in the O'Neill hospital alone.

Kathleen Wanser arrived at 4 a.m. to be the first candidate in the city for the 1947 honors. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser, of Ewing. Kathleen not only claims to be the first 1947 baby born in the county, but she has the distinction of being the eighth child in the Wanser family.

As the day progressed, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Krugman, of O'Neill, became the parents of a son, and Mr. and Mrs. John Rosno, of O'Neill, became the parents of a daughter.

Brown-McDonald's will give a Chatham baby blanket; the O'Neill Photo company, an 8x10 enlargement in a gold frame; McCarville's, a baby sweater; Lindberg Home & Auto Supply, a slumber-bag; McIntosh Jewelry, an infant's gold ring; Gambles, a clothesbasket; the Ralva IGA store, two quarts of homogenized milk; the Union Store, an assortment of Heinz baby foods; Penney's, a baby book, and The Frontier, a year's

## MRS. MARY SLACK DIES AT DORSEY

### Mother of 7 Expires at 75 Following a Three-Months' Illness

DORSEY — Mrs. Mary Diana Slack, 75, a Holt county resident since 1911, died at 2 a.m. Saturday at her home near Dorsey. She had been ill for three months.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Dorsey Presbyterian church with Rev. Kenneth J. Scott, of O'Neill, officiating. Biglin Brothers, of O'Neill, were in charge of arrangements, and burial was made in the Dorsey cemetery.

Mrs. Slack, formerly Mary Diana Fry, was born at Deep River, Ia., on December 12, 1871. She was reared in Iowa and on May 29, 1899 she married Alozo Phelps, of Deep River. They became the parents of three children, Lloyd, Wilbur, and Elsie. Following Mr. Phelps' death, the widow married John H. Slack on July 24, 1897, with whom she moved to Holt county in 1911. There were six children born to the second union, Howard, Forrest, Maude and Martha. Two preceded her in death.

The Slack family resided continuously in the Dorsey vicinity. Mr. Slack died February 9, 1939.

Survivors include four sons and three daughters: Lloyd and Wilbur Phelps, both of Redbird; West Slack, of Verdell; Mrs. Elsie Howard Slack, of Dorsey; Forrest Nelson, of Fairbault, Minn.; Mrs. Maude Huber, of Rock Island, Wash.; and Mrs. Martha Hisecock, of Redbird. She also leaves one brother, Samuel Fry, of Hinkley, Minn.; one halfbrother, Ike Harry, of one halfsister, Mrs. Mary McFarrin, both of Montezuma, Ia.; 24 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Miss Loretta Hughes, of Beatrice, arrived December 24 for an extended visit with her twin sister, Mrs. Hardin Anspach.

subscription to the parents.

The rules of the contest are simple. Parents whose infant can qualify should write a letter to the First Baby Contest Editor, providing the parents' full names and addresses, name and sex of the baby, name and address of the attending physician (or other witness), and date and hour of birth. All entries must be postmarked not later than 6 p.m., Monday, January 6.

The contest will not close until the 6th to enable parents in outlying districts of the county to claim the first baby title for their child.

## Ex-Gobs, Ex-GIs Set for Friday's Cage Match

The city's ex-gobs and ex-GIs will clash on the maps here Friday night as a preliminary to the St. Agnes-St. Mary's prep school game. The game has been billed as an "Army-Navy" tilt. It will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Among the "Navy" players will be Duke Kersensbrock, Ed Campbell, Jim Golden, Jack Gallagher, Bill Kelly and George Hammond. For the "Army" there'll be Bill and Paul Kubitschek, Gene McKenna, Warren Burgess, Jack and Jim Hart.

The main event will go on at 8:30 p.m. Based on comparative scores, the St. Mary's Cardinals will probably more than have their hands full. St. Agnes, of Alliance, spilled St. Patrick's, of North Platte, 47-13, and St. Pat's poured it on the Cards almost as decisively.

## Miss Whaley Wins \$100 Scholarship

Miss Thelma Whaley, of O'Neill, a rural schoolteacher near Inman, this week became the recipient of a \$100 scholarship from a fire underwriter's organization for an article she submitted in October, 1946, regarding fire and accident prevention in the home.

Her entry was one of two in the state netting its author a \$100 scholarship. There was also a \$50 award.

The contest was open to agricultural extension workers. Miss Whaley is a veteran in 4-H work in Holt county.

She has not indicated her intentions with the scholarship, although it may be used at the University of Nebraska.

## Predicts Property Price Decline After March 1

E. W. Luedtke, of Lincoln, the chief of Nebraska's real estate department, predicted this week that there would be no rise or fall in real estate prices in the state until "after March 1st."

The real estate chief, whose office functions under the secretary of state, said he expected a drop after that time.

At the same time, he forecast a bigger building program in 1947 than ever before experienced in the state.

The boom will have a tendency to reduce prices on old properties that have been selling so high, Mr. Luedtke pointed out.

## EMPLOYMENT DATES FIXED

The quarterly schedule for the appearance at the Holt county courthouse of a representative of the Nebraska State Employment Service follows: Mondays—January 13 and 27, February 10 and 24, March 10 and 24, noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays—January 14 and 28, February 11 and 25, March 11 and 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The itinerant representative will come from Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKenna, and son Dick, returned to Lincoln Sunday after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McKenna.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan P. Jaszko-wiak and Nyla returned Friday from Chadron, where they had visited Mr. Jaszko-wiak's parents over Christmas.

## CRIPPLED TO BE SEEN AT CLINIC

### Afflicted Children from 11 Counties Coming January 11

## SPECIALISTS HERE

The regular extension clinic for crippled children from 11 northcentral Nebraska counties will be held here Saturday, January 11, it has been announced.

Two child specialists, Dr. Fritz Teal, an orthopedist, and Dr. Paul Morrow, a pediatrician, will conduct the clinic, which is to be held in the O'Neill high school.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will close at noon. Purpose of the clinic is for diagnosis, consultation, checkup, and after-care services of cases receiving treatment under the Services for Crippled Children program.

Application forms are available from all Holt county physicians, who recommend that the patient be admitted to the clinic. The completed forms should be mailed to the Holt County Assistance office. Cases appearing at the clinic without referral from a local physician "will have to be handled individually," an assistance spokesman said.

A free lunch at noon will be furnished the children, who are registered, and their parents. The lunch will be provided by the Elks lodge.

O'NEILL HOSPITAL NOTES  
Mrs. Harold Risor, of Atkinson, was admitted Saturday for an appendectomy. Her condition is good. Miss Hyldr McKim, of O'Neill, was admitted Monday.

## VETERAN INMAN DRAYMAN DIES

### Clarence P. Conger Taken by Death at Son's Home

INMAN — Clarence P. Conger, 79, a resident of Inman for more than 40 years, died late last Thursday at his home in Elgin, where he has been residing. Mr. Conger died after an illness of six weeks.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Elgin Methodist church with Rev. Erwin A. Kiel, of Elgin, officiating. The body was taken to Inman for burial in the Conger family plot.

Mr. Conger operated a dray line in Inman for many years, moving several years ago to Elgin where he and his wife could be near a son, Roy, due to Mr. Conger's failing health.

Survivors include the widow, Dora Conger; three sons, Roy, of Elgin; Lloyd, of Sioux City, and Beryl, of Whitefish, Mont.; one daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Hancock, of Neligh; one sister, Mrs. Swengel, of Plainview, and one brother, Lee, of Inman.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Melvin A. Spangler, 33, of Ewing, and Mrs. Mildred G. Binkerd, 33, of O'Neill, December 30. Malren R. Raff, 26, of Creighton, and Miss Leona Grace McDaniel, 18, of Middle Branch, December 23.

Eugene Ruby, 21, and Darlene Eacker, 19, both of Ewing, December 31.

Earrest G. Norman, jr., 24, of Chadron, and Hazel M. Harding, 21, of O'Neill, December 31. Russell Angus, 34, of Spencer, and Alma Sylie, 33, of O'Neill, December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Berg left last Thursday for Rapid City, S. D., by way of Sioux Falls, after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Biglin.



### HALF-CENTURY TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Coventry, 75 and 71, respectively, commemorated their golden wedding anniversary December 22 with an open-house celebration at their home in Inman. Both enjoying "excellent" health, they received more than 100 guests.

December 23, 1896, at Olds, Alberta, Canada. They are the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Sherman Grazer, of Jefferson City, Mo.; Mrs. James McMahan, of Inman, and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, of Inman, and two sons, James and Kenneth Coventry, both of Inman. —O'Neill Photo Co.

## STATE FARM INCOME HIGH

Director Rufus Howard of the Nebraska Agricultural department predicted this week the state's farm income in 1946 would total more than \$852,713,000, the highest on record.

Farm income last year amounted to \$728,815,000.

Mr. Howard said the dollar value of livestock and crops has been higher than ever before, but the production cost has remained almost equally high.

Farm wages now average four times their rate in 1940, Mr. Howard said. The net farm income is figured at slightly more than one-half the gross income.

Nebraska farmers generally are in good position going into 1947, Mr. Howard said. Debts have been reduced and farmers and ranchers have continued to follow a conservative course.

Farm land values are 43 per cent above the 1935-1939 average.

Corn production over the state as well as in Dakota county was slightly below a year ago. Winter wheat broke all production and sales records.

## 13 MORE EX-GIs

The following registrants have been released by the Selective Service since December 18: Robert O. Appleby, Inman; Francis L. Holz, O'Neill; Donald D. Funk, Ewing; Samuel L. Lofwest, Stuart; Richard A. Trowbridge, Page; Wilbur G. Jackson, Stuart; Chancie H. Hull, Redbird; Eugene M. Harte, Inman; Marvin L. Fluckey, Chambers; Michael P. Schauf, Atkinson; Alvin E. Morris, Stuart; Junior Dobias, Atkinson; and Alfred M. Hamik, Stuart.

## CHAMBERS DOWNED

CHAMBERS—St. Mary's alumni dumped the Chambers towners 33-22 at Chambers.

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## 1946 MOISTURE 7.74 OVER NORMAL

### Wet September, October Boost Precipitation Total to 29.33

## 1947 IN FRIGID DEBUT

A wet September and October boosted the 1946 precipitation total to 29.33-inches, 7.74-inches above normal, it was reported this week by Government Observer Elmer Bowen as he closed the weather books for the year just-ended.

The normal annual rainfall for the O'Neill region is 21.59.

Although September and October saw the establishment of a new precipitation record over any corresponding period in the weather annals, the abundance of moisture was regarded as too late to benefit the 1946 crops. The wet season set in on the heels of a growing season drought, which cut into the corn output.

The weather man greeted the New Year with subzero temperatures in this area. The mercury skidded to 13-degrees below zero early Sunday, when the winter's severest coldwave struck. The same coldwave gripped most of the Midwest.

Temperatures hovered near the zero mark until Wednesday afternoon, when the mercury recovered to 22. Light snow began falling early today (Thursday) and the weatherman predicted the mercury would tumble again, possibly to as low as the Sunday mark.

The year's precipitation summary:

	Amt.	Mo.	Dep.
January	27	48	-21
February	49	64	-1.91
March	3.19	1.28	*1.91
April	1.18	2.79	*1.61
May	4.70	3.10	*1.60
June	2.47	3.76	*1.29
July	3.01	2.41	*.60
August	1.08	2.51	*1.43
September	6.39	2.03	*4.36
October	4.71	1.24	*3.47
November	1.49	.78	*.71
December	.35	.57	*.22
Totals	29.33	21.59	*7.74

\*Denotes plus.

The week's weather summary, based on daily readings at 8 a.m. follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist.
December 27	43	20	
December 28	34	5	.15
December 29	6	-13	.20
December 30	3	-13	
December 31	10	-12	
January 1	15	-9	
January 2	22	3	.01
Total			.36

## Holt's Corn 90 Percent Harvested, Report

Holt county's 1946 corn crop was 90 percent harvested last weekend, it was reported officially to the state-federal agricultural statisticians at Lincoln by County Agent A. Neil Dawes.

Reports indicate that Boyd county's corn is virtually "all out."

Yields in the area ranged generally from "fair" to "good." Meanwhile, the state-federal statistician A. E. Anderson, announced that 85 percent of Nebraska's corn harvest is in. The total yield is 231 million bushels, he reported.

Farmers were averted selling corn on the ground as a shortage of shipping cars has been moving the grain toward market.

## Inaugural Ball for Gov.-Elect Peterson

Gov.-elect Val Peterson, of Elgin, will be honored January 10 at the traditional governor's ball to be held in Lincoln.

In addition to Gov. Griswold and Gov.-elect Peterson, three former governors of the state are also expected to be present. Invitations have been extended to Robert Leroy Cochran, Adam McMullen, Samuel R. McKelvie, Keith Neville and George L. Sheldon.

A unique feature of the ball is the fact that no organization, or group, or business has contributed any money to the nonpolitical inaugural ceremony, according to C. C. Hellmers, chairman. The event will be held in the University of Nebraska coliseum.

## Noxious Weed Meet Planned Next Week

A meeting of persons interested in combating noxious weeds will be held January 9 and 10 at the Nebraska state fair grounds at Lincoln and will be sponsored by the University of Nebraska extension service.

Details of the meeting may be secured at the county agent's office in the Holt county courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelly, of Omaha, spent Christmas eve in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eidenmiller.

## Demo Upset Biggest 1946 News; Hospital Move Second

The upset of the Democrats by a resurgent Republican party probably topped the Holt county newsfront during the otherwise peaceful 1946. The second biggest news of the year was the launching of plans for a new 200 thousand dollar nonprofit hospital — a movement that quietly began in the Spring and figured prominently throughout the remainder of the year.

Other news that dominated the pages of The Frontier during the year just-ended included the continuous parade of World War II servicemen returning from the four corners. So routine had their return become, however, that many were "welcomed" by the press with only a cryptic line in a Selective Service newsrelease. By mid-year, 'teenagers with little more than a year's peacetime service were also returning.

There was no outstanding

spot news in the O'Neill region that won nationwide attention or even drew statewide interest.

The grim reaper took his usual toll among the dwindling family of oldtimers—the men and women to whom the credit belongs for developing this territory.

But for a thumbnail sketch of the election, the hospital, O'Neill's biggest building boom, the possibilities of Holt county irrigation, the birth of a rural electrification district, and scores of other items that made news in 1946, let's flip through The Frontier files:

JANUARY  
O'Neill indulged in a full schedule of New Year's parties and the affairs of the town were "functioning normally on the 2d," according to Editor D. H. Cronin. . . Ernie Weller, of Atkinson, purchased the O'Neill livestock sales pavilion. . . Ed J. Matousek, of Atkinson, was

electd chairman of the Holt county board of supervisors. . . On January 14 a number of prominent citizens met for the purpose of discussing plans for a new community hospital. William J. Froelich was unanimously elected chairman of the general committee. . . Ellis Wade, of Colorado, a brother of "The Kid" who met a tragic death at the hands of vigilantes 62 years ago, visited O'Neill. . . Returned servicemen were guests of the O'Neill Production Credit association at a dinner. . . Among the deaths: Ellisworth Witherwax, at Redbird; R. H. Mills, at Portland, Ore.; William Haggerty, at Norfolk; Josiah Starr Noble, at O'Neill; Daniel P. O'Sullivan, at Denver, Colo.; Ulysses S. Shipman, at Norfolk.

FEBRUARY  
A shortlived blizzard during the first week disrupted transportation schedules. A truckload of 122 hogs failed to nego-

tiate a hill near Page, slid backwards down the hill, stopped when it hit a culvert. . . Two brothers, Willard Taylor Brooks jr., of Lincoln, and James Brooks, of Grand Island, were killed when their oil truck crashed into a North Western freight at Stuart February 19. . . James Merriman was chosen as king and Shelia Taffe as queen by the St. Mary's academy freshmen. . . A survey is being conducted on the lots west of St. Mary's academy as the proposed site of O'Neill's new hospital. . . The newly-formed O'Neill Civic club has purchased the livestock sale pavilion and yards here from Ernie Weller, of Atkinson. . . Among the deaths: William H. Hart, in Sioux City; Mrs. Idilla Ann Brumbaugh, at Inman; John K. Boyer, at O'Neill; Frank D. Howard, at O'Neill; Mrs. C. D. Keyes, at Inman; Mrs. John Paul Sullivan, at O'Neill; Mrs. E. Rodaway, at

Page; Mrs. S. B. Carpenter, at Omaha.

## MARCH

Romaine Saunder, The Frontier's columnist, observed rather caustically: "Some of the bare legs need a shave." Gov. Dwight Griswold and Val Peterson, who aspires to be Nebraska's next governor, visited O'Neill. . . Holt county has 265 persons on oldage assistance. . . St. Joseph's of Atkinson won the Class C state basketball tourney, defeating St. Francis of Humphrey 38-33 for the title. . . Deaths: John Ebbin Candee, at Hardin, Mont.; Mary Bredehoeft, at Norfolk; L. W. Melike, at O'Neill.

APRIL  
Romaine Saunders terminated his services at The Frontier because of failing eyesight. Wrote Editor Cronin: "Romaine was a longtime employee of The Frontier and a personal friend of the editor for over 50 years."

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