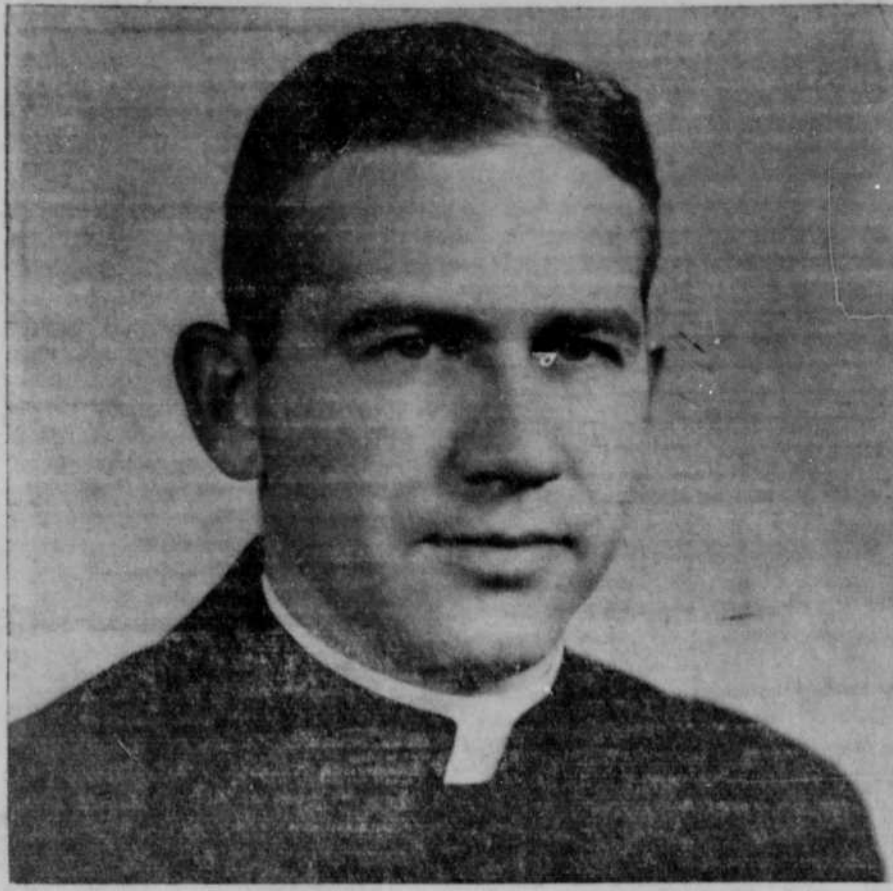


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Eugene F. Gallagher . . . 13 years and priesthood.

To Be Ordained

As a climax to 13 years of intensive study and training, Eugene F. Gallagher, of O'Neill, will be ordained into the priesthood in the Catholic Society of Jesus Wednesday at St. Mary's, Kans.

He is a son of Mrs. Robert E. Gallagher and the late Robert E. Gallagher.

The ordination into the Jesuit order will take place at the Chapel of the Immaculata at St. Mary's, near Manhattan.

Among those who will be present for the rite are Mr. Gallagher's mother; his brother, John R. Gallagher, and

family, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frenking and family, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Shelton, of St. Louis, Mo., and other relatives.

Rev. Gallagher's first mass will be said at St. Patrick's church here on Sunday, June 22. Elaborate plans are being made to mark the occasion. Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, has announced that the public is invited to attend Father Gallagher's first mass at 10:30 a.m. and the reception at St. Mary's academy from 3 to 5 p.m.

159 REBEKAHS CONVENE HERE

The 44th annual session of the Rebekah lodges of Nebraska district 29 met here Friday at the IOOF hall. One hundred and fifty-nine Rebekahs from Chambers, Page, Tilden, Inman, Madison, Neligh, Norfolk, Oakdale, and O'Neill were registered.

The all-day session opened with registration at 11 a.m. and closed following a business meeting in the evening.

A 6 p.m. banquet at the Golden hotel dining room high-lighted the meet. Following the banquet, Mrs. Lorenz Bredemeier, violinist, accompanied at the piano by A. E. Bowen, played several selections. A memorial service was staged by the Norfolk chapter. This portion of the program was open to the public.

A closed session followed with degree work presented by the Chambers lodge.

Among assembly officers present were Bertha Graber, of Fremont, vice-president; Mrs. Lois Harris, of Lynch, secretary; Mrs. Agnes Jewett, of Norfolk, past president.

The new officers for 1947-'48 are: Miss Viola Haynes, of Page, president; Mrs. Clara Dillon, of Norfolk, vice-president; Mrs. Clara Dean, of Pierce, warden; Leona Smith, of Page, secretary; and Mrs. Eunice Stewart, of Page, treasurer.

PETERSON NAMED 'GOOD NEIGHBOR'

Harry Peterson, manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company here, Wednesday was the recipient of one of the highest honors in the annual Ak-Sar-Ben good neighbor contest. Mr. Peterson's award was one of 22.

His citation read: "For his organization of the first Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops in O'Neill and his devotion to the welfare of youth."

NO BAND CONCERT

There will not be a concert by the Municipal band Saturday night. Instead, a portion of the band will go to Ainsworth Sunday to provide music during an air show scheduled there.

Twister Lifts Auto and 5 Occupants 25 Yards

EWING—The occupants of a 1941 Chevrolet sedan climbed out of their topsy-turvy automobile at 8:45 p.m. Friday night on highway 275 two and a half miles west of Ewing. They stared at each other in the gathering darkness; thanked their lucky stars. They had escaped unhurt in one of the freakiest accidents on record in Holt county.

The driver, Ralph Gray, had stopped the machine because of a heavy downpour and a high wind. Even the ignition was switched-off.

Presently, Gray and the four passengers felt the car lift into the air and settle down again. A few seconds later the wind, which may have been a twister, swept the machine off the highway and deposited it on its top 25 yards away in a pasture. No one was hurt.

Gray was accompanied by

CITY EMPLOYEE DIES SUDDENLY

Jesse L. Scofield, 63, Stricken on Sunday Fishing Trip

A heart attack proved fatal to Jesse L. Scofield, 63, at 2 p.m. Sunday while on a fishing trip on the Niobrara river. He was stricken near the Spencer dam where he was preparing to cast. With him were his wife and daughter, Alice.

Dr. W. F. Finley, of O'Neill, said that Mr. Scofield's death was sudden. Mr. Scofield had been suffering from a serious heart ailment for several months.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian church here. Rev. Kenneth J. Scott, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were Emmet Crabb, Lowell Johnson, J. Ed Hancock, Paul Shierk, F. A. Miles and Ira H. Moss.

The late Mr. Scofield was born May 21, 1884, at Kingsley, Ia. On February 14, 1912, he was married to Margaret Ruthie at Sioux City, Ia. They became the parents of three daughters, Bernice, of Valentine; Mrs. Thomas Malone, of Altadena, Calif., and Alice, of O'Neill.

In 1920 the Scofield family moved to O'Neill. Mr. Scofield has been an employee of the city water department during recent years.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Besides the widow and three daughters, other survivors include a brother, Ralph, of O'Neill, and a sister, Mrs. R. C. Smith, of Little Sioux, Ia.

9 GO TO LINCOLN

Nine Holt county 4-H club members attended the 4-H club week activity at Lincoln June 2-7. These included Twila Whaley, Joan Connell, Velma Abney, Bill Mulford, Patrick Boyle, Stanley Price, Carroll French and Tommy Kelly.

Chamber to Launch Plans for Big Day

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Golden hotel dining room at 7:45 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) night, it was announced Wednesday by President H. J. Lo-haus. The purpose of the meeting is to formulate plans for a 1947 merchants' day or O'Neill day.

Sugar Rationing Over for Housewives

The rationing of sugar for household consumers officially ended today (Thursday), but sugar price controls will be retained until October 1. The end of the rationing was welcomed by homemakers who have been laboring under the restrictions since early in World War II.

CHAMBER SENDS DUO ON MISSION

Putnam, Downey Turn to World-Herald for Road Support

Nebraska's "bad roads" again dominated the agenda at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday evening at the Golden hotel dining room.

This time, however, action quickly followed talk and Wednesday a two-man delegation headed for Omaha to enlist the interest of The Omaha World-Herald in the road problems. The duo consisted of L. D. Putnam, stockman - rancher - businessman, and S. Downey, photographer.

"Permanent Concrete" The World - Herald today (Thursday) carried the following story:

"A delegation from O'Neill was in Omaha Wednesday seeking support for a more elaborate paved-road program for Nebraska.

"The O'Neill club (Chamber of Commerce) Tuesday directed a committee to back the building of permanent concrete roads through state bonds if necessary, in order to put the trunk highways of Nebraska in better shape."

"L. D. Putnam, stockman and O'Neill business man, one of the committee, declared Nebraska's main highways are in 'definitely worse condition than those of any of the surrounding states.'"

Say 20 Going to Pieces "The oil-top section of United States Highway No. 20 east of Valentine is 'going to pieces,' the committee said.

"We believe it would be better to bond Nebraska to obtain permanent concrete roads than to drift along as the state has been doing," declared S. Downey, another of the committee."

RAINFALL SINCE APRIL 1ST 7.27-IN.

Oldtimers Awer They 'Have Never Seen Anything Like It'

If someone suggests that you are all wet that someone is undoubtedly right.

For 4.51-inches of moisture has fallen in O'Neill during the seven-day period ending at 8 a.m. today (Thursday) and on only one day—Saturday — did the skies fail to drip.

Delving into the records, Government Observer Elmer Bowen finds: (1) that the total "growing season" precipitation from April 1 to date is 7.27-inches; (2) that the normal in the central division of Nebraska is 6.80; (3) that O'Neill's precipitation since June 1 totals 6.51.

Many fields are under water as a result of the continued rains and oldtimers at Amelia aver they've "never seen anything like it."

The Elkhorn river has been flowing bank-full or higher since last weekend.

Heavy wraps were fashionable Wednesday and today and fires were required to take the chill off most homes and business places as the mercury dropped to lows of 40 and 45.

The week's weather summary, based on 24-hour readings taken at 8 a.m. daily, follows:

| Date | Hi | Lo | Moist. |
|---------|----|----|--------|
| June 6 | 80 | 60 | .33 |
| June 7 | 78 | 57 | 1.52 |
| June 8 | 79 | 52 | |
| June 9 | 82 | 62 | .28 |
| June 10 | 81 | 48 | 1.39 |
| June 11 | 58 | 40 | T |
| June 12 | 58 | 45 | 1.09 |

Total precipitation . . . 4.51



Holger Holm . . . to encourage larger production of rental dwellings for war veterans. (See story at right).

JOSEPH A. WEIBEL BURIED AT DELOIT

Father of 10 Resided in Holt County Over 45 Years

DELOIT — Joseph A. Weibel, 81, a longtime and well-known resident of southern Holt county, was buried June 4 at St. Anthony's cemetery here following funeral rites at St. John's Catholic church. Rev. Robert Hupp, a former Deloit resident, officiated.

Mr. Weibel died May 31 in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk following a brief illness.

Born April 19, 1866, in the Alsace Lorraine province of France, Mr. Weibel came to the United States at the age of 14, locating originally in Wisconsin. In 1880 he came to Nebraska and settled with a group of pioneers in Boone county, near Cedar Rapids. There he married Miss Elizabeth Dobson. They became the parents of four sons, William, Frank, Henry, and George. Mrs. Weibel died on October 19, 1903, and two years later he married Rosa Kracher Schindler at Ewing. They became the parents of two sons and four daughters.

Mr. Weibel's eldest son, William, was killed in action during World War I.

For over 45 years Mr. Weibel resided in south-Holt county.

Survivors include the widow; five sons—Frank and George, both of Vancouver, Wash.; Henry, of Magnet; Joseph L., and Albert, both of Ewing; four daughters—Mrs. Louis Funk, of Clearwater; Miss Teresa Weibel, of Ewing; Miss Helen Weibel, of Omaha, and Sister M. Armella, OSF, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Board of Equalization in Session Here

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DONOHUE INJURED

Harold Donohoe, of O'Neill was injured late Saturday in an automobile accident west of Ewing. He was taken to the O'Neill hospital where his injuries were treated for three days before being dismissed.

STATE FHA CHIEF TO APPEAR HERE

Holger Holm Will Discuss Housing in Public Gathering

A housing meeting conducted by Holger Holm, of Omaha, state director of the Federal Housing Administration, will be held at the O'Neill public school building at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18. The session has been arranged here through the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Anyone interested in securing information about house-building is urged to attend," H. J. Lohaus, Chamber president, said.

The meeting will be open to the public.

To Encourage Production Mr. Holm has informed the Chamber that the FHA is seeking "full cooperation of all branches of industry to accomplish the objective of the program outlined recently by President Truman. This is to encourage larger production of rental dwellings for war veterans."

"Under the program, three broad avenues of approach will be used for obtaining additional rental units," Mr. Holm continued. "First, conversion of existing structures which will produce the quickest action at lowest cost and probably lowest rentals; second, construction of more two, three and four-family units, considered the next speediest method and one which will broaden opportunities for builders and investors; third, production of more large-scale rental structures."

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Rev. and Mrs. Cummings have three children, Howard Lloyd, 12; Wanema, 7, and Joyce Elaine, 1.

Page Area Hit Hard by Storm

HAIL, WIND REDUCE CROPS IN 25-MILE CORRIDOR EAST OF HERE

(Compiled from Reports by Special Correspondents)

The O'Neill region is mopping up after one of the worst combination wind-hail-rain storms in recent years. The storm struck at about 6:50 p. m. Monday and raged for 30 minutes. Rain fell for over 90 minutes.

Heavy damage to crops and property was reported in eastern Holt county, while the western section escaped except for hundreds of acres of inundated crops. An east-west belt, approximately 10 miles wide and extending from the northeast edge of O'Neill east for about 25 miles, appeared to be hardest hit. The storm was a portion of that which whipped through east-central Nebraska, killing at least three persons; and causing general destruction of crops and property.

Hail reduced most of the small grain to complete ruin in the path of the storm in Holt county. Leaves were stripped from trees and all forms of vegetation suffered. A high gale toppled many trees and property damage in the Page vicinity will reach many thousands of dollars.

Among those hardest hit were farms near Page occupied by Fred Allen, 3 1/2-miles southeast; Walter Sojka, 5 miles northeast; Louis Bernholtz, 3 miles east; Wendell Quigley, 3 miles northeast; and Henry Tegeler, 2 miles north.

At the Allen place, the roof was blown from the top of the barn and it was stopped when it crashed into the farm house 75-yards to the east. A large section of the roof lies in the yard almost intact while splinters were driven into the west side of the house, leaving holes. No one was hurt and the farm house was temporarily abandoned by the Allens.

Discover Dead Pigs The Wendell Quigley family was away from home when the storm struck. Upon their return they discovered dead pigs and chickens and holes in the side of the barn and roof of the house, all caused by hail.

Hail made holes as big as baseballs in the imitation brick covering on the house occupied by Walter Sojka. The stones also dented the metal grain bin and bent a lightning rod atop the house. A loss of pigs and chickens was also reported at Sojka's.

The trees were stripped "clean" at the Louis Bernholtz and Bernard Kornoek farms in the vicinity of the Allens.

The same area was visited by a less severe storm Friday night. At the Harry Tegeler farm north of Page the windows on the east and north of the house were knocked-out on Friday and on Monday night all the windows on the west side were destroyed. Thirty spring chickens were killed and most of the roof on the barn was blown away.

Streets, Sidewalks Blocked In O'Neill the high wind blew down uncounted trees and blocked streets and sidewalks. Nearly a dozen homes in the south section of the city suffered from water damage in basements and large "lakes" developed.

The storm imposed a heavy burden on the Consumer Public Power district headquarters as reports of power failures poured into the headquarters here. The city was without light for nearly 90 minutes, while Elgin and Petersburg suffered complete black-outs and Creighton, Winnetoon, Neligh, and Clearwater suffered partial interruptions.

Similar line difficulties were experienced by the Northwestern Bell Telephone company as service to the principal cities was impaired. Western Union was without teletype service all day Tuesday and Wednesday.

Train Service Out on Winner Line

BUTTE—Workmen are still repairing washouts on the Winner, S. D., line of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad in eastern Boyd and western Knox counties. Service has been disrupted since Friday's flashflood and the situation was made worse by Monday's storm.

Trains are operating between Norfolk and Niobrara only. There is a reported 1,600-foot washout west of Verdigris, and another washout near Spencer.

Spencer was hard-hit by Friday's storm. Few windows in the business district survived the hail onslaught, and many roofs were damaged.

Rainfall at Butte has exceeded six inches since June 1. Boyd county residents are happy because the county escaped the fury of Monday's storm.

Emil Swanda, of Hastings, was a guest Sunday of Miss Polly Ann Rieckley.

AIRFIELD NAMED FOR FRANK LEAHY

An airfield at Winner, S. D., will be dedicated Friday and named for Frank Leahy, the Notre Dame university football coach and a native of O'Neill. Leahy moved from O'Neill as a youth.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Bentlege, of Council Bluffs, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parker, of St. Paul, Minn., spent Wednesday night at the Golden hotel here enroute to Winner for the ceremonies. Mrs. Bentlege and Mrs. Parker are sisters of the sport figure.

The person for whom the airport will be named will be at Winner for the dedication.

BOYS' STATERS IN SESSION

Paul Moseman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Moseman, and John Berrigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Berrigan, are attending the annual Boys' State conference this week in Lincoln. Moseman represents the American Legion, and Berrigan is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.



Probably the farm hardest hit by Monday's combination wind-hail-rain storm was the Fred Allen place, 3 1/2 miles southeast of Page. The roof was blown off the top of the barn (about 75 yards away) and a section of it lies beside the farm house. The upper photograph shows the west side of the house with splinter holes visible. The Allens are forced to abandon the house until repairs can be made. (See leading story on this page.)—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.