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Joe Murphy's Return Revives an Old Football Legend

Joe Murphy came to town Monday. Joe gained everlasting fame in O'Neill on a grey afternoon in November, 1910. Creighton Prep, of Omaha, had engaged O'Neill high school for a practice football game in a match that was engineered primarily by Atkinson's George Campbell, now deceased, a Prep backfield man. The Preppers were envisioning lots of fancy things about their team's possibilities. O'Neill, a green country outfit, would be a warmup.

Creighton Prep was leading 7-0 going into the last minutes of play. The O'Neill team was reinforced for the event with Murphy, Gene Leahy (brother of Notre Dame's Frank Leahy) and Bill Milner, who hailed from Atkinson. The "spiking" met with the blessings of the highly-touted Omahans, who were heavy favorites.

Halfback Murphy, an 18-year-old farm boy who never attended O'Neill high, had been recruited for the game because his 175 pounds were tough and durable.

There were numerous interruptions that afternoon because Prep's Campbell (the Atkinson man) was being subjected to especially rough treatment by his Holt county acquaintances.



Joe Murphy . . . his touchdown jolted Creighton Prep.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

Fifty-six and greying, Joe Murphy, who has resided in Kansas City, Kans., since 1915, found it difficult to recall any of the details of the game except the touchdown run itself. "Gosh, fellows," he complained, "it's been a long time ago."

ACHIEVEMENT DAY ATTRACTS 225

Holt 4-H's Gather Here Friday; Style Show a Highlight

Over 225 4-H club members and leaders Friday attended the annual Holt county achievement day program here.

The following judging winners have been announced: Livestock—Murray Mellor and Benton Mellor, both of O'Neill, first and second, respectively; Thomas Kelly, of Page, third; Laverne Engler, of Stuart, fourth, and Linden Mulford, of Stuart, fifth. Home economics—Phyllis Runnels, of Stuart; Alice Whaley, of O'Neill, and Ila June Coon, of Inman.

Home economics winners in the various classes were: Home-making—Ila June Coon and Joan Adair, of Amelia. Cooking—Valera Lofquest, of Stuart; Donna Crabb, of O'Neill, and Mavel Johnson, of Stuart. Sewing—Phyllis Runnels, Alice Whaley and Lorraine Coats, of Stuart; Phyllis Rzeszotorski, of Emmet; Norman Foreman, of Emmet; Shirley Slack, of Dorsey, and Shirley Kaiser, of Atkinson.

Hall Agent a Judge
Demonstration teams placing high in home economics were: Maxine Peterson and Beverly Small, of Amelia; Lois Heiss and Harriet Simmons, of Page, second; Marilyn, Walter and Jacquelyn Taggart, of Chambers, third.

Agricultural exhibits received the following premiums: Bird houses—Donna Whaley and Helen Thomas, first; Donna Whaley, second. Bird feeder—Donna Whaley, first, and Helen Thomas, second. Bird chart—Helen Thomas, first, and Donna Whaley, second. Rope halter—Albert Kruse, first.

Highlight of the day was the style review in which girls in 4-H sewing projects took part. In the apron division, Donna Crabb placed first and Norma Lou Foreman, second. Pinafores—Lois Pierson, first; and Wilma Lotts, second. Summer wardrobe (purple award)—Donna Krotter; Betsy Simmons, first; Lorraine Coats, second; Selena Belle Hovey, third. Winter wardrobe—Lois Heiss, first.

Judges for exhibits and demonstrations were Miss Harriet Adams, of Holt county home agent, of Grand Island; Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, of Page; and Mrs. Vern Sageser, of Amelia.

Judges for the judging contests were Mrs. Jess Mellor, Mrs. A. Neil Dawes, Miss Maude Mellor and Mrs. Martin Helmricks.

Youth, 13, Injured as Team Runs Away

PAGE—Richard Christen, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Christen, who live south of Page, was injured seriously Friday while riding a hayrack. The team of horses he was driving got out of control and the boy was thrown from the rake.

Nine stitches were taken in the youth's arm and side when he was taken to a doctor for medical treatment. In addition, young Christen was suffering from shock and bruises.



B. O. AND GERTIE

"B. O. Plenty" (left) and "Gravel Gertie," famous funnypaper characters, were standouts in the O'Neill day parade. Minus the weird attire, "Mr. Plenty" is Robert Mullen and "Gertie" is Lillie McKim.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.



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THRONGS VIEW O'NEILL DAY FREE ACTS

Pictured is a portion of the throng that jammed O'Neill's main intersection Tuesday afternoon to witness the free act entertainment on O'Neill day.

Ray Liday, of New York City, a dare-devil unicyclist, is shown in action. The photograph was made by The Frontier's photographer from atop the Nebraska State bank building. The audience lustily applauded the entertainers in both the 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. performances.

MRS. ARBUTHNOT DIES SUDDENLY

Expires on West Coast; Funeral Arrangements Not Completed

Mrs. Evelyn Arbuthnot, 69, widow of the late Robert L. Arbuthnot, died early today (Thursday) at the home of a daughter, Miss Roberta Arbuthnot, in Berkeley, Calif. Mrs. Arbuthnot had not been in poor health and death was caused by a sudden heart attack.

Funeral services have not been arranged. The body will be shipped to O'Neill for burial. Rites will be held in St. Patrick's Catholic church and interment will be made in Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Arbuthnot had been residing in California for about a year.

She was born at Winona, Minn., in March, 1878, and came to Holt county as a young girl with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Burke. On November 17, 1903, she married Robert L. ("Bob") Arbuthnot at Ashland. They became the parents of one son and two daughters. Mr. Arbuthnot was an automobile and oil merchant here for many years, and at the time of his death, January 28, 1942, was a member of the city council.

Mrs. Arbuthnot's survivors include: son, Jack, of O'Neill; daughters, Mrs. John DeHall, of Birmingham, Ala., and Miss Roberta Arbuthnot, of Berkeley; three sisters, Mrs. David Stannard and Mrs. J. B. Mellor, both of O'Neill, and Mrs. Frank Hansen, of Lusk, Wyo.

LOUISE PETERSON DIES AT LYNCH

BUS CHASE IS WASTED EFFORT

ATKINSON — A disturbed woman sped into Atkinson the other day in an automobile she had hired in O'Neill to overtake a westbound bus. She said the bus had gone off without her when she alighted in O'Neill for a cup of coffee.

Her driver had raced 70 miles an hour in an effort to catch the bus — apparently in vain. A few minutes after she reached Atkinson the bus from O'Neill arrived. The bus driver explained that while the woman was having her coffee at O'Neill he had driven the bus around the corner. She mistakingly thought it had departed without her.

Small Boy Burned by Exhaust Pipe
AMELIA — Denny Kay, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dolittle, was quite badly burned when he sat on the exhaust pipe of a washing machine.

Mrs. Louise Peterson, 51, widow of the late Millard Peterson, died at 4 p.m. Monday in the Lynch hospital on the same day that she was taken there for medical treatment. She had been suffering from a lingering liver ailment. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Pleasant valley church with burial in the Pleasant Valley cemetery. Rev. Anderson, of Newport, officiated in the burial rites. Mrs. Peterson, formerly Miss Louise Stein, was born January 9, 1896, near O'Neill and married Millard Peterson. They became the parents of two sons, Robert and Harold, and one daughter, Lois Ann. Mr. Peterson died about three years ago. The O'Neill farm widow's survivors, besides the three children, include one brother, Joseph, and two sisters, Minnie and Anna, all of O'Neill. The pallbearers were Charles Fox, Elmer Devall, Walter Devall, Clinton McMillan, Walter Egger, and Adolph Sedoway.

BENEFICIAL RAIN TWICE IN WEEK

Thunderstorms Aid to Parched Corn; Some Wind

Beneficial rains fell Sunday and Monday evenings throughout most of the O'Neill region, but the moisture came too late to be of much benefit to the parched corn crop.

Sunday's rainfall developed after skies threatened for several hours. The Inman and Ewing vicinities were visited first, later reaching most other sections of Holt county.

In O'Neill, Government Observer Elmer Bowen reported .24-inches. He said it was the first "appreciable" moisture since July 20. Monday's shower, coming about 24 hours later, netted .18-inches.

The Sunday storm was accompanied by wind that did some damage in the Page vicinity. At the Gerald Snyder place, northeast of Page, a barn was blown down, killing three head of cattle and injuring two others. Mr. Snyder escaped injury by fleeing to the house. At the L. C. Rakow farm, the wind demolished a garage but left the automobile untouched. At the Walter Christen farm, south of the Rakow

HAILED 3D TIME

Sam Robertson, who resides 10 miles north and three miles east of O'Neill, thinks he's had enough hail for one season. On Monday evening his place was visited by hail for the third time this summer. While it was the least damaging of the three storms, Mr. Robertson reports that harvest is an empty word at his place. There'll be no wheat, rye, oats or corn.

place, a tower was blown down, the roof was whipped off the corncob, a hayrack was demolished, and the windmill was damaged.

Lightning Kills Cow
Nearly an inch of rainfall was received in Page. A cow at the Lyndley Crumley place was killed when struck by lightning.

Lightning struck the radio aerial at the Glenn Burge place, between Emmet and O'Neill, igniting a damped mattress inside the house. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

A slight though not damaging hail was reported at Page Monday night.

Most of the region was cooled by hail that had struck elsewhere.

Amelia, in the southwest corner of the county, continues dry. Both storms passed over while most of the citizenry felt a rain was imminent.

Government Observer Bowen said that July's total moisture here netted only .65-inches. The dryness, extending into August, cut deeply into Holt's corn prospects, parched lawns and gardens.

Roy Waring, of the Middlebranch vicinity, sounded one of the most optimistic notes heard in O'Neill regarding the corn outlook. He estimates his corn will "run nearly 48 bushels to the acre."

The Middlebranch community received rain Saturday night as well as Sunday and Monday. The three different showers netted at least two inches, Mr. Waring said.

Showers Scattered
The showers were scattered and there were isolated places where the dust was barely settled.

The wind accompanying Monday's rain is reported to have uprooted several trees near Orchard.

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

Date	High	Low	Mst.
August 15	82	63	
August 16	85	64	
August 17	93	69	
August 18	96	77	.24
August 19	95	77	.18
August 20	97	77	
August 21	100	72	
Total			.42

FARM HOME BURNS AS FAMILY AWAY

INMAN—A fire of unknown origin destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Lines, southeast of Inman, Sunday afternoon. The Lines family was attending a rodeo at Bartlett and the fire had progressed too far to be extinguished before it was noticed by neighbors.

The house and all of the contents were destroyed. It is believed that the blaze started about 2:30 p.m.

Estimate 3,500 Guests O'Neill Day

Crowds Show Approval of Chamber-Sponsored Entertainment

An estimated 3,500 persons were guests of the Chamber of Commerce and other business and professional people Tuesday—O'Neill day.

They came from all corners of Holt county and from other nearby counties for the Chamber's all-out effort to entertain the folks in the O'Neill territory.

The activity opened with a parade at 10 a.m., led by the Atkinson band. The O'Neill band, wearing new uniforms unpacked several hours earlier, won special plaudits from the crowds that lined Douglas street.

Winners Named
The parade winners include: Business floats—Shelhamer Farm & Equipment company, first; Corkle Hatchery, second. Four-H floats—Blue Skies Sew & Sewers, first; O'Neill Victory Belles, second. Social and fraternal—Holt County Rural Youth club, first.

Streets sports followed at 11 a.m. and horse races were staged at 11:30.

The O'Neill band was heard in a concert at 1 p.m., and at 2 p.m., the first performance by the free act troupes was presented. The entertainers included Ray Liday, comedy juggler and unicyclist (see photo at right); Howard Huntington, magician; Johnny Sanna, dancer and imitator; Beverly Neil, acrobat, and Nelson Thomason, a head-and-hand stander.

O'Neill Blanks Butte
O'Neill blanked Butte 9-0 and there were four knockouts and one draw in the American Legion-sponsored boxing show. (See SPORTS on page 3 for details.)

The evening's entertainment, besides the boxing, included a concert at 7 by the O'Neill band, the second performance by the free-act troupe at 7:30, and a pavement dance at 9:30, featuring Jug Brown and his orchestra.

SCHOOL HEARING TO COURTROOM

The hearing for the reappraisal of Holt county's 77,000 acres of school land has been set for 9 a.m. in the courtroom at the Holt county courthouse. It was announced this week by Henry H. Bartling, of Lincoln, secretary of the state board of educational lands and funds.

Bartling said the purpose of the hearing was "to take testimony and to receive evidence as to the value of all school land in Holt and to establish a valuation for rental purposes."

The valuation has been a point of controversy between the state board and Holt's 200-odd leaseholders. The board originally ordered a 70 percent valuation increase. This may be revised following the September 18 hearing.

JASKOWIAK AND GOLDEN TO FINALS

Last Year's Finalists Repeat; Grady Brothers Eliminated

The 1946 finalists in the city golf tournament survived semifinal play again this year and Sunday will compete for the O'Neill title at the Country club course. They are M. J. ("Max") Golden, the defending champion, and A. P. ("Scovie") Jaskowiak.

Golden and Jaskowiak gained the finals in the championship flight by defeating the Grady brothers. Golden defeated Ben Grady and Jaskowiak edged Bill Grady. Both scores were 3-2.

This year's finalists went 21 holes a year ago before Golden emerged the victor.

Two youthful golfers will fight it out for top honors in the second flight. They are Gordon Hiatt and Ed Campbell, jr. In second flight semifinals, Campbell downed Pat Harty, 5-4, and Hiatt turned back Joe McCarville, 1-up.

Third flight honors rest between Ralph Rickly and George Hammond. Rickly eliminated John Baker, 7-6, and Hammond bested Willard Naprstack, 1-up.

Consolation pairings follow: Championship flight—Ed Campbell vs. Paul Kuitschek; second flight—Bob Evans vs. winner of Bill McIntosh - F. J. Fisher; third flight—Dale French vs. Duke Kersenbrock. The French-Kersenbrock feud will go 36 holes unless one concedes.

MOTHER DIES
Mrs. Hannah Dahlsten, of Ericson, mother of Mrs. Carl Asimus, of O'Neill, died Friday at Ericson.

DONNA MAE AT FARM HOME

Donna Mae Fuhrer, 15, O'Neill's well-known infantile paralysis victim, Monday returned to her farm home two miles south of here after spending nearly a month in the Hattie B. Munroe home in Omaha where she had spent a month under observation.

Donna arrived at the Omaha institution July 15 strapped in a body brace. She was given hot baths, permitted to sit in a wheel chair, and finally helped to attain a partial sitting position.

The blonde-haired, blue-eyed girl, who has been bedfast and helpless for seven years, won wide attention in May when she graduated from the eighth grade. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fuhrer.