

O'Neill, Neligh Bands 'Superior' in Class B

Atkinson, St. Mary's Bands Share Honors in Class C

Neligh and O'Neill high school bands drew superior ratings in class B of the district III music competition here last weekend. Atkinson high school and St. Mary's academy (O'Neill) held top band honors in class C, and Orchard won band honors in class D.

More than 1,200 music pupils from 30 northeast and northcentral Nebraska high schools participated in the event that opened Wednesday, April 14, with an evening session and closed late Friday, April 16.

Classrooms and auditoriums in both St. Mary's academy and O'Neill high school were filled with contestants, judges and audiences during the 3-day competition.

Superior ratings went to the following Holt countyans:

Piano solos (all classes) — Kathryn Newhouse, of Chambers; Marlene Brooke, of St. Joseph's (Atkinson).

Girl's high voice (class C) — Maxine Jones, Atkinson; Marde Birmingham, St. Mary's; Lorraine Simonson, St. Mary's.

Girl's low voice (class C) — Helen Spence, Atkinson.

Girl's medium voice (class C) — Donna Krotter, Stuart; Elaine Harshfield, Atkinson.

Boy's medium voice (class C) — Dale Jarvis, Atkinson; John O'Neill, St. Mary's.

Mixed double octette (class C) — St. Mary's.

Girls' duet (class C) — Stuart.

Boys' quartette (class C) — Atkinson.

Girls' sextette (class C) — Atkinson.

Girls' octette (class C) — St. Mary's and Stuart.

Flute solo (class C) — Patricia Brennan, St. Mary's.

Clarinet solo (class C) — John Berigan, St. Mary's.

E-flat saxophone solo (class C) — Dorothy Pollock, Ewing.

Bass saxophone solo (class C) — Beth Sloan, Atkinson.

Cornet solo (class C) — Thomas Harty, St. Mary's.

French horn solo (class C) — Kathryn Golden, St. Mary's.

Baritone horn solo (class C) — Rosaline Bohn, St. Mary's.

Bass horn solo (class C) — Dean Ratcliffe, Atkinson, and Stanley Price, St. Mary's.

Glockenspiel solo (class C) — Shirley Mead, Atkinson.

Tympani solo (class C) — Daniel DeBacker, St. Mary's.

Cornet trio (class C) — St. Mary's.

Brass quartette (class C) — Atkinson.

Girls' glee club (class C) — Atkinson and St. Mary's.

Boys' glee club (class C) — Atkinson.

Mixed chorus (class C) — Atkinson.

Bands (class C) — Atkinson and St. Mary's.

Trombone solo (classes B and D) — Wally Shelhamer, O'Neill.

Bass horn (classes B and D) — Paul Moseman, O'Neill.

French horn solo (classes B and D) — Marjorie Hungerford, O'Neill.

Clarinet solo (classes B and D) — Wauneta Anspach, O'Neill.

E-flat saxophone solo (classes B and D) — Carolyn Adams, Chambers; Ivalyn Brady, O'Neill.

Cornet solo (classes B and D) — Ted Lindberg, O'Neill.

Cornet trio (classes B and D) — O'Neill.

Brass sextette (classes B and D) — O'Neill.

Batons (all classes) — Marilyn Humpal, St. Joseph's.

Girls' glee clubs (class D) — Chambers.

Girls' glee clubs (class B) — O'Neill.

Bands (class B) — O'Neill.

Girls' medium voice (classes B and D) — Lou Ann Eisenhauer, Chamber; Delores Groeger, St. Joseph's.

Girl's low voice (classes B and D) — Ruth Smith, Chambers.

Girl's high voice (classes B and D) — Helen Johnson, O'Neill; Helen Urton, O'Neill.

Boy's medium voice (classes B and D) — Lloyd Hilligas, Chambers; James Bridges, O'Neill; Claude Cole, O'Neill.

Mixed octette (classes B and D) — O'Neill.

Girls' trio (classes B and D) — O'Neill.

Girls' sextette (classes B and D) — O'Neill.

More than 300 events were heard during the 3-day contest. The judges were: Edward Kurtz, chairman of the music department, Iowa State Teachers' college, Cedar Falls; Paul McCollin, chairman, vocal music department, Morningside college, Sioux City; James Reistrup, chairman, piano department, Morningside college, Sioux City, and Miss Blanche Maeda Spratt, vocal instructor, East Junior school, Sioux City.

Supt. Ira George, of the O'Neill high school, was in charge of arrangements.

NEW MANAGER

PAGE—James Voehl has recently taken over the management of the Page theater.

125 AT EWING YOUTH PARLEY

Skip Marquardt Named President of Methodist Group for a Year

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER
EWING — Over 125 young people from Methodist Youth Fellowship groups in this area attended an all-day sub-district rally here Sunday, April 18. Towns represented were: Neligh, Elgin, Oakdale, Clearwater, Ewing, Inman, O'Neill, Page and Royal.

Officers elected for a year are: Skip Marquardt, of Ewing, president; Ronald Bryant, of Neligh, vice-president; LaVonne Albright, of Page, secretary; Dorothy Rise, of Neligh, world fellowship chairman; Joannille Wagner, of Oakdale, community service chairman; Don Prill, of Page, recreation chairman.

Features of the afternoon meeting were: recreation led by Max Angus, of Ewing; singing led by Rev. Lloyd Mullis, of O'Neill; a reading given by Gayl Widfeldt, of O'Neill, and selections by the youth choir of the Clearwater church.

A pot luck lunch was served by the ladies of the Ewing church—Mrs. Herman Schroeder, Mrs. A. S. Evans, Mrs. Marquardt. They were assisted by Earl Billings, and Mrs. Vic by Mr. Arthur Lucas, of Clearwater, and Fern Pruden and Dolores Pierson, both of Ewing.

A feature of the evening session were slides on the boy meets girl problem. These were shown by Rev. Mullis and Rev. Dawson Park of Neligh.

Rev. C. Donald Vogel, pastor of the Ewing United Presbyterian church, preached on the theme, "Youth Meets Christ."

Other leaders who participated in the rally were: Rev. Sarah Ives of Clearwater; Rev. J. W. Clapper, of Ewing; Rev. Carl Rayburn, of Page; Rev. Erwin Kiel, of Elgin; Rev. Baldwin, of Inman; Neil Dawes, of O'Neill; A. S. Evans, of Ewing, and Gene Closson, retiring president of this sub-district Youth Fellowship. The next meeting will be at Neligh in June.

The evening service was led by Joan Marquardt, of Ewing, who was assisted by Verl Gunter and Beth Billings, of Ewing, and Barbara Trowbridge, of Page.

O'Neill Pupils to Enter Arts Festival

A group of O'Neill fine arts pupils—representing both O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy—are scheduled to depart today (Thursday) for Lincoln to participate in the statewide high school fine arts festival to be held Friday and Saturday.

O'Neill high representatives and their entries include: "Happy Journey" 1-act play, cast—James Bridges, Gayl Widfeldt, Eva Coker, Dwaine Borg, Helen Urton, and Keith Anspach, members of the cast of the 1-act play, "Happy Journey." Gayl Widfeldt, dramatic oration, "Midsummer Night's Dream"; Paul Moseman, tuba solo; Gayl Widfeldt, flute solo; Helen Urton, vocal solo; James Bridges, vocal solo.

St. Mary's Academy entries include: Darlene Steele, dramatic oration, "The Crucifixion"; John Berigan, clarinet solo; Thomas Harty, cornet solo; Daniel DeBacker, tympani solo; Rosaline Bohn, baritone horn solo; Martha Mullen, John O'Neill, Marde Birmingham, Lorraine Simonson, Bernadette Hynes, all vocal solos; mixed octette (Louis Sojka, James Donohoe, John O'Neill, Edward McCarthy, Helen O'Brien, Martha Mullen, Janice Jarman, Patricia Funk); girls' octette (Martha Mullen, Maxine Bauer, Bernadette Thiele, Patricia Funk, Nancy Froelich, Mary Ann Knerl, Rosaline Bohn, Barbara Birmingham); girls' sextette (Joyce Steele, Joan Bauer, Jean Funk, Patricia Funk, Bernadette Thiele, Mary Ann Knerl); girls' trio (Bernadette Hynes, Lorraine Simonson, Marde Birmingham).

Accompanist for the vocalists will be Miss Esther Kinnier, Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek will accompany the instrumental selections.

Rebekah Lodge Meets

At a meeting Friday, April 16, the Rebekah lodge observed the birthday anniversary of Schuyler Colfax, Miss Ruth Hoffman, noble grand, gave a resume of his life and work as the founder of Rebekahs lodge organization 97 years ago. Following the meeting a luncheon was served.

Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka returned Sunday from a visit in Redfield, S. D., with her parents.

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Explosion Causes Death of 2



O'Neill was invaded by an army of more than 1,200 high school musicians last week in connection with the annual district III music contest. Three Neligh pupils, typical of the instrument-laden, colorfully-uniformed band members from northeast and northcentral

Nebraska towns, are shown tuning up for The Frontier's photographer, John H. McCerville. Left-to-right: Kenneth Hildreth, bass horn; Jean Shopland, saxophone, and Lee Thorin, cornet. (See story in column 1.)

2 SHELTERBELTS RUINED BY BLAZE

Prairie Fire Scorches Area 2½ Miles Long, ¾ of a Mile Wide

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER
CHAMBERS—A prairie fire Saturday destroyed 2 shelterbelts and endangered a number of buildings on the Lake View ranch, which is located southwest of Chambers.

The blaze is believed to have started by sparks from a tractor, which was being used in cabling hay. The fire swept a path three-fourths of a mile wide and 2½ miles long.

The shelterbelts, representing 2 years' of growth, were owned by Mr. Homolka. Buildings endangered were at the Lake View ranch and at the Ernest Burrell place.

Kelley Manslaughter Case Set for Monday

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Lawrence M. Kelley, 24, of Long Pine, will begin Monday in Holt county district court with Judge D. R. Mounts presiding. This may be the only jury case for the Spring term of the district court.

Charged with manslaughter, Kelley has been out on \$1,000 bond since December. He was the driver of the automobile in which a companion, Morris McNally, also of Long Pine, was killed near Stuart on November 1.

Mrs. Early Is 80—

AMELIA—Mrs. Bird Early, Rolland Parriott, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Strenger and sons, all of Norden, spent Sunday with Mrs. Lindsey and Florence. The occasion was Mrs. Early's 80th birthday anniversary.

Sgt. Brady's Remains Identified

The body of a Holt county airman, who became missing in action in Europe on April 13, 1944 and who 13 months later was declared dead, has been positively identified, and the remains are now resting in the United States military cemetery at Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.

The airman is the late S-Sgt. Lloyd G. ("Jack") Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee Brady, of Dorsey. At the age of 20, he was serving as a ball-turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. The aircraft in which he was flying was enroute back to its base in England following a heavy bombardment of the Schweinfurt ball bearing factory in Bavaria, Germany.

The Fort was in the vicinity of Brussels, Belgium, when German anti-aircraft batteries scored a direct hit. Four of the 10 crew members perished in the crash of the Fortress.

Three other crew members, who safely parachuted from the ill-fated craft, managed to escape to England from the German occupied territory via an underground system.

Legion Sponsors Dance in Floodlight Drive

The American Legion is sponsoring a benefit dance on Monday, April 26, in the Legion auditorium, in behalf of the drive for funds for baseball floodlights.

The Aces of Rhythm orchestra has been signed to provide the music, Commander Glea Wade said.

"Only a few hundred dollars stand between O'Neill and night baseball," Manager Dick Tomlinson, of the O'Neill Rockets, said last week. The city is cooperating with the subscription fund-raising drive to provide the lights.

CHECK FORGER PLEADS GUILTY

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie L. Dinsmore, 26 and 21, respectively, were taken into custody at Chadron last week on request of Holt county authorities. They were brought here to face charges as a result of 2 alleged check forgeries.

Mr. Dinsmore pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 1 year in the men's reformatory by District Judge D. R. Mounts. His wife, Virginia, is being held in protective custody.

Two checks in the amount of \$23.72 each were passed at the Green Arrow bar and the Apparel Shop. The drafts were written on the O'Neill National bank and signed by "J. W. Swenson & Co."

County Attorney William W. Griffin said the firm name was "fictitious."

MOVE FROM NELIGH

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hancock, of Neligh, have moved to O'Neill. Mr. Hancock is a former resident of this city. He will office with the Paul Shierk Insurance Agency.



S-Sgt. Lloyd G. Brady... he went to his death in a Flying Fortress returning from Schweinfurt. — O'Neill Photo Co.

TOURNEY, BALL HIGHLIGHT CARD

Busy Season Foreseen for Country Club; Drive Begins

A busy season lies ahead at the Country club.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders, the current set of directors were reelected for 1948 and a full social program was outlined for the approaching season. The card includes the traditional men's smoker, the opening dance, the annual invitational golfing tournament, the annual Fourth of July celebration with an outstanding display of fireworks, the usual ladies' bridge parties and Sunday evening dinner-dance parties, the annual men's stag party, and a costume ball.

One officer explained that 1947 was "the most successful year in the history of the club."

R. M. Sauer is chairman of the membership committee. A drive for memberships will be launched immediately.

Courthouse to Close Saturday Afternoons

The Holt county court house henceforth will be closed on Saturday afternoons.

The following announcement was issued this week:

"Notice to the general public: Commencing May 1, 1948, the courthouse at O'Neill, Nebraska, will be closed Saturday afternoons.—Holt County Board of Supervisors."

Ira George, superintendent of the O'Neill Public Schools, is attending a national music educators' conference in Detroit, Mich., this week.

Mother of 4 Suffocates; Burns Fatal to Man

By a Staff Writer

ATKINSON—Two persons are dead as the result of one of the worst tragedies in recent Atkinson history. The dead are:

Mrs. Thomas Slattery, 44, mother of 4.
Edward L. Hamik, 48, gasoline and oil dealer.

An explosion in the Slattery residence about 9:10 a. m. Monday took the life of Mrs. Slattery, wife of an Atkinson merchant. Death is believed to have been caused by suffocation. Mr. Hamik escaped from the blazing house with his clothes afire. He was rushed to Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk where he died 10 hours later.

Mr. Hamik was delivering fuel oil to a barrel in the Slattery basement. It is believed that Mrs. Slattery turned on an electric light switch and a spark ignited the fumes. The explosion was heard throughout the north section of the city.

Mrs. William Morgan, a neighbor living a half-block away, was the first person to arrive at the scene. In helping tear burning clothes from Mr. Hamik's body her hands were burned—her right hand badly burned.

Mr. Hamik was given first aid treatment by doctors before being rushed to Norfolk in a Seger ambulance. He was burned almost all over his body and Atkinson doctors gave little hope that he would survive. The injured man was accompanied to Norfolk by his wife. The ambulance passed through O'Neill at 10:10.

The explosion occurred in the north end of the basement. The hot water heater, which operates on fuel oil, had been idle since Saturday when the fuel supply became exhausted. Mr. Hamik was believed to have been in the process of transferring fuel oil from a tank wagon in the street into a barrel in the basement when the explosion occurred. Mrs. Slattery was preparing to do the family washing.

The 4 Slattery children—all pupils at St. Joseph's Hall—had been out of the house at least 15 minutes.

Flames quickly filled the basement and the north-end of the main floor. Damage to the house was extensive. Observers said the firemen were exceptionally successful in extinguishing the flames in the time that they did.

The Slattery home is on the northeast corner of the intersection of Atkinson's main street and federal highway 20. It is 1 block from the baseball park.

The late Mrs. Slattery, formerly Claire Connors, was born at Jefferson, S. D., on July 18, 1904, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connors. She was educated at Jefferson and later attended Southern State Normal college at Springfield, S. D. She married Mr. Slattery at Jefferson 17 years ago. Mr. Slattery was athletic coach and teacher in the Jefferson schools.

The couple came to Atkinson 14 years ago where Mr. Slattery established a Gamble store. He also operates a Gamble store at Tilden. Mr. Slattery has been coach of the St. Joseph's Hall basketball team, which in recent years has won 2 state championships in class C.

Mr. Slattery's children range from 6- to 14-years-old. Survivors include: Widower; sons—Thomas, James and William; daughter—Mary Margaret; father; sisters—Mrs. B. J. Smith, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Nap Bernard, of Burbank, S. D.; brothers—Earl and Hubert Connors, both of Sioux City.

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Ewing Editor on Air Tour of the State

EWING—Editor Ray Crellin, of the Ewing Advocate took to the air on Saturday, April 17, when he flew across the state. However, he was not in quest of a story. He was lonely for a glimpse of his daughter, Martha, who teaches at Sidney.

Pilot Carl Hubbel and Editor Crellin took off at 6 a. m., stopped at Sidney, hopped over to Julesburg, Colo., to take a look at the town, and on the way back stopped at Cozad to say "hello" to the editor's mother, Mrs. Martha Crellin. The air tourists were back in Ewing at 7 p. m.

Kansas Legion Group Inspects Club Here

A group of American Legion members from Oberlin, Kans., headed by the post commander, Wilbur E. Hunter, flew to O'Neill Sunday to inspect Simonson post's 25 thousand dollar quonset-type club building that was completed here last fall.

Hunter and his party were met by Commander Glea H. Wade and Chaplain Pat Harty of Simonson post. The Legion building project here had been brought to the attention of the Oberlin Legionnaires through a picture in a trade journal.

The Kansans explained for Oberlin about 2:30 p. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles O. Smith, 24, and Bonnie B. Linville, 24, both of Atkinson, on April 14.
Rolland L. Farnar, 35, and Oma E. Baker, 21, both of Winner, S. D., on April 14.
Robert N. Moody, 21, and Madelle Shaul, 22, both of Ainsworth, on April 17.

Returns from West—

Joe Mann returned Tuesday from a 3-weeks' visit in Phoenix, Ariz., and San Diego, Calif.

Clinic at Bassett for Crippled Children

The regular extension clinic for crippled children will be held at the Bassett hospital in Bassett on Saturday, April 24. Clinic registration begins at 7:30 a. m. and all registrations are expected to be completed by noon.

The clinic will be conducted by Dr. Paul Morrow, pediatrician, and Dr. W. R. Hamsa, orthopedist.

The clinic is for diagnosis, consultation, check-up, and after-care services of cases receiving treatment. Children who are not now receiving services under the program of services for crippled children may be admitted to the clinic when referred by a local physician, or in certain cases, at the request of the child's parents or guardian, a spokesman said.

The Elks lodge is furnishing, without cost, a noon lunch to all children and their parents who are registered for the clinic examination.