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CELEBRATE GOLDEN AND SILVER JUBILEES . . . Two nuns of the Roman Catholic Order of St. Francis simultaneously celebrated their golden and silver jubilees, marking the completion of 50 and 25 years, respectively, in religious work. Sister Mary Bruno (left), a native of Germany and an immigrant to the U. S. at the age of 18, spent 37 years in an Indian mission in South Dakota before coming to O'Neill, where she has been for 10 years. Sister Mary Casilda (right) is the former Agnes Tierney, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Tierney. Her father was a pioneer O'Neill drayman. Three of her sisters are also members of the Order of St. Francis. They are: Sister Mary Laurisa and Sister Mary Constance, both of Alliance, and Sister Florissa, of Havre, Mont. A special mass was said in St. Patrick's church May 5 in connection with the observance, and a special program was presented by St. Mary's academy pupils. — The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

CLEARY RITES HELD TUESDAY

Holt Resident Since 1898 Succumbs Sunday; Burial Here

Mrs. Inez Cleary, 69, widow of the late John Cleary, sr., died Sunday at 6:45 p. m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Turner, in O'Neill. Mrs. Cleary had been ill since September.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 10 a. m. in St. Patrick's Catholic church here with Rev. Cyril J. Werner, assistant church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery near her husband's grave.

A large crowd attended the funeral rites. The pallbearers were: Austin Hynes, Clement Cleary, Alex Cleary, Owen Davidson, Robert Yantzi, Donald Sauser and Donald Murphy.

Born at Schuyler on November 8, 1879, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murray, Mrs. Cleary came with her parents to Holt county in 1898. On January 8, 1908, she married John Cleary at O'Neill. They began housekeeping on a farm 9 miles north and 3 miles west of O'Neill.

The Clearys became the parents of 2 children.

Survivors include: Son — John Cleary, of O'Neill; daughter — Mrs. John Turner, of O'Neill; 8 grandchildren; brothers — Thomas Murray and Henry Murray, both of O'Neill.

A sister, Mrs. Joseph Maring, and a brother, Lawrence Murray, both of O'Neill, preceded Mrs. Cleary in death.

Among those from out-of-town attending the services were: Matt Cleary, of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Welch, of Omaha; Mrs. Lizzie Angel, of Spencer; Mrs. Mary Langan and David Langan, both of Spencer; Mrs. Norbert Schaaf, of Atkinson; and Mrs. Gilbert Belew, of Sioux City.

The late Mrs. Cleary made her home with Mrs. Turner since Mr. Cleary's death on April 19, 1946.

Brittells Sell Chambers Bakery

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brittell, who have operated the Chambers bakery for the past 16 months, have sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardy, of Ericson. The new owners will take possession late this week.

The Brittells say that "poor health" is the reason for their selling.

They are undecided what their future work will be, but they plan to "rest for several weeks." Their household goods have been moved to Inman.

BAND REHEARSAL SLATED

The first rehearsal for the summer season of the Municipal band will be held in the O'Neill public school band room Friday at 7:30 p. m., it has been announced by Director Ira George.

Returns from Santa Ana

EWING—Mrs. J. C. Kay returned Friday from Santa Ana, Calif., where she had spent the winter with relatives. She was accompanied by Ewing and O'Neill by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davies.

Charles Bowden, 64, suffered chest injuries late Wednesday when he fell from the roof at the Country club. He was taken to the O'Neill hospital where the extent of his injuries was not immediately ascertained.

KELLY-MILLER CIRCUS COMING

The Al G. Kelly-Miller Bros. circus will be in O'Neill Tuesday, May 25, for 2 performances, afternoon and night. The show will set up on the academy ball park.

This will mark the first appearance of a big circus here in 3 years, a Kelly-Miller representative said. This show boasts the second largest herd of elephants in America today. A herd of giraffes are a recent addition to the large collection of animals.

ALUMNI BANQUET ATTRACTS 224

Mrs. Nellie Conner Only Member of 1893 Class Present

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER
EWING — Mrs. Nellie Conner, a member of Ewing high school's class of 1893 — the first graduating class in the school's history — was present Tuesday evening when 224 alumni gathered for the annual banquet. She was the only member of the first class present at the affair sponsored by the Ewing High School Alumni association.

Sarah Hohman, Mrs. Conner's sister, is the only other living member of the class, but she was unable to be present.

The guests, dressed in Spring finery, were seated around gaily decorated tables. These included 4 members of the class of 1897; Henry Drayton, of Orchard; Mrs. Lena Sorenson, of Tom's River, N. J.; Claud Vandant, of Des Moines, Ia., and Mrs. Della Swain, of Glasgow, Mont.

Mrs. Catherine Carlson, of Orchard, served as toastmaster. The group was served a dinner prepared by the ladies of St. Peter's Catholic church, and served by the junior and senior classes of the high school.

Recent graduates were welcomed into the alumni organization by William Lofquest, acting president, and Miss Phyllis Fry, president of the class of 1948, responded.

Others in the program were Miss Amber Scholtman and Mrs. Wilda Carr, both Ewing teachers, and Miss Elja McCullough, Holt county superintendent of schools and a member of the class of 1909; Dorothy Pillock; Mrs. A. S. Evans, Virginia Bennett, Wayne Fry, Mrs. Wilbur Spangler, Mrs. Henry Drayton, and Mrs. Henry Reimer.

New officers elected are: Mrs. Francis Shaw, president; Arthur Sanders, secretary-treasurer; and Robert Dunaway, alternate secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Henry Drayton read the prophecy of the class of 1897. It referred to "rapid transit by air machines."

Poppy Poster Contest Winner Named

In the annual American Legion poppy poster contest held recently winners were announced as follows: Class I — David Lee Schaffer, first, Mary Kathryn Turner, second; Class II — Helen Harty, first, Robert Carroll, second.

Class I included grades 4, 5, and 6 and Class II grades 7, 8, and 9. Judges were a committee of 3 members from the American Legion auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Walker and daughter, Rae Jean, of Norfolk, were Sunday guests in the Larry Johnson home here.

FRAKA RITES HELD MONDAY

Inman Resident, 73, Expires Saturday; Born in Illinois

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER
INMAN — Funeral services for J. B. Fraka, 73, were held here Monday afternoon at the Methodist church. Mr. Fraka died Saturday at his home at Inman.

Rev. E. T. Baldwin, church pastor, officiated and burial was in the Inman cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers of O'Neill.

Jesse Bertrand Fraka was born January 26, 1875, at Salem, Ill. As a small child he came to Boone county, Nebraska, with his parents, and in 1897 he moved from Boone county to Inman, where he resided the remainder of his life.

His father, Henry Fraka, was born in Germany, and his mother, Eliza Ann Angle Fraka, was born in Minnesota.

For a quarter of a century Mr. Fraka worked for the Watson Hay Co. Residing on the edge of Inman, he also did some farming.

On September 30, 1908, he married Miss Mae Leidy, of Inman. They became the parents of 6 children.

Survivors: Widow; daughters — Mrs. William (Esther) Brodman, of Venus; Mrs. Edward (Ruth) Conrad, of Deer Island, Ore.; Mrs. Donald (Hazel) Luben, of Inman; Mrs. Merlin (Muriel) Luben, of Clearwater; 11 grandchildren; sister — Mrs. May Johnson, of Macy.

Two sons — Willard and Lowell — preceded their father in death.

The pallbearers at the funeral rites were: Karl F. Keyes, Earl Watson, Earl Miller, Harry McGraw, A. N. Butler, and F. E. Keyes.

Mrs. Ruth Watson, Mrs. Elvin Smith, Mrs. Roy Gannon, Kenneth F. Smith and Manuel M. Crosser sang 3 hymns with Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, jr., at the piano.

Among out-of-town persons present for the rites were: Mrs. Mary Peterson, of Deer Island, Ore.; Mrs. Johnson, of Macy; Mrs. Ethel Summers, of Middlebranch, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Leidy, of O'Neill.

EWING'S MONTY 5TH IN STATE 440

EWING — Ewing high school's 2 entries in the state track meet, held last weekend at Lincoln, failed to bring home gold medals, but they did make a fine showing.

In the 440-yard dash, Lorraine Montgomery took fifth place. This race was won by Jack Scoville, of Hartington, who set a new state record with his time of 51.6 and took home the gold medal for this event.

David Cloyd took third in his heat of the 880-yard run, but his heat was not fast enough for him to place. The 880-yard run was set up in 2 heats in which the contestants ran against time. Don Moorhouse, of Culbertson, won the race in 2 minutes flat.

Valedictory Honors Go to Kathryn Newhouse

CHAMBERS — Twenty-one seniors of Chambers high school received diplomas Friday, May 14, in commencement exercises held at the school auditorium. Frank O. McIntyre, dean of Norfolk junior college, was the commencement speaker.

Kathryn Newhouse won valedictory honors and Ruth Smith received salutatory honors.

The class will, history and poem were read and several musical selections were presented.

Jack McClenahan and Connie Jarman, both juniors, were chosen to lead the graduates in the professional and recessional.

The following are the members of the graduating class: Jo Ellen Hertel, Mary Lou Walter, Chloe Ellen Harley Shirley Maas, Carolyn Jorgensen, Vernon Schmidt, Lloyd Hillegas, Geneva Rasmussen, Ann Taggart, Jeanne Gibson, Gerald Grimes, Joanne Hertel, Dorothy Jorgensen, Lois McKay, Milton Grimes, Jeannette Porter, Jim Cavanaugh, Kathryn Newhouse, Louanne Eisenhauer, Ruth Small and Norman Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, of Mills, arrived Tuesday for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cowperthwaite.



GRADUATE NURSE

Miss Naomi Marston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Marston, of Dorsey, was among 25 who graduated Friday from the school of nursing of the Clarkson memorial hospital at Omaha. Rt. Rev. Howard R. Brinker, bishop of the Nebraska diocese of the Episcopal church, delivered the address and presented diplomas. Nurse Marston graduated from Verdigris high school in 1944. Her parents were present at the graduation exercises and reception which followed.

M'INTYRE NAMED MAY 30 SPEAKER

Norfolk Junior College Dean Heads Memorial Day Program

Frank O. McIntyre, dean of the Norfolk junior college, this week accepted the invitation to deliver the Memorial day address in O'Neill on Sunday, May 30. He will head the 2:30 p. m. program at the American Legion auditorium.

Simonson post 93 of the American Legion is sponsoring the memorial rites for O'Neill's war dead. There will be a parade on Douglas avenue at 2 p. m., followed by the program.

Commander Glea Wade is in charge of arrangements. Complete program plans will be announced next week.

Because Memorial day is one of the holidays recognized for closing by the Chamber of Commerce, officials of the organization have announced that all member-firms will be closed on Monday, May 31.

Ewing Legion Plans Memorial Rites

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER
EWING — At the meeting of the Sanders post of the American Legion on Monday, May 17, final plans were made for a Memorial day service which will be held in the Ewing high school Sunday, May 30, at 2:30 p. m.

The ladies auxiliary will be in charge of the rites at the school, while the Legion members will conduct the ceremonies at the cemetery.

Lyle P. Dierks, commander of the post, is in charge of arrangements; the firing detail will be commanded by Robert Eppenbach; Wilbur Spangler and Julian Sojka will serve as color guard; Roy Wright and Charles Regan will bear the colors.

The ceremony of lowering a flower laden boat into the Elk-horn in honor of the Navy dead will be conducted by Clifford Hahlbeck and William Lofquest.



SUZETTE SAYS 'HELLO'

This is Little Miss Suzette Cavanaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh, jr., of O'Neill. Suzette is this week's winner of the baby photographic contest sponsored by the O'Neill Photo Co.

BOYS TOWN FOUNDER DIES

St. Patrick's Church Here Was First Parish for Father Flanagan

Rt. Rev. Edward J. Flanagan, founder of Nebraska's famous Boys Town and a former assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church here, died in an Army hospital in Berlin, Germany, late Friday. The 62-year-old priest, famed for his credo, "There is no such thing as a bad boy," was stricken with a heart attack.

Father Flanagan, who has championed the cause of underprivileged boys for over 3 decades, went to Vienna, Austria, in March to study Austrian youth conditions. During his tour he was received by Pope Pius XII.

Later he went to Germany at the invitation of the Army. In 1947 he made a similar mission to Japan.

Father Flanagan was born in Roscommon, Ireland. He had 11 brothers and sisters. He was educated in Ireland, the United States, and in Rome, where his health failed. He then went to Omaha and worked in a meat packing plant. He was ordained at Innsbruck, Austria, at the Jesuit university in 1912.

His first parish was St. Patrick's church in O'Neill where he was assigned as assistant pastor in the Fall of 1912. On March 15, 1913, he was transferred to Omaha as assistant at St. Patrick's church there. It was in Omaha he conceived the idea for Boys Town, which was founded in 1917.

Boys Town has since grown into a busy community. It was incorporated in 1936 and Hollywood produced a film, "Boys Town," the same year.

Father Flanagan gave sanctuary to boys accused of crimes ranging from petty larceny to murder. He pleaded in many courts for custody of youths—contending that environment was the most effective antidote for curbing juvenile delinquency.

The remains will be buried Friday within the grounds of the "city for little men." Rev. Edmund C. Walsh, acting director of Boys Town, said Father Flanagan would be buried in the northeast corner of the Dowd Memorial chapel.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 7:30 a. m. and at 10 a. m. at Dowd chapel.

13 GRADS AT INMAN HIGH

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER
INMAN — Commencement exercises for the class of 1948 of Inman high school were held Wednesday, May 12, when Dr. Allen P. Burkhardt, superintendent of the Norfolk schools, addressed the 13 members of the graduating class on "One World or Thirteen Worlds."

Luella Watson was the valedictorian while Delmont Heck was salutatorian.

The class was presented by Mrs. Ira George to the board of education, and Kenneth F. Smith, president of the board of education, presented the diplomas to:

Shirley Appleby, Genevieve Brunckhorst, Deloris Cadwallader, Bonnie Couch, John Harte, Paul Hartigan, Delmont Heck, Erna Luben, Max Moseman, Henrietta and Ervin Sobotka.

The mixed chorus sang 2 vocal selections with Mrs. Ralph Gray at the piano. Elder Joseph H. Coon gave the invocation and Rev. E. T. Baldwin pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Coon presented diplomas to the 10 members of the eighth grade who will be eligible to enter high school this Fall. They were: Ruby Baldwin, Richard Bahn, Ila June Coon, Joan Coventry, Gary Couch, Imogene Sawyer, Mary Halstead, Larry Sawyer, Harlan and Harold Neilsen.

Supt. Ralph Gray presented awards to seniors as follows: Luella Watson, regent's scholarship to University of Nebraska and the State Teachers' college scholarship; Delmont Heck, Norfolk junior college scholarship; Erna Luben, alternate regent's scholarship; Gordon Sholes, best "all-round boy" and best member on student council from the class for 4 years; Max Moseman, best athlete; Genevieve Brunckhorst, best "all-round girl."

Returns from 'U'—Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Hiatt will go to Lincoln Friday to bring their son, Gordon, home. He has been attending the University of Nebraska.

Road Parley to Be Held Here

MOISTURE NEED GROWS CRITICAL

Surface Dry but There Is Some Reserve Subsoil Moisture

The need for moisture is becoming urgent in the O'Neill region. The top-soil is dry; however, there is still some reserve sub-soil moisture.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes said Wednesday the moisture deficiency is not yet critical but rain within the next few days is of "utmost importance."

Meanwhile, the weather has been highly favorable for the actual planting of corn, and Dawes estimates that upwards of 20 percent of the corn is already in the ground in Holt county.

The small grain outlook is about 80 percent normal, the agricultural agent indicated.

A battle royal is in progress between Holt county small grain and weeds—notably cockleburrs, sunflowers and bindweed. Extensive spraying with the new 2, 4-D preparation is being carried out.

The dryness has cut deeply into bluegrass crop prospects.

Seventy-one Nebraska counties report a shortage of surface moisture

No precipitation was recorded here during the 7-day period ending Wednesday. The week's summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily, follows:

	Hi	Lo	Moist.
May 13	66	45	
May 14	75	56	
May 15	90	43	
May 16	75	45	
May 17	73	45	
May 18	84	60	
May 19	89	60	

HOLT LEAGUE OPENS SUNDAY

Pennant Chace for Six Teams to Begin; O'Neill to Stuart

"Play ball!" That familiar cry of the umpire will be heard 'round the Holt county baseball league Sunday as the newly-organized 6-team loop gets underway with 1948 play. The card:

O'Neill at Stuart. Atkinson at Ewing. Chambers at Page.

League officials say the race is a wide-open affair. Merle Fagan, of Chambers, is loop president; Lawrence Haynes, of Page, vice-president, and Dick Tomlinson, of O'Neill, secretary-treasurer.

Team managers are: O'Neill—Tomlinson; Stuart—Ernest Smith; Atkinson—August Troshynski; Ewing—Henry Fleming; Chambers—Harry McKay and Duane Carson; Page—Kenneth Waring.

Doc Mancuso and Randall Smith are expected to strengthen the Atkinson cause. Chambers battled with Lynch for last year's title in the Holt - Boyd county league which in the meantime has disbanded.

To Demonstrate at National Parley

Miss Laveta Lehn returned last Thursday from Omaha where she attended a state meeting of the Dental Assistants. Miss Lehn was awarded the honor of being selected to put on a table clinic demonstration at the national meeting of Dental Assistants at Chicago, Ill., in September.

PAGE TRIUMPHS

EWING—Ewing's town baseball team was no match for Page's team on Sunday, May 16. Page took Ewing 17-7. Ewing made too many errors.

Depart for Hollywood

Mark Stanton and daughter, Winifred, of Hollywood, Calif., left last Thursday for their home after a visit with relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess returned last Thursday from Omaha where Dr. Burgess had attended a meeting of the State Dental Society.

Gov. Peterson's Highway Advisory Committee Meets Wednesday

Road problems confronting residents in the O'Neill region will be aired here Wednesday when the Nebraska Highway Advisory committee meets in the Holt county district court room at the courthouse. The public hearing begins at 10 a. m.

Road problems in Boyd, Holt, Garfield, Wheeler, Antelope, Pierce, Knox and Cedar counties will be threshed over.

A series of statewide hearings are being conducted by the committee for the purpose of giving the committee members an opportunity to hear the thoughts and opinions of people in the area regarding road, street and highway needs.

Invitations have been sent to all county commissioners and supervisors in the counties concerned as well as to mayors, chairmen of village boards, newspapers and civic groups.

A similar meeting will be held Tuesday at Norfolk and next Thursday at Valentine. Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attorney, is the only committee member from Holt county. Others in the area include: C. E. Haley, of Hartington; R. D. Harrison, of Norfolk, and J. C. Quigley, of Valentine.

The committee was appointed last year by Governor Peterson and the state legislative council sub-committee on roads after mounting demands for action on the various systems in the state indicated that decisive steps would have to be taken.

George W. Holmes, of Lincoln, committee chairman, may conduct the O'Neill hearing.

He explained that the O'Neill parley is "a small but essential part of the larger overall effort now in progress in Nebraska for determining the state's road, street and highway needs," adding that it is a means of "arriving at an efficient long-range plan of development."

\$110,000 PAID FOR HOLT RANCH

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Higgins, of O'Neill, this week completed arrangements for the purchase of the 4,000-acre Henry Hookstra ranch southwest of Atkinson. The purchase price is 110 thousand dollars.

Mr. Higgins and his wife settled on a ranch at Inez, 18 miles southwest of Atkinson, in 1917. Three ago they sold this ranch and invested in property at Correctionville, Ia., and at Creston.

The Hookstra ranch has good pasture and a variety of hayland.

Newcomers to Be Honored at Country Club Smoker

A men's smoker will be held at the Country club tonight (Thursday), honoring newcomers in the city and friends of the club. The affair will begin at 8 o'clock. There will be entertainment and refreshments, it has been announced.

Family Reunites

Charles Jones, of Schuyler, spent the weekend here visiting his sister, Mrs. D. N. Loy, and brothers, Herley Jones, of O'Neill, and Ben Jones, of Chambers. Mrs. John Walmer, of Orchard, another sister, joined the group Sunday at the Ben Jones home.

Son in Choral Group

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson went to Columbus Friday to attend the annual Spring concert of the Apollo club, a men's choral group. C. Vincent Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones, is a member of the group.

Donna Fae Clements, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clements, began work this week as secretary at the National Auto Parts company in Omaha.

Nuns Vi if Here

Sisters Mary Verissima and Mary Felicias, B.V.M.'s of Lincoln, were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCarville, sr. Sister Mary Felicias is a sister of Mr. McCarville.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith returned Sunday from Omaha where they joined their son, Sgt. Darold Smith, of MacDill Field, Fla., in a visit.