

# John McHugh, 82, Dies in New York

**Ex-O'Neill Banker Rises to Presidency of the Chase National Began Career Here**

John McHugh, 82, an O'Neill banker before the turn of the century who later became president of one of the largest financial institutions in the world, died Sunday, August 1, at Chappaqua, N. Y. The former president of the Chase National bank of New York died at his home of a heart attack. He would have been 83 on August 29.

Survivors include: Widow, the former Elizabeth Callahan, and a daughter, Mrs. Gerald F. Beal, of 1 Beckman Place, New York City. Mrs. Beal is the wife of the president of the J. Henry Schroeder Banking corporation of New York. The Beals were in Europe at the time of Mr. McHugh's death.

Born in Belleville, Ont., Mr. McHugh was left an orphan when a boy, and at the age of 18 went to work for the Grank Trunk Railway at \$10 a month, soon becoming a telegraph operator. By 1891 he was a division agent, but he quit railroading, crossed the border, and soon afterward started his banking career with the State Bank of O'Neill.

He resided in O'Neill between 1891 and 1898 and owned the residence now owned by Edward F. Gallagher.

In 1898 he joined the Iowa State National Bank at Sioux City, of which he became president. While in this capacity he displayed his ability markedly in effecting a consolidation of 4 banking institutions, and assumed the presidency of the combination, titled the First National Bank.

In the middle west, Mr. McHugh made himself a banking leader, was elected president of the Iowa Bankers association, and also a member of the executive committee and chairman of several subcommittees of the American Bankers Association. Among prominent bankers who came to appreciate his caliber was Gates W. McGarrah, then president of the Mechanics and Metals National bank of New York. In July, 1915, Mr. McGarrah invited Mr. McHugh to join him, as a director and vice-president of the Mechanics and Metals. He accepted, moved to New York in 1916, and in 1922 he succeeded Mr. McGarrah as president.

Four years later occurred the second billion-dollar bank consolidation in the history of American banking, when in February, 1926, the Mechanics and Metals National Bank was merged with the Chase National Bank under the name of the latter. The combined assets of the 2 institutions were estimated at \$1,025,000,000, ranking the Chase at that time as second only to the National City Bank. Mr. McHugh became the first president of the consolidation.

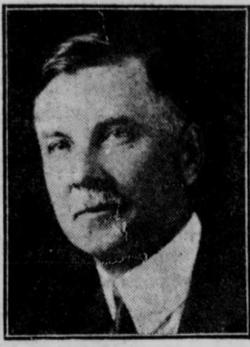
He retained the post only 2 years, resigning in 1928 to take the chairmanship of the executive committee. After his resignation of this chairmanship, he continued as chairman of the Discount Corporation, which he had organized in 1920, until 1941. He was a former president of the New York State Bankers association, and was for 18 years on the executive committee of the American Bankers association. At his death he was a director and member of the executive committee of the Air Reduction Company, the American Express Company, Technicolor, Inc., and The Technicolor Motion Picture Corporation; and a director of Congoleum-Nairn, Inc. He belonged to the Union League Club of New York.

**Atkinson Serviceman, Drowning Victim, Arrives in U. S. from Pacific**

ATKINSON—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Desive, of Atkinson, have been advised by the government that the body of their son, the late Clayton Desive, has arrived in the United States from a cemetery in the Pacific area and will soon reach Atkinson for final burial.

Clayton Desive, a serviceman during World War II, lost his life in a drowning accident.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Seger funeral home.



JOHN McHUGH  
(Story at left)

## BINKERD BURIAL TO BE AT DORSEY

**Body of Soldier Killed Near Metz, France To Arrive Friday**

DORSEY—Final burial for the body of Pfc. John E. Binkerd, of Lynch, who was killed near Metz, France, during World War II, will take place Saturday afternoon at the Dorsey cemetery. Interment will follow military funeral rites at Lynch under the direction of the Carroll-Binkerd post of the American Legion.

The body of Private Binkerd will arrive in Lynch Friday evening.

John E. Binkerd was born at Dorsey on December 16, 1908, a son of Mrs. Benton Binkerd and the late Benton Binkerd. His father died in March, 1943, 2 days before Private Binkerd left home.

He received his military training at Camp Roberts, Tex., and in 1944, reached the continent of Europe as an infantryman. He died on November 12, 1944, while a member of the famous Third Army.

Survivors include: Widow—Mrs. Melvin Spangler, of Ewing; son—John; daughter—Joan; mother—Mrs. Benton Binkerd, of Lynch; brother—David, of Los Angeles, Calif.; sisters—Mrs. Donald Stewart, of Lynch; Mrs. Ada Olson, of Sioux City, and Nina, of Sioux City; Mrs. H. Holgerson, Washington state.

Private Binkerd was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. David Whitfeldt, of O'Neill.

**Miss Coyne Returns from Central America**

Miss Mary Kathryn Coyne, arrived Friday for a week's stay with her parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. E. Coyne. Miss Coyne has just completed a month's business trip to Central America.

Among the highlights were Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Mexico. She expects to leave Friday for Chicago, Ill., with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kersenbrock. Miss Veronica Coyne, her sister, will accompany her. The Kersenbrocks expect to visit Mrs. Kersenbrock's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Conner and son, of Detroit, Mich.

**Luggage Lost Near Canadian Border Found**

Mr. and Mrs. Allan P. Jaskowski, who lost their luggage from the baggage compartment of their car near the Canadian border about a month ago, were the recipients of a letter on August 3 from a man in Minnesota, who found the lost luggage along the road.

As soon as Mr. Jaskowski missed the baggage he drove to the customs stop on the border to report the incident. One of the passengers in a car passing through the customs remarked that he saw a Minnesota licensed car stop to pick up something. The police furnished the names of people who had driven through customs. Mr. Jaskowski singled out Minnesotans' names and luckily, he struck upon the right person to write.

The luggage is expected to reach O'Neill this week.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Ralph R. Barnes, 24, of Amelia, and Miss Jeanette I. Hopkins, 21, of Inman, August 10. Delmont John Hofer, 22, Elgin, and Miss Mary Ann Schneth, 19, of Clearwater, August 6.

**GRANTED DIVORCE**

Lottie Ridgeway was granted a divorce from Wilford Ridgeway in Holt county district court on Friday, August 6, by Judge D. R. Mounts. The decree stated that the maiden name would be restored.

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## FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN HOSPITAL

**Grace Olive Sundell, 45, Buried Tuesday in O'Neill Cemetery**

Mrs. Grace Olive Sundell, 45, a former resident of the Emmet community, died Saturday in a Norfolk hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Biglin Brothers funeral home here and burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery, Rev. W. C. Birmingham, of Atkinson, officiated. The pallbearers were: Walter Puckett, Harold Burge, Bean Burge, Howard N. McConnell, Joseph Biska and John Conard.

A daughter of Jacob B. and Emma Maring, she was born near Emmet on September 9, 1902. She was reared in Holt county, graduated from O'Neill high school in 1919 as valedictorian of the class, and taught rural schools for 5 years, first near Rapid City, S. D., and later in Holt county.

On February 25, 1925 she was united in marriage with Elmer Sundell in Sioux City. They became the parents of 4 daughters.

The late Mrs. Sundell was a member of the Lutheran church at Wakefield.

Survivors include: Daughters—Florence and Ruth, both of Omaha; Dorothy, of Sioux Falls, S. D. and Alice, of Dixon; mother—Mrs. Emma Maring; brothers—Oliver and Homer Maring, of Emmet.

Mrs. Grant Peacock, of Emmet, and Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, of O'Neill, sang at the funeral rites.

## TEACHER TAKES CIVIL SERVICE JOB

**John E. Urton Resigns to Work with Indians; 4 Vacancies Exist**

John E. Urton, for 3 years the agriculture teacher at the O'Neill high school, has resigned to accept a civil service appointment on an Indian reservation at Bellcourt, N. D. He will continue agriculture teaching with the Indians at the Turtle Mountain agency.

Supt. Ira George said Wednesday that no successor has been found for Urton's vacancy.

Meanwhile, no successor has as yet been signed to succeed the late F. E. ("Kelly") Sandino, 31, principal and athletic coach who was killed in an airplane crash here July 23.

Marvin Miller, ex-coach at Madison and Ewing, was signed prior to Sandino's death for head football coach and assistant basketball and track coach.

No formal board of education action has been taken, but Lloyd Sexton, former coach and principal at Clearwater and Wisner and superintendent at Walthill, is being considered for the principalship and for basketball coaching.

Mrs. Sexton, also a teacher, would be utilized in the grade school if Mr. Sexton is signed. With the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Urton, a vacancy also exists in the home economics department which has been headed by Mrs. Urton.

## Kim Seriously Hurt in Timber Accident

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. John Wintermote received a message this week that their son-in-law, Rock Bond, of near Portland, Ore., had been seriously injured while working with timber.

Glen Taylor and Guais Wintermote took Mr. Wintermote to Scottsbluff from where he and a daughter departed for Oregon.

Details concerning the accident are lacking.

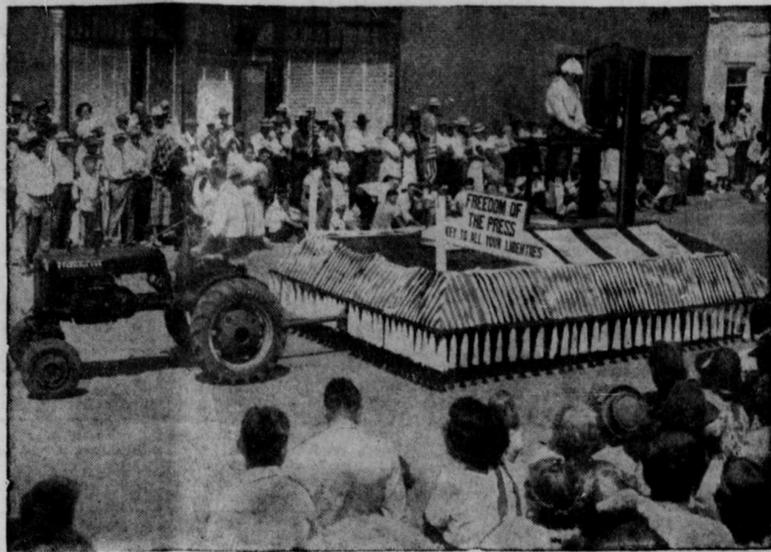
**DIES AT NIOBRARA**

LYNCH—Cecil Johnson, son of Mrs. Lena Johnson, of Monowi, died suddenly on a Niobrara street on Sunday, August 8. He has been ill for several years.

**FIREMEN SUMMONED**

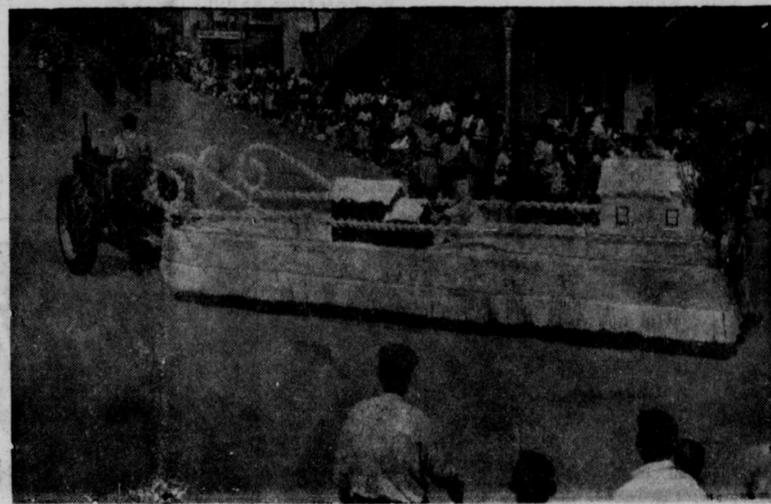
Firemen were summoned on Tuesday afternoon to the Carl Asimus residence. A sewer ditch had caved in on Bud Pond, who the firemen found unhurt.

J. O. Walker on Saturday went to Sturgis, S. D., to visit his brother.



'FREEDOM OF THE PRESS'... This float, (above) depicting Benjamin Franklin with a handpress printing and distributing leaflets concerning freedom, won for the Atkinson Graphic first place in the Hay Days parade.

Ralph J. Kelly represents Franklin. Second place float was a "Blizzard Scene" (below), depicting hardship during pioneer Winters in Holt county. The theme of the float parade was "March of Time."—Photos by Rev. W. C. Birmingham.



## CORN WEATHER STILL NEEDED

**Week's Rainfall Totals 2.68-Inches Including 1.72 Tuesday Night**

Rainfall on 5 days out of the past 7 has convinced many that this is a wet country—this Summer, anyway.

Rainfall during the week has totaled 2.68-inches. A torrential downpour Tuesday evening netted 1.72-inches. The rain began falling about 9 p. m. and continued for nearly an hour.

The storm, accompanied by severe electrical disturbances, was general throughout the O'Neill region.

Meanwhile, the wetness has slowed harvest operations and hot weather is needed to finish the job. The corn likewise needs ideal growing weather in order to mature.

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

| Date      | Hi | Lo | Moist |
|-----------|----|----|-------|
| August 5  | 74 | 49 |       |
| August 6  | 75 | 57 | .02   |
| August 7  | 65 | 57 | .42   |
| August 8  | 76 | 60 | .02   |
| August 9  | 84 | 65 |       |
| August 10 | 89 | 62 | .50   |
| August 11 | 87 | 56 | 1.72  |
| Total     |    |    | 2.68  |

## Style Show Feature Tri-County Fair

STUART—The Tri-County fair will be held at Stuart on Wednesday and Thursday, August 18 and 19.

The livestock and home economics judging contest and demonstrations will take place Wednesday afternoon and the style show will be at 8:30 p. m.

Girls interested in participating in the style show should contact Miss Catherine Kirwin, Holt county home agent, as soon as possible, through her office at O'Neill.

Judging of all exhibits will be at 9 a. m. Thursday with a showmanship contest at the close of the judging of livestock. The parade will be at 1, followed by the baby beef sale.

Visits Wisconsin—Miss Hilda Gallagher left on Friday for a visit in La Crosse, Wis.

## Democratic Congressional Candidate Visits in City

C. Edgar Leafdale, of Potter, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fourth district and president of the Flying Farmers association, last week visited Atkinson and O'Neill. He was in Atkinson for the Hay Days celebration and Friday came to O'Neill, traveling by private plane.

Mr. Leafdale said he is touring the entire Fourth district by air. His opponent in the November general election is Dr. A. L. Miller, of Kimball, incumbent.

## New Lee Store Opens Thursday

A new variety store is being opened in O'Neill today (Thursday). It is the Lee store, a part of the Hested Stores Co. with general offices at Fairbury and 56 stores in Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, Iowa, and Colorado.

Harold Bumann, recently of Montrose, Colo., is the manager of the O'Neill firm.

The Hested company was founded by H. J. Hested, who came to Nebraska from Iowa in 1906 to open his first store at Fairbury. Mr. Lee, who is now president, was vice-president for several years, beginning as a store manager at Superior.

The company has averaged more than one store per year in its expansion. A. S. Kelly, formerly of Inman and now of Omaha, is chief buyer for the Hested organization. He is a former manager of the Fairbury store. Robert Williams is vice-president and general manager and D. S. Campbell is secretary.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Williams will be in O'Neill in connection with the grand opening.

Work was begun on the new O'Neill store in late March. Occupying 2 lots, the handsome new building is situated on the south side of Douglas street between Third and Fourth streets. The color scheme of the front is cream and red. (More details concerning the store may be found in an advertisement on page 4 of this issue.)

Miss Biglin Arrives—Miss Genevieve Biglin, of Sioux City, arrived Monday to spend a few days visiting relatives.

## PAT H. KEYS DIES; RITES WEDNESDAY

**Lifelong Holt Resident, 47, Succumbs in an Omaha Hospital**

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday in St. Patrick's Catholic church here for Patrick H. Keys, 47, a life-long resident of the O'Neill community, who died on Saturday in St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha.

His death was sudden. Mr. Keys was enroute to Denver, Colo., to visit his sister, Mae. While in Omaha he consulted a doctor regarding an ear ailment, was hospitalized, and died.

Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, officiated and burial was in Calvary cemetery. The pallbearers were: Leonard Shoemaker, Homer Mullen, John McManus, Andy Clark, Walter O'Malley and William Murphy.

The late Mr. Keys was born at O'Neill on March 21, 1901, a son of Cornelius and Elizabeth Gallagher Keys. He was reared and educated here.

His parents were pioneer Holt countyans. Following the death of his father, he carried on the ranching and stock feeding at the place a mile west of the city.

Mr. Keys never married. Survivors include: Sister—Mae, of Denver, Colo., and brother—Cornelius, jr., of Phoenix, Ariz.

A rosary service was held at Biglin Brothers funeral parlor Tuesday evening.

## Youth Visitor, 5, Bitten by a Dog

CHAMBERS—Reo Radford, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Radford, of Douglas, Wyo., was bitten seriously by a dog at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coolidge, on Wednesday, August 4.

The Radfords, who are former Chambers residents, were visiting at the Coolidge home. The wounds required medical attention, and the youth's condition is "satisfactory."

James Mullen, of Whitehall, Mont., a former resident and a brother of the late Arthur F. Mullen, arrived in O'Neill Tuesday for a visit.

## BETTY SCRIPTER IS NEW QUEEN

**New Royalty Crowned During Hay Days Celebration**

## Graphic Float Wins

ATKINSON—The 1948 edition of the famous Atkinson Hay Days is history, and the new rulers in the Kingdom of Hay are Miss Betty Scripter, the hay queen, and Thaine Humphrey, the whisker king.

The weatherman smiled on the 2-day exposition Wednesday and Thursday, August 4 and 5.

The parade, which opened festivities early Wednesday morning moved through streets lined with several thousand early arrivals.

First place went to the Atkinson Graphic, weekly newspaper, with a float labeled, "Freedom of the Press." The float depicted Benjamin Franklin with a hand press printing and distributing leaflets concerning freedom. Ralph J. Kelly, editor and publisher, represented Franklin.

Second place float was a "Blizzard Scene," depicting hardship during pioneer Winters. The float was entered by Ellenwood Cleaners. Third place went to "Joan of Arc."

The judges were: Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet; Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Joseph Brewster, of Stuart. The judges said the floats were "excellent." A number of entries were created by 4-H clubs.

The Circle S Saddle club, of Stuart, was a feature of the celebration. A number of the riders were small children, who won a warm response from the crowd. A dog was perched on one of the ponies.

A calvary unit from the Army post at Ft. Robinson was a Wednesday night attraction, featuring 4 riders and 4 jumping horses under the direction of Capt. Forrest St. Clair.

The coronation ceremony Wednesday night was directed by Mary Ellen McKee and the crowning was done by Cullen Wright, prominent Omahan, who also made an address. Fireworks, a coronation ball, and music by the Atkinson men's chorus added to the festivities.

Atkinson's baseball team edged Ainsworth, 2-1, in the Wednesday afternoon baseball attraction, and tripped the Omaha Eagles, a Negro team, 9-2 on Thursday afternoon.

The unique hay cabling contest, a spectacular and novel affair, required 9 minutes for the 2 teams which were close to first place. Charles Dobias and Chuck Cole were winners in the attraction which this year supplanted the usual hay baling contest.

All of the teams had hitches with which to contend.

The choir from Boys Town, near Omaha, was a feature Thursday night. The 50-voice organization, under the direction of Rev. Francis P. Schmitt, pleased the hundreds who heard the music but inadequate amplification prevented the entire crowd from hearing the choir's work.

Many states were represented as scores of former Holt countyans and others came from distances to be present.

## Kathleen Flood to Be Band Soloist

Miss Kathleen Flood, soprano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed N. Flood, will be featured soloist in the Saturday night concert by the Municipal band. Miss Flood, a St. Mary's academy alumnus and currently majoring in music in college, will sing selections to be announced.

The program: "Star Spangled Banner," by Key; march, "Gallant Zouaves," by King; waltz, "Merry Widow," by Lehár; selection, "Give Me a Roll on the Drum," by Romberg; march, "Vanguard of Democracy," by King; clarinet solo, "Autumn Caprice," by Johnson, John Berigan, soloist; march, "The Children's March," Goldman.

Miss Flood's selections. Hymn, "Nearer, My God to Thee," by Mason; march, "Our Glorious Flag," by Carazo.

The band is scheduled to appear at the Burwell rodeo today (Thursday).

**GRADING BEGUN**

Mayor H. E. Coyne said Wednesday that grading of all non-hardsurfaced streets has begun in the city. The work is being done with the Holt county grader.