

Redbird Farmer Dies of Injuries

Lloyd A. Phelps, 58, Is Pinned Under Tractor in Farm Accident Expires in Hospital

REDBIRD — A well-known north-Holt county farmer, Lloyd A. Phelps, 58, of Redbird, died early Sunday in the Lynch hospital from injuries suffered in a farm accident on Wednesday, September 15.

In explaining the accident, relatives say that Mr. Phelps was dismounting from the machine to open a gate, near the house, when a pant-leg became entangled in the gear shift. The tractor lurched, he was thrown in front of the machine, and he was run over.

Though critically injured, Mr. Phelps managed to recover and stop the tractor.

Members of the family reached the scene and rushed him to Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch. No bones were believed to have been broken but attendants knew the internal injuries were critical.

His life hung in the balance for several days, but at 2:15 a. m. Sunday he died.

Funeral services are to be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Dorsey church. Burial will be in the Scottville cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Ray Nelson, Leon Mellor, Edward Carson, George Barta, Lee Brady, Orville Pickering, Joseph Jerebeh and Lewis Marshall, Jr.

Lloyd Abraham Phelps was born February 3, 1890 at Deep River, Ia., a son of Alonzo Phelps and Mary Fry Phelps. He was reared in Iowa and came to Holt county in 1911 from near Deep River.

On May 7, 1913 he married Retta Coleman at O'Neill. They moved onto a farm in the Redbird vicinity in northeast Holt county.

The Phelps' became the parents of four children, three of whom, together with the widow, survive. One son, Leo, is deceased.

He was a member of the Modern Woodmen and Odd Fellow lodges.

Survivors: Widow; sons — Robert Phelps, of Randolph, Minn.; daughters—Loula Wells, of Cherry Grove, Ore.; Velma Conard, of Redbird; brother—Wilbur Phelps, of Redbird; sister—Mrs. Elsie Nelson, of Fairbault, Minn.; half-brothers — Howard Slack, of Dorsey, and Forest Slack, of Gaston, Ore.; half-sisters—Mrs. Thomas Hiscok, of Redbird, and Mrs. Maude Huber, of Wenatchee, Wash. There are seven grandchildren.

Laxity in Signing for Draft Cited

Mrs. W. H. Hartly, chief clerk for the Holt county selective service board, Wednesday cited laxity on the part of eligible registrants in fulfilling their obligation to the government under the new draft law.

She said that a number of young men had failed to register here at the proper time. Mrs. Hartly pointed out that the law provides that men register within five days after their 18th birthday anniversary.

About 900 registrants have been received at the selective service office here on the second floor of the First National bank building. This is considerably short, Mrs. Hartly explained, of the estimated number expected to be signed here.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Gerhard J. Bahl, 30, of O'Neill, and Ardis Loree Newman, 19, of O'Neill, September 18.

He Is Good News, Not Big News

By MAUDE SILVERSTRAND Special Correspondent

ATKINSON—I stopped to see George White the other day. He always gives me a lift. He was sitting quietly by his radio smoking his pipe. Maybe you don't know George, but perhaps you know someone like him. Some people just naturally have a soothing effect.

He doesn't have an exciting day. It starts in the morning when his landlady brings his breakfast in to him. He carefully seats himself at his table and eats a solitary meal. George used to have a roommate, Andrew McKathnie, but Andrew is gone now.

After breakfast, if the weather is nice, he goes outside and takes his exercise. He takes hold of the rope the lady of the house has strung for him and walks back and forth, back and



Lloyd A. Phelps . . . run over by tractor . . . dies in Lynch hospital. (See story at left)

CONARD RITES ARE HELD HERE

Widow of Late Robert Conard Expires in O'Neill Hospital

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic church here for Mrs. Mary Katherine Conard, 75, who died at 9:15 p. m. Friday, September 17, at the O'Neill.

Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, officiated and burial was in Calvary cemetery.

For the past seven months the late Mrs. Conard had been in failing health, relatives said, and she was reddest most of that time.

Mary Katherine Conard, daughter of John and Ann Carr Liddy, was born at Ft. Michigan, Mich., on May 14, 1873. She came with her parents to Holt county in 1879 from what is now known as Ft. Randall, S. D.

She married Robert Martin Conard at O'Neill on January 8, 1891. He died several years ago.

They became the parents of seven children.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Ralph Stevens, of Page; Mrs. Gertrude Schaffer, of Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Emery (Mary) Peterson, of Inman; Mrs. George Conard, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Edward Conard, of Deer Island, Ore.; sisters—Mrs. B. Swanson and Mrs. George Conard, both of O'Neill, and Mrs. Bert Jones, of Norfolk; brother—John Liddy, of Hastings; 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The pallbearers were: Harry Hart, John Sobotka, Joseph Gallagher and James McMahan, all of Inman; H. E. Coyne and H. D. Grady, both of O'Neill.

Half-Century-Old Yards Being Razed

INMAN—The livestock yards near the Chicago & North Western railway depot are being razed. Their disappearance means the passing of another landmark.

Oldtimers say the yards have been a fixture here for a half-century.

Rail officials posted the yards for sale by bid. James Ferris was the successful bidder, and workmen are at work clearing away the timber.

Since the advent of the motor truck, the yards have been used very little.

Joseph Keller, of Humphrey, arrived Monday to visit at the J. L. McCarville, sr. home. Mr. Keller is the 86-year-old father of Mrs. McCarville.

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JOE A. MANN, 74, SUCCUMBS HERE

Veteran Businessman and Last Member of Early Family Ill 4 Months

Funeral Wednesday

Joseph A. Mann, 74, the last remaining member of the pioneer John Mann family and a veteran businessman, died at 3:40 a. m. Monday at his home in O'Neill. He had been ill for four months and bedfast during the past 30 days.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday in St. Patrick's Catholic church here and burial was in Calvary cemetery. Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, officiated.

The late Mr. Mann was born on November 19, 1874, at Darlington, Wis., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Mann. His mother died shortly after his birth.

He came with his father and other members of the family to O'Neill in 1884, a year after his brother, John, jr., had established a general merchandise store here. The father opened a harness-making shop.

Joseph A. Mann was reared and educated in O'Neill. He spent his early years working for his brother, John, in the O'Neill store and in about 1890 went to Spencer and opened a Mann store there.

He returned to O'Neill at about the turn of the century and was active in the Mann store for a few more years, until the death of his sister, Katherine, who became the manager of the store after John, jr., went to Chicago, Ill., to enter the manufacturing business.

In 1913 the late Mr. Mann joined the firm Morris, Mann & Riley, a novelty manufacturing house in Chicago in which John Mann was one of the original members. Sixteen years later—in 1929—he returned to O'Neill to retire.

For many years he was interested in the Galena Lumber Co. with the late Clyde King. In recent years the firm was sold and became known as the Spelts-Ray Lbr. Co. For many years he was a director of the First National bank of O'Neill.

Mr. Mann's fatal illness began in May. That month he entered a Rochester, Minn., clinic for a major operation, which was unsuccessful.

Burial was in the family plot in Calvary cemetery. Pallbearers were: James C. Corke, F. J. Bazelman, Elgin Ray, H. J. Birmingham, Edward Campbell, H. E. Coyne, Pat O'Donnell and H. D. Grady. Business houses were closed from 10 to 11 a. m.

Among those from a distance here for the funeral services were: Mrs. Louise Murray, of Tucson, Ariz., a niece; Donald C. Gallagher, of Chicago, Ill., a nephew; R. E. Spelts and William Spelts, both of Grand Island; and Ralph P. Evans, of Chicago, Ill., friends of the deceased.

Arthur King, of Phoenix, Ariz., a nephew, and his wife, who have been in O'Neill for several months, were also present.

Miss Janet Enright left last Thursday for Vancouver, Wash., where she will be employed. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Enright, drove her to Grand Island.

Nephew of O'Neill Women Named Editor of New Los Angeles Tabloid Newspaper

J. Edward Murray, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Murray, of Lead, S. D., and nephew of Mrs. Clyde Streeter and Mrs. Dean Streeter, of O'Neill, has been named managing editor of a new Los Angeles, Calif., tabloid newspaper, the Mirror.

A University of Nebraska journalism graduate, Murray will be one of the youngest managing editors of metropolitan newspapers in the United States.

During World War II and since its close, he has been a staff correspondent for the United Press in Rome, Italy, returning to the States during the Summer to rest.

After the war Mr. Murray had his family with him in Rome.

The Los Angeles Mirror is considered in newspaper circles as one of the biggest new ventures in the metropolitan field.

Murray, who has visited O'Neill frequently, has not been here since his return to the States but has been resting at Lead.

PAGE COUPLE IN GOLDEN WEDDING

Frank Snyder and Wife Married Half-Century Ago at Tecumseh

PAGE—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, September 19. Although the anniversary date was September 21, Sunday was considered the most convenient day for most to attend.

Dinner was served for 15 relatives at noon. Open house was held during the afternoon and evening when relatives and friends called to extend congratulations. The guest book, in charge of Mrs. Melvin Carson, was signed by 168. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served by the nieces and the nephews of the Snyders.

A number of relatives and friends baked cakes. Chairs and tables were placed in the yard where a number of the guests spent the afternoon visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder received many gifts, cards and letters. Among the gifts were a blanket, a floor-lamp, two scatter rugs, two tablecloths, glasses and sherbet dishes, jewelry and a purse of money.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have two grandchildren, Lois Fink of Grand Island, and Ross Fink of Sheyner, N. D. Only Miss Lois was able to be here Sunday.

Miss Nova Henry and Frank Snyder were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Henry, of Tecumseh, on September 21, 1898, by Rev. L. C. Dodge. There was a group of 50 in attendance and five of these were present Sunday.

After the wedding they left for Omaha where they attended the world's fair for several days. Forty-two years ago they moved to Holt county. Two years after coming here they moved to the farm north of Page where they continued to live until two years ago, when they moved their house to Page.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Snyder enjoy "fairly good health." They care for their garden and do a great deal of canning of fruits and vegetables.

Those from a distance attending the golden wedding were: Miss Lois Fink and Tom E. Sinner, of Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Henry, Keith and Carol Ann, of Coleridge; Mrs. Wanda Schmidt, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jacka and Willard, of Tecumseh; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Snyder and son, of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snyder and Dorothy, of Ainsworth; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dolph and daughter, of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fink, of Fremont; Joy Stewart, of Corte Madera, Calif.; Mrs. Lowell Miller, Miss Dorothy Zellars and Wendell Stevens, all of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snyder, William Ruge, sr., and William Riege, jr., all of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fink, Bert Fink and Mrs. Bonita Harris, all of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kopecky and Miss Eva Murten, of Inman.

Free combat films photographed during World War II will be shown tonight (Thursday) at 8 p. m. at the American Legion club, according to S/Sgt. James Lyons, newly-appointed Army-Air Force recruiting sergeant here.

Bartlett Rancher Dies in Air Crash

8-VOTE MARGIN FOR WATER ISSUE

Mild Campaign Nearly Upsets \$48,000 Bond Proposal

The proposed 48 thousand dollar bond issue for further improvement of the municipal water system squeaked to a narrow eight-vote victory in a special election here last Thursday. Only 288 votes were cast and the proposal needed 60 percent of the votes to win.

One hundred and eighty-two O'Neill voters indicated their preference "for" the proposal while 106 voted "against" the proposal.

With the election over, the city council can now turn its attention towards determining where the water extensions will be made. A series of hearings will be held, Mayor H. E. Coyne said.

He pointed out that several months ago similar hearings were conducted in regard to sewerage extensions, but homeowners did not manifest interest in the hearings, and complaints were brought to the council after contracts were let and workmen were on the scene. He said he hopes the forthcoming water hearings will not be a repetition and that those people without municipal water service or without adequate service will assist the councilmen in determining where the extensions are to go.

The hearings will be advertised in next week's issue of The Frontier.

The city engineer has already strongly advised that many "dead ends" in the system be linked together in order to achieve "better circulation."

A mild campaign was conducted last Thursday to defeat the proposal, but it was not organized.

Many residents in outlying districts are confronted with the ironic state of having sewerage running by their front door, but lack municipal water.

Extensive sewerage extensions cost the city 65 thousand dollars during recent months, and the development of two new wells, several miles south of the city, cost in the neighborhood of 85 thousand dollars. This expenditure was extended over the past two years.

Both projects, however, depleted the city's treasury and made a bond issue the only solution in completing the improvement. It is the first major work in connection with the municipal water system since it was installed in 1913.

'PEEPING TOM' REPORTED ACTIVE

City Abounds with Stories but No Complaints Made Officially

O'Neill has been buzzing with "peeping tom" stories during the past 10 days, but until noon Wednesday no official complaints had been filed with city and Holt county officials.

County Attorney William W. Griffin said that despite a series of "attack" and "scare" stories, details of none of the incidents have been reported to the police or county attorney's office.

One married woman is reported to have been accosted near home and a struggle ensued before the attacker left. "Rumors that a prominent businessman is suspected and an arrest is about to be made and charges filed are absolutely false as far as I know," Griffin said.

Griffin said that citizens should file their complaints with duly constituted authorities immediately after an incidence occurs.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Carney returned Monday from visiting in Fremont, Lincoln and Kearney.

Leonard Grossnicklaus, 33, Encounters Trouble in Dense Fog

Plane Is Demolished

A two-passenger Cessna aircraft, piloted by Leonard Grossnicklaus, 33-year-old Bartlett rancher, hit the earth with a rending crash shortly before 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, instantly killing the only occupant. The accident occurred near the Ditchcamp ranch, six miles southwest of O'Neill.

Officials at the O'Neill airport said that Mr. Grossnicklaus had made arrangements to bring his plane here for repair preparatory to making a fishing excursion.

There were no witnesses, but several persons heard the crash.

The plans appear to have crashed at a steep angle, burying the nose and landing gear.

Civil Aeronautics Authority officials were to arrive early today (Thursday) and conduct an investigation.

The entire region was blanketed by a dense fog early Wednesday, and it is believed that Grossnicklaus encountered the fog and spun to the ground.

The young Wheeler county rancher had been flying his own plane for several years, friends said. He operated a ranch about seven miles north and two miles west of Bartlett, in Wheeler county, or about two miles west of the Four Corners.

A traveling salesman, driving into O'Neill from the south, reported hearing a plane while three miles south of O'Neill on highway 281. This was about 7:30 a. m.

This is the sixth air fatality in Holt county during the past 11 months. Two other crashes claimed the lives of three and two persons, respectively.

Grossnicklaus formerly lived at Elgin.

The body was brought to the Biglin Brothers funeral home here pending the removal of the body to Elgin where funeral arrangements will be made.

There were indications that the plane barely cleared a fence row before crashing. The wreckage was strewn over the countryside.

Mr. Grossnicklaus had telephoned the O'Neill airport earlier in the morning that he was bringing his aircraft to O'Neill for waxing.

Mr. Grossnicklaus, married, was the father of a 3-year-old adopted daughter, Marlene.

Crandall Burial Friday at Chambers

CHAMBERS—Final burial for Pvt. Calvin D. Crandall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Crandall and European theater fatality during World War II, will be held at 10:30 a. m. Friday at Chambers.

The body will arrive in O'Neill by rail early Friday morning under military escort and will be taken to Chambers by Biglin Bros. and military rites will be held.

Private Crandall is a Chambers high school graduate.

Workmen Unhurt in Atkinson Explosion

ATKINSON—Workmen installing a gas furnace at the Earl Houts residence here were unhurt early Wednesday in an explosion that occurred.

The fire department was summoned, but there was no outbreak of a blaze despite the fact that it was believed the house was full of fumes.

Blood Transfusions for Mrs. McClanahan

Mrs. Earl McClanahan, who is a patient in University hospital at Omaha, has received two recent blood transfusions.

Among O'Neill donors who have gone to Omaha to offer blood are: Murel McClure, Wilma McClure, George Hendrick, Fred Colfack, Merlin Lee, Earl Pierson, Dorrance Crabb, Lloyd Bausch, Orville Eppenbach, Frank E. Eppenbach, Ed Hanley and Dick Tibbetts.



J. Edward Murray . . . from a small South Dakota town to managing editor of a metropolitan daily.

McKENZIE BURIAL RITES ARE SET

Interment in McPherson National Cemetery for Dorsey Soldier

DORSEY—Military funeral services for Pfc. Ted McKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude McKenzie, sr., of Dorsey, will be conducted at 9:30 a. m. on Tuesday, September 28, at Ft. McPherson national cemetery, near Maxwell.

Private McKenzie entered the Army in the Fall of 1941

and was killed in action in France on August 4, 1944. A member of the Fifty-Fourth field artillery unit, he died at the age of 25. He had entered France with his unit on D-day.

Survivors include: Parents; brothers—Dale McKenzie, of Oakland, Calif.; Dan McKenzie, of Winner, S. D.; Clyde McKenzie, jr., of O'Neill; and Victor McKenzie, of Dorsey; sisters—Mrs. Alford Ehrhardt, of McLean; Mrs. Gleason Landberg, of Randolph; Mrs. Jack Bowby, of Omaha, and Miss Mary Anne McKenzie, of Dorsey.

Private McKenzie was born near Dorsey, was reared there, and educated in Holt county rural schools and O'Neill high school. Upon finishing his education, he entered farming with his father, with whom he was associated until he entered military service.

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