

First Killing Frost Strikes Region

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Mercury Dips to 20

The O'Neill region early Sunday had its first hard freeze of the fall season when the mercury dropped to 20 degrees. October 4 is the average date for the first killing frost.

Observers said the freeze—and subsequent freezes early Monday and Tuesday—helped rather than hindered crops. They report that the freezes have particularly benefited the corn crop by drying out the kernels and the stalks.

The freezes were welcomed by corn growers who will be harvesting bumper crops. Vegetation was blackened in many places and trees immediately began shedding their leaves.

Earlier the mercury had hovered near the freezing point and there were signs of frost, but Sunday morning's cold spell was the first full-fledged freeze.

The high temperature of the week was 75—reached at midday Saturday. Week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily, follows: weather

	Hi	Lo
October 14	63	34
October 15	66	37
October 16	75	38
October 17	44	20
October 18	50	28
October 19	72	23
October 20	66	36

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Neligh Youth Hunt Victim

NELIGH—A 23-year-old Neligh World War II veteran, Glen Lewis, was killed about 2 p. m. Friday in a hunting accident near Norfolk. Lewis was a member of the Norfolk junior college football team.

ALOISIOUS HEEB DIES SUDDENLY

Atkinson Man, 75, Came to Holt from East in 1878

ATKINSON—Aloisius Heeb, 75, died suddenly at his home in Atkinson about 3 p. m. Friday following an acute heart attack. Mr. Heeb, who lived with his invalid brother, Joseph, had been fishing earlier in the day.

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MRS. H. F. RAKOW EXPIRES AT PAGE

Suffers Leg Fracture in Unusual Accident; In 'Poor' Health

Funeral Rites Today

PAGE—Mrs. H. F. Rakow, 71, died Monday, October 18, at 9:15 a. m. at her home in Page. Mrs. Rakow, who had been in "poor health" for several years, suffered a fractured right leg six days earlier in an unusual automobile accident. She was standing near an automobile when another machine backed into the one she was standing near.

Survivors include: Widower—H. F. Rakow; daughter—Hazel, of Palo Alto, Calif.; sons—Lee Sivesind, of Sidney, and Roy Sivesind, of Orchard; and two grandsons.

One daughter, Mrs. Fred (Alice) Clark, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Rakow was born at Bynumville, Mo., on December 31, 1875, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Darr.

Twice married, she came to the Page community about 25 years ago.

Following the accident, she was cared for at her home by Dr. E. J. Bild and her husband, who is a semi-invalid.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church at Page. Rev. T. O. Brownfield, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be at Page.

Record Crowd Expected at Stag

A record crowd is expected Wednesday, October 27, at the fifth annual Chamber of Commerce-sponsored stag party "for men only."

The affair will be held at the American Legion club with the doors opening at 8 p. m.

Included on the program will be John Gunier, as master of ceremonies; Rozalla the dancer; Johnny Carson, ventriloquist, and Doris Morgan, vocalist with an accordion.

The entertainment troupe is being brought here especially for the stag party.

All farmers and ranchers in the O'Neill trade territory have been extended a general invitation.

Hand Mangled in a Cornpicker

WALNUT—A possibility that the left hand of Ludvik Elis, of Walnut, badly mangled in a cornpicker accident Friday, may be saved is reported by the attending physician at Orchard.

Elis was taken to Orchard after his hand and all five fingers had been caught in the machine and severely crushed. At first it was believed the hand would have to be amputated.

Brady and Abbot Set for Inaugural

ATKINSON—Frank Brady, of Atkinson, and Chris Abbot, of Hyannis, aren't taking any chances on missing presidential inaugural ceremonies in Washington next year.

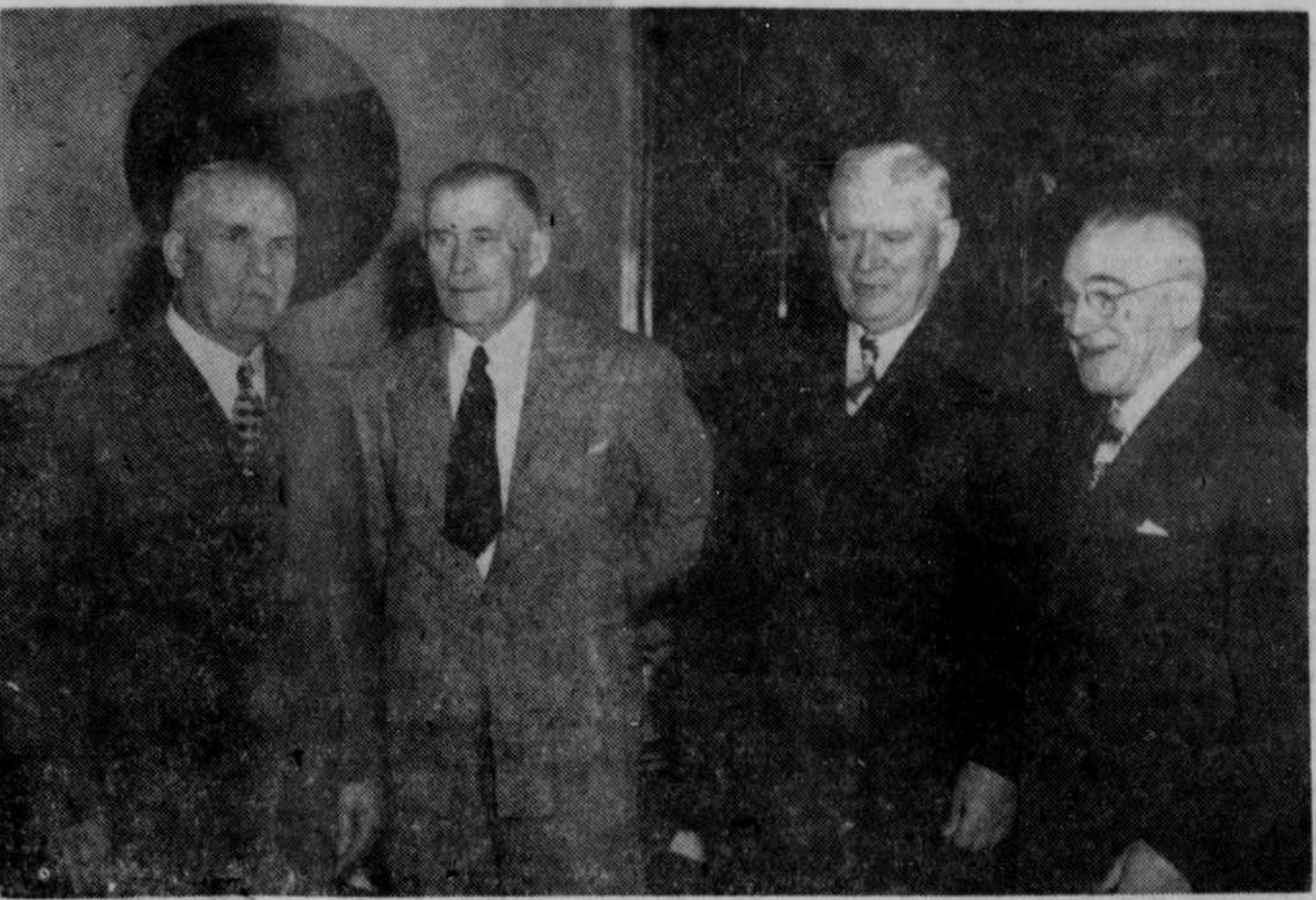
They made their hotel reservations before leaving the Republican national convention in Philadelphia last June. Gov. Earl Warren, of California, Republican vice-presidential nominee, reminded Brady of the incident when they met in Sioux City last week. Such confidence in a victory is heartening, Warren was quoted as saying.

To Visit St. Paul

Dr. W. F. Finley will leave today (Thursday) for St. Paul, Minn., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gowan Miller. They will go to the Minnesota-Michigan football game on Saturday.

Orville McKims Spend Weekend in Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. Orville McKim spent the weekend in Omaha as guests of the latter's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peters.



This was old home week in O'Neill for at least four native sons... (left-to-right) Daniel Sullivan, Montana Jack Sullivan and Philip Sullivan, all of Butte, Mont., and Dr. J. Milton Murphy, of Portland, Ore. (See story below). —The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

MRS. WAGERS, 81, BURIED AT PAGE

Homesteaded with Parents Near Page in 1883; Dies in Lincoln

PAGE—Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, October 17, for Mrs. Rufus Wagers, 81, who died Wednesday, October 14, in St. Elizabeth's hospital at Lincoln.

The rites were held at 2:30 p. m. at the Wesleyan Methodist church in Page with Rev. George Francis in charge. Burial was in the Page cemetery.

Clara Jane Kendall was born in Ottumwa, Ia., on September 22, 1867.

She was united in marriage to Rufus P. Wagers December 24, 1886. To this union were born one son, Mark Wagers, and four daughters, Miss Agurtha Wagers, Mrs. Fred (Blanche) Wood, Mrs. Nell Snyder and Mrs. Gladys Sterner, all of whom survive. Her husband died in 1939.

She came to Nebraska as a young girl with her parents, settling near Creighton in the Brazle Mills community, later coming to this community with her parents when they settled on a homestead in 1883.

The past five years she has lived in Lincoln. Survivors include: Five children; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; four sisters—Mrs. R. R. Mullen, of Alice, Tex.; Mrs. Bertha McBane, of San Diego, Calif.; Mildred Russelle and Esther, of Texas, and two brothers, also of Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Grosenbaugh, of O'Neill, sang with Mrs. Roy Cole as accompanist at the rites. Pallbearers were: Harry Harper, Harry Park, Hal Farnsworth, Edgar Wood, William Neubauer and Herbert Stevens.

Cards Wallop Chambers, 46-0

St. Mary's academy Cardinals walloped the Chambers Coyotes here Wednesday afternoon, 46-0, in a lopsided six-man grid contest.

Becks Shorty Miles, Jim Donoho and Pat Hickey and Lineman Jim Kelly and Bernard Mullen crashed the scoring column for the victors.

The Coyotes were hopelessly outclassed after trailing 0-12 at intermission.

The band added color to the afternoon game. (For more sports see page 1, section B.)

Sullivans Go to Chicago Via Lincoln

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus V. Sullivan left Friday morning for their vacation. They met Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Graybill, of Chicago, Ill., at the Notre Dame-Nebraska game at Lincoln. Afterwards they accompanied the Graybills to Chicago. They also plan to visit another sister of Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Gerald M. Classen, Mr. Classen and family.

Attend State WCTU Parley at York

Mrs. Clay Johnson, sr., and Mrs. Goldie Stauffer, of Page, left Sunday for York, where they will attend the WCTU state convention. They expect to return today (Thursday). Mrs. Johnson is state recording secretary and Mrs. Stauffer is state vice-president.

O'Neillites Watch Notre Dame Win

Memorial stadium at Lincoln was bulging Saturday for Notre Dame's 44-13 walkaway over the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers. Nearly 38 thousand spectators were on hand, including numerous Holt countyans.

For many O'Neillites it was an opportunity to see Frank Leahy, a native son who is now Notre Dame's coach. Few, however, had an opportunity to speak with the illustrious mentor.

Gene Leahy, of Frank's brother, stopped off in O'Neill enroute to the game.

Among those attending the game were:

From O'Neill—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus V. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll W. Steward, J. D. Cronin, M. J. Golden Marvin Miller Thomas Harty, Edward Campbell, Don Enright, James Merriman, the Misses Loretta Enright, Nancy Froelich, Barbara Birmingham, Veronica Coyne, Jean Froelich and Jane Froelich. Two local boys, John Berigan and Paul Moseman, played in the university band. Both are freshmen.

From Emmet—Mr. and Mrs. John Conard.

From Atkinson—Dr. and Mrs. N. P. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brady and son, Elwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schultz.

From Ewing—Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Coyle, who moved recently from O'Neill to Grand Island, were also present.

Damage Slight in Hotel Blaze

ATKINSON—The volunteer fire department was called to the Cottage hotel Saturday. A blaze starting in the basement, where Jesse Davis, the proprietor, was working spread to the two first floor apartments.

Some stored linen caught fire and some jars of fruit and jellies were broken by the heat of the flames. Considerable smoke damage was reported, but the actual fire damage was believed to have been limited to a comparatively small part of the building.

The loss was partly covered by insurance, it was reported.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Larry D. Schaffer, 20, of O'Neill, and Lois Ann Cole, 19, of Emmet, October 19.

Gilligan's Return Reverses Tradition

The recent return of Bennett ("Ben") Gilligan to O'Neill is a direct reversal of an old tradition.

During the present century it has been common for young men reared in small rural communities to set out for big cities, fame and fortune.

4 NATIVE SONS REUNITE HERE

Dan Sullivan, Olympic Wrestler in 1906, Away 28 Years

This has been something of an old home week in O'Neill as four well-known native sons trekked back for visits and renewals of old acquaintances. They were Daniel Sullivan, Montana Jack Sullivan and Phillip Sullivan, all of Butte, Mont., and Dr. J. Milton Murphy, of Portland, Ore.

The timing of their return was partially brought about by the Notre Dame-Nebraska football game Saturday at Lincoln, which they attended. Frank Leahy, Notre Dame head coach, is another native son.

Dan Sullivan was a well-known wrestler in the early 1900's and in 1906 participated in the Olympic games in Athens, Greece, as a member of the U. S. team. Brother Jack, a middleweight boxer, accompanied the team to Athens as a spectator.

Montana Jack is a perennial visitor in O'Neill, but brothers Dan and Phillip had not been here in 28 and six years, respectively. Their parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan, who settled northeast of the present city limits. The elder Sullivans were immigrants from Ireland and spent a short time in Michigan.

Doctor Murphy, son of Jack Murphy and Mary Gibbons, was born on the second floor of the business building now occupied by John Melvin. His family left here for Park City, Ut.

Montana Jack's most illustrious fight was a 45-rounder at Crawford in 1907.

Among his ring opponents were Jim Flynn, Stanley Ketchell, Sailor Burke, and Joe Thomas.

The Sullivan brothers left early Wednesday for Butte.

Legion Civic Program Coming to Holt County

The American Legion and auxiliary-sponsored Cornhusker boys' and girls' county government program will be inaugurated in Holt county, according to Roy M. Lang, of Lincoln, executive of the state program.

Lang will be in O'Neill at 8 p. m. on Thursday, November 4, to outline the program, plan and procedure to all interested persons and organizations.

5-County FHA Meet Held Here

A meeting of Farmers Home Administration county committees from five counties was held here Tuesday. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss responsibilities placed upon the committeemen by the FHA act.

Wayne Drawbaugh, of Lincoln, chief of program operations in the state, conducted the meeting. L. A. White, farm ownership FHA specialist, and D. P. Moulton, state field representative, assisted.

J. O. Walker, of O'Neill, is the Holt county supervisor, and G. W. Wilkins of Center, Knox county supervisor, were among those present.

THREAT PASSED

The spontaneous combustion threat, which plagued O'Neill public school officials last week and forced a one-day recess for the pupils and teachers, is now over. A smouldering coal bin prompted officials to order the removal of the coal to the outside of the building. The coal had been in the bin only a month.

MRS. J. K. ERNST RITES WEDNESDAY

O'Neill Woman, 74, a Resident of Holt for 64 Years

Ill for Three Weeks

Mrs. J. K. Ernst, 74, widow of the late J. K. Ernst, who was one of Holt county's best-known farmers, died at 12:30 p. m. Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otto Lorenz, near here. Relatives said she had been in ill health only three weeks.

Mrs. Ernst, who maintained a home in O'Neill, was taken to her daughter's place when she became ill.

Brief funeral services were held Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. at the old home place, now occupied by her daughter, Mrs. John Dick, and her husband, followed at 2 p. m. with rites at First Presbyterian church. Rev. M. H. Groenbach, Wesleyan Methodist church pastor, officiated and burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery beside the grave of her late husband, who died in November, 1943.

The pallbearers were: Floyd Ritts, Levi Fuller, Emmett Crabb, Carl Lorenz, Frank Searles, Emmet Revell and Edward Campbell, sr.

Vocal music at the funeral was provided by Mrs. G. M. Hubby and Mrs. Axel Borg, accompanied on the piano by Miss Bonnie Hubby.

Malinda Harris was born on September 4, 1874 at Milford, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Harris. She came to Holt county with her parents in 1884—at the age of 10.

On October 11, 1893 she married Jacob K. Ernst, at O'Neill. The Ernst family resided on a farm three miles west of O'Neill for many years. Mrs. Ernst was active in church and community life for a half-century.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst became the parents of nine children,—one of whom, a daughter, died in infancy.

Survivors include: Sons—Clarence Ernst, Homer Ernst and Ralph Ernst, all of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Roy O. (Maude) Cole, of O'Neill; Mrs. Fred (Lorena) Lorenz, of Inman; Mrs. John (Martha) Dick, of O'Neill; Mrs. Otto (Clara) Lorenz, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Myrtle Robertson, of Alliance.

Among relatives coming from a distance for the rites were: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kenel and daughter, of Beaver Crossing; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ernst, William Findley, Mrs. Alvin Stoltz, Mrs. Sarah Ernst and Mrs. Ida Moorberg, all of Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Joas Harris, of Lincoln; Mrs. George Kissinger, of Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cole, of Glenwood, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ebers, of Seward; Miss Eva Findley, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, of Meadow Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Findley, of Sutton.

Mrs. Sarah Ernst, of Milford, is a sister of the deceased, and Joas Harris is a brother.