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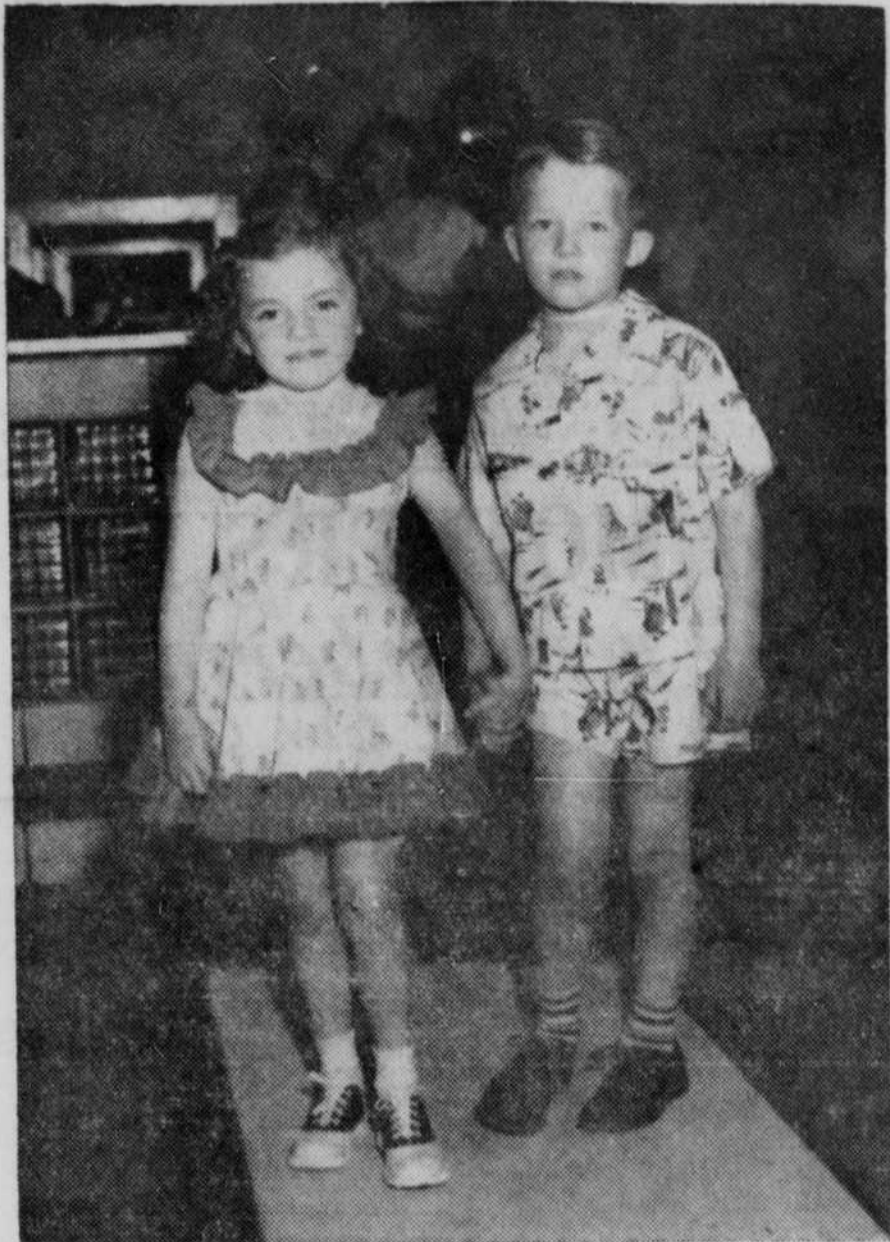
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LEADERS IN THE PARADE . . . Hand-in-hand Paula Ann Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reed, and Gary Skulborstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Skulborstad, helped lead the parade at the style show in O'Neill on Wednesday, April 27, in connection with the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored rural leadership recognition program. Paula Ann appeared in a Cinderella Sunback dress of blue with brown trimmings from the McDonnell store. Gary wore a tan Cobana suit from Gambles. —The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

MRS. PRUSSA, 79, DIES AT ATKINSON

Native of Czechoslovakia and Longtime Resident Stroke Victim

Rites Held Saturday

ATKINSON — Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Saturday in St. Joseph's Catholic church here for Mrs. Anton Prussa, 79, who died late in the afternoon of a stroke at her home here for Mrs. Anton Prussa. She was stricken about one o'clock in the afternoon and died several hours later. She had been in declining health for several years. Rev. A. A. Lehman, church pastor, officiated and burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Pallbearers were six grandsons: Roy and Robert Mack, Lyle Slaymaker, Gilbert Schneider, Gene Stevens and Joseph Zareske.

Anna Stacia Coufal was born April 14, 1870, in Czechoslovakia. The Prussas were among the early residents West of Atkinson.

Mr. Prussa and two children have been dead for a number of years. The late Mrs. Prussa has been living with her son, Charles J. Prussa, on the original family place.

Survivors include: Daughters — Mrs. Fred (Ella) Mack, Mrs. Anton (Mary) Tasler, Mrs. Harry (Emma) Slaymaker, all of Atkinson, and Mrs. Walter (Eva) Stevens, of Omaha. Sons — Charles J. Prussa and Louis Prussa, both of Atkinson, and Edward Prussa, of Stuart. Brother — John Coufal, of Stuart. Sister — Mrs. Millie Kozol, of Ashland.



BOARD READIES FOR FAIR . . . Board of directors of the Holt County Agricultural society met Friday, in special session at Chambers to further plans for the 1949 Holt County Fair—August 31, September 1, 2 and 3. Time was devoted largely to deciding upon entertainment features and contracting with The Frontier for publication of the premium list. In the photo (left-to-right): Seated—T. E. Alderson, of Chambers; Bill Wink, of Chambers (son of secretary); Edwin Wink, of Chambers, secretary; Vern Sager, of Amelia, treasurer, and H. R. Holcomb, of Chambers. Standing—Henry Wood, of Ewing; Lloyd Gled, of Chambers; vice-president; Steve Shavlik, of Chambers; George Rowse, of Chambers, president, and Harry E. Ressel, of O'Neill.—The Frontier Photo.

O'NEILL SEAT OF HIGHWAY GROUP

Nebraska 281 Association to Incorporate; O'Neill Is 'Place of Business'

Reaffirm Gas Stand

Ninety-six delegates to the O'Neill meeting of the Nebraska chapter of the Highway 281 association last Thursday evening voted to incorporate the organization on a non-profit basis and designated O'Neill as the "principal place of business."

The meeting here was called by Earl Carpenter, of Red Cloud, president of the organization.

For the second time this year the Nebraska chapter went on record as favoring a one-cent a gallon increase in the state gasoline tax and a hike in automobile registration fees.

It stipulated, however, that the revenue thus raised would be used exclusively for road purposes.

Before adjourning the secretary was instructed to notify the governor and state senators of the position.

In January the chapter met at St. Paul and originally went on record favoring the tax and registration hikes. At that meeting there was no representation from towns North of Greeley because of snow-blocked highways.

Tone of Thursday's meeting indicated that the association could not press for general road improvements and highway 281 improvement, specifically, without providing the "powers that be" a workable plan and presenting a "united front."

The Nebraska Highway 281 association, semi-active until recently, was "reactivated" at the meeting and officers were reelected. They included: Earl Carpenter, of Red Cloud, president; Julius D. Cronin, of O'Neill, vice-president; and Harry R. Prudum, of Hastings, secretary-treasurer.

New bylaws and articles of incorporation were drawn by a committee as follows: Arthur O. Auserod, of Bartlett, chairman; E. A. Ondracek, of Greeley, and Ralph Haggart, of St. Paul. Ondracek presented the bylaws and articles to the group.

It was decided to elect directors for one-year terms. Each town and rural community along highway 281 will have one director. The rural directors will be elected in the even years and the town directors in the odd years.

The headquarters of the association will be set up in the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce office. Next meeting will be held in June, probably at either Ericson or Greeley.

During the four-hour discussion of various highway problems, one Boyd county delegate, speaking from the floor, "defied" anyone to drive a semi-trailer truck out of Boyd county on any highway or road following a half-inch rain.

Members of Simonson unit of the American Legion auxiliary served the dinner at seven o'clock to 96 delegates. J. Leo Moore, president of the Chamber, presided and the O'Neill civic group was host. Meeting was held in the Legion auditorium, beginning at eight o'clock.

Delegates came from two dozen communities between Red Cloud, near the Nebraska-Kansas line, and Butte. Richard Biglin, of the Hastings Tribune, formerly of O'Neill, was among those present.

Election Deadlock Broken by Lottery

EMMET—Mrs. Frank Foreman, who has been chairman of the Emmet village board for the past 15 years, will serve on the council for at least another two years.

In the municipal election at Emmet a month ago, virtually every eligible voter in the tiny village went to the polls. Mrs. Foreman and Wayne Fox collected 21 votes each.

Finally, on Monday night the two contestants met with Village Clerk Larry Tenborg and resorted to drawing straws to determine the winner. Nebraska statutes say that in cases of ties the lottery system will be employed.

So now it's official. Mrs. Foreman will be a member of the board for the next two years.

TWIN CALVES BORN
CELLIA — Twin calves were born at the Lee Terwilliger place last week.

'ONLY AMERICANS KNOW FREEDOM'

Native of Germany, an Interpreter for Military, Flays Communism

"Americans are the principal people in the world who are free. Most Americans have no idea of what this freedom really means."

This was the theme of a talk by Mrs. Kenneth Meyer, wife of a Broken Bow attorney, at the Rural Youth banquet in the American Legion auditorium Tuesday night. A native of Stuttgart, Germany, a Franco-German city on the Upper Rhine, she served as an interpreter for the Americans during World War II.

Mr. Meyer served four and one-half years in the European theater during the late war and there met the woman who later was to become his bride.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Meyer spoke at the Rural Youth banquet and appeared Wednesday at a joint convocation of O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy students.

Mrs. Meyer flayed the communist tactics in Europe. She and members of her family were displaced by the nazis. After the Americans came, she worked with them. As a linguist and able to converse in seven languages, she was particularly useful in processing displaced persons.

John Etherton was toastmaster at the banquet. Between courses there was group singing led by County Agent A. Neil Dawes, accompanied by Mrs. Howard Manson.

Novel in-between course entertainment included making a Spring flower from clay, a pipe cleaner and crepe paper. The following Rural Youthers presented a style show: Murray Mellor, Robert Martens, Gene Sobotka, George Peter, Quentin Pojar, Robert Geary, Carol Summerer, Duane Summerer, Estel Thomas, and Grant Peacock. The director was George Mellor. They showed 1948 styles from house dresses down to bathing suits.

Five ladies sang the selections, "Whispering Hope" and "Buttons and Bows." They were: Mrs. Robert Robertson, Mrs. A. Neil Dawes, Miss Alice Whaley, Miss Twila Whaley and Miss Elsie Peters.

Miss Twila Whaley presented the last will and testament of the 21 Rural Youth members who are ineligible for further participation in the group.

The evening was climaxed with a Maypole dance, square dance and folk dancing.

Members of Simonson unit of the American Legion auxiliary served the banquet to 70 guests.

A huge highly-decorated Maypole was in the center of the auditorium. Banquet tables formed a horseshoe around the pole. Tables were decorated with apple blossoms and candles. The stage resembled a stone wall.

Guests-of-honor were: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leo Moore, Rev. C. J. Werner, Rev. and Mrs. V. R. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Yarges, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Archer, Miss Catherine Kirwan, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Indra, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rix and Guy Davis.

Hottest May 3 on Record Here

Tuesday was the hottest May 3 in history of the weather bureau here, according to Elmer Bowen, government weather observer. Thirty-one years ago was the second-hottest May 3. On that date the mercury climbed to 87 degrees. Tuesday's high was 96.

Burwell was the hottest point in the state Tuesday with a reading of 97 degrees.

High winds once more have characterized the week's weather. A shower Saturday afternoon and evening netted 2.7 of an inch. On several other occasions rain threatened.

Date	High	Low	Pre.
April 27	75	44	
April 28	75	45	
April 29	75	48	
April 30	77	53	
May 1	70	4	.27
May 2	63	42	
May 3	84	60	
May 4	96	67	.01

COUNCIL TALKS CURBS, GUTTERS

Mayor H. E. Coyne Makes Appointments for City's Fiscal Year

Curbs and gutters dominated the informal discussions at Tuesday night's meeting of the city council—the first session in the city's new fiscal year, which began May 1.

City Engineer Donald E. Price, of Lincoln, met with the board and agreed to make a preliminary survey of curb and gutter needs before leaving the city.

The mayor's appointments include: Streets and alleys—Norbert Uhl, chairman; Hugh Ray and J. L. McCarville, sr.

Water and sewer—McCarville, chairman; James M. Corkle and Merle V. Hickey.

City property and airport—James W. Rooney, chairman; Hickey and McCarville.

Lights and insurance—Corkle, chairman; Ray and Uhl.

Walks and crossings—McCarville, chairman; Rooney and Uhl.

Auditing—Ray, chairman; Hickey and Corkle.

Attorney—William W. Griffin.

Chief of Police—Chester Calkins; assistant chief—Joseph Wert.

Water department—Robert Davidson.

'Inner Willy' Draws Appreciative Crowd

A large crowd attended the stage production of "The Inner Willy," presented by the O'Neill high school seniors Tuesday evening.

Principal characters in the three-act comedy were: Dwayne Borg, Eva Coker, Ivanly Brady, Donna Bauman, Harold Elkins, Stanley Young, Don Harmon, Betty Thomas, Marie Fox, Lieu Pitts and Helen Bowden. The play was directed by G. Nicholas.

The audience was appreciative and the performance compelled attention from beginning to end.

Hospital Rally to Be Staged

A meeting of the O'Neill community hospital general committee was held Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's academy. James M. Corkle, temporary chairman of the hospital movement, presided.

Emerging from the meeting, the proponents of the plan for a 300 thousand dollar hospital for O'Neill were optimistic that the city soon will have its handsome, big hospital that has been in the blueprint stage for several years.

The hospital committee has on hand 55 thousand dollars. This fund will have to be built to over 100 thousand dollars before the government grant of 100 thousand dollars can be made. Sisters of St. Francis, who are donating the site for the hospital and who will own and operate it, have agreed to assume any reasonable indebtedness.

Corkle said plans are being made for a hospital rally later in May.

Srs. Gilg New CDA Grand Regent

The Catholic Daughters of America held a business meeting Tuesday evening at the Knights of Columbus hall for the purpose of electing officers.

Elected were: Mrs. Francis Gilg, grand regent; Miss Kathleen Warnke, vice-grand regent; Mrs. Stanley Holly, prophet; Mrs. Ivana Pruss, lecturer; Mrs. James Cronk, historian; Mrs. Harry Sullivan, monitor; Mrs. Oliver Ross, sentinel; Miss Claire Hickey, treasurer; Mrs. James Carney, financial secretary; Mrs. Herman Janzing, organist.

Trustees include: Mrs. Mark Schelkopf, Mrs. Anthony Stanton, Mrs. Lod Janousek, Mrs. John Donohoe, Mrs. Merle Hickey and Mrs. Edna Coyne.

After the business meeting the group played pitch. Mrs. Lod Janousek won high; Mrs. Harry Sullivan, low, and Mrs. Oliver Ross, all-cut. Serving on the committee were: Mrs. Leonard Shoemaker, chairman; Mrs. James Cronk, Mrs. A. McPharlin, Mrs. Troy Howard, Mrs. Lyle Benda, Mrs. Ernest Price and Mrs. James Hart.

Academy Seniors Present 'Black Terror' Tonight

The senior class play of St. Mary's academy will present the stage play "Oh, Kay!" tonight (Thursday) at the O'Neill high school auditorium.

In the cast are: Darlene Steele, Ila Carter, Bob Koch, James Donohoe, Mary Ann Kerner, Victoria Zakrewski, Donald Sausser, Edwin Murray, Dorothy Her, Jack Langan, and the "Black Terror".

The play is a detective story written by Adam Applebud. The band, under the direction of Ira George, will furnish the music together with the girls' sextette.

POWER PETITIONS IN CIRCULATION

O'Neill Users Ask CPPD Officials to 'Keep and Maintain Plant'

Petitions are in circulation today among users of electricity in the city of O'Neill. The documents are sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

The signers are requesting the Consumers Public Power district officers at the state headquarters in Columbus to "keep and maintain the standby power generating plant in O'Neill."

Under present plans, CPPD plans to dismantle the O'Neill plant and move the diesel-powered generator to Valentine to bolster the West end of the Northeastern Nebraska district.

The petitions were ready for circulation Wednesday, according to J. Leo Moore, president of the Chamber, and by today, he said, many users will have had an opportunity to sign them.

Meanwhile, James M. Corkle, chairman of the Chamber's temporary committee delving into the power matters, says that either O'Neill civic leaders will go to Columbus and meet with the general manager of the Consumers grid or the general manager will be invited to come to O'Neill. In any event, an early meeting is planned and the name-laden petitions will be produced.

Deport for Extended West Coast Visit

P. V. Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Conway, of Pender, left Wednesday for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will spend an extended vacation visiting Mrs. Annie Hickey and other relatives.

E. F. Quinn left Tuesday for Mapleton, Ia., on business.



NEWS PHOTOGS GET TOGETHER . . . When eight newspapermen convened here Sunday to judge entries in the National Editorial Association's weekly newspaper contest, press cameras were talked about considerably more than they were used. Left-to-right: John H. McCarville, The Frontier's staff photographer; Glen E. Bunnell, of the Cedar County News at Hartington (formerly of Stuart Advocate); G. E. Miles, of the Holt County Independent, and Edward Swopes, of the Ord Quiz. Other judges were: Fred R. Zimmer, of the Cedar County News; E. C. Leggett, of the Ord Quiz, and Cal Stewart of The Frontier. Zimmer headed the committee to judge entries for "best use of photographs" for the second straight year. The judges met at The Frontier, took time-out for dinner at Slat's Cafe, where this photograph was taken.—The Frontier Photo.

Firemen Summoned Twice in Week

Firemen twice have been summoned during the past week.

On Saturday afternoon trash fire in the rear of the Golden hotel annex caused some damage to the interior of one room in the annex before the blaze was extinguished. Assistant Police Chief Joe Wert saw the smoke, investigated, and turned in the alarm.

About 11 o'clock Tuesday firemen went to Lynus Howard residence where an overheated electric iron had filled the house with smoke. Mr. Howard had returned to the house on an errand before leaving the city and discovered the smoke.

JOHN O'NEILL'S ESSAY WINNER

Interest was keen in the Americanism essay contest sponsored during April by Simonson Unit 93 of the American Legion Auxiliary. Sixteen essays entitled, "American Freedoms—Now and Forever" were submitted. Judging was done by three disinterested judges without school or auxiliary connection. The judges reported that it was "very difficult" to decide between them for honors as all entries were "exceptionally good."

Final results gave first place, with a cash award of \$5, to John O'Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. O'Neill, second place to Miss Nancy Beha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Beha, with a cash award of \$3; and third place, with a cash award of \$2, to Miss Gayleen Scholtes, of Kilgore. All three students are members of the junior class of St. Mary's academy. O'Neill high school officials decided against entering contestants in this contest.

Mrs. Melvin Ruzicki, unit president of the auxiliary, presented the awards and a congratulatory message to the winners before St. Mary's assembly.

PARISH HONORS YOUNG PRIEST

St. Joseph's Overflows as Father Kubart Says First Mass

ATKINSON — St. Joseph's Catholic church was filled to overflowing Wednesday morning when Rev. Francis Edwin Kubart, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kubart, celebrated his first solemn mass. Father Kubart, a 1941 graduate at St. Joseph's hall, was ordained in Omaha last week. He is a secular priest.

Parishoners and friends from a distance began gathering early Wednesday morning. Mass began at 9:30 o'clock. A dinner was served at noon in Memorial hall and a reception was held between 2 and 5 p. m. in the Kubart home.

Included among the guests were nearly a score of visiting clergy.

Father Kubart is the second youth to leave the parish and enter priesthood. His predecessor is Rev. Francis Nightengale, now stationed in Illinois.

The dinner, under the direction of the Christian Mothers' society, was served in a setting of yellow, green and white streamers woven to represent a large assembly hall.

The table at which the guest-of-honor and members of his immediate family were seated was centered with a large three-tiered cake topped with a small chalice. An open missal lettered in gold was also placed on the cake. Small lamb cakes, sweetpeas and yellow candles completed the appointments. The placecards were hand-painted and were done by the Sisters of St. Joseph's academy.

Other guests included: Rev. A. A. Lehman; visiting priests; a small "bride," Connie Coufal, who represented the church; the four achoolytes—Bernard and Leonard Troshynski, Robert Faust, William Dexter; the three flower girls—Marilyn Kramer, Lorraine Coufal and Maureen Ullrich; the five pages—Ernest Van Horn, Dannie and Francis Lee, Richard Faust and Louis Laible.

A free movie "The Life of a Seminarian," was shown at the Miller theatre at 2 o'clock and at 4:30. Father Kubart played a part in the picture.

James Merriman Elected Frat Officer

James Merriman, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman, was recently elected executive vice-president of Beta Theta chapter of the international fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi, at Creighton university in Omaha. He was also elected first alternate to attend the grand chapter congress of his fraternity to be held next September in Baltimore, Md.

Returns from St. Louis—John Daly returned last Thursday from St. Louis, Mo., where he had been on business for Osborne's Shoe Store.

Tips, trends, tidbits — you'll find them all in our NOW-DAYS Magazine section.