

Two Atkinson Youths Drown

Harold Klinger, Jr., and Melvin Farewell,
Both 16, Perish in Gravel Pit

(Special to The Frontier)

ATKINSON—Two Atkinson high school 16-year-old sophomore boys, Harold Klinger, Jr., and Melvin Farewell, were drowned late Tuesday afternoon in an abandoned gravel pit about 1 1/2 miles West of Atkinson. A companion, Warren Campbell, also 16, watched the two youths struggle in deep water and disappear below the surface about 5:30 p. m.

After the bodies were recovered respirators were used for more than an hour, but Dr. N. P. McKee had pronounced both dead from the time they were pulled from the bottom.

The bodies were taken to the Seger mortuary pending funeral arrangements. Klinger was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klinger, Sr., and Farewell was a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Farewell. Both are Atkinson families.

The three youths planned a rendezvous at the pit after school. When they reached the scene they climbed into their swimming trunks and entered the water, as they have done before.

Neither Klinger or Farewell was considered a good swimmer and young Campbell, who was unable to swim, purposely lingered in the shallow water.

SERIES OF REA
MEETINGS SLATEDCelia, Cleveland, Martha
Communities to Hear
Discussions

A series of meetings is being planned by County Agent A. Neil Dawes and Manager Ed Wilson, of the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation in which rural electrification will be discussed.

First meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, in the Celia community, beginning at 2 p. m. at the O. A. Hammerberg home. Mrs. Hammerberg is making the arrangements for this meeting. An evening meeting the same day will be held at the Cleveland community church, beginning at 8 p. m. Elmer Allyn and Charles Mulford are in charge of arrangements for the Cleveland meeting.

Third meeting in the series will be held Tuesday evening in the Martha school, two miles South and two miles East from the Chambers corner. This session will begin at 8 p. m. Mark Gribble and Mrs. Loran Kruse are in charge.

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Ray L. DeRose, of Lincoln, extension engineer at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture, will be present to conduct discussions on "Preparing to Use Electricity."

L. S. Crane, chief inspector of the inspection service of the Rural Electrification Administration, will be present for a portion of the series. He will discuss "Safety and Inspection" in connection with REA. On Monday afternoon he will conduct a meeting for wire men in Boyd county.

Mr. Wilson will make a progress report on current REA development in the four-county Niobrara district. Arrangements have been made to show films where power already is available. The film is entitled "The Singing Wires."

All wiremen and appliance people are invited to attend these meetings.

O' Club Initiates
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The many weird creatures wandering around the city Tuesday and Wednesday were initiates of the "O" club of O'Neill high school. The boys were seen in rags on the steps of the First National Bank begging money, in diapers carrying baby bottles, in women's bathing suits and dresses, and in various other garbs. They all wore rings of limberger cheese around their necks.

Campbell said the other two ventured into deeper water, one of them got into difficulty, the two struggled together for a time in the center of the pond before both disappeared below the surface of the water. Campbell's call for help summoned Otmer Poessnecker, who lived nearby and was fixing a fence. When Poessnecker reached the scene, he is reported to have said that bubbles were on the surface of the water.

At about six o'clock the fire alarm in Atkinson was sounded and volunteers searched in the water for the bodies. Where the drownings occurred the water was estimated to be from 10- to 14-foot deep. In size the pond is the equivalent of about a half-block square.

A heavy barbed wire was used to drag the bottom of the pit. Both bodies were caught in the first dragging and they came to the surface about eight- or 10-feet apart.

It is believed that the boys ventured into water considerably deeper than they had suspected.

The pit where the tragedy occurred has frequently been used for non-supervised swimming. It is described as the big, old abandoned gravel pit and is located North of a Boy Scout shelter house West of the city.

Harold Klinger, Sr., is a state employee working on highway 11. The family came to Atkinson from Decatur about 18 months ago. The Klingers have four other children.

Farewell's father operates a pool hall in Atkinson. The Farewells moved into Atkinson about a year ago from a farm. They have one other child—a one-year-old daughter.

Carol Ann Remter, 5,
Dies in Rochester

Carol Ann Remter, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Remter, of Bristow, Minn., hospital where she had been a patient for two weeks. She had been ill since January. Funeral rites will be held today (Thursday) from the Catholic church at Spencer and burial will be there. Rev. Michael Condon will officiate. The little girl was born on January 27, 1944, at Lynch. Her mother's maiden name was Mildred Langan.

Survivors include: Parents; sister—Mary Janice Remter.

R. L. Schacht New
CPPD General Manager

R. L. Schacht has been appointed to succeed the late V. M. Johnson as general manager of the Consumers Public Power grid in Nebraska.

Schacht, a Columbus man, is a former general superintendent for Consumers and has been acting general manager during the past 16 months while Johnson was ill.

Funeral services for Johnson were held Saturday at Columbus. L. C. Walling, of O'Neill, manager of the Northeast Nebraska Consumers district, attended the burial rites.

Leaving for Germany — INMAN — Capt. and Mrs. Walter Roderick and baby, Judy, of Washington state, visited Rev. R. M. Wingate, of Inman, on Sunday evening. They are to leave soon for Germany on assignment there. Mrs. Roderick is a niece of Reverend Wingate.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ray spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Rhodes, of Cody.



BARRET SCOTT... The story of Barret Scott's tragic ending, one of the legends in Holt county history, will be told in The Frontier's Diamond Jubilee Edition which will appear next month. Scott was a Holt county official. Regular subscribers to The Frontier will receive their copy of the Diamond Jubilee Edition at no extra cost. Extra copies, however, will sell for one dollar each. Orders now are being accepted at The Frontier's circulation counter. Subscription rates are \$2.50 per year in Nebraska; \$3, elsewhere.

MRS. CIESLAK, 68,
DIES AT BASSETTStuart Farm Woman Came
to Holt County at
Age of 17

ATKINSON — Requiem high mass was held at St. Boniface Catholic church in Stuart at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday for Mrs. Theresia Mary Cieslak. Rev. A. J. Paschang, of Stuart, officiated.

Mrs. Cieslak, 68, died at Bassett Sunday. She had been critically ill only a short time.

Theresia Mary Greger was born in Germany on November 8, 1880, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greger. She came to Holt county at the age of 17 and settled on a homestead 1 1/2 miles Southwest of Stuart, where she was living at the time she was taken ill.

On August 22, 1905, she was married to Stephen Cieslak. They became the parents of four children — three sons and a daughter.

Her husband died in 1937 and three of the children preceded their mother in death. The daughter, was Mrs. Cornelius (Theresa) Unger, of Newport, and sons were Boniface and Albert, of Stuart.

Survivors include: Son — Stephen, of Stuart; grandchildren—Lillian Unger, of Kansas City, Mo., and Helen and John Unger, of Portland, Ore.

Rev. Longstaff,
Former Pastor, Dies

Rev. George Longstaff, 84, who was pastor of First Presbyterian church here a quarter of a century ago, was buried Sunday afternoon in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Reverend Longstaff was born in County Durham, England, on August 19, 1864, and came to the United States in 1893.

Reverend Longstaff served as pastor of First Presbyterian church for 13 years, leaving O'Neill in 1924.

He died at Hastings.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Commodore J. B. Longstaff, of Amherst, Mass., and A. R. Longstaff, of Gordon; daughters — Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger, of Bozeman, Mont.; and Mrs. J. C. Riddlemoser, of Boise, Ida.; 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters, who live in Ireland.

Visitor Arrives
from West Indies

Mrs. Paul Walker arrived in O'Neill last Thursday for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Hugh O'Neill. Mrs. Walker's home is Aruba, Netherlands West Indies, off the coast of Venezuela, South America.

She landed in New York in April and reached Lincoln in time to spend the Easter holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Schlueter, and her husband.

Mr. Walker, who is employed as an engineer by the Standard Oil Co., will arrive in the U. S. in the Fall. The Walkers have lived in Aruba since 1929.

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Achievement Award
to Frontier Woman

For the third consecutive year Mrs. Blanche Spann Pease, of Atkinson, editor of The Frontier Woman department in The Frontier, has been named a Woman of Achievement in a four-state area by the Journal-Tribune publications of Sioux City.

Thirty "outstanding women" from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota convened Tuesday in Sioux City to receive the awards. It was the first year Mrs. Pease was able to attend.

Mrs. Pease's award was based on "writing ability, community service and her work with shut-ins."

ED ALDER, DORSEY
FARMER EXPIRESLifelong Holt Resident Is
Ill Only One Week;
Burial Wednesday

DORSEY — Daniel Edward ("Ed") Alder, a lifelong Holt county resident, died about 7 p. m. Friday at his home in the Dorsey community. He became ill about a week previously.

He had suffered a stroke while enroute to Stuart on Friday, April 29.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Dorsey school and burial was in the Dorsey cemetery. Rev. V. R. Bell, of the O'Neill Methodist church, officiated and Biglin Bros. were in charge of arrangements.

The hymns, "Softly and Tenderly" and "Rock of Ages" were sung by Verna Revell, Mrs. Faye Brady, Claude Pickering and Hal Rosenkrans with Mrs. Lee Brady, Sr., at the piano. Mrs. Faye Brady sang as a solo, "The Eastern Gate."

Pallbearers were: Robert Wiley, Richard Marsten, Carl Christensen, Willis Boelter, Awtart Spangler and Guy Johnson.

The late Mr. Alder was born in the Dorsey community, a son of Isaac and Evelyn Smalley Alder, on April 19, 1889. He spent his entire life on a Holt county farm and was active in community affairs.

On October 6, 1909 he married Cora Grace Hudson, of O'Neill. They became the parents of three sons.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—William Elmer, of Verdigré; Thomas Cleo, of Dorsey; and Harold Edward, of Verdigré; five grandchildren; four brothers and four sisters.

Many Dead Fish in
Holt Lakes and Streams —

ATKINSON — Residents say the past Winter has been very destructive to fish in Holt county's lakes, streams and rivers. At almost any location, dead fish may be seen caught in the debris along fence lines, carried there by the high water of the Spring.

Many dead fish line the banks of the lakes and streams. One theory is that continued heavy snows filled the beds. Then the freezing weather caused the fish to smother. In many places the rivers and streams were frozen all the way to the bottom for many weeks.

Mrs. Irene Martin left Saturday for Tilden where she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Phillips.

HOSPITAL GROUP
IN SPIRITED MEETCorkle, New Chairman,
Gets Vote of Confidence
for Final Push

Forty-six persons interested in the movement for the new 300 thousand dollar hospital in O'Neill met in a special session Friday night in the Golden hotel dining room.

James M. Corkle, who became temporary chairman of the move following William J. Froelich's resignation and who subsequently was elected permanent chairman, called the meeting to draft a final course of procedure in pushing the movement through to a finish.

Highlights were impromptu talks by Ernie Weller, well-known Atkinson auctioneer, and Ralph J. Kelly, publisher of the Atkinson Graphic and Stuart Advocate. Both lauded the accomplishments of the organization to date and both pledged support to the move. Each pointed out, however, that they would support a workable hospital plan for Atkinson, as well.

A plan is being worked out to establish a temporary hospital campaign headquarters in a vacant lot on Fourth street near the intersection with Douglas street. The lot is between the Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan association office and the Gilligan & Stout drug store.

Meanwhile, solicitation is in progress for an expense fund with which to launch the final money-raising drive. Solicitors for the expense fund were at work early this week.

Chairman Corkle is revising the standing three-year-old committees.

At the meeting Corkle reviewed hospital progress to date. He told the audience that 55 thousand dollars had been collected, there is a 100 thousand dollar government grant available, and the Sisters of St. Francis, who will staff and operate the hospital, will assume any "reasonable indebtedness." It was pointed out that the all-out campaign to assure a hospital would be launched with a minimum goal of 45 thousand dollars yet to be raised.

Title of the proposed 40-bed hospital was discussed. Naming of the hospital is being left to the Sisters of St. Francis. A tentative name, originated by the Sisters, is Good Samaritan hospital.

Several speakers from the floor emphasized that the hospital must be more than an O'Neill hospital. Weller pointed out that it should be geared to care for the needs of the people in the Sand Hills region.

Several observers interpreted the Friday meeting as a "vote of confidence" for Corkle's leadership and a milestone in the movement.

Wednesday Chairman Corkle was in Omaha conferring with sponsors of the new Children's Memorial hospital there.

VISIT 3 CITIES

INMAN—The Inman seniors arrived home Saturday evening "tired but happy" after spending Friday and Saturday in Grand Island, North Platte and Hastings on an annual "sneak" trip. Supt. Ralph Gray accompanied the group.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCallum, of Wauwata, spent Sunday, May 1, visiting the former's sister, Mrs. J. L. Sherbahn, and Mr. Sherbahn.

1949 Holt Homemaker Tells of Omaha Trip

Editor's note: Mrs. O. A. (Mabel) Hammerberg, of Atkinson, Holt county's outstanding 1949 homemaker, was asked to write about the highlights of her trip to Omaha last week with more than one hundred other outstanding homemakers as a guest of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Hammerberg is The Frontier's special correspondent in the Celia community. Earlier, she was honored by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce for winning the Holt county award. Her version on the Omaha trip follows:

By MRS. O. A. HAMMERBERG
I accompanied Miss Dorothy Shetler, of Ainsworth, Brown county home agent, and two other county homemakers, Mrs. Kirk Spearman, of Ainsworth, and Mrs. A. O. Gurnsey, of Bassett, to Omaha by automobile Wednesday, May 4, for a rural leadership recognition program Thursday under the sponsorship of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

We were honored along with

homemakers from most of Nebraska's 93 counties and several Iowa and Kansas counties.

We registered for the all-day program at the Fontenelle hotel. There were door prizes from Omaha merchants and we were entertained by artists from radio station WOW.

Small tables were beautifully decorated and there were small gifts at each place. A hostess at each table greeted each homemaker.

From the Fontenelle we went to the Castle hotel where there was a frozen food demonstration and a delicious noon luncheon.

After lunch we were taken by chartered bus to the Ak-Sar-Ben grounds where we witnessed a home builders' show. Every conceivable innovation for new homes was on display. Some of the manufacturers were there and explained many of the items.

Back again at the Fontenelle we readied for the banquet in the Chamber of Commerce room in the Woodman of the World building.

600 Signatures
on Power Petition

Nearly 600 signatures already have been affixed to the petitions being circulated among power users in O'Neill. The petitions, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be submitted to Consumers Public Power district officials in Columbus.

The signers are asking CPPD officials to refrain from dismantling the diesel-powered standby generating plant at O'Neill, which, under present plans, is intended to be moved to Valentine to bolster the West end of the Northeast Nebraska district.

James M. Corkle is chairman of the temporary committee appointed to intercede in the power matters.

MARY G. MURPHY
RITES WEDNESDAYBurial Here for Former
Resident Who Died
in Portland, Ore.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday in St. Patrick's Catholic church here for Mrs. Mary G. Murphy, 83, widow of the late John V. Murphy and a former O'Neill resident. She died Wednesday, May 4, in Portland, Ore.

Death was caused by a heart ailment accompanying her advanced age.

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

The late Mrs. Murphy, nee Mary G. Gibbons, was born on March 17, 1866, in Scranton, Pa., a daughter of John and Hannah Gibbons. She came to Holt county in 1882 from Chicago, Ill.

On November 26, 1890, she married Mr. Murphy in St. Patrick's church here.

In O'Neill Mr. Murphy operated a shoe store in the old Gibbons building here.

He died July 28, 1916, while living at Park City. His body was returned to O'Neill for burial.

The family left here in 1896 for Park City, Ut., and moved from Park City to Portland in 1918.

Survivors include: Son—Dr. J. Milton Murphy, of Portland; sisters—Delia and Deborah Gibbons, both of Butte, Mont. The remains reached O'Neill late Tuesday and a rosary service was held at Biglin Brothers.

Pallbearers were: H. E. Coyne, M. H. Horiskey, D. F. Murphy, H. J. Birmingham, J. D. Cronin and Walter O'Malley.

Two of Mrs. Murphy's other sons, died last year—Raymond, in July, and Edward, in September. Her death was the third in the family in 10 months.

Maps Summer, Fall Plans —

Officials of the Holt county extension council and president of extension clubs met Wednesday in the assembly room of the courthouse to map plans for the Summer and Fall of 1949. Lesson topics were selected.

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CORN PICKING
STILL GOES ONStorm-Battered Fields
Stand Up Well,
Dawes Says

The incongruous sight of corn picking on one hand and corn planting on the other can be seen in a swing through rural Holt county.

Corn laden wagons still are emerging from muddy fields. County Agent A. Neil Dawes expressed the belief this week that the corn has "stood up remarkably well" considering the length of time it has been in the fields and considering the unusual weather the corn has been subjected to.

Some observers attribute this to the extensive use of hybrid corn. They say that the open-pollinated types of corn could not have endured as well.

Spring showers, notably .35 of an inch on Sunday, are expected to bring the small grain up in good shape. Reports on alfalfa are good. Some farmers are paying 20 cents per bushel for corn shucking.

The calving season is practically finished and most cattlemen report "satisfactory" luck despite the adverse winter and spring. Losses have been above normal, they say, but not heavy.

Sunday's leisurely rain was welcomed even though it dampened Mother's day and forced alterations in plans for outings.

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RAY EIDENMILLER
DIES SUDDENLY

Funeral services for Ray V. Eidenmiller, 65, were held at 2 p. m. Monday afternoon at the Methodist church here. He died suddenly about 9 a. m. Friday after working in the garden near his house. Neighbors found the body. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Rev. V. R. Bell officiated in the funeral rites and burial was at Elmwood under the direction of Biglin Bros.

The late Mr. Eidenmiller was born December 17, 1884, at Elmwood, a son of John and Susan DeWitt Eidenmiller.

On April 6, 1909, he married Alice Lewis at Murdock. The family came to Holt county in 1910. Mr. Eidenmiller's occupation was that of a livestock buyer, feeder and trucker.

The Eidenmillers became the parents of two daughters — Mrs. Robert E. Moore, of O'Neill, and Mrs. L. A. Serck, of Denver, Colo.

Survivors include: Widow; two daughters; one grandchild; two brothers, and one sister.

Pallbearers at the funeral were: Vic Hlava, Roy V. Johnson, H. S. Moses, Claude Hamilton, Chester Calkins and Roy Johnson, Jr.

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Miss Lane told the women "within a single generation farm women have become one of the most potent forces for good government that the country has to offer."

We shopped and visited friends and relatives on Friday and Saturday. We accompanied Miss Shetler to Lincoln. We toured the capitol building and other places of interest. We reached home Saturday evening and agreed we had been royally entertained.

The first week in May was

of the day, we were seated at beautifully decorated small tables with placecards bearing our names. Also, there was a lovely gift for each of us from the Chamber of Commerce. Music was provided by a cappella chorus of 125 high school voices.

Laura Lane, of Philadelphia, Pa., associate editor of the Country Gentleman magazine, was the principal speaker. Her subject: "Measure Yourself for Greatness." She made us feel very important as leading 1949 homemakers, as we were referred to.

At the banquet, the highlight

national home demonstration
week.

The homemaker theme for 1949 is "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

Only a few short years ago in our project clubs our demonstrations were made up mostly of "how to make" and "how to do things" and while we still learn how to do and make things that doesn't constitute our entire work.

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