

Note from Editor

The Frontier publisher assigned to me early last Autumn the work of securing the material for this Diamond Jubilee Edition. I at once took counsel with friends who I know grew up in the community. Through their cooperation and with much research this large undertaking has been brought to completion. It has taxed The Frontier to get out section after section of this issue along with the regular weekly newspaper and other work.



I extend to all who have taken an interest in the enterprise this expression of gratitude. There is editorial obligation to the State Historical Society, to Colonel Atkinson of the Adjutant General's staff, to Governor Peterson, to the State Library Commission and to various local sources of information.

As there is a starting point there must be a stopping place. It has been the policy to confine the stories as much as possible to the period from 1873 to 1900.

The author's name accompanies each contribution. I shall bear the blame for unsigned articles and stories.

ROMAINE SAUNDERS.

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The Frontier This Week
Commemorates City's
75th Birthday

This week's issue of The Frontier, numbers 64 pages of current and historical news of O'Neill and the O'Neill region, establishes an all-time high in journalistic endeavor in Holt county—probably in North-Nebraska.

More than three thousand copies have been published and The Frontier's presses have printed 206,016 pages to deliver this edition to its readers. If the columns of news and advertising were laid end-to-end, the matter would extend for nearly three blocks.

The Frontier this week comes in eight sections—A through H. Each section is composed of eight pages.

Research for this edition was begun in November, 1948, when Romaine Saunders, 78, retired O'Neill newspaperman and rancher, was brought out of retirement to be editor-in-chief. While the first O'Neill colony was established in May, 1874, the settlement was destined to go for several months without organization.

Originally the Chamber of Commerce planned a Diamond Jubilee celebration on July 4, but several weeks ago the date was abandoned to avoid conflict with a celebration at Stuart and Neligh.

A new Jubilee date—October 12—has been arbitrarily set. All contents of this edition are copyrighted and use is restricted except by special permission.

Home Extension Agent Hired

The Holt county extension board hired a new home extension agent Saturday at a meeting held in the assembly room of the courthouse, according to Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg, secretary.

She is Mrs. Berl Damkroger, of DeWitt. Mrs. Damkroger will assume her duties about August 1.

The position was vacated last summer when Miss Catherine Kirwan accepted a position with the state extension office in Lincoln.

According to the county agent's office, the position remained unfilled because of lack of applicants.

Mr. Damkroger will teach in the veterans' training school here.

Members of the extension board are: George Rost, Ora Yarges, Ray Siders, Clarence Ernst, Charles Mulford, Mrs. Edgar Stauffer and Mrs. Hammerberg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waller and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Snell, of Page, returned Sunday from a week's vacation trip to Stewart Lake, Minn.

AIRMAN'S REMAINS ARE RETURNING

DORSEY—The remains of S/Sgt. Lloyd G. ("Jack") Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady, of Dorsey, will arrive Friday, July 1, for final burial.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at the funeral home in Lynch and burial will be in the Scottville cemetery.

Sergeant Brady was reported missing in action on April 13, 1944, and 13 months later he was declared dead.

As an auctioneer trainee, he joined the Air Force on December 30, 1942.

He became a ball turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress and was on his ninth combat mission over Europe when he became missing.

The body was originally interred, presumably under German direction, in the Chievers communal cemetery at Chievers, Belgium. The remains later were disinterred and "properly identified".

Sergeant Brady's Fort was in the vicinity of Brussels, Belgium, where German anti-aircraft batteries scored a direct hit. Ten crew members perished and three others parachuted to safety.

Until recently Sergeant Brady's remains have been in a U. S. military cemetery at Beauville-en-Condroy, Belgium.

Sergeant Brady was a graduate of Lynch high school. His wife was the former Florence Schindler. He became the father of a son a few weeks before going overseas.

Survivors include: widow—Mrs. James Bone, of Beaumont, Tex.; son—Albert Lee, of Montow; parents—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brady, of Dorsey; brother—Lee, Jr., of O'Neill.

MARY HEWETT, ATKINSON, DIES

ATKINSON—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary C. Hewett were held Tuesday from her home in Atkinson, with interment in Woodlawn cemetery. Rev. Earl Berger, of Rushville, officiated.

Mrs. Hewett suffered a stroke last October and had not regained her health. She died Saturday in a Rushville hospital.

Born in Chicago, Ill., in 1873, she came to Holt county when 11-years-old with her parents. In 1889 she was married to William Hewett at Dustin and to them seven children were born.

Her husband passed away 12 years ago.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. R. H. (Laura) Parker, of O'Neill; sons—William, of Rushville; Elmer, of Winner, S. D.; Claire, of Newcastle, Wyo.; and Dale, of Ainsworth. A daughter and a son died in infancy.



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HOSPITAL FUND STILL MOUNTING

Contributions from Rural
People Continue
to Flow In

Doations from rural people continue to be received at St. Anthony's hospital building fund headquarters here. Until Wednesday only 26-thousand-dollars was still outstanding before the committee achieves its minimum goal of 100-thousand-dollars.

Upon reaching the 100-thousand dollar mark, actual construction operations will get underway.

The popular subscription fund mounted \$1,600 dollars during the past week.

Eden Rebekah lodge's benefit food sale added \$262 to this week's total, according to Mrs. D. H. Clauson, food sale chairman. The sale was held Saturday at the Golden hotel dining room.

The minimum goal must be raised before a federal government grant of 100-thousand-dollars is available. At the same time, the Sisters of St. Francis, who will staff and operate the hospital, will assume any "reasonable indebtedness."

Tonight (Thursday) at the regular monthly meeting of Simonson post of the American Legion, there will be a discussion of a hospital donation by the Legion, according to John R. Gallagher, commander.

Meanwhile, James G. Fredrickson, of the Fredrickson Livestock Commission Co., made it known this week that the firm will sell, without service charge, in connection with the regular Thursday auction, any livestock brought in provided the money is donated to the St. Anthony's hospital.

James M. Corkie, chairman of the building fund committee, said Wednesday preparations are being made for the final push.

A similar campaign being carried out at Neligh has gone over the top.

The Catholic Daughters of America raised \$138.90 for the hospital building fund on Saturday afternoon and evening at the Corkie farm supply store building on Douglas street. Bingo was played. This swells the total to over \$1,543.24 the Catholic Daughters have turned over to the building fund. Last week they raised \$904 at a dance and box social held at the American Legion auditorium. Originally the group contributed \$500.

Mrs. Kivett Dies Friday

INMAN — Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. from the Methodist church in Inman. Rev. Roy M. Wingate officiated with burial at the Inman cemetery.

Mrs. Kivett passed away Friday, June 24, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Gallagher, of Inman, after a brief illness.

She had been a resident of the Inman community for 33 years, moving from Page in 1916 after coming to Holt county from Burr Oak, Kans., in 1910. Her husband, George F., passed away in May, 1939.

Mrs. Kivett was born Mary Emily Paxson, July 10, 1875, in Marshall, Ia.

On April 29, 1896, she married George F. Kivett and to them seven children were born.

Mrs. Kivett was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Women's Society of Christian Service, the LL and the Coffee club. She was also active in church and civic affairs.

Mrs. Elwin Smith, Mrs. Donald Luben, Kenneth Smith and Clarence Hausen sang three of Mrs. Kivett's favorite hymns.

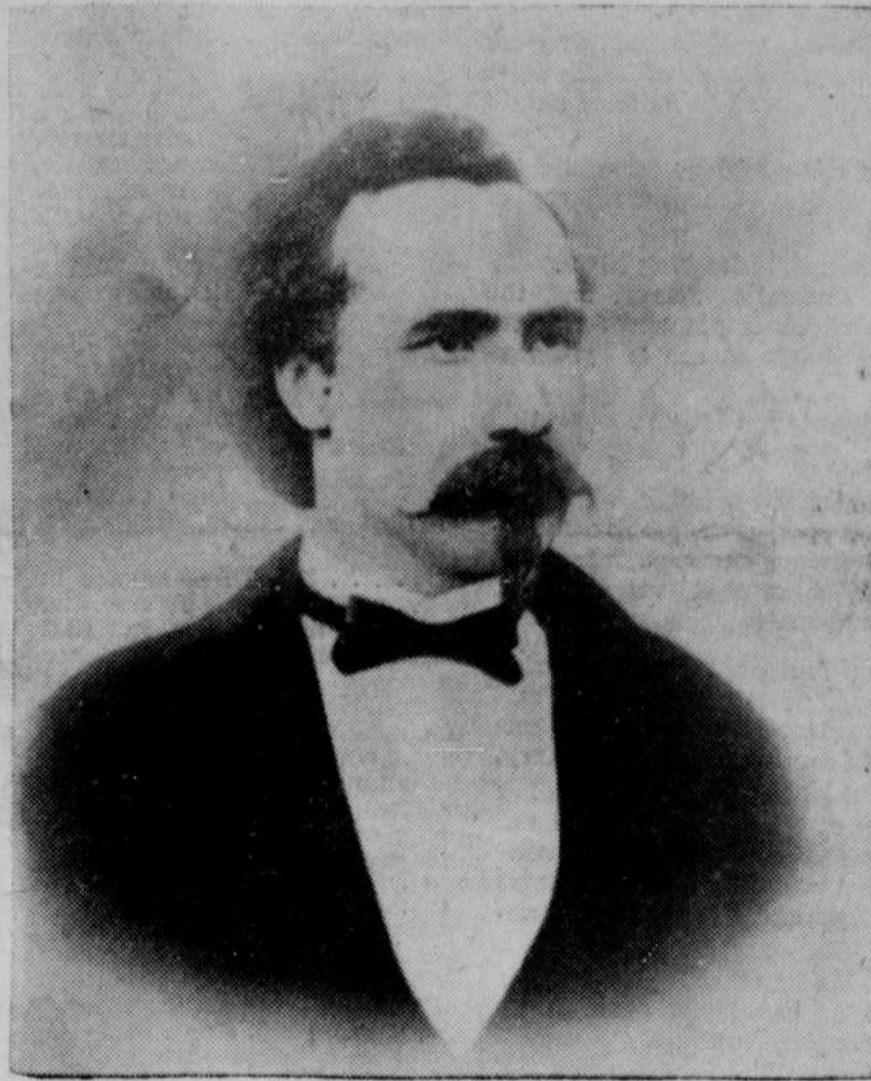
Pallbearers were: H. J. Harte, James R. Coventry, Edward Chudomeika, Michael Gallagher, Chester Youngs and Karl Keyes.

Survivors include: Four daughters—Mrs. J. P. Riley, of National City, Calif.; Mrs. C. A. Rutledge, of Lynch; Mrs. James Gallagher, of Inman, and Mrs. C. W. Cline, of Riverside, Calif.; three sons—Virgil, of Lexington, Mo.; George, of National City, Calif.; and Vaden, of Inman; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister—Mrs. Arthur Renner, of Inman; brother—Charles Paxson, of Valentine.

Out-of-town friends and relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paxson, of Valentine; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Paxson, of Martin, S. D.; Mrs. J. P. Riley and George G. Kivett, both of National City, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kivett, of Lexington, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Erle Renner and Mrs. Laura Jones, all of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Chase and daughter, Janet, of Sheldon, Ia.

600 Attend Bank's Open House

CHAMBERS—More than six hundred persons toured the Chambers State Bank at Chambers Wednesday in connection with the institution's opening of its new home. In addition to the public, bankers were present from Omaha, Sioux City and several Nebraska counties.



Gen. John C. O'Neill... made an impression on time... man for whom city was named.

Founder of O'Neill

By JAMES C. OLSON
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The name O'Neill always will be associated in American history with a turbulent group of Americans whose activities almost resulted in serious international repercussions, and the founding of O'Neill, Nebraska is related quite directly to those activities—including no less an exploit than an attempt to invade Canada from the United States.

In bringing the State Historical Society's greetings and congratulations to The Frontier in this Diamond Jubilee Edition, I like to review briefly those stirring events of international interest associated with O'Neill's founding and discuss the career of that colorful American for whom the town was named, General John O'Neill.

I know that other writers for this anniversary issue will treat fully the community's development from a tiny colony on the empty prairie to one of Nebraska's most thriving county seat towns.

That invasion of Canada mentioned above was but one phase of the far-flung activities carried on by a group of hot-headed Irish-Americans organized into the Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood. Their

object was to aid old Ireland in its rebellion against England—or, as American politicians used to delight in saying, against "perfidious Albion."

The brotherhood established an "Irish Republic" in New York during the Autumn of 1865, and promptly dispatched a ship to Ireland—the Erin's Hope, loaded with arms and men for use against the English.

Not satisfied with this, some of the boldest spirits in the Fenian movement (as it usually is called) actually launched an invasion of Canada as a means of

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BLUE GRASS IS BEING HARVESTED

Bluegrass harvesting and drying is in full swing throughout Holt county this week with perfect drying weather developing after the first of the month wet period.

During the 10-day hot spell, the mercury soared to a new seasonal high of 96 degrees on Thursday, June 23. Highest temperature recorded a year ago this week was 85 degrees on June 26.

In the Chambers community an estimated 45-thousand dollars worth of bluegrass seed has been dried in three of the four drying yards. An undetermined quantity is in a yard East of Chambers.

On Monday the first shipment went left Chambers for the market.

While the blue grass was in the drying yards most of the Holt county farmers were glad to see the 1.63 hundredths inches of rain that fell Sunday night and the .17 recorded here early Wednesday morning.

The Sunday night rain was

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MRS. HOFFMAN BURIED SUNDAY

Death Terminates 58 Years
of Married Life for
Chambers Couple

CHAMBERS—Funeral services were held Sunday for Mrs. Jacob S. Hoffman, of Chambers, from the Methodist church here.

Mrs. Hoffman, 80, died Wednesday night, June 22, in the O'Neill hospital after being in "poor" health for several years. She had been in the hospital 12 days.

Mrs. Hoffman, the former Eva Kellar, was the last surviving charter member of the Kellar Presbyterian church of Chambers.

Eva Kellar came to Holt county in 1883 when she was 15-years-old with her parents from her birthplace at Peoria, Ill.

Upon the organization of the Kellar church in 1884, Miss Kellar became a member. Church services were held in her parents' home for 15 years prior to the construction of the present church.

On October 29, 1891, she married Jacob S. Hoffman and spent more than 58 years of married life on the Hoffman farm eight miles Northeast of here.

Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, one daughter, Mae, preceded her in death.

A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Adams, Mrs. Edward Eisenhauer and Ernest Farrier, sang "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," "The Upper Garden" and "Transformed."

Pallbearers were: Kenneth Adams, Walter Jutte, Edward Eisenhauer, Herman Holcomb, Elmer Wendersee and Guais Wintermote.

Survivors include: Husband; two daughters—Ruth, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Edith Thompson, of Oakland, Calif.; two sons—Ray and Ralph, of Chambers; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, John Kellar, and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Doherty, both of Chambers.

Out-of-town people attending the funeral were: Mrs. A. F. Thompson, of Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. F. D. Anderson, of Donna, Mo.; and John, of Lincoln.

Mrs. Glea Grimes, Mrs. Herman Holcomb and Mrs. William Jutte were in charge of the flowers at the rites.

Motorists Urged to Drive Carefully

Celebrating the Fourth of July is an annual affair, with many small town celebrations, family outings, traveling and down-to-earth, good American fun, according to the officials of the Nebraska state highway patrol.

The highways will be crowded over the unusually long week-end with most everyone in a hurry to get some place.

"If you're smart, you'll take your time, wherever you go, even if it's down to the corner drug store," highway officials say.

Many people are killed, injured and disfigured every holiday because each figure "It can't happen to me."

Be especially careful this Fourth of July weekend so you can have more down-to-earth, good, American fun.



This is O'Neill's Douglas street—North side—looking West from corner of Fifth street. O'Neill's population today is estimated at about 3,200 persons.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.