

# SOCIETY

Thelma Underwood,  
Eugene McDermott  
Exchange Vows

Miss Thelma Underwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Underwood, and Eugene McDermott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dom McDermott, exchanged marriage vows on Monday, June 27, at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill. Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara officiated at the eight o'clock single-ring ceremony. The nuptial music was furnished by the St. Patrick's church choir.

The bride appeared in a long white gown of slipper satin fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and a tight fitting bodice buttoned down the back. The full skirt ended in a chapel length train. Her finger tip veil was trimmed in lace and was held in place by a beaded tiara. Her only jewelry was a gold locket, a gift of the bridegroom. She carried an arm bouquet of red roses. Miss Madeline McDermott, sister of the bridegroom, acted as bridesmaid. She wore a light blue gown of net over satin with a sweetheart neckline and a tight-fitted bodice. Her short blue veil was held in place by a half-halo of blue roses. She carried an arm bouquet of roses and carnations.

The bridegroom was attired in a brown suit. His attendant, Herbert Underwood, a brother of the bride, wore a blue pin-stripe suit. Their boutonnières were of white carnations.

Mrs. Underwood, mother of the bride, wore a lavender street-length dress. Mrs. McDermott was attired in a light blue street-length dress. Their corsages were of white carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the bridal party, their families and friends.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in the afternoon. The bride's table was decorated with large bells and streamers which were used by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Ert, on their golden wedding. The centerpiece was a cake in the shape of a lamb baked by the Sisters of St. Francis. Mrs. Georgia O. Rasley was in charge of the guest book.

The young couple entertained their friends at a wedding dance at the American Legion auditorium Monday evening.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McDermott attended St. Mary's academy. Mr. McDermott is employed on a farm near here.

**Attends Reunion** — Kathryn Abbenhaus attended a family reunion in Norfolk Saturday and Sunday.



**EWING BRIDE** . . . Mrs. Eugene Streeter (above) is the former Miss Mary Louise Rotherham, daughter of Mrs. Mary Rotherham, of Ewing. Miss Rotherham became the bride of Mr. Streeter on Saturday, June 12, at St. Peter's church in Ewing. Rev. P. R. Burke performed the double-ring ceremony. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter, of O'Neill. The Streeters have gone to Sheridan, Wyo., to make their home.



**BRIDE OF IOWA** . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker exchanged marriage vows on Thursday, June 16, at the Methodist church in O'Neill with Rev. V. R. Bell officiating. Mrs. Baker is the former Marion DeLong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeLong, of O'Neill. Mr. Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Baker, of Sioux City. — O'Neill Photo Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse were callers at Mrs. Carrie Borg's Friday.

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NEBRASKA



It is a happy privilege to greet my friends in O'Neill on the occasion of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of their fine community.

This is a Diamond Jubilee of historic progress. O'Neill was founded in the service of a hardy frontier people, seeking security and opportunity from a reluctant soil.

They scorned hardship and built anew upon every early despair. Their sons have gone forth to win distinction and positions of the highest responsibility in many fields. O'Neill has been the mother of great men.

As we commemorate the achievements of the pioneers, every Nebraskan salutes those who are building today for the greater future of a city only seventy-five years young.

*W. Peterson*

### Personals

Mrs. Ira H. Moss left Sunday for Omaha where she spent a few days visiting her sister, Miss Mae Hammond.

Wednesday, June 22, guests at the home of Helea Simar were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schultz and Mrs. Pierpont, of Waukon, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Schultz, of Atkinson.

Robert Moses, of Wayne, left Wednesday after spending a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lyman, of San Diego, Calif., spent Tuesday, June 21, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moses spent Saturday in Wayne county.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ray spent Sunday in Lake Andes and Picketown, S. D.

Mrs. Catherine Ryan and daughter, Clara, of Bonesteel, S. D., spent the weekend visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Tom Donlin, and her brother, Anthony Stanton, and family.

Mrs. Lys Henderson left on Tuesday for her home in Kansas City, Kan., after spending a week visiting at the home of Helen Simar.

Mrs. H. O. Russ returned on Friday from Chambers where she spent several days visiting her sister, Mrs. R. K. Platt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhaney spent Sunday visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Hassell, of Ord. Mrs. Hassell is a sister of Mr. McElhaney.

Mrs. Lorena Duffy and daughter, Marilyn Lou, of Casper, Wyo., are visiting at the L. A. Simonson home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Melena spent Sunday at the Hidden Paradise park in Long Pine.

Mrs. Dean Streeter returned Monday from Belle Fourche, S. D., where she had been visiting her sister, who is ill in a hospital.

Arriving from Denver, Colo. Wednesday, June 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buckmaster were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sullivan and baby son. Mrs. Sullivan is Mr. Buckmaster's niece. They departed last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Frink, of Martin, S. D., visited Mrs. Edna Coyne last Thursday.

Thomas DeBacker, a student at a seminary in St. Louis, left Monday for Boys Town, where he will be employed for the Summer.

### DANCE

at  
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Sunday, July 3

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The Misses Barbara Birmingham and Nancy Froelich and Edward Campbell, accompanied by Miss Nancy Davis and Miss "Mimi" Heffernan, of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Audrey Schneider, of Oak Park, Ill., drove Monday to Omaha where they will be guests of John Wachter. Activities including a dance, a picnic and attending the races have been planned for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher entertained as their dinner guests Saturday Miss Genevieve Biglin and Miss Marie Biglin, of Salt Lake City, Ut.

General O'Neill

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bringing England to her knees before Ireland.

Naturally, such activity on the part of its citizens was disturbing to the United States government. The raiders promptly were arrested, and though they soon were released, the government used the Army to prevent further armed excursions into Canada.

General John O'Neill, usually credited as the founder of Holt county's seat and as being the man for whom it was named, was a leader in the Fenian movement, and a man who figured large in the affairs of the Irish in America.

He was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1834. In 1848 he came to America, to join his mother and her elder children who had emigrated some years before. John's father had died shortly before he was born.

John's first adventure came with participation in the "Mormon War" of 1857. Apparently, though, he got tired of serving in Utah and deserted, making his way to California, where he joined the 1st Cavalry. He was a sergeant in this outfit when the Civil War broke out and went East with his regiment to take part in the fighting.

Appointed an officer, young O'Neill soon acquired a reputation for being unusually active and daring. He distinguished himself in battle on numerous occasions, and was severely wounded at Walker's Ford on December 2, 1863.

Following the war, O'Neill became active in the Fenian movement and was particularly enthusiastic over plans for a military expedition into Canada. It was he who commanded the force of 600 men who occupied the Canadian village of Ft. Erie, across the Niagara from New York.

After this exploit, O'Neill was appointed "Inspector-General of the Irish-Republican Army," and it probably is from this appointment that the title "General" came.

True to his stormy nature, O'Neill frequently disagreed with others in the Fenian movement and during the last years of the agitation frequently was at loggerheads with his associates. For example, he led a short-lived expedition against Manitoba over the vigorous protest of the Fenian "senate."

O'Neill frequently was in jail for his unauthorized military activities, and while he

was incarcerated in Burlington, Vt., after his last attempt to "conquer" Canada, he conceived the idea that the best thing he could do for his countrymen was to lead them out of the cities of the East and on to farms in the West.

As soon as he was released, therefore, he set about carrying out his plans. He spent most of the years 1872 and 1873 touring the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska. This tour convinced him that Nebraska offered greater advantages to settlers than any other state.

While in Lincoln in November, 1873, General O'Neill met Patrick Fahy, a land agent, who was interested in a townsite in Holt county. O'Neill visited the site, and satisfied that it would be suitable for the colony he had in mind he entered into an agreement with Fahy whereby he (the General) was to receive \$600 and some lots in the townsite provided he worked up an immigration to the county.

O'Neill returned East immediately and spent the Winter lecturing in the mining cities of Pennsylvania. He reported the undesirable as well as the desirable features of life in Nebraska, but his argument was overwhelmingly in favor of immigration to the new state.

"Why," he was fond of asking his audiences, "are you content to work on the public projects and at coal mining when you might in a few years own farms of your own and become wealthy and influential people?"

It was not easy to persuade people to move to Nebraska, but

finally on May 12, 1874, General O'Neill landed his first group of colonists on the site of what now is the town of O'Neill. Many of them took one look and headed back East, but a hardy group of five remained: Patrick Hughes, Neil Brennan, Timothy O'Connor, Thomas Connolly and Thomas Hines.

The grasshoppers came, and the drouth and the blizzards. But more people came, also, and somehow they stuck it out. By the Spring of 1877 the settlement was well established, and the Omaha Herald predicted: "This O'Neill colony will be a grand and magnificent country."

General O'Neill did not confine his colonizing efforts to the town that bore his name. He was anxious to plant colonies in other parts of Nebraska, and in March, 1877, he made an extensive inspection of the lands to be most desirable for those who had money enough to buy farms in the railroad area (higher than those further away).

For those who couldn't afford this type of farm, O'Neill planted a colony in Greeley county. The land there was as good as any in the state, but being outside the railroad grant it wasn't as expensive as that along the line of the Union Pacific.

General O'Neill continued his efforts on behalf of Nebraska

colonization until the time of his death—an event that was to transpire not long after the planting of his colony in Greeley county.

In November, 1877, O'Neill made what was to be his last trip in the interest of Nebraska. While on a lecture tour, he contracted a cold in Little Rock, Ark., which greatly aggravated the severe asthma from which he had suffered for years. He immediately started homeward. Shortly after his return to Holt county he suffered a stroke. He was taken to Omaha, but nothing could be done for him and he died January 8, 1878, not quite 44 years of age.

Thus passed from the American scene a brave and useful man. He made enemies almost as fast as he made friends, and his impetuous nature frequently led him to courses of action that a more cautious man would have avoided.

Yet he made an impress on his time, and his influence on the settlement of Nebraska was most significant. It is fitting that the thriving Nebraska community associated with his most substantial and successful effort on behalf of his countrymen and his adopted state should bear his name.

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