

Legion Revives Festival Plan

September 30 Selected for Jubilee Celebration and Festival

O'Neill will have a celebration after all! And the Diamond Jubilee theme will be used in commemorating the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the first colony of settlers. Until last Thursday evening prospects were dim for an O'Neill celebration in its Diamond Jubilee year. A proposed celebration was off-again-on-again several times during recent months but Chamber of Commerce plans had to be altered because of extenuating circumstances. But Thursday evening the Legionnaires in session gave their new commander, Gordon O. Harper, the go-ahead signal to lay on a big affair. Following a series of conferences, the Legionnaires convened again Tuesday evening and a course was adopted.

Date was set for Friday, September 30. Activity will begin in the morning, continue through the day and well into the night.

There will be a parade, probably in the forenoon, and entries are being solicited, depicting pioneer life and 75 years of progress.

A midday feature will be the auctioning of calves already being solicited by the St. Anthony's hospital building committee. Details will be worked out in cooperation with leaders in the hospital movement.

There will be a cross-country horse race, a tractor obstacle race for farmers, an old fiddlers' contest, a carnival on the midway, a football game between O'Neill and Ewing high schools (ancient gridiron foes), and an appearance of the Stuart Saddle club, which this season has been in demand making appearances on special occasions.

Oldest continuous residents of the county—man and a woman—will be made king and queen for the day and will reign over the jubilee festival. Entry blanks will appear in *The Frontier* in its next three issues and the honorees will be selected from the entries that are received. Plans call for an interview with the royalty.

Concessions are being sought for work on the midway. But the Legion insists, Commander Harper says, that 50 percent of the profit must be turned over to St. Anthony's hospital building fund. All profits the Legion derives from the celebration, including its activities at its own clubrooms, will be turned over to the hospital movement.

Harper said Wednesday he had not yet made all appointments, regarding the celebration. The general committee for the combined Diamond Jubilee-Fall Festival celebration includes: G. E. Miles, Glea H. Wade, Paul Beha, N. O. McCrary, Laverne Stevens and M. E. Jacobson.

Val Darling has been appointed to head the concession committee. Other appointments will follow "in a day or so," Commander Harper stressed that non-Legionnaires would be asked to function as well as Legionnaires, and all appointments will be determined by ability.

The general committee is appealing to individuals and organizations to cooperate, Harper explained, in order to make the affair a "tremendous success." Floats, entertainers and workers are urgently needed.

Harper pointed to the credo: "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well." And with characteristic Legion gusto, the committeemen were at work Wednesday marshalling their resources and talent to make the Jubilee-Festival a milestone in the city's history. Complete details will be presented in subsequent issues.

National 281 Meet Next Wednesday

President Melvin Ruzicka, of the Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday that the O'Neill chapter will be represented at a national meeting of the Highway 281 association to be held at Red Cloud next Wednesday, September 7. Representatives have not yet been determined.

Earl D. Carpenter, of Red Cloud, president of the Nebraska chapter, was in O'Neill Friday and Monday in behalf of the Nebraska organization, which headquarters in O'Neill. President Carpenter had been in the Dakotas promoting interest in the meeting next week.



TO NORTH DAKOTA... Rev. Vernon Harley (above) has accepted a call from a Missouri Lutheran church at New Salem, N. D. Rev. Harley returned to the United States in December, 1948, after eight years in mission work in South America.—O'Neill Photo Co.

OLT-WHEELER IN ROAD AGREEMENT

Petitioners Ask Counties to Maintain Highway on Boundary

Holt county supervisors Monday entered into an agreement with Wheeler county officials to mutually maintain the East-West road which forms a boundary between the two counties.

Action resulted from a petition signed by numerous Ewing and Deloit residents who will be benefitted by the maintenance of the road. An agreement had to be reached because the two counties operate under different systems of road control. The supervisor system in Holt calls for maintenance, where necessary, of alternate miles along county boundaries.

Holt County Clerk Ruth Hoffman said that Holt agreed to maintain its share of the road. A Wheeler county commissioner was present. Melvin Rexin was spokesman or 23 interested persons who also met with the board.

On Tuesday the board listened to interested persons regarding an opening of a road through what is now a pasture owned by J. C. Stein, North of O'Neill. No action was taken but a compromise may be effected.

Thirty to 35 Northeast Holt farmers were in the courthouse Monday conferring with individual supervisors regarding a 14-year-old road petition. No action, however, was taken.

The road petition was filed in the state legislature in 1935 by L. G. Gillespie, then state senator from this district. In the past the road in question has been under state control and the county has no jurisdiction over it.

The farmers are attempting to establish the segment of the road North 10 miles from the Van Connet corner, and then one mile West to the state road that connects through to Lynch.

If the state will maintain the road it would provide the residents with a gravel road that would "at least be passable in some of the bad weather," one petitioner explained.

The 11 miles of dirt road make it very hard for the farmers in that area to make the farm-to-market trip, Elmer Juracek, of Star, a petitioner, said.

The farmers were attending the county board meeting to seek a resolution from the board to be sent to the state highway department. The proposed resolution would request the road be taken over and be maintained by the state.

Juracek said, "The county now has too many roads to maintain and that is why we are attempting to revive this dormant measure."

Besides Juracek, some of the other petitioners visiting the courthouse were Thomas Zakrzewski and Ray Siders, both of O'Neill; Ray Noble, Albert Derickson, Bill Derickson, Jr., Ben Miller, all of Star; A. G. Braddock, O. L. Reed, H. L. Banta, Frank Snider, Guy Johnson, Richard Copes, Luke Rakow and Otto Terrill, all of Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Larson returned Sunday from a two-weeks' trip to California.

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REP. MILLER SEES BASIN PROGRESS

Congressman Predicts a Future for Irrigation Along Niobrara

Rep. A. L. Miller, of Kimball, Nebraska's Fourth district congressman, spent Monday and Tuesday in the O'Neill region.

Congressman Miller was particularly anxious to learn how Holt countyans felt concerning the development of the Niobrara river basin for irrigation, flood control, power and recreational purposes. The Kimball physician, a Republican, is a member of the House public lands committee.

Representative Miller said he has been working closely with others interested in Niobrara development and he foresees a bright future for 325,000 irrigable acres in the basin.

He said folks from Gordon East to Atkinson and O'Neill are "working together the same way and the right way" in behalf of Niobrara development.

The Kimball physician, now serving his second term in congress, pointed out to friends here that money spent and to be spent by the government on natural resources represents a relatively small item in the national budget.

He said, personally, he felt reclamation spending paid for itself through the years by increasing productivity of the soil and tax returns.

Doctor Miller originally intended to visit here a fortnight ago but had to interrupt his tour of the district to return to Washington, D. C., over the weekend and laughingly told *The Frontier* that for the next few weeks he would be making "the county fair circuit."

Representative Miller spoke to his friends in the O'Neill region on the "Voice of the Frontier" radio program. Interviewed by Chuck Apgar on a tape-recording, the program was heard on Wednesday morning at 9:45 on the regular broadcast.

School Teacher 40 Years Dies

The remains of Miss Mary Purcell, 65, a school teacher at Clearwater for more than 40 years, Monday were buried at O'Neill. Miss Purcell died late last Thursday at McCook, where she had been residing for several years. She had been hospitalized considerably during late years.

Miss Purcell was a daughter of the late Richard and Catherine Purcell, who were pioneer Holt countyans and were the first of the family to be buried here.

Funeral rites were held at 9 a. m. Saturday in St. Catherine's Catholic church at McCook and services were held again Monday at 9 a. m. at St. Theresa's church at Clearwater.

Survivors include: Brother—John Purcell, of McCook; three nieces and one nephew.



OLD AND NEW... Simonson post 93 of the American Legion installed new officers last Thursday evening. New commander is Gordon O. Harper (seated at right). Others in the photograph are: Seated—Keith Abart, newly-appointed adjutant; standing—Archie Bright, retiring adjutant; John R. Gallagher, retiring commander, and Glea H. Wade, who served

two terms as commander prior to Gallagher's one-year term. Other new officers not pictured are: Eugene V. Cantlon, vice-commander; Jack Arbuthnot, sergeant-at-arms; Robert Eby, chaplain. Members of the executive committee are: Dorrance Crabb, Bennett Gilligan, Melvin Ruzicka, Dr. H. L. Bennett and Elgin Ray.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

Touring Teachers Obligated to Dispose of Petrified Bits But Have 'Wonderful' Trip

Thirty-seven Holt, Boyd, Boone and Wayne county teachers returned Thursday, August 25, from an educational tour through six Western states.

Elja McCullough, Holt county superintendent, was manager of the tour and the course was under the auspices of Wayne State Teachers' college with Miss Lula Way as the instructor.

The 18-day tour will credit the teachers with three hours that may apply on any teaching or master's degree, two-year or renewal of a teaching certificate.

"The entire trip was very interesting, educational and enjoyed by all," Miss McCullough said.

The tour left O'Neill the morning of August 8, stopping at Butte and Spencer, and then headed for the Bad Lands of South Dakota.

The rock formations through the Bad Lands were different from any seen before by the tourists, Miss McCullough commented.

Samples of Bad Lands top soil were taken by the teachers.

'Andy' Hoffman Burial at Stuart

STUART—Funeral services were conducted here Tuesday for Wilbert Andrew ("Andy") Hoffman, 72, who died Saturday at his home near the Niobrara river, North of Newfort.

Rev. Gene Anderson, of Ariaville, officiated in rites the Federated church here. Twice married, the late Mr. Hoffman was the father of six sons, all of whom survive.

Other survivors include: Wid—v—Alberta; sisters—Mrs. Margaret Dobrovolsky and Miss Gertrude Hoffman, both of Atkinson.

The late Mr. Hoffman formerly lived in the Stuart community.

The first night was spent at Rapid City, S. D. Highlight of the Black Hills was attending the Passion Play near Spearfish, S. D., and a tour of Mt. Rushmore.

The next day, August 10, was spent going through Wyoming seeing Devil's Tower and again the group, Miss McCullough said, was concerned with the topography of Wyoming. The night was spent at the Cody Inn at Cody, Wyo.

August 11 the traveling Nebraska teachers toured the (Continued on page 4)

Tomlinson Attempts To Schedule Tilt

Dick Tomlinson, manager of the O'Neill Rockets baseball team, announced Wednesday that he is attempting to schedule a baseball game during October that would include big league baseball stars to be played at Carney park against the Rockets.

Tomlinson said the game will probably be scheduled sometime between October 11 and 15, if he is able to book the tilt.

Some of the stars that would be asked to appear would be Richie Ashburn, of the Philadelphia Phillies; Johnny Hopp, of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Rex Barney, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and other big league standouts.

Hopp is the baseballer who sent the six autographed baseballs to the North-Central-day-and-night league all-star hospital benefit game that was played here July 20.

Attends Convention—Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson went to Omaha Saturday from where Mrs. Davidson flew to Philadelphia, Pa., where she will attend the National American Legion auxiliary convention. She is one of two pages of Nebraska.

1949 HOLT FAIR GETS UNDERWAY

CHAMBERS—A large volume of 4-H club and livestock entries were received here Wednesday—entry day—for the 1949 Holt county fair, according to Edwin Wink, secretary of the sponsoring organization, the Holt county agriculture society.

Entries started pouring in early Wednesday morning and by midday most all had been recorded, Wink said.

Today (Thursday) will be devoted to judging the entries which will start around 9 a. m. There will be a carnival on the midway and an afternoon parade. In the evening at the dancing pavilion, the rural youth will sponsor a square dance, which is open to the public.

Friday, September 2, the O'Neill municipal band will play a concert; a baseball game is scheduled between the O'Neill

BROADCAST PLANNED—The "Voice of the Frontier" tape-recording unit will be on hand today (Thursday) to interview people attending the Holt county fair and fair officials. A special program will be broadcast Friday, September 2, at 9:45 a. m. on WJAG.

Rockets and Lynch, which is to get underway at 2 p. m.; a carnival on the midway; a thrilling, bronc-busting rodeo staged by Gus Obermire, veteran showman; and an array of outstanding grandstand performers featuring Harry Villeponteaux (acrobat); Charles McCauley (juggler); Walter Graham (magician); and the appearance of Miss Madeline King, "Miss Omaha" and "Miss Nebraska" of 1947. The curtain will fall on the third day's activities with dancing to the music of Skip Beckerbauer and his orchestra.

The final day—Saturday, September 3—the Atkinson Towners will face the winner of Friday's baseball contest; there will be the carnival on the midway; a rodeo with the thrills similar to the previous day, and a parade of grandstand acts, during the evening only, with the same performers in a completely different show. The 1949 Holt county exposition will be climaxed with dancing to the music of Johnny Mullen and his orchestra.

McCarthy Sale Listed in Fontier's Calendar

Listed in *The Frontier's* farm sale calendar is the sale of D. A. and Margaret McCarthy. The sale will be held seven miles South and 2 1/2 miles West of O'Neill on Monday, September 12, at 1 p. m. Wallace O'Connell and Ed Evans will be auctioneers and the O'Neill National bank will clerk.

The sale will include 83 head of cattle, farm machinery, poultry, supplies, tools, household goods and numerous articles.

For details consult the September 11 issue of *The Frontier*.

WJAG... 730 on your dial!

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TEAMS TO CANVAS FOR CALVES, GIFTS

Men and Women to Join in Systematic Drive for St. Anthony's

Teams of men and women workers will take to the rural areas next week in behalf of St. Anthony's hospital building fund. They will be seeking calf contributions for a big calf sale to be held here September 30 and they will be asking for cash contributions ranging from five thousand dollars down to 50-cents.

This was announced Wednesday by James M. Corkle, chairman of the hospital building fund committee. The calf sale, to be held in conjunction with the American Legion—sponsored Diamond Jubilee—Fall Festival celebration, will be one of the final promotional efforts in raising the 100-thousand-dollars for the people's share in the building of the 300-thousand-dollar St. Anthony's hospital. After the 100-thousand-dollar mark has been reached through popular subscription and through various money-raising methods, work can begin on the project.

The United States government will make available a grant of 100-thousand-dollars and the Sisters of St. Francis, who will own and operate the hospital, have agreed to assume the balance of the indebtedness.

The 100-thousand-dollar figure was agreed by committeemen as the minimum amount to be raised before physical construction could begin.

Martin Aitkens, a Lincoln architect who three years ago drew original plans for the 40-bed O'Neill health center, has been requested to prepare estimates on furnishing rooms and wards in the proposed hospital. He will make figures available to the committee before next Monday.

The systematic canvass in rural areas will take solicitation teams to every dwelling in each township.

Primary objective of the solicitors will be to sign up farmers and ranchers for calves to be sold at the novel benefit auction. However, the representatives will be prepared to discuss all phases of the hospital movement and will be commissioned to receive cash contributions.

Last week Mrs. Leo Moore, Mrs. Harry Sullivan and Mrs. Edna Coyne made trips to the country on behalf of the hospital and met with "good" results. They sold banquet tickets and accepted calf offerings and other donations. The five-dollars-per-plate hospital banquet will be held October 3.

In the absence of Mrs. Glen Tomlinson, who is in charge of the hospital building fund headquarters, no list of donors for the past week has been prepared. All contributions, however, will be acknowledged in these columns.

Mrs. Don Enright has been substituting for Mrs. Tomlinson, who has been in Minnesota.

Butte Resident Stricken Suddenly

BUTTE—A resident of the Butte community for over 40 years died unexpectedly in the business district here Sunday morning.

He was George Altwater, 73, who died while talking with H. E. Oline, also of Butte, in front of a garage here.

They were sitting on a bench talking when the late Mr. Altwater slumped down. Death was instantaneous.

The late Mr. Altwater lived 1 1/2 miles South of Butte and had come to town with a neighbor to prepare for a short fishing trip.

He was waiting for the neighbor when he was stricken.

Miss Norma Jean Altwater is the only survivor.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete late Monday.

Firms to Close Labor Day—Member firms of the Chamber of Commerce will be closed all day Monday, September 5, which is Labor day.

The closing announcement conforms to a policy on holiday closing dates adopted two years ago. Secretary James W. Rooney said.



TEEN-AGE SOCIETY... Last Friday evening's benefit dance netted St. Anthony's hospital fund more than \$50. Among teen-age socialites at the affair, held in the American Legion auditorium, were (left-to-right): Donald

Becker, Mary Lois Kelly, John J. Uhl, Bernadette Hynes, Mary Hynes, Catherine Ann Golden, all of O'Neill, and James Kirschbaum, of Grand Island.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.