

Yeggs Fail in PO Break-In

Gain Entrance Thru Postmaster's Window; Blasting Powder Fails on Vault

A bold break-in at the O'Neill postoffice during the early hours Saturday netted thugs no cash and a lot of headaches. They gained entrance into the government building by breaking an east window in the office of Postmaster Agnes E. Sullivan. From the postmaster's office they moved into the gridded finance section and from there assaulted the safe.

The dial was knocked off but the vault failed to yield. Finally, a charge of blasting powder was touched off—still no results. Apparently the frustrated yeggs abandoned the idea and left via the same route they entered.

G. C. Schoep, of Norfolk, a postoffice department inspector, estimated the break-in occurred sometime between 1 and 3 a.m. Schoep, who came to O'Neill several hours after the incident and has been here since helping with the investigation, declared "no cash... not a thing" was taken.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and U. S. postoffice inspectors came to the scene immediately, some of them by air.

Until presstime Wednesday they would make no comment concerning progress of the investigation.

Late Monday, March 27, or early the following day robbers gained entrance into the New Outlaw Grocery in West O'Neill and escaped with a loot of cash, bonds, checks and jewelry.

Techniques in both instances were believed to be similar. The postoffice break-in was discovered by 2 employees who opened the office about 7 a.m. They reported the incident to the Holt county sheriff's office and to the postmaster.

Two holes, about 2 inches in diameter, were made in a window in the northeast corner of the building.

Hospital Contracts To Be Let June 8

Specifications for O'Neill's new 35-bed, 400-thousand-dollar hospital are on file at the office of Frank N. McNett and Co., architects, in the Clinic building, Grand Island.

James M. Corkle, chairman of the St. Anthony's building committee, said Wednesday that anyone wishing to submit bids on construction and equipping the new hospital may secure necessary information from Mr. McNett.

Date for the contract letting has been set for Thursday, June 8, at St. Mary's academy.

Only part I of the hospital's equipment will be contracted for at this time. This includes "permanent" equipment such as garbage disposal, laundry equipment, hot water heaters, etc.

Heating fixtures and equipment comes under the plumbing contract.

Hospital beds, furniture and other "loose furnishings and equipment" will be contracted for at a later date, Corkle explained.

HEA Holds First Annual Banquet

First annual banquet of the Holt county educational association was held Friday at the American Legion auditorium here.

Featured speaker on the program was Neal Gomon, field man for the Nebraska school education association.

Fifty-nine rural teachers attended. However, Miss Elja McCullough, Holt county superintendent of public instruction, said inclement weather and adverse road conditions restricted attendance.

Toastmaster was Mrs. Jeanne Livingston. Other teachers on the evening's program included: Twila Whaley, Greeting; Mae Hanel, Answer; Maxine Bauer, Narrative; Leslie Sweet, Song, "I Want a Girl"; Barbara Trowbridge, New and Old Songs; Etha Walters, Everyone Enter; Inez Welchman and Deloris Karo, Timely Tunes; and Eileen Krysl, song, "Enjoy Yourself."

Present officers of the HEA are: Twila Whaley, president; Genevieve O'Neill, vice-president; Barbara Trowbridge, secretary; Jeanne Livingston, treasurer;

Begin Surveying for New White Way
Consumers public power district surveyors Wednesday afternoon completed the first step in preparing for the installation of O'Neill's new white way.

L. C. Walling, CPPD manager at O'Neill, said the surveyors were laying out points where poles for the new lights would be erected.

Next step Walling said would be to install a concrete base for new poles at these points. The new street lighting system will follow Fourth street, north and south from the railroad tracks to the public school auditorium corner, and east and west along Douglas street, O'Neill's principal street.

Mrs. M. E. Jacobson and Paul left Monday for a visit in Sioux City and Vermillion, S. D., with relatives.

McCarthy Named K of C Secretary

George M. McCarthy, veteran route 1 O'Neill mailcarrier, Monday evening was elected secretary of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus at the conclusion of a 2-day session at Norfolk.

Cyril P. Shaughnessy, of St. Paul, was elected state deputy to succeed George W. Ditttrick, of Norfolk.

George M. Ponton, of Elgin, was elected state warden; Lawrence Weides, of Lexington, state treasurer, and John F. Kerrigan, of Fremont, state advocate.

McCarthy has been active in KC affairs for many years.

Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, D. D., archbishop of Omaha, spoke to the Knights Sunday night. He admonished them to "be crusaders for a better world and save Christ for America and the world and America for Christ."

Among those at the 46th annual convention were Mr. and Mrs. George M. McCarthy, H. J. Hammond, Francis Gilg, Leo Carney, Herman Janzing, Robert Moore, and Simon Bosh.

CHARLES RICHTER, CARPENTER, DIES

Suddenly Taken Saturday At Home; Came to Holt in 1886

Funeral services were held here from the Methodist church for Charles Richter, a 69-year-old carpenter. The rites began at 2 p. m. and were conducted by Rev. V. R. Bell. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The late Mr. Richter had been working in his garden Saturday morning and complained of not feeling well. He had returned to his home to rest when he died suddenly.

Pallbearers were: John Grutsch, Ronald Carson, Dave and Carl Wildfeldt, Ralph Pinkerman, Roy Lanman, Phil Allen-dorfer, and George Calkins.

In charge of floral offerings were: Mrs. Glen Tomlinson, Mrs. George Calkins and Mrs. Ronald Carson.

Born in Werndorf, Germany, October 10, 1880, the late Mr. Richter came to the United States during 1882. He came to O'Neill and Holt county during 1886.

On December 25, 1906 the late Mr. Richter was married to Elizabeth Schmidt at O'Neill. To them 3 children—a boy and 2 girls—were born.

Mr. Richter's first wife died July 28, 1948.

Richter was well known in Holt county and an active carpenter up until his death.

Remarried, Richter's survivors include: son—Charles, jr., of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Rodney (Mary) Tomlinson, of Lynch; and Mrs. Frank (Louella) Fritton, of O'Neill; 7 grandchildren; brother—Ernest, of Sherwood, Ore., who is visiting here; sisters—Mrs. Ralph (Rose) Chase, of Porterville, Calif.; and Mrs. Frank (Minnie) McDonald, of Dorsey.

'Kitchen Tour' Stated May 17

Members of the Holt county extension clubs and other interested women Wednesday, May 17, are scheduled to take a "kitchen tour" of a number of Holt county homes.

The tour will start from the Holt county court house at 1:30 p. m. on the scheduled date, according to Mrs. Beryl Dam-koeger, Holt home extension agent.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank J. Synowiecki, 23, of Omaha, and Rose Mary Slezowski, 20, of Ewing, May 5.

Robert H. Vrooman, 22, and Clara Josephine Deerman, 24, both of Atkinson, May 2.

Wayne L. Cadwallader, 24, and Mrs. Roma Behout Hand, 24, both of Stuart, May 8.

Ralph Tomlinson brought George and Sharlene Shoemaker from West Point Sunday to visit relatives. They are the children of Mrs. Russell Shoemaker and the late Mr. Shoemaker.

78 SENIORS IN O'NEILL SCHOOLS

Omaha Central Principal To Address School Graduates

The whirl of activities culminating the 1949-'50 school term and bringing to an end the prep careers for seniors, is in full swing at St. Mary's academy and O'Neill public school. The O'Neill schools count 78 seniors—51 at O'Neill high; 27 at St. Mary's.

Meanwhile, O'Neill rural and city eighth graders will graduate with other Holt county eighth graders in ceremonies here on Tuesday, May 23.

Sunday, May 14, beginning at 8 p. m., baccalaureate services will be held for 51 public school seniors in the high school auditorium.

Invocation and benediction will be delivered by Rev. Ralph Gerber. The scriptures and sermon will be read by Rev. V. R. Bell.

Wednesday, May 17, at 8 p. m., public school commencement will be held for high school seniors and eighth graders.

Arthur Nelson, principal of Omaha Central high school, will deliver the commencement address. Invocation will be read by Rev. Wayne Hall and Rev. M. H. Grosenbach will pronounce the commencement benediction.

Top 6 students—all girls—in order of scholastic standing in the 1950 graduating class are: Verna Pruss, Irene Seales, Beverly Boelter, Geraldine Fredrickson, Dorothy Burival and Marilyn Hoisclaw. Class sponsor is Miss Esther Kinnier.

Dr. L. A. Burgess, president of the public school board of education, will present the high school diplomas. Howard Dean, principal, will present the scholarships and Ira George, superintendent, will hand out the eighth grade diplomas and 4-square grade school awards.

Graduating seniors at the O'Neill public school are: Waunita Anspach, Marjorie Bauld, Ida Mae Benash, Beverly Boelter, Glea Bowden, Patricia Cullen, Iona Ernst, Geraldine Fredrickson, Maxine Gallagher.

Marie Guthmiller, Marilyn Hoisclaw, Shirley Johring, Betty Passieux, Verna Pruss, Joyce Miller, Leona Howard, Darlene Patterson, Irene Seales, Doris Sterns, Inez Young, Patty Johnson.

Donald Beckwith, Shirley Brandenburg, Bill Marcellus, Darrell Wiengartner, Stan Benson, Dorothy Burival, Claude Cole.

Don DeGroff, Richard Hynes, Betty Johnson, Janine Jones, Darlene Kallhoff, Don Lanman, Clayton Lay, Ralph Lindberg, Don Morlan, Ronald Ressel, Alice Scofield, Maxine Shaw.

Bernard Spry, Don Wagon, Nancy Yantzi, Tom Sullivan, Lewis Pierson, Allen Porter.

Tom Ressel, Donald Riley, Robert Shaw, Kenneth Wrede, and Lawrence Young.

Thirty-eight eighth graders will be advanced to high school. Eighth graders who will receive diplomas are:

Evalyn Asher, Pat DeBolt, Marilyn Fetrow, Kay Hogen-camp, Lynette Johnson, Bernice Kallhoff, Esther Kaiser, Velma Lay, Shirley Anne Morlan, Marian Niles, Mary Anne Nekolite, Marjorie Norman, Frances Reimer, Carol Seger.

Janice Sanders, Janet Strong, Kartherine Summers, Lois Sargent, LeRoy Asher, John Bauld, Duane Booth, Sidney Benash, Ted Chambers, Harold Dex (Continued on page 8)

Brownies Elect New Officers

Brownie Scout troop I met Tuesday at the O'Neill public school. Mrs. M. E. Jacobson was out-of-town so Mrs. Howard Dean assisted.

The Scouts practiced their program for next week. New officers were elected: Rita Hoehne, secretary; Jane Peterson, treasurer; Diane Cork, scribe.

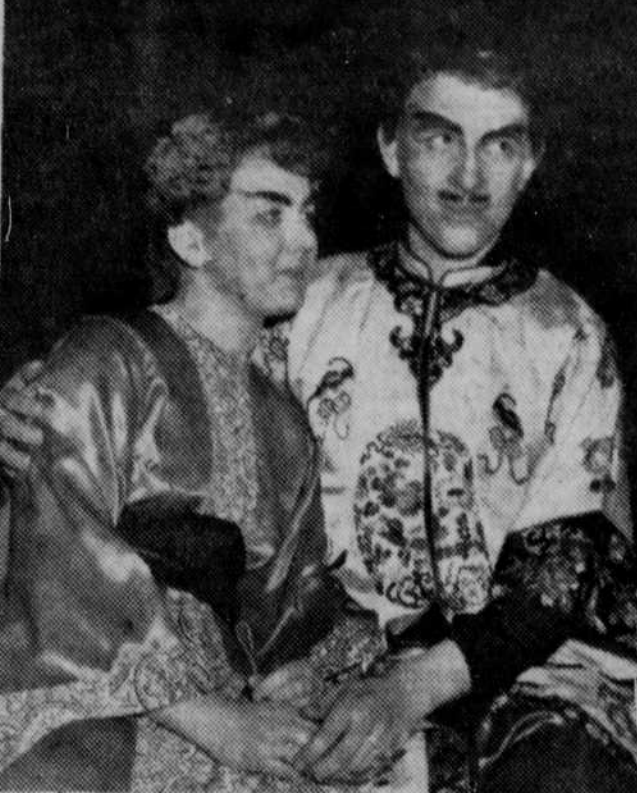
Crop Improvement Association Meets

Directors and officers of the Holt county crop improvement association met Wednesday evening at the assembly room of the court house here.

Plans for the coming year were made and commercial fertilizer test plots were discussed.



'MIKADO' COMING... St. Mary's academy Sullivan's "Mikado" tonight (Thursday) and music students are presenting Gilbert and Friday. Panel at left is from a scene in the beginning of the second act—braiding of the raven hair at the time of wedding of Yum Yum and Nankipoo. Standing is Pitti-Sing (Kathryn Golden); seated—Yum Yum (Mary Ellen Steele); foreground—Peep Bo (Lorraine Simonson). Meeting of Yum Yum and Nankipoo (Larry Morris) is shown in panel at right. "Mikado" is considered a difficult production for high school students.—The Frontier Photos by John H. McCarville.



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ARCHBISHOP CONFIRMS 200

Most Rev. G. T. Bergan Goes from Here to Emmet, Atkinson

Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, D. D., archbishop of Omaha, Wednesday confirmed a class of more than two hundred in a confirmation rite and benediction at 10:30 a. m. in St. Patrick's Catholic church. It was the first confirmation here in 4 years. Class included both children and adults.

Archbishop Bergan came to O'Neill Monday from Norfolk. Following the rite he went to the Church of Epiphany at Emmet and to Atkinson for a 4 o'clock confirmation.

Today (Thursday) he is scheduled to confirm classes at Stuart, Spencer, Butte and Lynch.

All Roman Catholic priests in the O'Neill deanery were on the altar in Wednesday's ceremony. These included: Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, and Rev. Alex J. Onak, assistant pastor, both of O'Neill; Rev. C. J. Kaup, of St. John's (near Clearwater); Rev. Roger Hayes, of Clearwater; Rev. Peter Burke, of Ewing; Rev. Anthony Urbanski, of Emmet; Rev. A. J. Paschang, of Stuart; Rev. William Condon, of Spencer; Rev. John Wiczorek, of Lynch, and Rev. Charles Knippen, of Butte.

Noxious Weed District Schedule Meeting

Holt county noxious weed district Wednesday, May 17, will hold a directors' meeting in the county courthouse annex here.

The morning session will get underway at 10 a. m. with the afternoon meeting beginning at 2 o'clock. The joint afternoon meeting will be with the Holt Soil Conservation service, district spokesmen said.

New Chambers Board In First Session

CHAMBERS—The reorganized Chambers village board of trustees met Friday night.

Glen Taylor was elected chairman (or mayor); W. D. Reninger, clerk; Frank M. Porter, treasurer; Kenneth Werner and Walter Brown trustees.

Taylor succeeds Ed Thorin as chairman of the board.

Visits and Attends Star Meeting

Mrs. Esther C. Harris left last Thursday for Lincoln to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Derald May and her son, Guy, a student at Nebraska Wesleyan.

She also attended the Eastern Star grand chapter meeting.

Arrives from Denver

Miss Marjorie McElhaney, who is employed in Denver, Colo., arrived Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhaney, for a week. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Clifton, of Orchard, visited her Tuesday.

Return to Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. John DeGeorge and Shirley left Saturday for their home in Omaha after having visited Mrs. DeGeorge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle C. McKim, Lyle C. McKim, jr., left with them. He has taken a job in Omaha.

Ferris May Lose Hand, 2 Fingers

Edward Ferris, 45, O'Neill man who came in contact with a 7,200-volt power line near here on April 27, is "improved" in University hospital at Omaha, and is no longer in "critical" condition.

Attendees say they will have to amputate his right hand and 2 fingers on his left hand.

For more than a week after the mishap doctors were unable to operate because of the man's shocked condition.

Ferris and 2 other workers were moving a house into O'Neill when the accident occurred. He was given first aid at O'Neill and rushed to Omaha.

MRS. PETER FRAHM BURIAL SATURDAY

Amelia Woman, Ill for Many Months, Came From Germany

AMELIA—Funeral services for Mrs. Peter Frahm, 49, a resident of the Amelia community, who died at noon Wednesday, May 3, were held Saturday at 3:30 p. m. at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Chambers and burial was in the Chambers cemetery. Earlier brief funeral rites were held at the Frahm home. Mrs. Frahm had been ill more than a year.

Rev. L. A. Dale, church pastor, officiated. Pallbearers were Lee Gilman, Harold Gilman, Frank Pierce, Lee Sammons, Blake Ott and Elmer Oetter, all of Amelia.

The late Mrs. Frahm, nee Margaret Ziehm, was born on April 21, 1901, at Silverstadt, Germany, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Ziehm. She came to America in June, 1923, settling in the Creighton community. On February 24, 1924, she married Mr. Frahm.

In 1935 the Frahms moved to Amelia. She spent most of her life on a farm.

Survivors include: Widower; daughters—Mrs. Keith (Marie) Shellhase, of Avoca; Mrs. Jerome (Hilda) Krutz, of Stanton; son—Heinrich Frahm, of Amelia; 3 grandchildren; brother—Hans Ziehm, of Hastings, and 1 brother and 2 sisters residing in Germany.

Two members of her family died in Germany in recent months.

Among relatives from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shellhase and family, of Avoca; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Krutz and daughter, of Stanton; Hans Ziehm, of Hastings; Mrs. Katherine Schlunsen and Henry, of Hastings.

Among those attending the navy band concert in Norfolk Monday were: Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, Mrs. M. J. Golden, Miss Bernadette Brennan, Mrs. P. B. Harty, Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, Mrs. Mabel Gatz, Mrs. R. H. Parker, Mrs. J. P. Brown, Miss Hilda Gallagher, Miss Loretta Enright, Miss Rosemary Vondracek, Miss Harry Petersen, Ira George, Mrs. C. D. Harmon, Mrs. L. O. Johnson, Miss Betty Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Jaskowiak.

RAY RESIGNS FROM COUNCIL

16 Applications Received For Supervisor's Position

Hugh Ray, First ward city councilman now serving his second term, Tuesday night announced his resignation from the city council. He said council duties took "too much time."

Meanwhile, the council in Tuesday evening session reviewed 16 applications for the post of city supervisor. The city has been advertising for a man to head the water, street and sewer departments. The supervisor, according to the plan, will work directly under the council.

Mayor J. E. Davis said that applications will be received through the remainder of the week.

Already several out-of-town applicants have been here for personal interviews with councilmen.

Unofficially the starting salary is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$300 a month. Purpose of the supervisor is to relieve councilmen from time-consuming chores.

Several local men are included among the applicants.

O'Neill Firms Hold Merchandise Event

O'Neill merchants today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday, May 11, 12 and 13 are offering an array of special gift bargains for the Mother's day and graduation town-wide merchandising event.

A recently organized retail trade committee of the Chamber of Commerce coordinated the event with O'Neill merchants. See page 4 this issue of The Frontier for full page of advertisements of special bargains for the event.

'Grandma' Zakrzewski Is Honored

Justin "Grandma" Zakrzewski visited here from Friday until Tuesday. Saturday a lunch was given in her honor at the Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zakrzewski home. Sat. evening the family had dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zakrzewski's. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. William Podany and family, honored "Grandma" Zakrzewski at dinner. Monday evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fox, of Orchard. Mrs. Zakrzewski returned to Ogallala Tuesday morning.

O'Neillites Hear Navy Band

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Jump from \$3,500,000 in 1939 to \$13,200,000 in 1948

Retail sales in Holt county during the last decade almost trebled, the census bureau has reported.

Retail, wholesale and service establishments in the county showed a big expansion in dollar volume of trade from 1939 to 1948, according to preliminary figures from the 1948 census of business released by the department of commerce.

Retail sales in the county during 1948 aggregated \$13,200,000, an increase of 277 per cent over the \$3,500,000 figure in 1939, when the preceding census of business was taken.

Wholesale sales in the county reached a total of \$19,400,000 in 1948 as compared to \$800,000 in 1939.

The service trades included in the census of business recorded receipts totaling \$320,000 in 1948 compared to \$138,000 in 1939.

Employment in the county also rose over the 9-year period between 1939 and 1948 for the above trades. Establishments in these trades reported a combined total of 667 paid employees for the workweek ended nearest November 15, 1948. This compared with a total of 407 employees reported for the week of November 15, 1939.

These preliminary figures have been derived from a census report on Holt county, which also included data for the city of O'Neill. Final figures, superseding the preliminary data for Holt county, will be included in a bulletin for the state of Nebraska to be issued in several months. Similar data will be made available this year in preliminary and final form for each of the counties and states. A single copy of the preliminary release for Holt county as well as an order blank for other area releases may be obtained by writing to the bureau of census, Washington 25, D. C.

Snow, Sleet and Rain Visit Holt

Holt countyans witnessed a variety of weather over the weekend, including blowing and drifting snow, partially blocked roads and heavy winds.

Highways were blocked Friday morning in the Valentine and Winner, S. D., areas.

Snow, sleet and wind were in the air most of the day and Saturday followed with overcast skies. More than a half-inch of rain fell on Monday.

The moisture, totaling 1.18 inches for the week, is welcome, but the unseasonal cold has been a deterrent to farmers.

During Friday's storm the barometers in O'Neill dropped to approximately the same low reading preceding the March 7 storm. Winds mounted to 40- and 45-miles-per-hour.

Some hail fell last Thursday evening, but not enough to cause damage.

Summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p. m. daily, follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Pre.
May 3	58	35	.03
May 4	47	40	
May 5	45	30	.43
May 6	60	30	.14
May 7	45	32	
May 8	47	39	.58
May 9	64	38	
Total			1.18

Junior Baseball Meeting Friday

Commander Gordon O. Harper of Simonson post 93, of the American Legion, Tuesday announced that a meeting will be held Friday night at the Legion club in behalf of junior Legion baseball.

Harper has appointed Laurence Haynes and Bob Appleby to direct the kid baseball program.

All boys 17-years-old or younger who are interested in Legion ball are urged to attend, Harper said.

Return from Spearfish

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clauson returned Thursday evening, May 4, after spending a week with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Plank, at Spearfish, S. D.