

78 Seniors in City's Schools

Whirl of Activities for O'Neill High Graduates

A busy week lies ahead for the 38 members of the graduating class of the O'Neill public school. Rev. Ralph Gerber, pastor of First Presbyterian church of O'Neill, will give the baccalaureate address Sunday evening, May 13, at the high school auditorium.

Monday, May 14, has been chosen as the night for the annual class night program, which includes the reading of the class will, the class prophecies, and other entertainment by the graduates. The public is invited to the program and no admission will be charged.

Commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 16. Dr. L. A. Burgess, president of the board of education, will present the diplomas. Scholarships will be awarded by Supt. Ira George and Prin. Howard Dean.

Grade school graduation will also be held in the auditorium Wednesday evening. Diplomas will be presented by Mr. George, who will also announce the winners of the "fair and square" awards. These awards are given each year to the student in each class who is chosen by his classmates to be the "fairest and squarest."

Thursday evening, May 17, beginning at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium the band and the mixed chorus will give the last concert of the year. A short operetta, "The Dizzy Baton," will be the highlight of the evening.

The term-end whirl for the graduating class has included the junior-senior banquet and prom on Wednesday, May 2, and the senior class play, which was presented Tuesday evening, May 8.

Members of the graduating class are: Leo Babutzke, Arthur C. Benash, Irene Benash, John Brady, Donna J. Crabb, Clifford Dick, Vernyce M. Dye, June Ernst, Robert Fox, Donald Fridley, Lois Grunke, Barbara Hancock, Lois Harder, Marjorie Huebert, Lois Hull, Opal Huston, Joan Kallhoff, Don Kloppenborg, Alice Knepper, Ted Lindberg, Madeline Meyer, Earl Miller, Ivan McClanahan, Frank McKenny, Laverna Nekolite, Richard Nelson, Don Petersen, Dorothy Pinnit, Shirley Rieck, Leonard Ritts, Wayne Schollmeier, Phyllis Seger, Leah M. Serck, Donald Sparks, Mavis Spry, Rosalie Summers, Helen Thomas and Ivan Wayman.

The term will officially close Friday, May 18.

Lincoln Sowers Coming Today

The Sowers club, of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, will reach O'Neill at 11:50 a.m. today (Thursday). The touring boosters will have treats for the children and other mementos for the men and women.

O'Neill's Municipal band will serenade the Lincoln wholesalers, manufacturers and retailers when they step from their eastbound chartered busses.

The visitors will be served lunch at the American Legion auditorium, dining with members of the O'Neill Chamber. It will be a "Dutch affair" and tickets are \$1.50 each. The meeting will also serve as the regular monthly meeting of the O'Neill civic body.

The Sowers club schedule at other Holt county points today includes: Arrival at Stuart, 10:20 a.m., departure 10:30 a.m.; arrival at Atkinson, 10:55 a.m., departure 11:15 a.m.; arrival at Inman, 1:40 p.m., departure 1:50 p.m.; arrival at Ewing, 2:10 p.m., departure 2:25 p.m.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce goodwill caravan will stop in O'Neill at 2:45 p.m., Saturday, May 19. There will be plenty of candy and balloons.

The 100 Omaha businessmen will be traveling by special train.

O'Neill Composer's Selection Aired

Mrs. Howard Wallace, wife of an employee of the Foree Construction Co., has composed about 30 tunes and written words for her music.

One of these selections, "Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained," recorded in Hollywood, Calif., was broadcast Wednesday (9:45 a.m., WJAG, 780 kc) on the "Voice of The Frontier" program.

Mrs. Wallace's music is written under her maiden name, Phyllis Katuska. Her home address is Pomona, Kans., route 2. She began composing music at the age of 25, received a certificate of merit from the Haven Press, New York City, and has been complimented for her literary efforts by the Atlantic Monthly.

Visit New York

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Beha and family arrived late Tuesday from Sioux Falls, S. D., to visit relatives for 2 days. The Behas were returning from New Rochelle, N. Y.

Alumni Banquet, May Crowning Next for SMA Seniors

Amid traditional ceremonies and social events, 40 St. Mary's academy seniors will close their high school careers in the next 3 weeks.

On May 18 the high school students will present their "Spring Revue," a program of singing, dancing, and dramatic entertainment. It will begin at 8 p.m. at the public school auditorium.

Members of the senior class will be honored guests at the annual alumni banquet to be held Sunday evening, May 20. This will be followed by the May crowning ceremony on Tuesday May 22. The coronation will take place in St. Patrick's Catholic church and the public is invited to attend.

On Monday, May 28, the seniors will present their class night skit, "Memories." This program will also be held in the public high school auditorium and will begin at 8 p.m. Several awards will be presented.

Commencement exercises will begin at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 29, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Peter Burke, of St. Peter's Catholic church, Ewing, will address the graduates. After the presentation of the diplomas, scholarship winners will be announced.

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CITY LEASES PARKING AREAS

Strategically Located Lots, Lighted and Policed, Will Aid Visitors

The city of O'Neill this week completed arrangements for leasing 2 well-located parking areas.

Both areas will be graveled, lighted and policed. These facilities will help relieve the thorny traffic and parking problem in the city—particularly on Thursdays (livestock sale days) and Saturdays.

The largest area lies between the Arbutnot service station and the American Legion club. The property measures about 50 feet by 180 feet and easily will accommodate more than 50 cars.

This real estate is owned by the J. B. Ryan estate and is being leased for the consideration of tax payments only.

The second parking area is located south of the Texaco service station near the corner of Second and Douglas streets. This area is smaller than the Ryan property but is a parking lot centrally-located. The city will lease this ground for only \$1 per year.

Lt. Baker Heard in Recorded Interview

"Voice of The Frontier" listeners Saturday (9:45 a.m., WJAG, 780 kc) heard a recorded interview with 1/Lt. John Lee Baker, of O'Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus.

By special arrangement with the air force, the "Voice of The Frontier" played-back a 3½-minute question-and-answer discussion between an air force public information officer and Lieutenant Baker, a jet fighter pilot.

Baker has flown more than a hundred missions against the North Korean reds and Chinese reds, including many close-support sorties. Baker has been in the Far East theater for a year and a half. He expects to be processed in Japan May 14 and be enroute back to the U.S. by air on May 18 or 20.

130 Attend Mother-Daughter Banquet

CHAMBERS — One hundred thirty attended the mother and daughter banquet held Friday evening, May 4, at the Methodist church parlors. It was sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. C. V. Robertson was the toastmaster. The program opened with a group song, "Our Mother," followed by a welcome by Mrs. Sarah Adams; "Tribute to Mother," by Lylas Tangeman; "Tribute to Daughters," by Mrs. E. R. Carpenter; duet, "I'm Wearing a Flower for You," by Herbetta Hutton and Irma Brown; reading, by Levena Grimes; talk, by Buelah Grimes; pageant, "Patch Work," by Mrs. J. W. Wintermote, Connie Werner, Judy Fagon, Joane Daas, and Armenta Glead.

Legion to Talk '51 Celebration

At the regular monthly meeting of Simonson post 93, of the American Legion, principal item on the agenda will be the 1951 Legion-sponsored celebration.

Meeting will begin at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday). Also to be discussed will be Memorial day observance plans, which will be in charge of Glea H. Wade.

HOLT RESIDENT 'Grandma' Johnson Now 91

27 YEARS EXPIRES Edwin A. Walker, Page, Dies at Son's Home in Norfolk

PAGE—Edwin A. Walker, 69, died at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6, at the home of his son, C. Fred Walker, in Norfolk. He died suddenly. He had been ill 5 months.

Funeral services for the late Edwin A. Walker were held on Tuesday, May 8, at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church at Page. Rev. C. E. Wilcox, church pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin Bros.

Pallbearers were Alton Braddock, Frank Cronk, Jerome Allen, Bernard Allen, Robert Gray, Carl Max, Leonard Miller and Jesse Kelly.

The late Mr. Walker was born in Collins, Ia., March 20, 1881, a son of John and Mark Walker. When he was 4-years-old the family moved to Middebranch.

In 1900, he went to Hurdfield, N. D., to reside.

On March 9, 1910, he married Mary E. Neiman at Carrington, N. D.

In 1923 the Walker family moved to the Page community from North Dakota. Except for a short period during World War II, when the late Mr. Walker was employed in a defense plant at Wahoo and Los Angeles, Calif., he lived in the Page community continuously until his death.

As a young man he was engaged in farming and at Page was employed in various businesses until retirement in 1950.

Mrs. Walker died in January, 1950.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers and 5 sisters.

Survivors include: Sons — Cordes, of Page; C. Fred, of Norfolk; John D., of Ewing; daughters—Mrs. Anthony (Beulah) Craig, of Norfolk; Mrs. James (Carol) McNally, of Denver, Colo.; brother—Dave Walker, of Vineland, N. J., and a sister, Clara, who lives in Oakland, Ore.; and 13 grandchildren.

Singers were Ralph Gray, Verne Hunter, Marvin and Dale Stauffer.

Mrs. Alton Braddock, Mrs. Ralph Larson and Mrs. Ivan Heiss (Continued on page 8)

Henry Werner, Wife Wed Half-Century

"Henry Werner and Miss Millie Myers, both of Emmet, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in this city on Wednesday, Rev. Rominger officiating."

This is an excerpt from the files of The Frontier dated May 16, 1901.

Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Werner, who are now residing 5 miles southeast of Atkinson, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. A family dinner, to be held Sunday, May 13, will be followed by a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. to which all their friends are invited.

Two sons, Harry and Kenneth, of Atkinson, and two daughters, Mrs. Cecil Bogue and Mrs. Lila Snyder, also of Atkinson, will be present for the festivities. A third son, Wayne, is living at Spennard, Alaska.

Joan Kallhoff Is FFA Queen

Miss Joan Kallhoff, high school senior, ruled as queen at the annual parent and son banquet of the Future Farmers of America, Monday evening, May 7.

Clifford Dick was presented with the DeKalb award as the senior ranking highest in farming and leadership abilities.

James W. Rooney was guest speaker. Richard Nelson served as toastmaster.

Arizonan Conducts Sunday Rites

NORTH OF STUART—Church services at the Cleveland rural church were conducted Sunday morning by Rev. Tab Loats, of Phoenix, Ariz. He represents the interdenominational Cook Christian training school for Indians. Mr. Loats showed films of mission work among the Navajo Indians in Stuart Sunday evening.

MAY 19 POPPY DAY

Saturday, May 19, will be poppy day in O'Neill. Mrs. Dean Streeter, poppy chairman of the American Legion auxiliary, Simonson post 93, will be on the streets of O'Neill with her staff of poppy distributors.

'Grandma' Johnson Now 91



HEADS TWO 5-GENERATION GROUPS . . . Mrs. Mattie Johnson, a Holt county pioneer, posed on her 91st birthday anniversary with two 5-generation groups. Top photo: Standing—Henry Walters and his mother, Mrs. J. Victor (Christine) Johnson (widow of the late William Walters); seated—Mrs. Benny (Lavone) Johring, her son, Freddie, 1, and "Grandma" Johnson. Lower photo: Standing—Mrs. Dewayne (Wilma) Anson, Mrs. George (Helen) Nelson, Mrs. J. Victor Johnson; seated—Sharon Kay Anson, 8-months-old, and "Grandma" Johnson. All persons in both pictures reside in the O'Neill community. Besides, Freddie Johring and Sharon Kay Anson, the 91-year-old Holt woman has 8 other great-grandchildren.—O'Neill Photo Co.



Former Amelia Resident Dies

AMELIA—Chester Sammons, 41, died Monday, May 7, at the Beth-Page home at Axtell, where he had resided about 20 years.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at the Methodist church in Amelia and burial will be in the Chambers cemetery.

The late Mr. Sammons was born September 17, 1910, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sammons. He attended school here, lived for a time with his uncle, A. E. Sammons, and also for a time with a neighbor, Vern Sager.

Survivors include: Brother—N. F. Sammons, of Chicago, Ill.; sister—Mrs. Morris Nelson, of Minneapolis, Minn.

North-Central Press Meet Here May 19-20

The north-central district meeting of the Nebraska Press association will convene in O'Neill Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20.

Newspapers from 9 counties in the district will be represented in addition to state officers and visitors from nearby counties.

Holt Pioneer Heads 5-Generation Group

Mrs. Mattie Johnson celebrated her 91st birthday anniversary last Thursday at a party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Victor Johnson. There were about 29 guests.

Mrs. Johnson, who was born in Denmark, came to America at about the age of 20. She was married to Andrew Johnson in Iowa December 28, 1881, at the age of 21.

In the spring, they came to Holt county and settled on the farm where Mrs. Johnson still resides.

Mrs. Johnson became the mother of 9 children. They are: Mrs. J. Victor (Christine) Johnson, of O'Neill; Jens Johnson, of Bellingham, Wash.; Andrew, jr., north of O'Neill; Mrs. Esther Harding, of Whiting, Ia.; Mrs. Anna Harding, of Modesta, Calif.; Mrs. Otto (Emma) Clausen, of Inglewood, Calif.; and Mrs. John (Corra) Clausen, who resides on the home place.

A daughter, Mrs. Mary Clevenger, of O'Neill, died in 1922 and another daughter, Minnie Johnson, died at the age of 14 months.

Mr. Johnson passed away December 22, 1926.

Mrs. Johnson has 29 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

At the party, 2 angel food cakes baked by Mrs. J. Victor Johnson and Mrs. John Clausen were served with sandwiches, ice cream and coffee.

JOHN W. FINCH, SR., ILL 3 DAYS, DIES

Funeral Rites Tuesday for Middlebranch Store Proprietor

John W. Finch, sr., 68, died about 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the O'Neill hospital.

The late Mr. Finch became ill Thursday evening, was taken to the hospital Friday evening and died 2 days later. He suffered an internal hemorrhage, caused by stomach ulcers.

He was born at Naperville, Ill., a son of Ora and Sarah Finch. On September 20, 1905, he married Alta Wolfe, of Cedar Rapids. They farmed for 18 years.

Mr. Finch, who formerly lived at Fullerton, purchased the Middlebranch store in 1923, and continued to operate that rural store until his death.

Survivors include the widow, Alta Finch; sons—John W., jr., of Orchard, and Clarence, of Venus; daughter — Mrs. Kenneth (Pauline) Waring, of Page; brothers—Bryan, of Middlebranch; Frank, of Crawford; O. S., of Fullerton; Arthur, of Waverlyville, Ore.; sisters—Mrs. Irene Smith, of Albion, and Mrs. Maggie Fish, of Buhl, Ida.; 9 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 8, at Hamilton funeral home in Orchard at 1 p.m. and at Venus church at 2 p.m. with Rev. Charles Phipps officiating. Burial was in Enterprise cemetery.

The Strophe singers sang "In the Garden" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mrs. Hester Edmisten, Mrs. Roy Waring, Mrs. Mable Davis and Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber were in charge of the flowers.

Pallbearers were Frank Sholes, C. J. Schroth, Don Huston, Vincent Jackson, Sidney Faulhaber and Glenn Waring.

Relatives present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finch, of Crawford; Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Finch, of Fullerton; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Smith, of Albion; Johnson Caskey and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Caskey and daughter, of Rose; Mr. and Mrs. Val Pichler and Mrs. Lon Pichler, of Grand Island; Mrs. Clyde Allison, Miss Shirley Rathbun, Mrs. Mearl C. Eck, of Cedar Rapids; Mrs. William Kolm, Mr. and Mrs. James Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rathbun, of Belgrade, and Maurice Waring, of Omaha.

Boys' Town Director Stuart Speaker

STUART—Baccalaureate services will be held in the city auditorium Sunday, May 13, at 8 o'clock. Rev. A. J. Paschang will be the speaker.

Dr. Rev. Nicholas Wegner, director of Boys' Town, will deliver the address for commencement exercises which will be held in the city auditorium May 17 at 8 o'clock.

WILLIAM GRUTSCH EXPIRES AT LYNCH

Prominent O'Neill Farmer in Failing Health Several Years

William Grutsch, 65, prominent Holt county resident, died at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, May 9, at Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch, where he had been a patient only one day.

He had been in failing health for several years, dating from a pneumonia attack in 1943. Last week he spent several days at the hospital and reentered the hospital early Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 11, in St. Patrick's Catholic church and burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

George Curran, Francis Curran, Henry Murray, Levi Yantzi and Dave Moler will be pallbearers.

The body was removed from the hospital Wednesday afternoon and taken to Biglin Bros. funeral home.

A rosary will be offered at 9 o'clock tonight at the funeral home.

William Grutsch was the youngest son of the late John and Bridgett Grutsch, who came to the U.S. from Canada. He was born on the family place 12 miles north of O'Neill, was reared and got his elementary education in a country school in that community. He then spent several years in Canada where he served on the police force of Stratford, Ontario.

On May 15, 1907, he married Miss Celia Morris, of Ontario, Canada. One son, John, was born in Canada, the family coming to Holt county in the spring of 1909, settling northwest of O'Neill, where the late Mr. Grutsch resided until his death.

He was active in Rock Falls township activities.

Survivors include: Widow, sons—John and Joe, both of O'Neill; daughters — Mrs. James (Margery) McNulty, Mrs. Harry (Maude) Lansworth, Mrs. Lyle (Luella) Vequist and Mrs. Bernard (Vera) Pongratz, all of O'Neill; 12 grandchildren; brother—John M., of O'Neill; sisters—Mrs. Sidney (Elizabeth) Mitchell and Mrs. Maggie Zecher, of Stratford, Ont., Can.

McDonald's Show 21 Percent Gain

J. M. McDonald Co., midwest-department store organization, with 56 units and whose manager here is Joe Stutz, has published its third annual report to shareholders.

J. M. McDonald Co. reports that for the fiscal year ended January 31, 1951, sales were approximately 21 percent greater than in the previous fiscal year, and the best in the company's history. Although earnings were approximately 68 percent in excess of a year earlier, they were not the best annual record because of narrowing profit margins and ever increasing tax costs. Comparing the sales and earnings for the two years, 1951-1950, the results were as follows:

	Yr. Ended Yr. Ended	Jan. 31, '51	Jan. 31, '50
Net Sales	—	\$9,602,473	\$7,949,123
Earnings before taxes	903,360	509,187	
Provision for taxes	383,181	195,421	
Net earnings after taxes	520,179	313,746	
Earnings per share Common Stock	1.62	.98	
Dividends pd. per share of Com. Stock	.90	.80	

Commenting on taxes, in the annual report just distributed to the company shareholders, President J. M. McDonald, jr., said that in the year ended January 31, 1951, taxes required 42.4 percent (Continued on page 3)

Mayor Turns \$100 'Salary' to Hospital

St. Anthony's hospital building fund Tuesday got a \$100 boost in the form of a warrant drawn on the city treasury, according to James M. Corle, building fund chairman.

O'Neill's Mayor J. E. Davis, who receives a \$100-per-year "salary," endorsed his check and deposited it in the building fund account at one of the local banks.

The mayor's and city councilmen's salary is considered only a token because of the amount of time consumed functioning in those jobs.

Tune in! "Voice of The Frontier," 9:45 a.m., Mon., Wed., Sat.