

**Boys' Town Director Admonishes Grads**

STUART—In his commencement address given Thursday evening, May 17, for the seniors of Stuart high school, Rt. Rev. Nicolas Wegner, director of Boys' Town, commended the seniors on their motto: "The Higher We Climb, the Broader the View," and appealed to them "to have a purpose in life and with God's help to live up to that purpose."

Salutatorian of the class was James Hamik and valedictorian was Patricia Engler. James Hamik received the state normal school scholarship; Patricia Engler the scholarship from Chillicothe business college at Chillicothe, Mo., also the scholarship from St. Mary's at Omaha, and LaVonne Seger, the Norfolk junior college scholarship.

Wilhelmina Ruther received the girls' citizenship award; Mark Kaup, the boys' citizenship award, and Kenneth Batenhorst, the athletic award.

Other members of the class are: Duane Ackerman, Leo Berni, Dean Cadwallader, Dean Finch, James Hytrek, Lotius King, Donald Shald, Merle Thurlow, LaVern Timmermans and Robert Weber.

Also Merle Norton, who quit school in the fall of 1949 and enlisted in the armed forces. He had received enough credits from his studies in the service which were forwarded here and entitled him to a diploma.

Students who received 8th grade diplomas were: Caroline Cobb, Henrietta Coats, Jack Menuey, Dick Menuey, Edith Norton, LaVonne Thurlow and Benny Thurlow.

**Breakfast Served to 8th Graders**

STUART—The 8th grade scholars were graduated from St. Boniface school on Sunday, May 20, at 8 o'clock mass.

Breakfast was served to the graduates by the 7th grade in the church basement which was decorated with the class colors of royal blue and gold. The class flowers were rose and lily of the valley.

Members of the graduating class were: Barbara Bigelow, Larry Cobb, Lorraine Coufal, Barbara Flannigan, Raydean Kramer, Catherine Laible, Jack Hytrek, LaVonne Schmaderer, Norman Ulrich and Rudina Wel.

**25 Golfers Participate in Handicap**

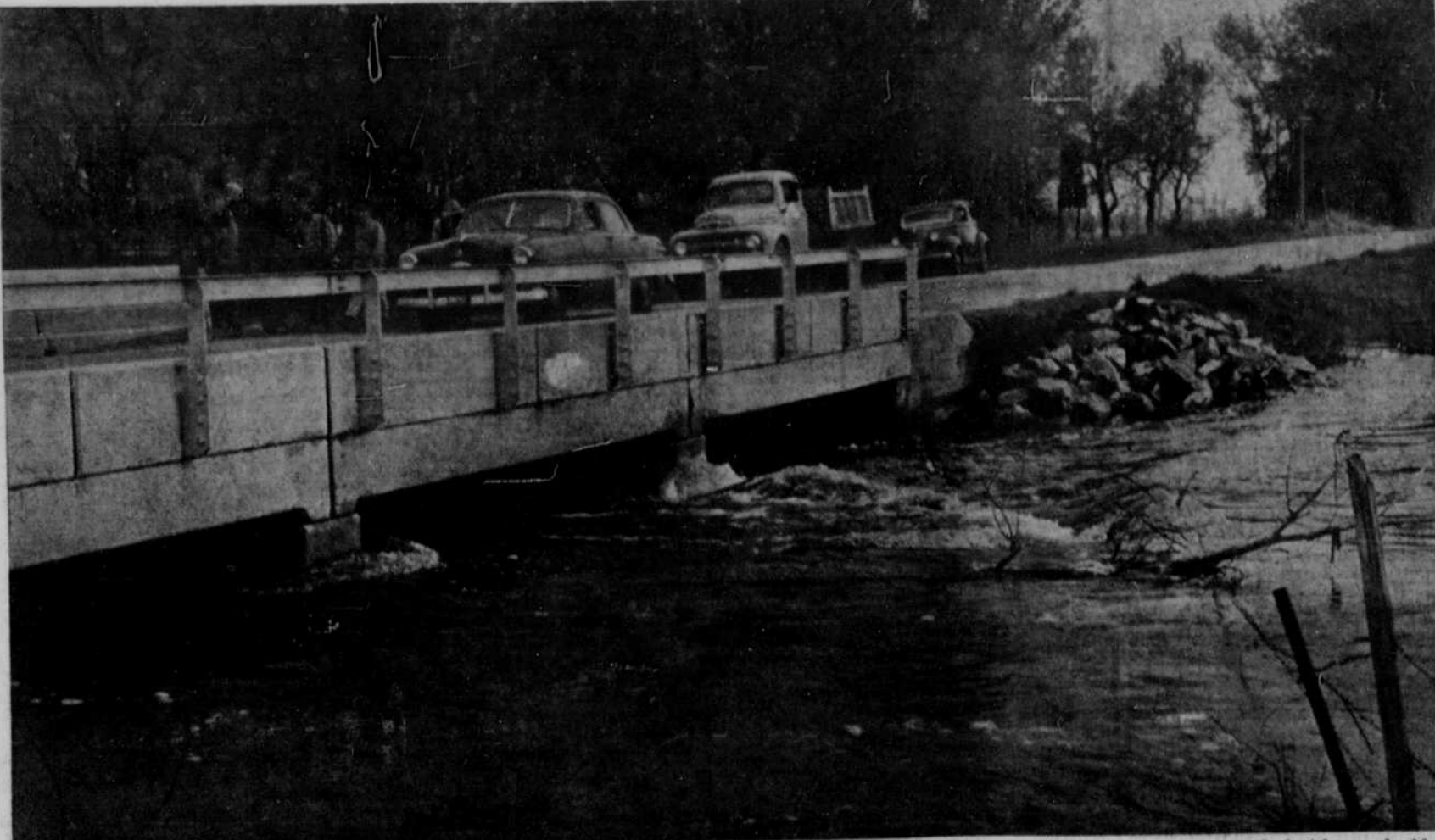
Twenty-five golfers turned out at the Country club course Sunday to participate in a handicap tourney.

Laurence Haynes, of O'Neill, shot a 43 with an 11-stroke handicap, for low honors with 32. L. Thomassen, of Butte, shot a 59 with a 12 handicap for a high 47.

**Scouts Plan Mother-Daughter Event**

The Girl Scouts are having a mother-daughter banquet at the Methodist church basement tonight (Thursday). Members of the Atkinson Scout troops have been invited. The banquet is being prepared by the leaders in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Collins and family visited at Mitchell, S.D., during the weekend.



UPPER ELKHORN WIDENS . . . The upper Elkhorn river valley for more than a week resembled a chain of lakes because flood water over-ran the lowlands. Some observers said the water between Ewing and Atkinson was as high as it had ever been. Photo (above) shows water rushing under the south bridge a half-mile south of O'Neill on U.S. highway 281, where spectators continuously stopped to view the spectacle.—The Frontier Photo to John H. McCarville.

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**Manse Readied for Rev. Graff, Family**

STUART—Several members of the Women's society met on Monday, May 21, to finish cleaning the manse, which has been remodeled and newly decorated in preparation for Rev. and Mrs. Orin Graff and family.

The Graffs expect to move from Atkinson to Stuart this week.

The regular meeting of the society which was postponed May 3 was held at the home of Mrs. Mark Nelson on Thursday, May 17. Devotions were led by Mrs. Jane Cobb. Mrs. Ora Yarges gave a report on the Presbyterial meeting which was held at Wayne in April.

After the business meeting lunch was served to 26 members with Mrs. Ray Greenfield and Mrs. Charles Moses as co-hostesses.

**Attend Dental Meeting in Lincoln**

Among those attending the Nebraska State Dental association convention in Lincoln last week were Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Eason and Miss LaVeta Lehn, who attended the dental assistants' meeting.

The Burgessses and Miss Lehn left Saturday, May 12, and returned last Thursday. The Easons left Sunday, May 13, and returned Wednesday, May 16.

**Chief Justice a Visitor**

Chief Justice Robert G. Simmons, of the Nebraska supreme court, was an O'Neill visitor on Thursday.

Justice Simmons and Mrs. Simmons were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Grady and the home of Mrs. F. M. Brennan. The well-known judge spoke to high school seniors at Atkinson Thursday night and at Ord Friday night.

**Edith Helmricks an Orchard Bride**

EWING—St. Peter's Lutheran church at Orchard was the scene of the Sunday, May 13, wedding of Edith Helmricks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Helmricks, to Pvt. Wayne W. Sawyer, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sawyer, of Orchard. Rev. P. J. Wirth, pastor of the church, officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

The wedding march was played by the bride's uncle, William Zimmerman, and another uncle, Joe Zimmerman sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride wore a white taffeta gown, made with a fitted bodice, lace yoke, long pointed sleeves and with full skirt ending in a train. Her shoulder-length veil was held in place by a flowered cap and she carried a bouquet of red roses. The traditional old, borrowed and blue were her pearl earrings and blue handkerchief which was a gift from some of her school pupils.

Besides her sister, Catherine Helmricks, maid-of-honor, the bride was attended by Lora Dee Gibbs, Fauneil Rabbas and Bonnie Jane Bright, all of Orchard. They wore pastel taffeta dresses fashioned like the bride's with the exception of self-material yokes, short sleeves and ballerina length skirts. Their flowers were colonial bouquets of white gladioli with pastel ribbon streamers.

Private Sawyer had as his attendants his buddy, Pvt. Eugene Kurgeweit, Douglas Barton, Lyle Schlessner and Leland Sterling, all former schoolmates. The last 2 were ushers. They wore white carnation boutonnières.

The mothers of the bride and bridegroom had rose corsages and the bridegroom's grandmother had a carnation corsage.

Mrs. Sawyer was graduated from Ewing high school and taught in a rural school 3 years. She is now employed at Mac's store in Orchard.

Private Sawyer was graduated from the Orchard high school. He completed basic training in Ft. Riley, Kans., last week, having enlisted in January and is home on a 15-day furlough.

Out-of-town guests at the ceremony and reception were Eugene Kurgeweit, of Battle Creek, the bridegroom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bach, of Norfolk, and E. A. Sawyer, of Columbus.

**Hosts at Picnic**

BUTTE—Guests at a picnic at the Roy E. Margritz home Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford and family and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Colfack and family, of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Tex Beckwith and Connie, of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mitchell and family, of Butte, and Mr. and Mrs. Evan Lewis and family, of Spencer.

**Luncheon Today**

The women of the O'Neill Country club will hold their annual complimentary dinner and bridge on Thursday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at the Town House.

Bridge will follow at the Legion club lounge.

Patty Berger, of Omaha, arrived Saturday, May 19, to visit her friend, Miss Rose Ann Schaffer, for a week.

**Personals**

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Quinn were in Atkinson Sunday to attend the 8th grade graduation exercises of St. Joseph's hall. Their grandson, Jerry Verzal, was in the class.

Mrs. Ed Olson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Martin Walter. Mr. Walter and children. She is returning from Iowa where she visited her daughter, Marion, a nurse, attending college at Iowa City, and her brother, George Houghland, at Ottumwa.

Mrs. George Mellor and daughter of Atkinson, visited Thursday and Friday, May 17 and 18, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lanman.

Marine Pfc. Clayton Layh left Sunday, May 20, for the marine base at Santa Ana, Calif., where he is to be stationed. He was accompanied by his wife and baby who will live near there.

Dinner guests Sunday, May 20, of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leidy and children were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Livings and daughter, of Sioux City, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kee, of Emmet.

Overnight guests Thursday, May 17, at the M. B. Marcellus home were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Schweigert, Duane and Marlene, of Springfield. They were en route to South Dakota and stopped again Sunday on their return. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tams, of Inman, were also visitors on Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. McQuistan, of Brantford, is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. McGlasson, and family.

Mesdames Elwin Ruback, Wayne Fox and Frank Eppenbach were in Norfolk Monday, May 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Johnson and family, of Burbank, Calif., visited Sunday and Monday, May 13 and 14, with Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Groesenbach.

Visitors for several days last week in the Anthony Stanton home were Mrs. Stanton's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McIntyre, of LaCrosse, Wis.

Edward Condon, of the University of Nebraska, visited his mother, Mrs. Hope Condon, Sunday, May 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel were hosts on Tuesday evening, May 15, at a party in their home for the county committee of the P.M.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kaiser and son, Ivan, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Soucek, of Verdigre, to Grand Island Sunday, May 13, to attend the celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Kliment.



**O'NEILL FARMER DIES** . . . Funeral services for William Grutsch, 65, well-known north Holt county farmer, were held Friday, May 11, in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Mr. Grutsch died Wednesday, May 9, in a Lynch hospital.

**Go to Sioux City**

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Perry and daughters went to Sioux City on Saturday, May 19, to visit Mrs. Perry's mother, Mrs. Iva Hopkins. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, who visited her sister, Mrs. Astlund. They returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Loy visited Sunday in Orchard at the home of Mrs. Dora Walmer.

**Farm, Ranch Values Double Since 1945**

There has been a slight drop in the number of Holt county farms and ranches since 1945. Farms and ranches, however, are larger and their value has more than doubled, according to the preliminary report recently released by the U.S. department of agriculture.

There are 2,029 farms in the county as compared with 2,196 in 1945. The average farm is 759.3 acres and its value, including buildings, is \$20,834. In 1945 the average farm was 719.1 acres and was valued at \$10,024. There are 375 farms of 1,000 acres or more—9 more than in 1945.

There has been little increase in the number of farm telephones, but the use of electricity on farms has increased sharply. Where only 410 of the county's farms had electric service in 1945, 896 farms have it now. Nearly 600 farms receive their electricity from a power line and the average monthly electric bill comes to \$8.18. There are 327 electric water pumps in use on Holt county farms, 127 hot-water heaters, 69 home freezers, and 654 washing machines.

Holt county farmers own 813 motor trucks, 2,004 tractors and 2,064 automobiles.

The average farmer lives 10 miles from the trading center he visits most frequently and travels 4.7 miles of this distance on dirt or unimproved roads.

There are 3,384 persons working on Holt county farms. Operators number 1,694; unpaid members of the operator's family number 1,448; and there are only 242 hired farm workers in the county.

There are 1,456 livestock farms and ranches, 200 general farms, 127 field-crop farms, 104 dairy farms, 6 poultry farms, and 136 unclassified farms.

Cattle and calves in the county number 138,615, slightly less than in 1945. The number of hogs and pigs has increased from 25,313 in 1945 to 28,508 in 1950, but there has been a sharp decline in the number of sheep and lambs—7,752 in 1945; 2,786 in 1950.

Hay, corn and alfalfa appear to be the leading crops of the county with 419,987 acres devoted to hay crops, 91,226 to corn, and 7,195 to alfalfa.

**To California Post**—Dale Summers has reported at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Summers.

**Visit Chappell**—Mr. and Mrs. John Storjohann spent the weekend of May 13 visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newman, of Chappell.

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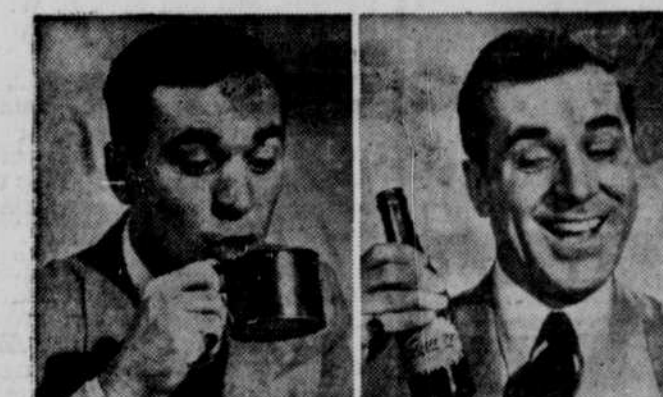
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