

# Upping Ag Income Topic of Meeting

### Fred O'Hair, Banker, Speaks Tonight in O'Neill

Holt county businessmen are joining in a meeting at O'Neill tonight (Thursday), at 8 o'clock to discuss the possibilities of increasing agricultural income of the area. The meeting is under the auspices of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, whose officers have invited merchants from other towns of the county to meet at the O'Neill school building and bring with them one or more farmer or rancher guests.

William McIntosh, vice-president of the O'Neill Chamber, will be in charge of the meeting. The president, D. D. DeBolt, is out of the city on vacation.

The meeting is intended to be informal in all respects, and to give all present an opportunity to voice their views. Fred O'Hair, executive director of the Nebraska Conservation Foundation, will present some of the opportunities for profit offered by the new techniques being developed by the university and manufacturers.

L. F. Bredemeier, district conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, will explain the assistance available through the local district to those land owners wishing information on soil and water management for maintaining and increasing organic matter and fertility on their land.

The O'Neill meeting is one of several which is being sponsored by business men, organizations and civic clubs throughout the state. Monday night the Spencer Community club held a similar meeting, attended by bankers and dealers from Butte, Bristow and Lynch, in addition to Spencer, and plans there are being formulated to launch a continuing program along the suggested lines in Boyd county.

Other meetings in this area are being held this week, and many Nebraska communities are already embarked on projects adaptable to their local conditions. A good attendance is expected at O'Neill.

### Over 10,000 People Expected at Neligh

Neligh's 29th annual July Fourth, celebration sponsored jointly by the Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, promises to be one of Nebraska's biggest Independence day events.

On the entertainment schedule are motorcycle races, a ball game, stage acts by Col. Wilbur's group, a big midway, dancing in the Riverside park pavilion July 3 and 4, and a big display of fireworks—in fact the biggest ever shown in Neligh.

The day's events will begin with motorcycle time trials at 11 a.m. on the Fourth and the fireworks display, which annually attracts upwards of 10,000 people, will begin at 9 p.m.

The motorcycle races, top attraction for the afternoon, are being held under the auspices of the American Motorcycle association and some 50 professional riders are expected to vie for the cash prizes.

### Hospital Head Is Appointed

Mother Mary Bertrand has been appointed superior-elect for St. Anthony's hospital, it has been announced by the Denver, Colo., provincial house of the Sisters of St. Francis.

Mother Bertrand is a former resident of O'Neill and a graduate of St. Mary's academy with the class of 1913.

Before taking her vows Mother Mary Bertrand's name was Miss Alice Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fleming, both deceased.

### Sgt. Langan Is Wounded in Korea

Sgt. Gerald J. Langan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Langan, of Spencer, who live on Eagle creek in northern Holt county, was wounded on June 11, according to a telegram received Friday by his parents from the department of the army.

Sergeant Langan was a marine during World War II. He is now in the army rangers and has been in Korea about 2 months. The telegram indicated the wound was not serious.

### Tour to Show Effect of Commercial Fertilizers

The Holt county crop improvement association will sponsor a tour to various farms in the county so interested persons may see fertilizers on grasses, grains and legumes. The tour will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, July 2, at the courthouse.

The farms to be visited are: the M. G. French farm, northwest of Page; the Rudy Bartak farm and the P. W. and Bob Summerer farm, south of Ewing; and the Clarence Ernst farm, the Kenneth LaRue farm, and the Frank Peters farm near O'Neill.

Mrs. Christina Muff and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cox, all of Norfolk, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Muff.



### DIES AT 28 . . . Funeral services for Miss Victoria Worth, 28, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Worth, were conducted Saturday, June 23, at the Assembly of God church. Miss Worth became ill at lunch on Tuesday, June 19, was rushed to Omaha in a semi-conscious condition, and died a few minutes after reaching the hospital. Survivors include her parents, 4 sisters, 2 brothers, Rev. Wayne Hall, church pastor, and Rev. F. E. Anderson of Springfield, officiated in burial rites.—The Frontier Engraving.

### H. W. GRUBB, 86, BURIAL TODAY

#### Retired Chambers Man Ill About 4 Months; Born in Missouri

CHAMBERS—Funeral services for Harvey Wade Grubb, 86-year-old retired Chambers man, will be conducted at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Methodist church in Chambers. Burial will be in the Chambers cemetery under direction of Biglin Bros. of O'Neill, with Rev. Lawrence McElheran, Baptist minister, officiating.

Mr. Grubb died at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 24, at his home where he had been ill about 4 months.

The late Mr. Grubb was born March 9, 1865, at Brimson, Mo., a son of Bolivar and Angeline Husten Grubb. On March 9, 1889, he married Gertrude Lenora Davis in Illinois. They came to Holt county in 1898 from Brimson and settled in the Chambers community.

Mrs. Grubb died 2 years ago. Survivors include: Sons—Charles, of Ely, Nev., and Donald, of Spokane, Wash.; daughters—Mrs. Grace Cooper, Mrs. Clarence (Cora Mabel) Wyant and Mrs. W. D. (Elizabeth) Reninger, all of Chambers; Mrs. Ned D. (Florence) Frady, of Chester, Calif., and Mrs. Roland (Gladys) Jackson, of Bremerton, Wash.

Pallbearers will be William Turner, Charles Grimes, Harlan Durkee, Glen Taylor, Glen Adams and William Ritterbusch, all of Chambers.

The body will be removed from the mortuary to the Grubb home early today.

### Lynch Resident 50 Years Dies

LYNCH—Funeral services for Frank Vomacka, sr., were held at Gregory, S.D., at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23. He passed away at the Gregory hospital Wednesday, June 20.

Mr. Vomacka was a pioneer resident of the Lynch community, having lived on a farm 3 miles northwest of Lynch for almost 50 years.

One year ago Mr. and Mrs. Vomacka retired from the farm and went to Gregory to live with their son, Frank, jr.

He had been in "poor health" for several years.

Survivors are: Widow; daughters—Mrs. Mamie Hlavka, of Gregory; Mrs. Helen Pesek, of Dallas, S.D.; Mrs. Anna Pesek, of Dallas, S.D.; Mrs. Martha Jelinek, pecky, of Spencer; Mrs. Ottilie of Winner, S.D.; Mrs. Agnes Kollam, of Gregory; sons—William, of Winner, S.D.; Frank, jr., of Gregory; Edwin, of Lynch; and Pvt. Ernest, of Ft. Sill, Okla.

### Naprstek Buys a Drug Store

Leaving today (Thursday) for Plainview are Mr. and Mrs. Wilmar Naprstek and daughters, Margaret, 2½, and Mary, 7-months-old.

Naprstek, who has been employed for 4½ years here, purchased the Kokra pharmacy at Plainview on June 18.

The Naprsteks will reside at Creighton, which is 13 miles from Plainview, until they can obtain living quarters at Plainview.

Completes 13½ Years in Navy—PAGE—Virgal B. Stevens, CSC, recently spent a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Stevens, and brothers, LaVern and Robert, of O'Neill. Virgil has spent 13½ years in the navy and has 6½ more years and he will be retired at the age of 38. He has spent all but about 2 years on the water. He is now on his way to Germany.

### YOUTH, 17, DIES FOLLOWING SWIM

#### Darrell Francis Johnson's Unexpected Death Ends Outing

A 17-year-old O'Neill farm youth, who had not enjoyed robust health since childhood, died unexpectedly about 6:30 p.m. Friday after bathing in the Niobrara river.

Darrell Francis Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Johnson, who live in the Phoenix community, was discovered dead in the rear of a pickup truck after an outing with neighbors.

A group including young Johnson, Robert Koch, Arthur Doty, Richard Doty, Alvin Johnson, (an uncle of the youth) and Virgil Johnson (a brother), had been boating and bathing in the Niobrara river between noon and 1:30 o'clock that afternoon.

The Johnson youth, who was unable to swim, did not penetrate into the river beyond knee depth. He nearly drowned a year ago. About 2:30 the group left the river and went to the Koch place.

Later they returned to the river side in the pickup to get a car which had been left there. Young Johnson rode alone in the rear and presumably was asleep. It was then discovered that he was dead.

The young man was born near O'Neill and spent his entire life on a farm here. His mother is the former Ethel Bausch.

Survivors include: Parents: brother—Virgil Dean, and sister—Darlene Carol, both of O'Neill; grandfather—Clyde O. Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, June 26, from the Methodist church in O'Neill. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery with Rev. V. R. Bell, church pastor, officiating and Biglin Bros. in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Arthur Doty, Earl Storchmann, Louis Storchmann, Edward Hood, Carl O'Neill and Don Bursell.

### Berigan to Conduct Band Concert

John Berigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Berigan, will conduct the Municipal band at the Saturday, June 30, concert at the bandstand.

The program: "The Star Spangled Banner," by Smith; "Sells - Floto Triumphant March," by King; "Vanguard of Democracy," by King; "Deep Purple," by De Rose; "Colonel Bogey," by Alford; "Largo from Xerxes," by Handel; "El Capitan," by Sousa; "The Toy Trumpet," by Scott; "Abide With Me," by Monk; "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite," by King.

### Road Projects in Area Will Be Let

Highway improvement projects on which the state department of roads and irrigation will take bids Thursday include:

- Ewing-Neligh—10.3 miles; armor coat.
- Royal - Plainview and Neligh north—7.3 miles; armor coat.
- Butte-Bristow and Butte north—13.8 miles; preparation of roadbeds, armor coat and bituminous mat.
- Stuart-O'Neill—12.3 miles; armor coat.
- Valentine-Thedford—4.5 miles; armor coat.
- O'Neill-Orchard—3.5 miles; armor coat.

### Bluegrass About Ready at Deloit

DELOIT—The bluegrass in this vicinity is about ready for harvest. Stripping has begun on some places.

### Arrive from Colorado

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bausch and Charlotte Kay and Thomas, of Denver, Colo., arrived Saturday to spend 2 weeks with her mother, Mrs. Edna Coyne.

### Return to Lexington

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Roe and son, of Lexington, returned on Tuesday after visiting the R. E. Chaney for 3 days.

Pfc. John Bohn, of Camp Carson, Colo., spent the weekend here.

### Mother Erica Returns to SMA

Mother M. Erica, mother provincial for the Order of St. Francis at Denver, Colo., for 12 years, will become superior at St. Mary's academy, replacing Mother M. Boniface, who has been transferred to the Immaculate Conception school at Rushville. Before taking her vows, Mother Erica was Miss Agnes Hughes, of Battle Creek.

Other changes and appointments for the Sisters of St. Francis, which were announced last week, are:

Mother M. Elma, the former Miss Josephine Vifquain, has been elected to the position of mother provincial at Denver, Colo. She is the second St. Marian to hold this office, the first being her predecessor, Mother Erica.

Mother M. Virginia, former St. Mary's superior, has been reappointed as superior at St. Agnes academy in Alliance. Before entering the order she was Miss Loree A. Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sullivan.

Sister M. Christiana has been chosen alternate delegate to the order chapter in Holland.

Mothers Erica, Elma and Virginia and Sister Christiana are graduates of St. Mary's academy.

### S. M. HUFFMAN, 65, STOCKMAN, DIES

#### Retired Holt - Wheeler Rancher Suffers Heart Attack

S. M. Huffman, 65, well-known cattleman in the Holt-Antelope and Wheeler county area, died about 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23, in a Tilden hospital. The death was very unexpected, relatives said, although on Thursday night Mr. Huffman suffered a heart attack at his home in Elgin.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, at the Episcopal church in Neligh. Burial was at Neligh.

The late Mr. Huffman was born at Neligh on July 1, 1886. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Madison B. Huffman.

For many years Mr. Huffman, a widely-known livestock man, resided on a ranch on the Holt-Wheeler county line, located 21 miles west of Elgin. Although living at Elgin he made almost daily trips to the ranch.

Survivors include: The widow; sons—M. B. Huffman, of Ewing, and Stanley Huffman, of Elgin; daughter—Mrs. William Henney, of Omaha; stepmother—Mrs. Mary J. Huffman, of Lincoln; brother—R. C. Huffman, of Elgin; sister—Mrs. R. M. Kryger, of Neligh.

The Masonic lodge conducted the graveside rites. The body lay in state Monday afternoon and evening at an Elgin mortuary.

Mr. Huffman was active in civic affairs and the Masonic lodge at Elgin. He was president of the board of education for many years, and had been a resident of the Elgin community for 40 years.

The late Mr. Huffman was a partner in the ranch firm of Huffman-Seymour and in recent years the ranch was owned by the Huffman corporation.

He was married to the former Zoe Mellor, of Wayne.

### McGlassons Entertain

Mrs. Wayne A. Davies and family, of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. W. E. McQuistan, of Bristow, were Thursday guests at the C. M. McGlasson home.



FANCY HEADDRESS . . . The Helping Hand project club, of Amelia, is one of the oldest clubs in the county. At a recent party each member wore a hat of her own design. Three fancy prize-winning numbers were exhibited by (left-to-right) Mrs. Blake Ott, Mrs. Ralph Rees and Mrs. B. W. Waldo. — The Frontier Engraving.

# Man, 30, Electrocuted; 'Q' Suffers Washout

#### Lineman Comes in Contact with High Voltage

Charles Tessier, 30, a Consumers Public Power district employee at Norfolk and husband of the former Marian Dempsey, of O'Neill, was electrocuted about 11 o'clock Monday night when he came in contact with a high voltage line while working with other Consumers employees in Norfolk.

He had just finished cutting off the end of a wire preparatory to installing a new wire when he walked against a "hot" wire. He was killed instantly.

Efforts of his companions to revive him were futile. Tessier went from O'Neill to Norfolk last fall. He had worked for Consumers here a short time. His widow is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dempsey, of O'Neill.

He is originally from Plainview and served for a time in the navy during World War II.

The body was removed to O'Neill late Tuesday.

Funeral services for Tessier will be conducted Friday, June 29, at 10 a.m., at the Methodist church with Rev. V. R. Bell, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Charles James Tessier was born March 17, 1920, at Plainview, a son of Roy L. and Ruby Nelson Tessier.

He married Marian Dempsey Spencer at Plattsmouth on June 23, 1943.

Survivors include: Widow; parents—Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Tessier, of Long Beach, Calif.; sister—Mrs. Gwen Creel, of Long Beach.

### Lions Seek More Sidewalks in City

A. E. Bowen, secretary of the O'Neill Lions club, this week has been circulating a petition among property owners asking the city to construct a considerable amount of sidewalk and do a limited amount of surveying.

The proposal wants the city to proceed with the work and give property owners an opportunity to pay the cost with assessments over a 5- to 10-year period.

Bowen said Wednesday some of the extensive property owners, whose property at present is not 100 percent sidewalked, already have signed the papers.

The Lions are urging as much sidewalk construction as possible to enable the forthcoming door-to-door mail delivery to be extended throughout the city.

The petition is being filed immediately and the council is expected to take action at the next meeting.

### Coyne Sisters Are Now in Switzerland

Misses Veronica and Mary Kathryn Coyne, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne, of O'Neill, this weekend will be visiting the Low Countries of Europe.

They landed at La Havre, toured Paris, visited the Biscayan coast and went to Madrid, Spain, which they left June 14. They were to spend 10 days in Italy and then proceed early this week to Switzerland.

### Butte Visitor

Miss Mavis Forsch went home to Butte for the weekend.

#### Deloit Woman, 87, Suffers Broken Hip

DELOIT—Mrs. Sarah Fuller, 87, fell Friday and suffered a broken hip and shoulder. Nine years ago she fell and broke the other hip in a similar manner.

Mrs. Fuller is being treated for the latest accident in the Tilden hospital.

Bandmaster's Mother Dies at Plainview—

Word was received in O'Neill Monday of the death of Mrs. George, mother of Ira George, former superintendent of the O'Neill public school.

Mrs. George died early Monday in Plainview. Funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial was at Carroll.

### HOLT PIONEER, 85, FATHER OF 12, DIES

#### Burial Rites Wednesday for E. J. Grenier; Burial in Calvary

Eugene Joseph Grenier, 85, of O'Neill, a Holt county resident since 1881, died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, June 25, here at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hattie Kindlund. He had been ill about 6 months.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning, June 27, at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiated and burial was in Calvary cemetery.

A rosary was offered Tuesday evening at Biglin Bros.

The late Mr. Grenier was born December 16, 1865, at Chankakee, Ill., a son of Eugene and Philamon Willet Grenier. His parents were French-Canadians.

He came to Holt county in 1881 from Illinois.

On January 29, 1888, at Clearwater he married Rosa Thildbault. They became the parents of 12 children—3 of whom are deceased.

Mrs. Grenier died in 1944. Survivors include: Sons—Frank, Max, Cecil, Vern and Byron, all of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Frank (Mary) Crippen, Mrs. Hattie Kindlund, Mrs. Lucille Donohoe, all of O'Neill, and Mrs. Edith Carter, of Kane, Wyo.

Pallbearers were Joe Gokis, sr., T. J. Donohoe, H. E. Coyne, For Knight, Oliver Hill and Matt Hynes.

### One of 3 Privates in Graduation Class

James R. Marne, of Ute, Ia., was one of 3 privates to graduate in a class of 230 from the air force personnel management school at Lackland air force base, San Antonio, Tex., on June 14.

Marne graduated from St. Mary's academy in 1947 and is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shriner, of O'Neill. He attended Iowa university at Iowa City, Ia., for 3 years and attended Morningside college at Sioux City for 1 semester before enlisting in the air force in January of this year.

Marne's situation was a little unusual in that a large portion of his graduating class at Lackland was composed of officers, even including several lieutenant colonels.

### Mrs. Chaney, 61, Burial at Atkinson

ATKINSON—Mrs. Susie May Chaney, 61, former resident of Atkinson and Bassett, died Monday, June 18, in a Los Angeles, Calif., suburb. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 27, at 2 p.m. in the Seger funeral home and burial was in Wood Lawn cemetery.

#### Burlington Hopes to Resume Traffic Today

Nature's violence asserted itself with hurricane winds, tornadoes, hail and floods in various sections of the midwest early this week.

The O'Neill region escaped serious damage but felt the effects. The Burlington railroad expects to have service restored on the Sioux City-O'Neill branch following a washout of 2,900 feet of track.

Monday evening about 7 o'clock the severest electrical storm of the season struck O'Neill, accompanied by high northwest winds and a heavy downpour. Rainfall during the hour-long storm amounted to 1.31 inches.

Storm sewers were burdened to capacity to carry the run-off.

Consumers Public Power district had several power interruptions here caused by falling trees in the Clearwater and Neligh vicinities. Service interruption here, however, was of short duration.

Clearwater was without power 9 hours.

Northwestern Bell Telephone company reported 14 long distance toll circuits were knocked out by lightning and falling trees. Four telephone poles could not withstand the high gale.

In several sections of the city water got into the phone cables and made a number of phones inoperative.

The Burlington railroad, which has forgotten its 6 weeks' traffic tieup during Operation Snowbound in 1949, was dealt another severe blow. About 2,900 feet of track between Waterbury and Jackson was washed out on Sunday, June 17.

By Monday of this week, when service was scheduled to be restored, a fresh storm created further washing.

Burlington officials expect a train to be run over the line to O'Neill today (Thursday).

The state highway department reported no serious bridge damage.

Saturday's westbound North Western mainline passenger-mail train ran about 7 hours late due to an engine failure at West Point.

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

	Hi	Lo	Mois.
June 20	69	50	
June 21	70	54	.16
June 22	75	55	
June 23	69	46	.52
June 24	77	64	
June 25	85	60	1.31
June 26	80	68	
Total			1.99

### Driver Dozes, Car Wrecked

James W. Gray, 25, an Omaha bartender, was driver of a west-bound car about 7 o'clock Tuesday morning that careened off U.S. highways 20-275, a quarter of a mile west of Imman, and was nearly demolished.

The investigating state safety patrol reported Gray had fallen asleep.

Both Gray and a passenger, Charles Hamer, 28, also of Omaha, were taken to the O'Neill hospital for treatment. Hamer suffered a cut across the head and a cut on his back. Both were immediately released.

AUTO HITS FENCE—An automobile owned by James Schneider, of O'Neill, left U.S. highway 20 and smashed into a stop sign and the Calvary cemetery fence near the new state highway department shed sometime Saturday night. The state highway patrol reported that Schneider would pay for restoring the sign and fence.

### July 4th Services At Fox Farm

Special 4th of July services will be held at the Charles W. Fox farm hall on Wednesday, July 4, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. There will be special music by the male quartet. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. William Beha and daughters, of Sioux Falls, S.D., arrived Friday to spend the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Beha, and other relatives.

Earl Reed, of Branson, Mo., was in O'Neill Monday on business and visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Henry Martin.