

THE FRONTIER

North-Nebraska's Fastest-Growing Newspaper

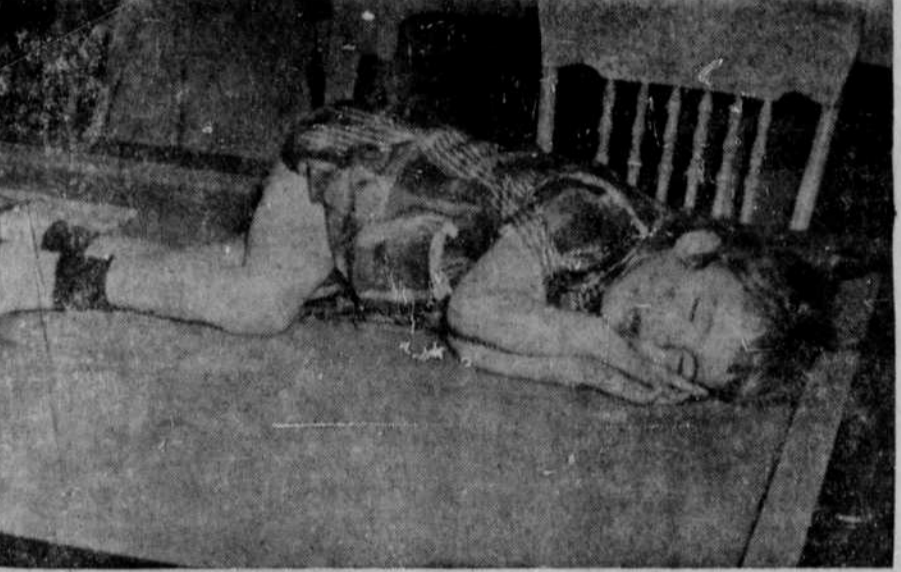
VOLUME 71.—NUMBER 28.

O'NEILL, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1951

PRICE: 7 CENTS



The William C. Kelleys . . . married 55 years . . . she wasn't equal physically for a celebration 5 years ago.—By John H. McCarville.



Granddaughter Ann Kelley, 4, naps on billiard table while celebration is in progress. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelley, of Inman.

200 Help Kelleys Mark 55th Wedding

(By a Staff Writer.)

INMAN—Everybody in the community was on hand Sunday, November 11, when Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kelley, longtime residents of Holt county, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Many from a distance came, too, including their 5 sons and 2 daughters.

It was a belated golden wedding, if you please. Five years ago the 50th anniversary celebration was waived because Mrs. Kelley's health was delicate and the sons and daughters were strewn from Alaska to Washington, D.C. Consequently, the 1946 affair was confined to a family dinner and attended by only a handful of their descendants.

Not so for the 55th. The spacious top floor of the Odd Fellows hall was strained to accommodate all the relatives and friends who came to pay their respects and to congratulate the Kelleys. More than 200 signed the guest register.

The Kelleys were seated in a corner of the big room where they received a parade of friends from 2 until 5 p.m.

The reception was preceded by a family dinner, posing for The Frontier's photographer, formalities of cake-cutting and admiring a carefully appointed room.

This was the day the Kelleys had long awaited—their day.

It was in 1896 Maysie Brumbaugh and William C. Kelley exchanged nuptial vows at the Brumbaugh home, 2 1/2 miles south and a half-mile west of Inman. The late Judge McCutchen, of O'Neill, performed the rites.

Mr. Kelley was born October 3, 1873, at DeWitt. He came to Inman in 1895—a young carpenter and bridge builder.

Mrs. Kelley was born September 23, 1877, at Couch, Ind., and had traveled to Nebraska with her parents as an infant—little more than a year old.

Her father, the late Elias Brumbaugh, homesteaded south of town and the 200-acre farm still is known as the old Brumbaugh place.

The couple met on September 23, 1895—they remember the exact date and hour—and little more than a year later the courtship culminated in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley spent about 2 years on the farm, moving then into Inman, where they have resided continuously. Their home is a little frame white house 3 blocks west of the flag pole. Nine children came along. The family never wanted for food or clothing, because Mr. Kelley was always a good breadwinner and Mrs. Kelley a good mother and manager. But the little house frequently bulged at the seams, (Continued on page 3.)

2 CARS COLLIDE

Two vehicles collided about 3 p.m., Saturday at the intersection of Sixth and Clay streets. Driver of the southbound car was Lawrence E. Dexter, of O'Neill; driver of the eastbound car was Mrs. Dorothy J. Slattery, of Middlebranch. No one was hurt.

Miss Nan Sullivan is expected home today (Thursday) to spend Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sullivan.

O. A. KILPATRICK, LONG ILL, DIES

Funeral Services Today for Retired O'Neill Cattle Buyer

Otis A. Kilpatrick, 72, O'Neill cattle buyer, died Tuesday morning, November 13, at Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch, where he had been a patient for several months. The late Mr. Kilpatrick had been ill for 11 months. Cause of death was given as a cerebral hemorrhage.

Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) at First Presbyterian church in O'Neill at 10 a.m. and burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery. Rev. H. K. Beers will officiate.

Pallbearers will be L. D. Putnam, H. L. Bennett, T. M. Harrington, Felix Hendricks, Guy Johnson and Austin Hynes.

The late Mr. Kilpatrick was born at Grant, Ia., on July 25, 1879. He was a son of John A. and Maria Kilpatrick. In February, 1902, he married Daisy Belle Heflin.

He came to Holt county in April, 1914, from Harlan, Ia. They became the parents of 1 son and 4 daughters.

Mrs. Kilpatrick died about a year ago.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Ray (Ruth) Hill, of Orchard; Mrs. Glenn (Esther) Tomlinson, of Spencer; Miss Arlene, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Ralph (Nadine) Voecks, of Omaha; son—Otis E., of Arlington, Va.; 6 brothers, 4 sisters and 8 grandchildren.

Reverend Beers, of Omaha, is a former pastor of First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Axtell Will Be 100 Next Week

STUART—November 24 Mrs. Joseph Axtell, brought to the midwest by her parents in 1866 for her health, will reach her 100th birthday anniversary.

The climate has been good for her. Her health is near-perfect, although her hearing and sight are only fair.

She was born in Lawrence county, New York, and brought to Waverly, Ia., when she was 15, the family considering this to be in the West. This trip was made by train, but 14 years later the family moved by covered wagon to Nebraska. The father drove one team, the daughter the other, traveling approximately 400 miles.

They settled in the Dustin community, north of Stuart. Then known as South Side, presumably because it was on the south side of the Niobrara river. They lived on a preemption which had been purchased and resided in an improvised log-sod house.

She was married in 1887. Mr. Axtell died in 1911 and in 1924 she and her daughter, Pearl, moved to their present home in Stuart.

Mr. Axtell specialized in putting down wells for pioneer settlers. A neighbor lady officiated at the birth of their only child, Pearl.

There were many hardships in the early days, Mrs. Axtell said. For a time she lived on a homestead with her tiny baby while her husband established residence on a claim near Brooksburg, in Keya Paha county. Each year she and her daughter lived there the required time, returning to Holt for the balance of the year.

In Keya Paha they lived in a sod house and burned cowchips for fuel.

"It seemed the last straw when hail took his entire crop at the claim," he said.

To help out, she made cheese during the summer months and butter during the winter. This she sold for a few cents a pound at near-by settlements. She also fashioned "stays" worn by the ladies of that day, selling nicer sets for as much as \$2. In later years she became an expert seamstress.

Indians were not very numerous, she said. But on one occasion 9 Indians suddenly appeared outside her door. They walked in quietly, sat down on the floor, had a good visit and left without trouble, she recalled. Usually they wanted something to eat.

For years Mrs. Axtell made candles for light and used a grease lamp when there wasn't fallow. Prairie fires were frequent and she has often battled flames until she was exhausted.

Mrs. Axtell is active in the Wesleyan Methodist missionary society, pieces quilts, helps with housework and takes an interest in what her friends are doing.



FIRE DESTROYS CAR AFTER MISHAP . . .

Two Atkinson men, Vern Claussen, 21, driver, and Floyd Osborne, 22, escaped serious injury when their 1940 passenger car (above) collided headon with a 1951 pickup driven by George E. Schindler, 45, of Bassett. The accident occurred about 645 p.m., Sunday on U.S. highway 20 near the gravel pit, between Stuart and Atkinson. Claussen's car overturned, caught afire, and was virtually destroyed. Claussen for a time was pinned in the wreckage, was freed by Osborne and Schindler before being burned. A battery short circuit and spilled gasoline caused the fire. Passersby took Claussen and Osborne to the Stuart hospital. Osborne suffered a long gash across the face and almost lost his nose. He was given a blood transfusion. Claussen received facial lacerations and suffered mostly from shock. Both were released from the hospital 2 days later. Schindler was taken to Atkinson by friends. The Stuart fire department was summoned to extinguish the blaze.

The city's yuletide decorations will be lighted at the same time as the unveiling. Individual firms will decorate a tree in front of each place of business, as well as windows, and the Chamber will sponsor the customary multicolor lighting in the streets.

GERMAN DOCTOR VISITS KIN HERE

Lady Biologist Doing Cancer Research at Chicago 'U'

Dr. Wilhelmine Rodewald, a charming, angular German lady who is in the U.S. on a temporary permit doing cancer research at the University of Chicago, spent the weekend with Holt county kin.

Doctor Rodewald, who came to the U.S. in August under the auspices of the American Association of University Women, reached O'Neill by rail. She wanted to greet a host of relatives whom she had never seen.

Her grandmother was the only member of a 19th century family that stayed behind. The others came to America, including the late Joseph and Ernest Stein, who were Holt county pioneers.

Thus, Doctor Rodewald is a second cousin of the present day Steins, Woidnecks, Schmidts, Karels and Elshires living in both Holt and Boyd counties.

Speaking a rather slow, precise English with a highly cultured accent, Doctor Rodewald appeared on Monday's "Voice of the Frontier" program (WJAG, 780 kc.), being interviewed by George Hammond.

She spoke of discovering certain medical reactions found in European frogs in connection with cancer research, and she was encouraged to show these findings at the Chicago cancer laboratory.

She amusingly told how American frogs differ somewhat from European frogs and as a result she was obliged to "change the whole method" in order to achieve her desired results, "but we succeeded."

"Very interesting progress in cancer research has been made in the last years," she explained, and she is quite confident that a cancer cure will be developed in our time.

Doctor Rodewald, a graduate of the University of Kiel, has

Elvin H. Coker, 55, Dies; Ill 6 Months

Elvin H. Coker, 55, well-known Holt countyman and operator of the Coker Lockers here since 1947, died about 8:15 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, at his home in O'Neill. He had been ill about 6 months and hospitalized a portion of that time.

Funeral arrangements were not completed Wednesday night. The body is at Biglin Bros.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Lewis, of O'Neill; James, of the army; daughters—Mrs. Robert Reitz, of Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. B. W. Hand, of Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. Robert Greenfield, of Stuart; and Mrs. Robert Matthews, of O'Neill.

The late Mr. Coker was born at Shelby, Ia. He came to Holt in 1918, residing for a number of years on a ranch south of Atkinson. Later for a few years he operated a locker plant at Stuart.



Dr. Wilhelmine Rodewald . . . cancer cure in our time?

attended international cancer congresses, including a recent one at Paris. She explained the incidence of cancer is far greater, for example, among certain native African tribes than among the peoples of Scandinavia.

She divided her time between Kiel, her home, and Berlin during World War II. In fleeing the German capitol ahead of the Russians, she said she walked about a hundred miles with all her belongings on her back.

Her entire effort in cancer research, until her trip to the U.S. on a 90-day permit, had been at Brackwede, Westphalia, in Western Germany.

She minimized communistic activities among Western Germans, explaining that so many Western Germans had seen the reds at first hand and there was little danger any would turn to

communism. She explained that Western Germans are getting plenty to eat, taxes are very high in financing reconstruction, and she is confident of the Bonn government.

People are living, she said, under constant fear of the red hordes from the east, and the danger is just as great now as ever.

The German visitor was pleasantly surprised with the excellence of American trains, particularly the mainliner she traveled first-class between New York City and Chicago.

Her title, doctor of philosophy in biology, qualifies her to teach in any European university.

She left O'Neill late Sunday, will stop-off again in Chicago before continuing on to New York and heading homeward.

Auxiliary Looks to Annual Bazaar

The regular meeting of the American Legion auxiliary was held on Wednesday, November 7. Mrs. Axel Borg presided. A financial report was given by the secretary on the Crowell-Collier publication credit from magazine sales.

The auxiliary plans to have a Christmas party at their next meeting with the exchange of gifts. No gift should exceed 50 cents in value.

Plans were discussed for the annual bazaar which will be held on December 1, and all members were asked to help in any way possible. It was voted to send a subscription of The Frontier and Holt County Independent to the Veterans' hospital in Grand Island.

The Frontier for printing.

Adams Auction Tops Calendar

The Leo T. Adams registered Aberdeen-Angus dispersion sale, to be held Saturday, November 17, at the Atkinson Livestock Market, tops The Frontier's sale calendar this week. Adams, a former Chambers banker, is now associated with Ernie Weller in the auction business.

Friday, November 16; R. E. Dunkelberger, who resides 2 1/2 miles north of Page and 3 miles west, will offer 31 head of cattle in his personal property closeout sale.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

LYNCH—Funeral services for Joe Chocholosek were held at Gregory, S.D., Monday, November 12. Both Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chocholosek lived in Lynch many years ago. Edwin V. macha attended the funeral.

UNVEIL YULE WINDOWS NOV. 28

Simultaneous Energizing of Lights Set for 7:30 P.M.

O'Neill business firms will stage a simultaneous unveiling of their yuletide show windows at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 28.

This was decided Monday evening at the quarterly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Seventeen were present.

Prizes will be awarded for best religious window and best commercial window; \$5 for first place in each division, \$2.50 for second.

At the same time 2 first prizes will be provided for best residential lighting. Douglas street will divide the city and out-of-town judges will pick north side and south side first and second place winners. Prizes will be \$5 for first; \$2.50 for second.

The city's yuletide decorations will be lighted at the same time as the unveiling. Individual firms will decorate a tree in front of each place of business, as well as windows, and the Chamber will sponsor the customary multicolor lighting in the streets.

Next meeting of the Chamber will be on Tuesday, February 2, when members will entertain wives and lady friends at a Valentine party.

At that time a vote will be taken to determine a uniform holiday observance schedule.

11 Report Today for Induction

Eleven Holt county selective service registrants will leave today (Thursday) for induction into the armed forces.

They are:

Raymond R. Revell, of O'Neill; Donald E. Murphy, of O'Neill; Charles W. Fauquier, of O'Neill; Donald D. Miner, of O'Neill; Harold L. Woepfel, of Ewing; Clarence F. Latzel, of Ewing; Joseph E. Miller, of Ewing; Frank D. Jauernig, of Stuart; Donald E. Raymer, of Atkinson; Harold Miller, of Atkinson; Raymond D. Dobias, of Atkinson.

Meanwhile, 14 registrants reported for preinduction physical examinations on November 8. Examined were:

Robert L. Retke, of Page; Richard H. Heiss, of Page; Dewaine H. Williamson, of Orchard; Don Jesse Clark, of Ewing; Joseph J. Skudlar, of Burwell; Harold Kopejka, of Inman; Donley E. Moss, of Stuart; Robert G. Fuller, of Stuart; Wendell J. Bahl, of Emmet; Robert B. Blackmore, of Atkinson; Richard W. Walton, of O'Neill; Otto R. Bartos, of O'Neill; Eldon and Elvin Dohnal, of O'Neill.

According to Mrs. W. H. Hartly chief clerk of the selective service board here, the county will furnish 8 men in the December call.

January call is expected to be heavy. Holt has not yet received its quota, but the state is expected to furnish 650.

TB Seals Will Be Mailed This Year

Christmas seals will reach you on or about November 19, according to Miss Bernadette Brennan, of O'Neill, Holt TB seal chairman.

Four thousand of these envelopes are now ready.

"If your supply fails to show up, write the Christmas seal chairman for them: Let's not sit and wring our hands and cry about tuberculosis. Do something constructive! Buy more Christmas seals! Use them on all cards and packages to prove to the recipients you are deeply charitable," Miss Brennan urged.

'Go to School' Theme of P-TA Meet

The Parent-Teachers' association held a meeting at the public school on Monday evening. It was "go to school" night with the parents having 15-minute classes in each school room with the respective teacher of the room in charge.

The first grade mothers and Mrs. Al Fritton served a lunch cafeteria style.

The table was appropriately decorated in the Thanksgiving theme. Mrs. Neil Clark and Mrs. D. E. Nelson are the room mothers.

Visit Hood Home

William Sholes, of Inman; Dean Hood, of Wisner; Miss Dolley Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Storchmann and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hood.