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ANOTHER DIPLOMA FOR DONNA MAE . . . Miss Donna Mae Fuhrer, 18 (above), well-known O'Neill polio victim, on Thursday, May 15, will receive her diploma during O'Neill high school commencement exercises. Miss Fuhrer, who received nationwide attention in 1947 when she graduated from the eighth grade, will have earned a high school diploma without having spent a day in high school. All of her studies have been by correspondence with the state department of education. A perfect examination paper recently netted for her a commendation note from the state department. Miss Fuhrer is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fuhrer. For several years the family resided two miles east of O'Neill on U.S. highways 20-275. Now they live on the Simmons farm, two miles southeast of O'Neill. A tape-recorded interview with Donna Mae, conducted by George Hammond, "Voice of The Frontier" announcer, will be broadcast on Saturday, May 10 (WJAG, 780 kc, 9:45 am.)

ILLNESS FORCES PASTOR TO RETIRE

Rev. V. R. Bell, 67, a Builder During 4 Years at O'Neill

Rev. V. R. Bell, 67, pastor of the Methodist church, O'Neill, will retire June 1. He and his wife will live at Sargent, where they own their own home.

Reverend Bell delivered his farewell message by tape recording Sunday, May 4.

He was stricken March 10, 1952, with a heart ailment after serving the O'Neill church for four years. Other pastorates which he has served are at St. Paul, Stuart, Sargent and Twin Falls, Ida.

Reverend and Mrs. Bell have three sons — Robert, of Grand Island; Rev. Joseph, of Nashville, Tenn.; and Franklin, of Torrington, Wyo.

When Reverend Bell came to O'Neill, the membership was relatively low. On the Sunday before he was stricken, a record attendance mark was established in the history of O'Neill's Methodist church, excepting Easter and special services.

Reverend Bell's retirement will become official at the annual Nebraska Methodist conference



CLASS OF 1952 . . . This is a preview of the O'Neill high school graduating class of 1952. These little men and women received their kindergarten diplomas at a "graduation" rite Friday evening. Supt. D. E. Nelson made the presentation. Mrs. Harry Petersen is the teacher. Left-to-right: Donald Hollenbeck, Donald Crook, Connie Sullivan (peeking through), Marlene Colfack, Cheryl Clyde, Verna Butterfield, Richard Brinkman, Michael Boyer, Arlene Barr, Lois Anderson, Marlene Alton, Gary Alton, Dennis Wells and Ronald Walton.

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Vic Halva Remembers Titanic

On a sunny day in April, 1912, Victor Halva, together with 2,223 other passengers and crew members, stood at the railing of the ship Titanic and enjoyed the antics of children below. The ship lay at anchor in Southampton Harbor, England, preparatory to its much-heralded maiden voyage.

Suddenly one of the spectators fell overboard. Immediately a sailor loosened a life preserver and threw it into the water and the drowning man was saved.

This impressed young Halva, who had boarded the ship for passage to America to escape 20 years of service in the army of Austria. He asked the sailor who had used the life preserver if there would be any need for one during the voyage to New York.

"Well," replied the sailor, "it's a handy thing to have around in case anything should happen."

Little did the youthful immigrant realize how valuable this experience would prove to be for him. He had never seen a life preserver before, and would not have known its use.

It was April 15. It had been a nice day at sea and an uneventful voyage. All was quiet. The night lookout in the crow's nest reported an iceberg ahead, but no concern was shown by the officer in charge.

Shortly after 11 p.m., says Mr. Halva, who is a longtime resident of O'Neill, there was a rending crash and he was knocked from his chair in the ship's lounge.

At first he did not realize what had happened. Nor did the other passengers. "A few in night clothes came on deck and thought a minor accident had occurred. Some went back to their beds," Mr. Halva remembers. "The men in the engine room knew differently. Lifeboats were being filled as an explosion roared. Officers with drawn pistols ordered only women and children into the boats."

Mr. Halva said, "The ship was tilting bow first and very shortly after the crash it began to sink. As the last two lifeboats were lowered there came a terrific explosion, and a real panic started.

"People started jumping into the water, and so did I," said Halva. "But I had first untied a

life preserver like the one used by the sailor back in Southampton. There was another explosion and the huge waves threw me against a floating piece of furniture. I saw several who were clinging to it let loose and sink.

"After about an hour in the water I saw a boat and swam toward it and was exhausted when I was pulled aboard. As the night passed cries for help could be heard from all sides—cries that were never answered."

"At about 5:45 o'clock in the morning," Halva recounts, "a ship was seen in the distance heading in our direction with all the lights brightly shining. It was the Carpathia.

"There has been 16 lifeboats and some had 65 persons in them. The Carpathia picked up 720 persons in all and landed them in New York in four days.

PHILLIP KEATING, ATKINSON, DIES

Ex - Banker and Retired Implement Dealer, Ill Long

ATKINSON—Phillip J. Keating, former banker and a retired Atkinson implement dealer, died early Saturday, May 3, in Atkinson Memorial hospital where he had been a patient. He had been ill many months.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m., Monday, May 5, in St. Joseph's Catholic church with Rev. R. J. Parr, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Survivors include: Widow — Carrie; sons—Robert and John, both of Atkinson; Patrick, who is studying for the priesthood in Kansas; daughter — the former Mary Ellen Keating, a Catholic nun at Beatrice; father—Frank M. Keating, of Atkinson.

Youthful Band Director Dies

ATKINSON—Arlen Haney, 25, band director here since last summer, died unexpectedly Friday, May 2, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. He had been a hospital patient two days.

Mr. Haney complained of a severe headache while teaching earlier in the week.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, May 5, at the Methodist church with Rev. E. G. Hughes, church pastor, officiating. The remains were forwarded to Viola, Ill., for burial.

Survivors include: Widow, mother, twin sister.



Mrs. Johnson . . . on same farm since 1881. (Story page 5.)

Mr. Halva was in the hospital for 3½ weeks as a result of the plunge in icy water and later exposure. He came to Boyd county immediately after being released from the hospital.

Later he settled in O'Neill, where he has operated an electrical repair shop for many years.

The sinking of the Titanic stands as one of the greatest sea tragedies of all time. The 40th anniversary of the fateful sinking was observed last month.

The maiden voyage had been heralded around the world. The ship's owners and captain were anxious to break a trans-Atlantic speed record and Mr. Halva thinks carelessness is to blame for the accident. Builders of the Titanic said she was unsinkable—a ship of all ships.

"Yes," Mr. Halva said, "except for that lesson in use of a life preserver, back in Southampton, I'd have been a dead duck."

Fishing (in Road) Good Enough

CHAMBERS — How's fishing down Chambers way?

Just one mile east of town on state highway 91 the followers of "Ike" Walton are catching them by virtually sitting in the car and throwing the line out of the window. Ed Wink was seen Sunday pulling out some mighty big bullheads as he stood along the roadside.

The word around here is: "What's the sense of going to the land of the thousand lakes when you can catch fish in any pond or ditch along the roadside?"

Besides, Holt county appears to have more than a thousand lakes.

The main topic of conversation these days is fishin'. And there's a variety of fish, too. Bullheads, sunfish, pickerel, pike, catfish, bass, and carp by the sackful. What more could one ask for?

And the fish are bitin'. Listen to this: Bill Rieck caught 75 bullheads and sunfish Sunday afternoon alone!

The oldtimers are beginning to wonder how long it will last. The way the fishermen and fisherwomen are turning out en masse it appears that the fish season will be outnumbered.

McCarthy Elected State K.C. Chief

George McCarthy, of O'Neill, was elected state deputy of the Nebraska council of the Knights of Columbus. The council met at North Platte Sunday and Monday, May 4 and 5.

Mr. McCarthy moved up from the state secretary position. He succeeds Cyril P. Shaughnessy, of St. Paul.

Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Francis Gill accompanied Mr. McCarthy to North Platte for the meeting.

Rev. Thomas S. Bowden, professor of education at Creighton university, Omaha, addressed the 275 persons attending the state dinner. Shaughnessy was toastmaster. Bishop John L. Paschang, of the Grand Island diocese, gave the invocation.

WEEK'S WEATHER SUMMARY

The weather summary for the past seven days follows, based on 24-hour periods ending at 5 p.m., daily:

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
May 1	77	52	.07
May 2	82	54	.11
May 3	85	56	
May 4	91	58	
May 5	82	53	.02
May 6	73	45	
May 7	70	47	.50
Total			.70

Hardluck 'Burl' Back in Business

The Burlington railroad was back in business Friday after an enforced shutdown imposed by the mighty Missouri river.

Flood waters in the vicinity of Crystal Lake, near South Sioux City, halted traffic on Saturday, April 12. An eastbound freight train from O'Neill reached Ferry Junction that night. Because of the historic flood in the Missouri valley, traffic could not be resumed along the O'Neill branch until Friday, May 2.

Washing of the road bed between Lekeston and Ferry Junction, the eastern terminal, caused the trouble. Holes were to be found in the road bed large enough to accommodate a box car. Approximately five miles of road bed had to be rebuilt before traffic could be resumed.

When rail officials learned that a big job of repair lay ahead, the agents in the towns along the route were told to "take-off on their vacations."

Whereupon the O'Neill agent, G. W. Squires and his wife departed for Great Falls, Mont., where they visited their daughter, Mrs. C. Richard Coder, and family until April 24. They returned to O'Neill, found the line would be tied up still another week or so and then went to Omaha.

The first post-flood train reached O'Neill late Friday and the first post-flood train to be dispatched from O'Neill left Saturday morning. Agent Squires promptly announced: "Business is good."

He was quite correct. A backlog of shipments had piled up and the three-weekly incoming trains were straining to catch up.

It was the "Burl" that experienced heavy losses during the Recurring Blizzards of 1948-'49. A steam locomotive pushing a wedge-type snowplow left the track while bucking a giant drift several miles east of here. Traffic to O'Neill was suspended almost six weeks before the line could be reopened for through traffic.

NAME 10 MEN TO FILL MAY QUOTA

Selective Service Group Will Report May 14 for Induction

Ten Holt county selective service registrants have been ordered to report for induction on Wednesday, May 14.

They are:

David L. Durre, of Ewing; Vincent L. Rotherham, of Ewing; Ralph E. Kramer, of Stuart; Clifford E. Clemens, of Amelia; Harold F. Spinar, of Redbird; Dickie Jr. Fernau, of Redbird; Donald P. Schaaf, of Atkinson; Ivan D. Roth, of Atkinson; Harmon M. Grunke, of O'Neill; Dean A. Van Every, of O'Neill.

Meanwhile, 25 men have been ordered to report for preinduction physical examinations on Monday, May 12.

Included in this group, according to Mrs. W. H. Hartly, of O'Neill, chief clerk of the draft board, are:

James Sicheneder, Bernard D. Janzing and Robert C. Lemmer, all of Atkinson; Daryl M. Beckwith, of Emmet; Donald H. DeGroff, Dean H. Prewitt and John N. Kamphaus, all of Amelia.

Lewis G. Latzel, John D. McClenahan and Freddie S. Bollwitt, all of Ewing; Norman K. Trowbridge and Richard F. McIntosh, both of Page.

Leo L. Radcliff, John K. Tielke, Alfred E. Stracke, Francis J. Clark II and Joseph Walnofer, all of Stuart; Richard G. Read and Robert J. Koci, both of Chambers.

Clyde A. Wabs and Loren G. Whetham, both of Spencer; Johnny C. Boham, Larry J. Hopkins, Mervyn E. Asher II, George E. McCarthy, William K. Shaw, Robert E. McNichols, Otto R. Bartos and Patrick E. Hickey, all of O'Neill.

Dynamite Caps Stolen; Create Stir

About four hundred dynamite caps were stolen Sunday afternoon or evening from a truck parked near the Foree Tire & Supply company in West O'Neill. These were dynamite caps that had been used in REA construction for clearing right-of-ways.

"Six or seven boys ranging in age from eight to 13-years-old are under investigation in connection with the theft," according to Holt Sheriff Leo S. Tomjack.

These caps got into the hands of a number of O'Neill public and St. Mary's academy school boys Monday and Tuesday, and authorities were concerned that some one might be permanently injured. Some of the boys had the mistaken idea they could be played with like firecrackers.

Sheriff Tomjack said Wednesday most of the unspent dynamite caps have been recovered. They were found in obscure places in the class rooms, culverts and in some homes.

No one has been injured, according to the sheriff's office and city police who cooperated in recovering the caps.

Infant Drowns in Stock Tank

Horse Leads Father to Scene of Tragedy; Rites Today

Thomas Leroy Slattery, jr., 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Slattery, drowned at 10 a.m. Monday, May 5.

The tragedy occurred at the Slattery home, 21 miles northeast of O'Neill, located on L. D. Putnam's Mule Shoe ranch. The young father had been talking to his son immediately before he went to get his tractor. He had been gone about 10 minutes when he missed the child and noticed that the gate was opened to where the water tank was located. A riding horse was acting peculiarly, the father noted. He followed the horse to the watering tank and there found the little boy. Efforts to revive the boy were futile.

Dr. E. J. Bild, of Page, was summoned.

Thomas Slattery, jr., was born October 27, 1950.

Survivors include: Parents, sister—Marsha, 5-years-old.

The funeral rites will be held today (Thursday) at the Biglin funeral chapel where there will be a short prayer service at 1:30 p.m. and at the Bassett Methodist church at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Hicks, of Bassett, will be in charge.

Burial will be in the Bassett cemetery.

Friendly Doe Delights Pupils

AMELIA—It was a memorable day Wednesday, May 7, in the Inez school district, 20 miles south of Atkinson, for the teacher, Miss Norma Anderson, and her eight pupils.

A friendly deer dropped in about noon and frolicked in the yard during the lunch hour. The deer—a full-grown doe—evidenced fondness for apples and petting but disliked salt and boisterous play.

After Miss Anderson reassembled her brood for the afternoon classes, Mrs. Deer decided to enter the school room. The visitor marched up to the teacher's desk, nibbled the flowers, ate orange peels out of the coal pail and delighted the youngsters for half an hour.

At recess time the deer went for more play. This time, however, she didn't file back into the school room with the children but disappeared over the hills into the west.

ESCAPES INJURY

EMMETT—Miss Maureen Murphy escaped serious injury Friday afternoon at Amelia while she was driving a motor bike belonging to Donnie Atkinson, of Chambers.

The motor bike, going out of control, ran through a ditch into a barbed wire fence and a group of willow trees.

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City's Schools to Graduate 77

42 O'Neill High Seniors Will Hear Former Superintendent

Graduation exercises will be held Thursday, May 15, for 42 O'Neill high school seniors. Members of the class are:

Joelwyn Backhaus, Clayton Baumeister, Dale Bellin, Barbara Bennett, John Bowen, Eddie Bridges, Virginia Burrell, Don Calkins, Russell Closson, Betty Calkley, Paul Fetrow, Don Godel, Veldon Godel, Mary Graham, Ardis Grenier, Donald Hagensick, Phyllis Harmon, Carolyn Hiatt, Clarence Johnson, Harold Johnson, Linda Johnson, Robert Knepper, Gordon Lorenz, Diane McAdams, Jay McConnell, Bruce McElhanev, Jim McKennv, Wilma McKim, Marlene Malcom, Bill Malloy, Arnold Miller, Melvin Miller, Lois Murray, Beverly Norman, Verle Ralya, Gene Seger, Donna Stowell, Dale Strong, Eddie Tomlinson, Ramona Wayman, Junior Worth, Helen Young.

Class officers are: Eddie Bridges, president; Joelwyn Backhaus, vice-president; Donna Stowell, secretary; Clarence Johnson, treasurer; Joelwyn Backhaus, class reporter.

Ira George, of Omaha, superintendent of the O'Neill school at the time this class entered kindergarten, Mr. George headed the school for 12 of the 13 years many of the class were in school.

Rural Choruses to Sing at Promotion

Holt county eighth graders will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 12, on the steps of the county courthouse in O'Neill where a picture will be taken.

At 2 p.m. they will meet in the O'Neill high school auditorium for graduation exercises. A two piano procession will be played.

Diplomas will be presented by Miss Alice French, county superintendent of public instruction.

The rural school choruses will sing.

The first group, including beginners, first, second and third graders, will sing "Three Little Kittens," "Daddy's Little Cowboy," "Peter Cottontail" and "Teddy Bear's Picnic." They will be directed by Mrs. Etha Walters, of Chambers.

The second group, which will include pupils in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades, will be heard in "I Love Little Willie" and "Home on the Range." They will be directed by G. Welch, music director, Norfolk junior college and Norfolk high school.

The eighth graders, also under Mr. Welch, will sing "Down in the Valley," "Skip to My Lou" and "Cindy."

DELOIT—Mrs. Cratty displayed her collection of over 23,000 buttons at the hobby show held in Neligh Wednesday, April 30.

Shirley Leahy Wins Top Honors at St. Mary's Father Burke to Speak

Baccalaureate and commencement exercises for 35 St. Mary's academy seniors will be held Thursday, May 29. Rev. Peter Burke, of St. Peter's Catholic church, Ewing, will deliver the sermon. Class roll:

Christine Baum, Donovan Becker, Lavonne Boham, Elaine Boyle, M. Lois Cavanaugh, Joan Backer, Tom Donlin, Donald Coash, Mina Connot, James DeDonohoe, Dorothy Donohoe, Jean Fahrenholz, Donald Graham, Robert Hynes, Jerry Howard, Shirley Jardine, James Kelly, Shirley Leahy, Carolyn Lee, Maureen Mahoney, Bernard Mohr, Suzanne Moss, Patricia Mullen, Henry Murphy, Rose Anne Schaffer, Mary Schmitz, Joann Smith, Mary Ellen Steele, Geraldine Thiele, Joanne Thoenel, Winnie Vandernick, Donald Vinton, Mary Frances Vitt, Sharon Wagon.

High class averages were attained by Bernard Mohr, Christine Baum and Shirley Leahy, first, second and third, respectively.

Miss Leahy has been chosen valedictorian, being the only one of the three with a high average who has attended the academy for four years.

The class officers are: Bernard Mohr, president; Maureen Mahoney, vice-president; Winnie Vandernick, secretary; James DeBacker, treasurer.