

## 2,500 Barbequed Sandwiches Served

### Marcia Gibson Wins Festival Crown

EWING—The village of Ewing held its first annual bluegrass festival on Saturday, June 21. Fair skies prevailed following previous showers. The crowd began to gather early in the day.

The band concert by the Ewing and Chambers school band under the direction of Gerald Chalupa launched the festival. This was followed by the barbeque on the shaded lawn east of the city hall. Arnold Beckman of Axtel prepared 650 pounds of Nebraska beef. He was assisted by Durward Loughrey, operator of the Graft locker system. The Commercial club, assisted by several ladies of the community, served 2,500 barbequed sandwiches in a period of two hours. Boy Scout troop 181 served ice cold pop.

In the afternoon softball game, Slick's Sluggers defeated Shorty's Snorters by 5-4. It was tied up going into the last half of the fifth inning and Chalupa smacked a double and Ray Neius cracked one over short for a hit and scored Chalupa to win the game.

In the Orchard-Ewing game that followed, seven innings were played. Mention should be given to a couple of young Legion ball hawks from Orchard, Ronnie Parks and Cliff Erb. They showed Ewing some good teamwork.

Ewing scored early in the game by getting two runs in the second inning. Game ended with a score of 4-5 in favor of Ewing.

Other entertainment was the Thomas carnival on Main street with its various rides and shows. The strolling clown and traffic cop, James Cogwell, was a busy fellow fulfilling his part of the amusement plan. The main feature of the festival was the coronation of the bluegrass queen and king who were chosen by popular vote. Casting of votes ended at 8 o'clock. About 8:45 p.m. on the WNAW show, which was in progress at Summerland, John Walker, publicity manager for the Commercial club, announced Miss Marcia Gibson as queen with Bernadine Sanders a close second and followed by Yvonne Mlnarik. Keith Bartak was revealed as king, winning by a small margin over Harold Bennett and Nick Sojka.

Mr. Walker then crowned the king and queen with golden jeweled crowns. Cheers arose from the crowd. The ceremony was broadcast over WNAW. On completion of the show, the WNAW Bohemian band played for the dance which followed.

#### Other Ewing News

On Monday Carlyle Strong returned to his home in O'Neill after spending a week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kirschmier, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rockey and son, Vernon, and daughter, Mrs. Mary Marie MacNeill, drove to Herrick, S.D., to spend the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stanton, sr. Other guests present were the Stantons' daughter, Mrs. George Throne, and daughter of Sioux Falls, S.D., and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Stanton, jr., and family of Bristol, S.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cary and daughter, Leola and Nila, spent Sunday at Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Gunter and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Verle Gunter and family were guests on Monday evening, June 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Klein and family at Royal.

John Vandernick and daughter, Patricia, returned home on Sunday. Mr. Vandernick spent the past week at the home of his son, Roy Vandernick, at Atkinson. Miss Vandernick accompanied her brother, Roy, and family on a vacation trip to Montana to visit at the home of relatives.

Mrs. L. P. Dierks made a business trip to Omaha on Tuesday, returning home the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lohmiller and daughters of Phoenix, Ariz., who have been visiting relatives

in Chicago, Ill., arrived in Ewing on Friday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Robert Cutler and son, Bobbie, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. All are guests at the home of Mrs. Lohmiller's and Mrs. Cutler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vandernick.

Mrs. Hugh Nini of Oklahoma City, Okla., writes her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sturbaum, that while doing her household duties one day last week, she turned on the television set to enjoy the Danny Williams program. A familiar face appeared on the screen which proved to be Mrs. Grace Briggs of Ewing, who was being interviewed by Danny Williams, telling the story of her life and then was granted the favor of calling anyone by telephone in the United States. Mrs. Briggs called her daughter, Mrs. Thomas King, who resides in a suburb of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Briggs is visiting at the home of her son at Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Mayme Housh of Neligh attended the blue grass festival here on Saturday.

Bob Pruden was the guest-of-honor at a dinner party on Sunday at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Larson, the occasion being his 18th birthday anniversary. Other guests were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pruden, his sister, Miss Fern, and brothers, Jack and James H. Pruden, and Miss Patricia Mullen of O'Neill.

J. L. Pruden, accompanied by his daughter, Fern, spent Friday at Chamberlain, S.D., where they visited at the P. B. Cooper home. Miss Joyce Cooper came home with them for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beckman of Elgin were guests on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Archer. They also attended the blue grass festival and barbeque.

Louis Miller of Lincoln was a recent guest at the John Archer home. Mr. and Mrs. Archer and Mr. Miller were guests at the Will Zimmerman home also for a six o'clock dinner.

The Pinochle club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Leta Hintz on Thursday evening. Score winners were Mrs. John Vandernick and Mrs. Earl Billings. Four guests were Mrs. Agnes Bartak, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Earl Billings and Mrs. John Vandernick. The hostess served refreshments after the games.

Miss Doris Ann Spahn was a weekend guest of Miss Bonnie Jo Jefferies.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright had as their guests on Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finlay and family who live near Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Verge Cratty of Clearwater spent Wednesday, June 18, at the George Jefferies home.

John Hays of Bancroft came Thursday to visit Merton Dierks at the parental home in Ewing. Both are students at the University of Nebraska. The gentlemen went to Grand Island on Saturday where they were ushers at the wedding of a college friend. Miss Mary Alys Dierks accompanied them as far as Grand Island where she continued on her way to Scottsbluff to visit at the home of Miss Jackie Thurman for two weeks. The girls became friends while attending girls' state two years ago at Lincoln.

Guests at the Duane Jensen home on Saturday and also attending the blue grass festival here Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fry and family, all of Ewing.

Mrs. Louis Jefferies of Winnetka, S.D., was a guest at the home of her step-son, George Jefferies, and family on Thursday.

Mrs. George Jefferies and Bonnie Jo, Mrs. Wilma Daniels and daughter, Vera Dell, transacted business in O'Neill on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winings and son, Gerald Wayne, of Atkinson were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cary and daughters on Tuesday, June 17. Mrs. Winings and baby were enroute home from a Norfolk hospital.

Irwin Robertson of Hayward, Calif., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis, and Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Louise Beal, was a weekend guest at their home.



Itinerant bluegrass workers—the Schwartz family: Ed, Mrs. Ed Schwartz, Cash and Orville. They came to O'Neill from Murdock, made 200-mile trip in two weeks with horses and wagon, carried own goat (not arrow). Their principal job was to strip bluegrass along Burlington right-of-way in places inaccessible to machines. Horses have been used to drag strippers in many low places.—The Frontier Photo.

## Garden Clubbers Tour Lions Den

By MRS. LOA HUBBARD, Pres. Beautiful Valley Garden Club CHAMBERS — On Tuesday, June 17, 22 members of the Beautiful Valley and Chambers Garden clubs drove to Norfolk where they were entertained for the day by My Own Garden club of Norfolk.

Enroute the group stopped in Neligh for a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jackson. Mrs. Jackson conducted us around their beautifully planted back yard garden. The large elms and wide lawns bordered with select plantings make this an entrancing summer retreat. Of special interest to our group was the rose garden where, in spite of the heat and drought, the blooms were abundant.

Reaching Norfolk, we proceeded to Ta-Ha-Zouka park where My Own club had reserved the large shelterhouse for our picnic dinner. This cool spacious building with its tables, chairs and modern conveniences is an ideal place for a gathering.

Among the club officers present were: Mrs. R. G. Goodell, second state vice-president; Mrs. Merle Lumadue, fourth district director, and first assistant leader, Francis Kranpeln, all of Norfolk; Mrs. Tillie Walters of Chambers, sixth district director; Mrs. A. J. Dagendorfer and Dorothy Rinck with other My Own members helped conduct our tour.

After the "get-acquainted" lunch hour we drove along the park drives past the zoo and the miniature railroad. Leaving the park our first stop was the Norfolk Nursery where

the manager, Mrs. Gibbs, took over and gave us free access to the greenhouses with their myriads of plants and blooms. As a memento of our visit, Mrs. Gibbs presented each of us with a potted plant of our own choice. An outstanding feature of the Norfolk Nursery is the giant elm tree, which umbrellas the entire back yard and driveway.

Following our leaders we then drove to the state hospital to view the grounds and buildings. The second largest building in Nebraska is now under construction there. Their large fields of corn and potatoes appeared in very good condition. The potatoes are now being watered with overhead sprinklers.

Our schedule next called for a visit to the home acres of Dr. Verges where we were allowed to roam at will through the wooded grounds. Following a wade-stone path we came upon a fountain-fed pool, jeweled with goldfish, a rockery with hundreds of plantings, and a rock walled fern bed. The large patio was scaped with many rare tropical plants collected by the doctor from foreign countries.

A steep path down a winding ravine led to the lion's den, a rock retreat cut deep in a hillside. Entering we gasped at the coolness in such contrast to the hot outside air.

Judging from the long banquet tables, chairs, convenient kitchen, lights and other comforts in this lion's club den, we decided this one appreciation of My Own club's hospitality and good fellowship. We hope to renew our acquaintance when they visit us July 8.

### Church Group Fetes Steve Shavlik, Wife

CHAMBERS—About 70 relatives and friends gathered in the parlors of the Methodist church Sunday, June 15, following the morning worship service for a fellowship dinner.

The occasion was a surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shavlik in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

A program in charge of Mrs. Keith Sexton and Mrs. Darrell Gillette was presented. The theme of the program was "Roses."

An appropriate reading and song was given which depicted an important phase of their life. Following each a rose was placed in a vase. Others participating were Mrs. Kenneth Adams, Mrs. Art Miller, Mrs. Lee Mitchell, Mrs. Ardith Robertson, Kathryn Newhouse, Mrs. Glen Adams and Mrs. H. W. Hubbard.

Other Chambers news attending a family reunion at the E. H. Medcalf home Sunday, June 15, were Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Avard and Patty and Mr. and Mrs. Don Medcalf and sons, all of Ainsworth; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Medcalf and family of Clearwater; James Medcalf of Royal; Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey and Floyd of Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Winchell and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Medcalf and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and sons, all of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hofacker and children of Oakdale; Alva Winchell of Hastings; Max Medcalf of Shreveport, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Medcalf and children of Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Miller and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Medcalf of Chambers.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met Thursday, June 12, at the home of Mrs. E. R. Carpenter.

**WEDDING DANCE**  
CRYSTAL BALLROOM  
ATKINSON  
Saturday, June 28  
Shirley Steskal  
Frank Schultz

### Days Gone By

CHAMBERS — Happy Homemakers club held a "days gone by" party at the Methodist church parlors on Friday afternoon, June 13. The members and guests enjoyed looking at photos of the club members when they were babies and of their mothers and guests when they were young. Many fine exhibits of handiwork, clothing, dishes, silver and china were displayed. Some of the articles were as much as 150 years old. Mrs. John Alderson was in charge of the decorations. Mrs. Harlan Dierking had charge of the guest book.

The program carried out the "days gone by" theme by a clever program featuring the clock and mother and several different styles of hats which were worn many years ago. The welcome was given by the club president, Mrs. Bernard Hoffman, who also furnished piano music for the program. Others taking part were Mrs. Elwyn Robertson, Mrs. Bayne Grubb, Mrs. Gordon Farley and Mrs. Max Farrier. Mrs. Gordon Harley was the program chairman.

A summer lunch of ice cream and strawberries, cake, mints and iced tea was served. The favors were little old-fashioned ladies. Mrs. Frank Spath was chairman of the refreshment committee.

### INMAN NEWS

The Anniversary club surprised Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gannon on their anniversary Monday evening at their home. Cards furnished the entertainment. The honored couple received a gift from the club and lunch was served at the close of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gannon took their nephew, Jimmy Baier, to his home in Wayne Sunday and then went on to Walthill where they attended the horse races.

Joe Coon spent Tuesday in Beemer on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith and daughter, Susan Kay, of Neligh spent Monday evening in the homes of Mrs. Anna Smith and Mr. and Mrs. John Mattson.

### Witness Practice Judging

A large group of Holt countyans attended a 4-H club practice judging day at Bassett on Friday, June 20. Those who attended included: Mrs. Helen Kreyborg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Neil Daves, Mrs. Guy Hull and daughter, Mrs. Robert Tams and daughter, Mrs. Ralph Beckwith, Mrs. Blaine Garwood and family, Mrs. LeRoy Holcomb and family.

## 6c Is Going Price for '52 Bluegrass

Varied reports have been circulating concerning the bluegrass crop. From one comes the information that the yield is better than last year while another finds that there is less of it.

At the United Seeds, Inc., curing grounds, yard foreman, Frank Shefl of O'Neill said, "We don't have as much as last year, but it is as good if not better in quality than last year. There is some seed that is burned from the hot sun and winds."

One of the reasons for less seed being brought in is the fact that much of the bluegrass was under water last summer and this spring. This has in many places killed the grass entirely, especially south of the Elkhorn river.

The Don Lyons bluegrass yards reported an increase in volume over last year. Mr. Lyons said that the facilities had been expanded and they are equipped to take care of more seed.

He said he gambled on this year's crop in expanding his facilities and the hunch has paid off.

The south country didn't look too good so he turned his attention to the north. The bluegrass turned out to be better and more of it there.

From the Deloit community comes the report that some bluegrass was stripped, but that it did not amount to as much as last year.

The yield in the Chambers territory has fallen off considerably from what it was last year. A lot of it has been drowned out, and in many places a kind of marsh grass has crowded it out.

Hot dry winds early in the month beat out much of the seed while the crop still was in the field.

The drying is much less of a job this year than usual because of the winds and accordingly the shrinkage appears to be less than usual.

Generally the bluegrass yield is better than expected in the northern portion of Holt county and the yield has dropped sharply in the southern section.

Prevailing price is six cents or six and one-half cents delivered. This contrasts with eight to 10 cents per pound liberally quoted before the harvest began.

Friday and Saturday were peak days in the bluegrass industry. There have been numerous groups of itinerant bluegrass workers in the territory, some of whom brought their own horses for working the lowlands.

### Complete in True. False Test—

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mary Lou Butts. A true-false test was given on the lesson. Eight members were present.

The next meeting on "Along Nebraska Pioneer Trails," to be given by Loraine Haake, will be held at Mrs. Louanne Helligas's on July 18.

Mrs. Mary Lou Butts received the door prize. A lunch of sandwiches, cake, ice cream and coffee was served by the hostesses.



Mrs. Theodore J. Loukota, the former Miss Dena Ellen Knight... weds in church rite at Lynch.—O'Neill Photo Co.

### Dena Ellen Knight Becomes a Bride

On Friday, June 20, at 10 a.m., Miss Dena Ellen Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fora L. Knight of O'Neill, became the bride of Theodore J. Loukota, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Loukota of Gross.

Rev. John J. Wiczorek performed the double-ring ceremony in the rectory at Lynch.

The bride appeared in a floor-length gown of French lace over satin. The dress featured scalloped cap sleeves and a scalloped under yoke of satin, dropping to form a low neckline in front and also in back. The back of the dress was accented by tiny covered buttons beginning at the scalloped peter pan collar and ending at the pointed waistline.

The gored skirt was very full. Her fingertip veil of nylon net was held in place by a Juliet cap. She wore matching lace mitts and carried an arm bouquet of red roses. She wore her mother's pearl necklace and earrings which were part of the traditional scheme of something old and something new.

Miss Jane Parks of Page, a friend of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a ballerina length gown of orchid frosted organza over matching taffeta. The gown was fashioned with a scalloped yoke, a Peter Pan collar and cap sleeves. The skirt was very full. Her shoulder length veil of nylon net was also held in place by a Juliet cap. She wore matching mitts and carried an arm bouquet of white roses.

The bridegroom wore a dark blue suit. He was attended by his brother, Robert, who wore a tan suit. Both wore white carnation boutonnières.

A reception for about 35 guests was held at the home of the bride's parents at 2 p.m. Bouquets of garden flowers decorated

ated the room and the bride's table. They were furnished by Mrs. Herman Cook of Chambers. The bride's table also included the three-tier cake topped by a miniature bride and bridegroom and decorated in yellow.

The bride's mother wore a sheer pink dress with a floral design. The bridegroom's mother wore a beige suit. Both wore white rose corsages.

Miss Lee Cortas of O'Neill had charge of the guest book and the gifts. She also wore a white rose corsage.

Mrs. Allen Knight of Ewing and Mrs. Louis Bartos and Mrs. Freeman Knight, both of O'Neill, served.

Out-of-town guests were: Glen Knight of Park Rapids, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kudara of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jutte and Mrs. Walter Martin, all of Chambers; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lavigne of Grass Valley, Calif.; Vicki Lee Christensen of North Platte; Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Knight of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Loukota, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Loukota, Jr., all of Gross; Rev. J. F. Wiczorek of Lynch; Marilyn Varilek and Jim Hytrek, both of Stuart; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Trowbridge of Page and Jim Bartak of Middlebranch.

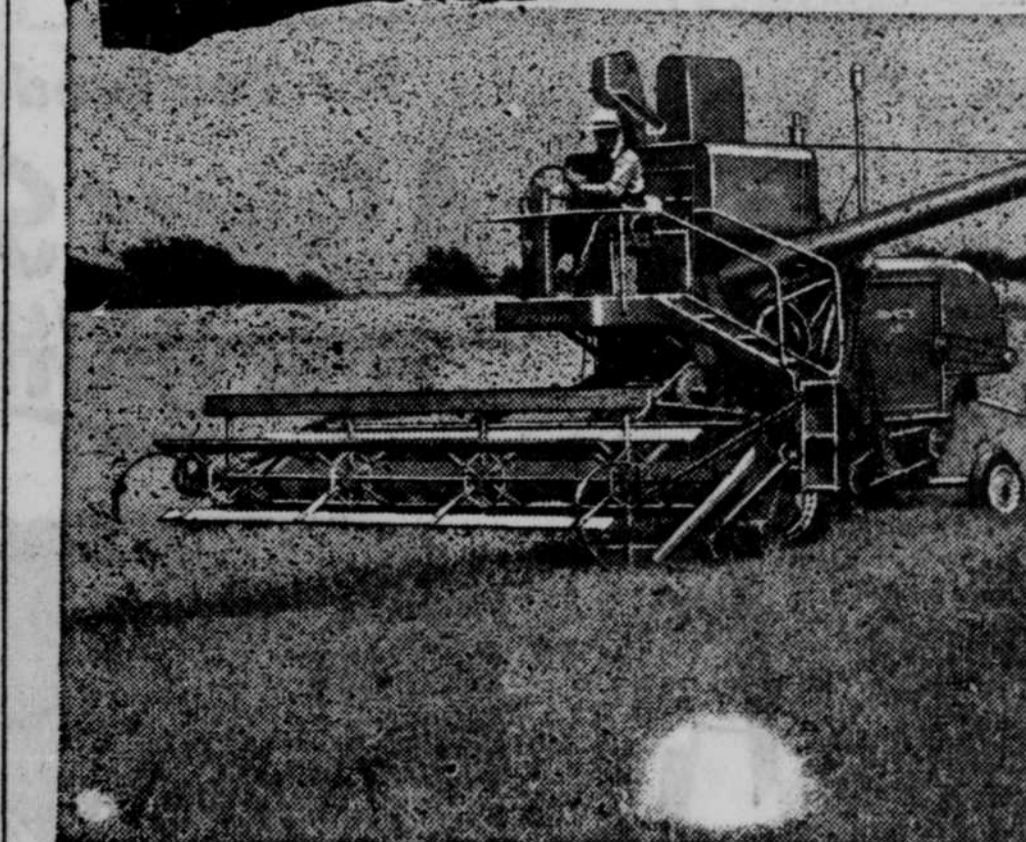
For a wedding trip to Colorado and Yellowstone the bride chose a gray linen suit with red accessories. She also wore a corsage of red roses.

The bride, a graduate of Page high school with the class of 1951, attended Norfolk junior college for the first semester of the current year and had since been employed by her brother, Freeman Knight.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Spencer high school, served with the U.S. navy during World War II and has since been in business in Gross where the couple will reside.

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