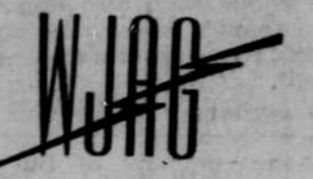


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Mrs. Phillip Tomak of David City (left) class of 1904, and Miss Lorena Powers of North Bend, class of 1909 . . . renew acquaintanceship at St. Mary's academy alumni reunion banquet. The visit was Miss Powers' first since her graduation. — The Frontier Photo.

## Over 200 Attend SMA Alumni Affair



Miss Fetrow . . . valedictorian.

The annual reunion banquet of the alumni of St. Mary's academy was held Sunday evening in the gymnasium following benediction in the school chapel. Mrs. George Hammond, president of the alumni association, presented the toastmaster, Rev. Francis R. Price, pastor of the Emmet and Amelia Catholic parishes. Speeches honoring the clergy, alma mater, the sisters, welcoming of the class of '54, and response were given by: George Janousek, Miss Jean Head, Mrs. Henry F. Schlueter, Mrs. Oliver Ross and Miss Shirley Ross, respectively. A program of music was presented by a group from the senior class including a solo by Miss Katherine Condon and a duet by Miss Condon and Michael London, both members of the graduating class. Over two hundred persons were served. Among those from out-of-town attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chace of Atkinson, Thomas Donlin of Ft. Randall, S.D., James DeBacker of Ft. Warren, Wyo., Miss Dorothy Koci of Omaha, Miss Alvira Ramm of Stuart, Mrs. Margaret Green Tomak of David City, Mr. and Mrs. James Berigan of Atkinson, Miss Lorena Powers of North Bend, S/Sgt. Ila Carter (women's marine corps) of Omaha, Mrs. Joyce Steele Mayes of Clearfield and Mrs. Ellen Steele Lynas of Clearfield, S.D.



Miss Asher . . . salutatorian. —O'Neill Photo Co.

**Guy Mulhair, 55, Expires at Lynch**  
**Funeral Today for Heart Victim**  
LYNCH — Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., today (Thursday) from Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic church here for Guy Mulhair, 55, a World War I veteran and a lifelong resident of this community. He died about 1:30 a.m., Sunday, May 16, in Sacred Heart hospital. The late Mr. Mulhair became ill Monday, May 10, stricken with a heart attack. The following day he was transferred to the hospital and early Sunday suffered another attack, which proved fatal. Death was unexpected because members of the family thought he had rallied, and was "getting along good." Rev. John Wiczorek, church pastor, will officiate at the burial with Coulthard's funeral home in charge of arrangements. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery near here. A rosary rite was held at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. The late Mr. Mulhair was born to Frank and Agnes Mulhair in September, 1898. He was reared on the family farm east of Lynch and made his home there continuously except for the time spent in service during World War I. Survivors include: Widow — Phyllis; daughters—Dorothy, 16, and Kathryn, 15; sons—Dany, 5, and David, 17-months; brothers—Frank and Peter, both of Lynch; sisters — Mrs. Wallace (Ada) Moffett, Mrs. Harold (Eleanor) Micanek and Miss Pauline Mulhair, all of Lynch; Mrs. Fred (Mary) Dunkak of Bone-steel, S.D.; Mrs. Erwin (Cleo) Schultz and Mrs. Harold (Helen) Knapp, both of Norfolk, and Mrs. Erwin (Evelyn) Kerbel of Miami, Fla.

## Fetrow, Asher Win OHS Honors

### Receive Top Awards Among Grads

Thirty-three O'Neill high school seniors received diplomas in commencement exercises Wednesday evening at the auditorium. Dr. John Rice, president of Wayne State Teachers college, was commencement speaker. Principal Paul Baker presented the following scholarships: Marilyn Fetrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fetrow—valuedictorian, alternate regents and church school scholarships. Evalyn Asher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Asher—salutatorian, regents' scholarship. Duane Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Booth, third, fine arts music scholarship. Esther Kaiser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kaiser, fourth, state teachers' college scholarship. Melba Dobrovoly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dobrovoly, fifth, junior college scholarship. Diplomas were presented to the class by H. J. Lohaus, president of the board of education. Baccalaureate services were held Sunday evening with Rev. Melvin Grosenbach, pastor of Wesleyan Methodist church, delivering the sermon. Graduates: Evalyn Asher, Duane Booth, Larry Chace, Don Davidson, Lyle Davis, Pat DeBolt, Dwayne Devall, Harold Dexter, Melba Dobrovoly, Richard Doty, Fred Fetrow, Marilyn Fetrow, Virgil Holz, Vernon Johnson, Esther Kaiser, Bernice Kallhoff, George Kilcoin, Janice Landreth, Larry McConnell, Charlotte McVay, Russell Miner, Etta Murray, Mary Nekolite, Margie Norman, Frances Reimer, Lois Sargent, Nels Schultz, Carole Seger, Warren Seger, Janet Strong, Karen Summers, Lavonne Tharin, Arlene Walters. The whirl of year-end activities comes to a close Friday, when classes will be dismissed.

**SATURDAY P.M. CLOSING**  
The office of the county superintendent will be closed Saturday afternoons during the summer months, starting June 4, according to Miss Alice French, Holt county superintendent. Frontier for printing!

## Scores of Protests Are Filed

### Equalization Board in 'Educational Role' During First 3 Days

The Holt county board of equalization went into session this week for three days. But no equalizing has been done, principally because the board found itself functioning in an educational role. The office in the courthouse was swamped with scores of persons objecting to changes in real estate valuations. Several thousand notices of valuation revisions, both upward and downward, were mailed Saturday by William F. Wefso, county assessor. Over two hundred persons were served. Board Chairman Frank Cronk said Wednesday he felt the new valuations "will be entirely satisfactory after we have explained the procedure to the people, rechecked some of the formulas, and made equalization adjustments." The real estate values were determined by members of E. T. Wilkins & Associates firm of Lincoln, which measures buildings and arrives at values on a "scientific basis." Mr. Cronk said: "The board feels the firm already has done a lot of good." The equalization board dismissed Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock to go into session again at a later date. A tentative hearing has been set for Friday, May 28. Several times the number of persons ordinarily appearing before the equalization board were on hand during the first three days. No equalization was accomplished at all during this period, Mr. Cronk said, because "our time was taken up in trying to educate the visitors and inform them how the new plan works."

## Highway 20 Signs to Beckon Tourists

At a meeting of the National Highway 20 association held Sunday at Hay Springs, officials of the group were authorized to have large outdoor signs erected at strategic locations outside Chicago, Ill., Davenport, Ia., and Sioux City, Iowa. Purpose of the signs is to induce tourist travel on the coast-to-coast U.S. route 20, which passes through O'Neill. An information center will be maintained and staffed at Sioux City. Paul Beha of O'Neill, vice-president of the national group, and Herbert Kaiser, representing the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, attended the Sunday meeting. They were accompanied by Dr. L. T. Peebles of Randolph, president of the national association, and Dr. G. E. Peters of Randolph, highway 20 enthusiast. Survivors include: Widow — Louise; sons—Harold and Duane, both at home; sister—Mrs. Anna Kumm of Bazile Mills and Mrs. Anna Vollerson of Randolph; brothers — Herman of Laurel and Henry of Page.

## Miss Turner Is Queen of May

The annual May crowning ceremonies at St. Mary's academy took place Wednesday evening in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Miss Mary Kathryn Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of O'Neill, was elected by the student body as queen of May. Her attendants were Rose Mary Babi and Joan Donohoe. Reynold Bosn and Joseph Gilg were the pages, and crown bearers for the queen were Suzanne Stewart and Margaret Conway.

## Painting on Exhibit in Lincoln

PAGE—Larry Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cordes Walker of Page and a second grader in the Page school, is one of three Holt county pupils to have his drawing on exhibit at the seventh all-state elementary school art exhibit at Miller and Paine auditorium in Lincoln. The exhibit will tour the state. Larry's subject was a Dutch scene. His teacher is Mrs. Alton Bradlock.

## Park Booming

CHAMBERS — The new Chambers park, started this spring, now has a fine planting of trees and shrubs, a well, and recently a fine new building was erected. Plans are underway for many additional improvements, such as a fireplace, tables, benches, etc.



Muny Band, Colored Band Join in Making Music

There was music a-plenty in the air Friday morning as the O'Neill Municipal band (in background) joined Dan Desdune's Negro band for a half-hour of marching and fun in connection with the Omaha Chamber of Commerce goodwill visit. Eighty-two Omaha firms were represented in a delegation arriving from the west via a special train on the North Western railroad. The O'Neill band met the Omahans at the station. Several thousand persons lined the streets for the reception. Candy and balloons were liberally distributed by the visitors who were on their next-to-the-last day of their week's tour. The O'Neill turnout was one of the largest, Chairman Fred Pfaff said.—The Frontier Photo.

## August Hesse, 59, Dies at His Home

### Page Farmer Ill Several Years

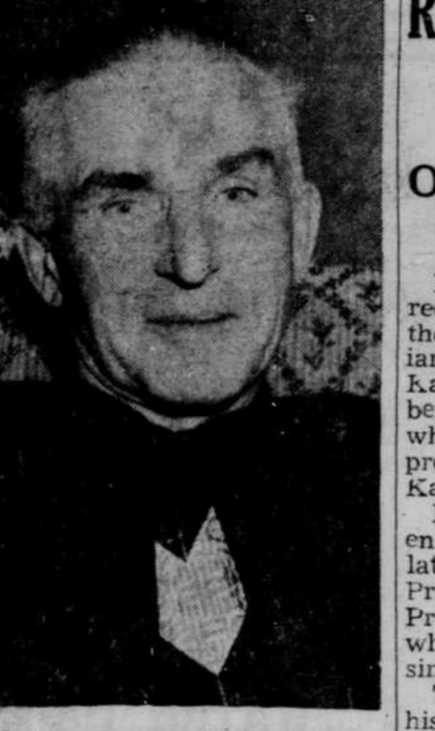
PAGE—Funeral services for August Hesse, 59, farmer residing northeast of Page were conducted at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 16, from St. Peter's Lutheran church at Orchard. Rev. Martin Schmidt, church pastor, officiated and burial was in the Lutheran cemetery. Mr. Hesse died about 5:30 a.m., Friday, May 14, at his farm home. He had suffered from asthma for a number of years and was seriously ill many months, during which he was hospitalized several times. Hymns were sung by the church choir. Pallbearers were Edward Soukup, George Wettlaufer, Edgar Stauffer, Leonard Dor, Verne Riege and Henry Stelling. In charge of the flowers were Mrs. George Wettlaufer, Mrs. Leonard Dor and Mrs. Verne Riege and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Soukup. Following the services lunch was served for relatives and friends by the Lutheran ladies in the church basement. The late Mr. Hesse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hesse, was born October 13, 1895, at Concord, Dixon county. He came to the Page community in 1914. In February, 1930, he married Miss Louisa Lippolt of Allen. Survivors include: Widow — Louise; sons—Harold and Duane, both at home; sister—Mrs. Anna Kumm of Bazile Mills and Mrs. Anna Vollerson of Randolph; brothers — Herman of Laurel and Henry of Page.

## Griffin Again Seeking Attorney Job

William W. Griffin of O'Neill, Holt county attorney since 1947, this week filed for the nomination on the republican ticket. Griffin succeeded Julius D. Cronin in the office. Cronin held the post 24 years.

## Plan Father-Son Banquet in June

EWING—A father-son banquet will be held at the Methodist church, in June, the date to be set. Committees were appointed at a recent meeting of the board of the Ewing Methodist church with Ray Sedivy, president presiding. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rockey donated a plot of ground to the church. It was decided to plant potatoes. The soil was prepared by Andrew Olson. Potato seed was given by the Upper Room club and planted by Albert Larsen. Earl Pierson was elected church treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. R. G. Rockey, who has filled the duties of this office for several years.



Moss Gets Ike's OK

Ira H. Moss (above), veteran clerk of Holt county district court, recently was nominated by President Eisenhower for the job of postmaster at O'Neill. The nomination was sent to the U.S. senate for confirmation. Mrs. Agnes Sullivan on December 31, 1950.—The Frontier Photo.

## Terms Expire for 3 Directors

Three supervisors are to be elected to the Holt Soil Conservation district this year. Nominations are made by securing names of 25 landowners on a nominating petition. Anyone wishing to make nominations may secure petitions blanks for this purpose from the county extension office in O'Neill. Present supervisors, whose terms expire soon are: Clarence Ernst of O'Neill, R. L. Heiss of Page, and Elmer Allyn of Stuart.



Miss Donohoe . . . valedictorian. (Story in column 7.)

## Rev. Lee Receives Call from Kansas

### Offers Resignation to Holt Churches

Rev. Samuel Lee this week received a unanimous call to the United church (Presbyterian-Congregational) of Osborne, Kans. In a letter to the members of the local churches of which he is pastor, he has expressed his desire to accept the Kansas call. Necessary action is being taken to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Bethany Presbyterian church and First Presbyterian church of O'Neill, where Reverend Lee has served since December, 1951. The pastor plans to complete his early summer responsibilities at the Holt county churches and his assignment as director of



Reverend Lee . . . to O'Neill from Alaska.—Frontier Photo.

## Joan Donohoe Tops SMA Class Honors

### Emile Verzani Named Salutatorian

Thirty-five St. Mary's academy seniors will be graduated on Wednesday, May 26. Commencement rites will be held in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Joan Donohoe is valedictorian; Emile Verzani of Ponca, salutatorian. Mary Kay Turner ranks third. The seniors: Lavonne Ackerman of Stuart, Rose Mary Babi of Emmet, Patty Bauer of Ewing, Benny Bazelman, Mary Belzer, Charline Boyle, Catherine Christon of Page, Catherine Condon, Joan Donohoe, Karen Donohoe, Richard Graham, Betty Hoffman of Cody, Kathleen Hoffmann of Pierce, Patty Judge, Joan Langston, Tommy Langan of Spencer, Mike London, Neta Lee Maben of Clearwater, Bette Mahony, LaVonne Miller. Robert Mullen, Patrick Murphy of Stuart, Nina Prouty of Spencer, Irene Reutter of Gregory, S.D., Shirley Ross, Jim Schmitz, Sadie Shedeed of Colome, S.D., Shirley Steele of Clearfield, S.D., Joan Sullivan, George Tomlinson, Mary Kay Turner, Emile Verzani of Ponca, Duane Weier, Mary Anne Winchell, Mary Margaret Zakrzewski.

## Picturesque Trees Get Ax and Saw

CHAMBERS—Nostalgia abounds 'round here. Big cottonwood trees, which have graced the landscape west of Chambers about 1 1/2 miles during the past half-century or more, during the past fortnight have been given the ax—and saw. Reason for felling the trees was to widen state highway 85. The Chambers valley long has been noted for its trees, which often invokes compliments from visitors. The Frontier's Chambers correspondent, Mrs. E. R. Carpenter, was miffed as she wrote: "If progress takes a few more such swipes as the felling of these lovely trees, the drive through the once-proud and picturesque Chambers valley will be stripped of its natural beauty like many other roads in the state."

## Stockmen to Meet Tuesday Eve

A general meeting of ranchers of Holt county will be held at the O'Neill Livestock Market on Tuesday, May 25, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the possibility of having a Sandhills Cattle association-sponsored auction sale in O'Neill this fall. All ranchers in this area are invited to attend and participate in the discussion at the meeting. During the past year, members of the association in the O'Neill region have talked of promoting such a sale for carload lots of choice steers and heifers. Similar sales at Bassett, Valentine and Gordon have met with much success and patronage in the past and have helped greatly to increase the local market for top quality feeder cattle. The ranchers in this area felt that there was no reason why a similar sale could not be conducted in O'Neill. The sale would be handled by a local sale committee and advertising would be taken care of through the association. Robert E. Hamilton of Valentine, manager of the association, will be in O'Neill Tuesday night to meet with those interested. If enough enthusiasm is shown, plans will be laid for a fall sale. Following the meeting, refreshments will be served by the O'Neill Livestock Market.

## Sister Berenice Dies in Milwaukee

STUART — Funeral services for Sister Mary Berenice, OSF, 52, a teacher at Alverno college, Milwaukee, Wis., for 16 years, were held recently at St. Joseph's convent chapel, Milwaukee. Burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery there. The late Sister Berenice had suffered a long illness. She was born at Stuart and joined the school sisters 37 years ago. She went to Alverno college to teach English, especially child literature. For the past several years she was director of student personnel services at the school. The faculty, student body and alumni, in cap and gown, attended the requiem mass in a body. Survivors include: Sisters — Mary Francis, OSF, of Our Lady of Lourdes school, Omaha; Mrs. Rose Schaaf of Atkinson, and Mrs. Ida Forejt of Niobrara; brothers — Pat Brau of Mount Pleasant, Ia., and John Brau of Boys Town. Another sister, Sister Mary Alba, OSF, preceded her in death.

## Arrives from Florida

Mrs. Margaret McMillan of Miami Beach, Fla., formerly of O'Neill, arrived Saturday to attend the wedding of Miss Kathryn Ann Golden. Mrs. McMillan is a guest of the M. J. Goldens.

O'Neill voters went to the polls Tuesday and gave impressive approval to an 80-thousand-dollar school bond issue. Seventy-two percent of the vote favored the construction of a four-room, single-story elementary grade school building to be erected on the public school campus, immediately southeast of the main building. The count was 335 "for" the proposal; 134 "against." A 55 percent majority was needed to carry.

Voting by wards:

	FOR	AGAINST
First	127	37
Second	115	42
Third	93	55
	335	134

Rural voters in school district 7 cast their ballots in the First ward.

Voting was not considered heavy and progressed in a normal manner, most of the balloting being done between 6 p.m., and the closing time—8 p.m.

The board of education early Wednesday advised the architect to proceed with plans and specifications for the new building and advertising for bids will follow.

The board two years ago had received instructions from the state department of public instruction to improve the facilities and relieve the pupil congestion or the school's accreditation would be in jeopardy.

## Sandhills Group Contemplates Sale

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## Infant Dies

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. ("Bud") Moler of O'Neill died Monday, May 17, at 10:30 p.m., in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk. The baby was born early the same day. Mrs. Moler is the former JoAnn Simonson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simonson of O'Neill.

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Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Knight and family departed Friday on a fishing trip to Park Rapids, Minn.

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