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Rev. Basil M. Price, S.J. . . . third son of O'Neill couple into priesthood.

First Mass June 20 for Father Price



Tompkins . . . Wesleyan grad.

Honorary Science Degree to Tompkins

Omaha Pediatrician Native of Inman

INMAN—Dr. Charles A. Tompkins, prominent Omaha pediatrician and a native of Inman, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree at Nebraska Wesleyan university on Tuesday morning.

Doctor Tompkins received his degree along with Rev. James Buxton of Milwaukee, Wis., and Bishop H. Bascom Watts, resident bishop of the Nebraska area of the Methodist church, as a highlight of 65th annual commencement exercises at which 102 Wesleyan seniors were awarded undergraduate degrees.

Doctor Tompkins was born at Inman, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Tompkins, and went through the Inman public schools.

He entered Nebraska Wesleyan university in 1923, completing his premedical work in 1927. He received the MD degree from the University of Nebraska college of medicine in 1934.

In 1934, he was married to the former Carita Gifford of Inman. The Tompkins' have four children—Nancy, 18; Gifford, 17; Charles, jr., 12, and Robert J., 10.

He entered the armed services as a captain in 1942 and was discharged with the rank of major in 1945.

Doctor Tompkins is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and has been active in affairs of the Omaha chapter of the Wesleyan Alumni association.

He has written widely for medical journals. His writings include a series written with Dr. Fletcher Slater for publication in Parents magazine.

John Wells, Wife in Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John Wells of O'Neill will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 6, with open-house from 2:30 until 5 p.m., at the basement of the Assembly of God church here.

The couple was married at a Knox Center (now known as Center) on June 6, 1904.

They became the parents of two children. Their daughter, Mrs. William (Rosa) Hladik, resides in Lincoln. They have five grandchildren.

The son is deceased.

Try our want advs.

Crash Fatal to Woman; Rites Held

Minnie Gamel Dies in Hospital Week Following Collision

PAGE—Mrs. Minnie C. Gamel, 58, widow of the late Harvey Gamel, died Sunday afternoon, May 30, in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk where she was taken following an automobile accident near Venus on Sunday, May 23.

The accident occurred at the Creighton-O'Neill highway intersection nine miles north of Orchard.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 2, from the Methodist church at Page with Rev. M. H. Grossbach of O'Neill officiating. Burial was in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

The car in which Mrs. Gamel was riding collided with another machine driven by Darrel Mattison at a tree-blinded corner near the Venus Lutheran church.

Mrs. Gamel was a passenger in the car driven by her son-in-law, Robert Hart, of Page. Other passengers in the car were her daughter, Mrs. Hart, and granddaughters, Jaynelle and Susan Ford, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Ford of O'Neill. Mrs. Gamel, Mrs. Hart and Jaynelle were hospitalized. Jaynelle was released from the hospital Tuesday afternoon, May 25.

Also hurt were Mrs. Alton Mattison, 49, of Royal, and Mr. Mattison.

The Mattison car was traveling south; the other car going west. Three ambulances were summoned to take the injured to hospitals.

The late Mrs. Gamel, whose maiden name was Minnie C. Fuskirk, was born at Seward September 20, 1897. Her parents were Willard and Mary Etta Carpenter Buskirk.

She married the late Harvey Sanford Gamel at Center on May 30, 1912. They became the parents of nine children. One daughter, Bessie, died in infancy. Mr. Gamel died in 1939.

The Gamels were farmers and moved to the Page vicinity.

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8 St. Mary's Nuns Being Transferred

Eight nuns from St. Mary's academy have been given new assignments. Two have already gone to their new stations and the others will leave during the summer.

Sister M. Anthony and Sister M. Rosemarie are now at St. Francis Mission, S.D.; Sister M. Flores will join them there later in the summer.

Sister M. Lucy is going to St. Joseph's hospital at Minot, S.D., and Sister M. George to St. Agnes' in Alliance.

Sister M. Laurita and Sister M. Alma will go to the Immaculate Conception academy at Rushville, and Sister M. Rose goes to Holy Rosary mission at Pine Ridge, S.D.

Their successors have not yet been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ramsel visited their parents in Julesburg, Colo., over the memorial day weekend.

Heavy Rains Boon to Crops



Mermaids bask at new Municipal swimming pool . . . (left-to-right): The Misses Margaret McElvain, Regina Hynes, Mary Gatz, Wilson twins, Mary Froelich, Mary Lou Uhl and Jean Cole.



Old Grads Reunite at Chambers
Mrs. C. M. Eason of O'Neill (left), Mrs. Norma Ver Mass of Lincoln and Harold Weier of O'Neill, Chambers high graduates of yesteryear, pose informally. Mrs. Eason and Mrs. Ver Mass were members of the class of 1933; Mr. Weier, 1929. Mrs. Ver Mass, a Lincoln attorney, spoke at the second annual alumni banquet held Monday evening at the school auditorium. Two hundred attended—fewer than a year ago. Mrs. Ver Mass recently won statewide recognition when she successfully appealed to the state pardon board to commute the sentence of Hugh Griffith of Sidney from death to life imprisonment.—The Frontier Photo.

House Committee Puts Okay on Development

The house of representatives interior committee Tuesday voted to authorize the O'Neill, Ainsworth, Lavaca flats, Mirage flats irrigation units in north Nebraska.

The units, in the Niobrara river valley, would provide irrigation for approximately 120,000 acres of land, including 66,000 acres in the O'Neill - Atkinson project. They would be part of the overall Missouri river reclamation plan.

Last month two Holt county men, James W. Rooney of O'Neill and Lyle P. Dierks of Ewing, appeared before the subcommittee and testified in behalf of Niobrara basin development.

A dozen others also were heard in support of the plan and there were two from Valentine in opposition.

The house interior committee deleted the 98-million-dollar figure from the bill when reporting it onto the floor of congress.

Meanwhile, Niobrara River Basin Development association officials are urging Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Nebr.) to introduce a companion bill in the senate, inasmuch as the proposal will have to clear the senate before it can be authorized. Officials explained there is a possibility of getting the senate's okay provided Butler can be induced to sponsor a carbon copy.

4 Children Die in Twister

A tornado ripped across Madison county about 9:30 o'clock Sunday evening, killing four children and hospitalizing 19 others.

Dead are: Cindy, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carberry of Norfolk.

Robert, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kohl, Madison farmers.

George, 6, Robert Kohl's brother.

Lynelle, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Klawonn, farmers near Norfolk.

Two of the injured persons, Lawrence Klawonn and Mrs. Edwin Rakowski, also of Norfolk, were listed as "critical" by Norfolk hospital attendants.

The tornado swept diagonally from Madison to Norfolk through a farming area where Mrs. William McIntosh of O'Neill was reared. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh had spent Sunday in the vicinity and spent that evening at Meadow Grove.

National guardsmen were summoned to the scene to assist, including Sgt. Ed Schmuecker, Pvt. Mick Schmit and Private Coleman, all of Atkinson, and Cpls. Ardel Bright and Jimmy Fleming, both of O'Neill.

Property damage was estimated at a half-million-dollars. American Red Cross disaster crews immediately moved into the stricken area.

Pool Packs 'Em in Despite Weather

Hardy Teenagers, Kids Splash

Nearly five hundred persons toured the Municipal swimming pool Sunday during open-house activities preparatory to opening the recently completed 40-thousand dollar pool for the season.

About 60 persons, mostly kids, christened the pool with a Sunday swim. The tank was given a big play Tuesday, despite temperatures in the seventies. A maximum of 88, mostly hardy youngsters, were splashing at the same time.

Miss Mary Lou Wilson, swimming instructor, has announced that any children wishing to take swimming lessons should file their application at the pool by Monday, June 7. Classes will start Monday, June 14. Each student will receive a card designating the time his (or her) class convenes.

Out-of-town students are being placed in one class to enable parents to share travel responsibilities. The lessons are free but students are urged to have season tickets in order to practice between lessons.

Moss Confirmation Granted by Senate

The U.S. senate last Thursday confirmed the appointment of Ira H. Moss for postmaster at O'Neill, a first-class postoffice. Earlier, he had been nominated for the job by President Eisenhower.

No date has been announced for being sworn-in as postmaster.

Mr. Moss has been serving several terms as clerk of the Holt county district court. He was reared near Amelia, was graduated from Atkinson high school and attended Hastings college. He is a member of the Nebraska Bar association and has been secretary of the city schools board of education.

Overnight Soaker Is Climax to Week of Scattered Showers

Holt county's crop and pasture outlook took a grand swing upward during the past seven days in which 2.72 inches of moisture was received here.

Rainfall that set in at 11:30 p.m., Tuesday and continued through the clock dumped 1.64 inches of precipitation—a gentle made-to-order booster for small crops.

The bonus moisture began Wednesday night, May 26, when .58 of an inch was received here. Chambers, Ewing and Page received heavier amounts; Atkinson and Stuart lesser amounts.

Dark brooding storm clouds in the north dumped hail stones, some as large as hen eggs, on the Emmett Revell and Ed Alder farms near Star. The damage area was relatively small.

Late Sunday thunder showers set in, bringing nearly a half-inch. Page, Ewing and Chambers received up to 1.25 inches.

Week's summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p.m., daily, follows:

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
May 27	78	53	.58
May 28	71	46	.01
May 29	70	38	.00
May 30	82	54	.03
May 31	74	48	.46
June 1	67	38	.00
June 2	66	47	1.64
Total			2.72

Special Half-Hour Program Saturday

Saturday's "Voice of The Frontier" program will commence 15 minutes earlier than usual in connection with an open-house observance and peanut carnival at Osborne's appliance store, next door to the O'Neill National bank.

The "Voice" microphone will be stationed in Osborne's store, television department, for the entire program, starting at 9:30

Flames Raze Orchard Store

ORCHARD—A fire of undetermined origin early Tuesday completely destroyed the building and contents of Mac's IGA grocery store here, owned by M. E. Simonson of O'Neill. The store was located at the west edge of main street on the south side, near the lumber yard.

Mr. Simonson, who had owned and operated the store for 15 years, said fire, smoke and water resulted in a complete loss. Insurance adjusters were at the scene Wednesday. They tramped through nothing but charred debris.

Arthur Ruroede of Ewing, who was driving through town on U. S. highway 20, discovered the blaze and turned in the alarm about a.m. Mrs. Wesley Johnson, wife of one of the employees, was summoned Mr. Simonson, who was with his family in O'Neill. Firemen battled the blaze until 4:30 a.m., aided by Brunswick firemen, who arrived about 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Osborne recently moved to O'Neill from Minden, and now are actively managing their new, enlarged appliance store. A feature of the open-house observance—all day Saturday, June 5—will be an RCA-Victor telecasting demonstration in which visitors to the store will be photographed by a TV camera and those persons can see themselves in a TV screen. (For details concerning this event, turn to the advertisement on page 5.)

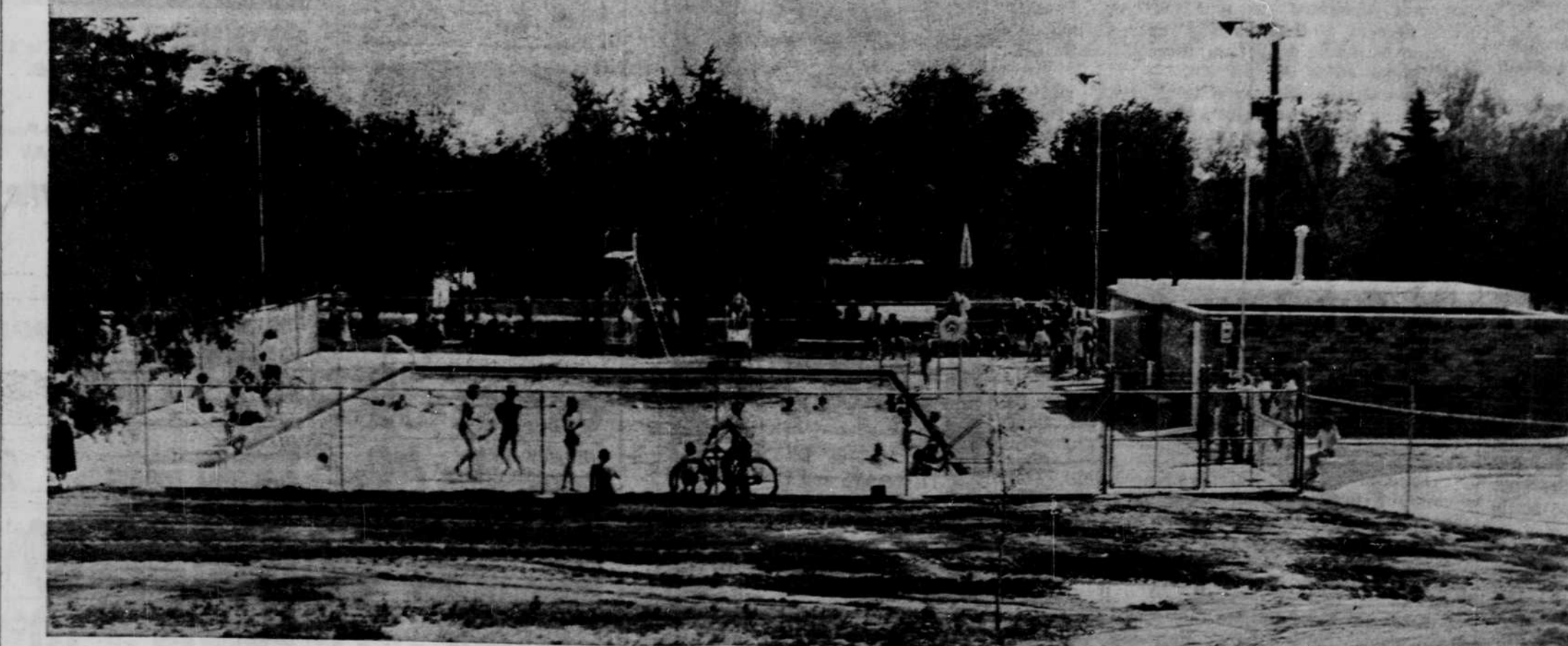
Father DeBacker's First Mass June 6

On Saturday, June 5, Rev. Thomas Edward DeBacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker of O'Neill, will be ordained into the Roman Catholic priesthood by Archbishop Gerald Bergan, D.D., at St. Cecilia's cathedral in Omaha.

On Sunday, June 6, he will say his first solemn mass at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill.

Following the mass a dinner sponsored by St. Patrick's Altar society will be held in the gymnasium of St. Mary's academy and a public reception will be held in the gymnasium at 3 o'clock.

Father DeBacker arrived in O'Neill Wednesday morning. He and his family leave for Omaha Friday. His parents; sister, Diane; and brothers, Daniel and James, will be present at his ordination and at his first mass.



Panoramic view of O'Neill's new 40-thousand-dollar municipal swimming pool (note bathhouse and wading pool at right) . . . unfavorable weather didn't discourage kids. (Story in column 6.)—The Frontier Photo.