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Winners at the Ainsworth open golf tournament held Sunday were (left-to-right) Gordon Drayton of Orchard, J. B. Grady of O'Neill and Jim Clifton of Orchard. All are members of the O'Neill Country club.

Ben Grady Wins by One O'Neill Country Club Cops Honors

Ben Grady won over Jim Burke of Ainsworth by one stroke at the open golf tournament Sunday. Jim Clifton of Orchard won the honors in the first flight, Gordon Drayton of Orchard in the second flight, and M. J. Golden won the consolation in the championship flight.

O'Neill Juniors Downed by Bassett

In a crowd-pleasing game played at Carney park Sunday, June 27, the O'Neill Junior Legion team was downed by the Bassett team, 2-1, in a seven-inning game. Battery for Bassett was Richard and Young, and for O'Neill, Couch and Neimeyer.

Sunday afternoon, July 5, the O'Neill nine will take on Atkinson at Carney park here in O'Neill. Manager Head has announced that Father Hitch, the new assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic church, will help to coach the team in the future.

Gordon Smith Rites Today

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) July 1 for Gordon Smith, 52, who was found dead in his room at Sibley, Ia., on Sunday, June 27. He was employed in construction, and had formerly lived at O'Neill and Innon. Survivors include: his mother, who lives in Pendleton, Ore., a brother, Claude Smith of Pendleton, and a sister, Mrs. Ester Boies of O'Neill. Funeral services will be held Thursday (today) at the Methodist church in O'Neill with Rev. Smith officiating. Burial will be at the Ewing cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Mrs. Clear Golden Entertains - Mrs. Clear Golden entertained at a Friday evening dinner at the Town House honoring Miss Mae Hammond of Washington, D.C. Following dinner the group played bridge. Mrs. P. Hart had the evening high score and Mrs. M. J. Golden the second high bridge score.

'Government Day' Club Topic - STUART - The Happy Hour project club met at the home of Mrs. Charles Moses on Thursday evening, June 24, with six members present. Miss Marguerite Smith and Mrs. Henry Waechter lead a discussion on government day.

Earl Hunt's Hosts to Couples Club - The Couples club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunt Saturday evening. Following a picnic supper the group played bridge. High score was won by Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Reynoldson.

Mrs. Berigan Luncheon Honored - Miss Barbara Birmingham entertained at a Wednesday luncheon at the Town House honoring Mrs. Robert Berigan of St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Hammond Feted - Mrs. P. B. Hart and Mrs. F. N. Cronin entertained at a Wednesday luncheon at the M&M honoring Miss Mae Hammond of Washington, D.C.

Lofflin's Return - Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lofflin and Jo Lee returned Friday from a week's visit in Kansas City, Mo., where they visited relatives.



Mrs. Summers . . . long ill

Mrs. Summers, 32, Dies in Hospital

PAGE - Funeral services for Mrs. Harold Summers, who died Friday at St. Anthony's hospital, O'Neill, were held Monday at the Wesleyan Methodist church at Page. Rev. Charles Phipps of Atkinson officiated, assisted by Rev. Harry Johnson, the local pastor. Burial was in the Page cemetery.

Mrs. Summers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Canaday, was born November 29, 1921, at Wheatland, Wyo.

Survivors include: Widower - Harold Summers; daughters - Thelma Irene, Leona Mae, Joyce Eileen; son - George Edwin; mother - Mrs. Emma Canaday of Page; sisters - Mrs. Violet Pierson of Newcastle, Wyo.; Mrs. Hazel Mickelson of Lovell, Wyo.; Mrs. Florence Rutherford of Page, Wyo.; Lila Madsen of Osceola, Ia.; brothers - Orville Canaday of Holland, Minn., Edwin Canaday of Red Wood Falls, Minn. Pallbearers were Harold Blain, Ora Caskey, Roger Bowen, George Wautler, Myrl Ellsbury and Elmer Edmisten.

Children Gather at Murray Reunion

(Photo at Right)

A reunion of the eight children of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Murray, pioneer Holt county settlers, was held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter last week.

A dinner was held on Monday evening, June 21, at the Dean Streeter home, and Tuesday and Wednesday were spent at the Clyde Streeter farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie entertained at a 7 o'clock dinner last Thursday evening. Friday morning the family attended an anniversary high mass in memory of their parents, followed by a breakfast at the M&M cafe.

Those attending were Mrs. Martin (Eileen) Blomberg of Sorum, S.D.; Mrs. Ernest (Catherine) Perkins of Hansen, Ida.; Martha Soukup of Sheridan, Wyo.; George E. Murray of Lead, S.D.; Mrs. Dean (Gertrude) Streeter, Mrs. Ray (Anastasia) Williams of Sheridan, Wyo.; Mrs. Clyde (Elsie) Streeter and Mrs. Bernard (Winifred) Matthews of Lincoln. Others present were Martin Blomberg, Bernard Matthews and Colleen Ann Williams.



Members of the Murray family who attended a reunion here last week were (left-to-right): Mrs. Bernard (Winifred) Matthews of Lincoln, George Murray of Lead, S.D., Mrs. Martha Soukup of Sheridan, Wyo., Mrs. Clyde (Elsie) Streeter of O'Neill, Mrs. Martin (Eileen) Blomberg of Sorum, S.D., Mrs. Ray (Anastasia) Williams of Sheridan, Wyo., Mrs. Dean (Gertrude) Streeter of O'Neill and Mrs. Ernest (Catherine) Perkins of Hansen, Ida. - Frontier Photo by John McCarville.



Cornerstone Laid for St. Joseph's Church In above photo Mr. McCracken (assistant architect) is shown holding stone and Archbishop Bergan is spreading mortar during afternoon ceremony at Atkinson last Thursday afternoon. - O'Neill Photo Co.

Archbishop Bergan Lays Cornerstone

Visiting Clergy Assist at Rite

ATKINSON - Thursday, June 24, the cornerstone for the new St. Joseph's Catholic church at Atkinson was laid. Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha officiated at the ceremony, which was held at 4 o'clock. The site of the building and different parts of the various proposed structure were blessed, after which the archbishop praised the pastor and the parish for their initiative and planning.

Golf and Fireworks at Country Club

A Fourth of July golf tournament will be held at the O'Neill Country club. Play will start at 1 o'clock. All members and their guests are invited. In the evening there will be a fireworks display, beginning at dark.

Farewell for Lees - Members and friends of the O'Neill and Bethany Presbyterian churches gathered in the church basement in O'Neill for a farewell potluck supper for Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Lee.

Harry Clauson was in charge of the program which consisted of expressions of appreciation from different members representing the various church organizations. Gifts from the Women's association and Men's council were presented to the Lees.

The Lee family moved from O'Neill Wednesday and will be continuing their work in Osborne, Kans., following a two-weeks' vacation.

Company Picnic - Northwestern Bell Telephone employees held a company picnic at Ford park Tuesday evening.

ning. Archbishop Bergan also stressed the growing importance and need of religions and moral principles in public and social life. He praised the community for the work and effort put forth in building the Atkinson Memorial hospital. Despite Thursday's one hundred degree heat, a large group of parishioners gathered to witness the ceremony and hear the address by the archbishop. Business places in Atkinson were closed during the ceremony. A dinner was served for the clergy in the basement of St. Joseph's hall after the ceremony. Assisting in the rites were Msgr. Daniel Sheehan, chancellor of the Omaha archdiocese, and Msgr. Floyd Fischer, diocesan director of the Catholic charities. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, pastor of the parish, and Rev. Dean of O'Neill, and Rev. Anthony Paschang of Stuart were chaplains to the archbishop.

Other visiting clergy included: Revs. John Downey of Platte Center, John Wiczorek of Lynch, Roger Hayes of Clearwater, William Foster of Spencer, Alfred Hoising of Deloit, Francis Price of Emmet, Karl Kucera and Thomas Hitch, both of O'Neill. Items which were put into the cornerstone included mainly items of historical interest and significance. A brief history of the parish, separate listings of the pastors of St. Joseph's and the faculty of St. Joseph's hall for the current year, names of the parish trustees, some pictures, newspaper accounts of the progress of the current building program, and some coins of present issue were among the items.

Methodist Pastor Feted at Chambers

CHAMBERS - A fellowship supper and pound social honoring Rev. and Mrs. J. Myrl Hodgkins was held at the Methodist church parlors Sunday evening. About 125 attended. Following the supper a musical program was presented. Reverend Hodgkins succeeds Rev. L. R. Hansberry as pastor of the Chambers Methodist church.

Twilight Oats Barley Meeting Planned

A twilight variety and fertilizer small grain test plot meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, on the Frank Seales farm, located three miles west and one-fourth mile south of the O'Neill drive-in theater.

Dr. Mark Weldon, extension soils man, and Les Sheffield, extension crops man, will be on hand to discuss the various varieties of oats and barley and point out the differences due to added fertility through commercial fertilizer.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes states that this is one of the best tests in the state. "If you are looking for new and improved varieties of oats and barley be sure and come to this evening field demonstration," Dawes explained.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCarville drove to Elsworth, Minn., on Wednesday where they met Mrs. R. J. Gobeil and children of Wilmington, Del., who returned with them for a 3 week visit. Mrs. Gobeil is the former Mary Elizabeth McCarville. Mr. Gobeil who had spent 2 weeks in St. Paul, Minn., with his family returned to Delaware.

Jimmy Van Every is 7 - Jimmy Van Every celebrated his seventh birthday anniversary at a picnic Sunday at Ford park. Those present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Van Every, and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kruse and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fuller and George.

Stanley Young Receives Discharge

Stanley Young, son of Mrs. Guy Young, has received his discharge from the armed services. He arrived home Tuesday, June 22.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harold R. Bishop, 23, of Jamaica, N.Y., and Helen R. Kubitschek, 25, of O'Neill, June 25. Merle Edwin Davis, 20, of O'Neill and Glenda Carol Seger, 18, of O'Neill, June 26.

Tune in "Voice of The Frontier," thrice weekly.

Visitors from Afar Here for Eclipse

Not only was the eclipse watched by many local people here in O'Neill, but people from as far away as New Jersey, Billings, Mont., and Portland, Ore., were on hand to view the spectacle. Roads leading from O'Neill to Page and Orchard were dotted with out-state cars, and people were on hand at the airport and stationed on other strategic hills around the city.

Lenord Vavarina of York, one of many who made the long journey, condensed his reaction in these words, "It was wonderful." George Shea of Billings, Mont., an amateur photographer and astronomer, drove 800 miles to be on hand for the eclipse.

Dick Vanderberg, 13, of Scottsbluff and 12-year-old Ted Good of Portland, Ore., were on hand armed with cameras, and a 3 1/2-inch reflector lens telescope, but 13-year-old Dick admitted that he had been so excited taking pictures he hadn't used the telescope during the total eclipse. And so it was that the total eclipse was greeted here in Holt county. Until the year 2048 we can put away our smoked glasses and old negatives and close the book on eclipses in Nebraska.

Mercury Soars to 100 Degrees

Cooler temperatures moved into the area during the past week to relieve the 100-degree weather which had prevailed up to last Thursday. The weather forecast for the Fourth of July weekend calls for scattered thunder showers over the state and temperatures in the low 80's. A brief windstorm struck O'Neill about 4 a.m. Saturday, June 26. Rainfall during a 20-minute interval amounted to .25 inch, and limbs were broken from many trees. Some hail and an unofficial 1 1/2 inches of rain fell the same morning about eight miles northwest of town.

Editor Vacations; Paper Curtailed

This issue of The Frontier went to press with only eight pages due to the absence of the editor, C. W. Stewart. Necessarily much newsmatter has been omitted. This material will be included in next week's edition. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and family left Wednesday, July 23, to vacation in New Jersey and other Eastern states. They expect to return Tuesday.

Swimming Lessons Cancelled July 5-7

The O'Neill Municipal swimming pool management has announced that no swimming lessons will be given on the following days: July 5, 6 and 7.

William Monahan Fatally Injured

Farmer Victim of Tractor Mishap - ATKINSON - William Monahan, about 80, a farmer living near Atkinson, was fatally injured Friday evening in a tractor accident.

GAME VIOLATIONS

Lorraine Zahradnick of Stuart, no game farm permit, \$1 and costs, June 25, Fred Salak. James Newman of Stuart, no game farm permit, \$1 and costs, June 25, Fred Salak. Louis Zahradnick of Stuart, no game farm permit, \$1 and costs, June 25, Fred Salak. Leonard Heinowski of Atkinson, over bag limit on fish, \$5 and costs, liquidated damage of \$10 and 51 fish confiscated by state, June 27, Fred Salak.

Attend KC Banquet

Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy spent the weekend in North Platte. Mr. McCarthy attended a Knights of Columbus initiation Sunday afternoon. A banquet followed in the evening at the K. C. hall. They returned to O'Neill Monday.

Carol Seger Honored

The Misses Charlotte McVay, Janice Landreth and Etta Murray entertained at a bridal shower honoring Miss Carol Seger last Thursday evening at the McVay home. Miss Seger was married to Merl E. Davis.

Holt Man, Father of 16, Dies at 88

Funeral Wednesday for Joe Schollmeyer; Burial at Scottville

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 30, at 9 a.m., for Joseph Schollmeyer, 88, who died Sunday, June 27, at his home in O'Neill. Rites were held at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiating. Burial was at the Scottville cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Mr. Schollmeyer was born in Germany October 21, 1865, and immigrated to America. He was married to Edyth Richter. They became the parents of 16 children. Mrs. Schollmeyer died October 15, 1939. On October 26, 1942, he married Mrs. Kathryn Bohn. Mr. Schollmeyer was a prominent farmer in the Dorsey community for many years before his retirement when he moved to O'Neill. He had been in failing health for several years following a car accident in which both he and Mrs. Schollmeyer were seriously injured.

Survivors include: Widows - Charles of Dorsey, Joe, jr., of O'Neill, Ernest of Crofton, Herman of Dorsey; daughters - Rose Schollmeyer of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Mary Tomlinson of Inman, Mrs. Ida Hughes of Dorsey, Mrs. Emma Axberg of Spencer, Mrs. Minnie Cardinal of San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Dorothy Cooke of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Hilda Butterfield of Dorsey, Mrs. Vera Harte of Inman; Mrs. Frances Neely of Seattle, Wash.; sister - Mrs. Kathryn Knittel of Gregory, S.D.; 30 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; stepdaughter - Mrs. Howard Tucker of Central City, who with Mr. Tucker was present for the funeral.

Child Drowns in Farm Pond

SPENCER - Howard LeRoy Stron, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stron, near Manawa, drowned Wednesday morning, June 23, while wading in the pond on the Joe Kolar farm. The tragedy occurred about nine o'clock and the body was not recovered until noon. He went down into about 10-feet of water.

Funeral services were held at the Spencer Methodist church Saturday, June 26, at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. Marjorie Johnson officiating. Burial was at the Spencer Union cemetery. Howard is survived by his mother and father, one brother and three sisters.

Family Reunion at Gaskill's Home

For the first time in four years members of the Bicek family met for a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gaskill.

Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bicek, sr., of Verdigris, parents of Mrs. Gaskill; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bennett, David, Carol and Debra of Jonesboro, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Burroughs, Mark and Douglas of Lafayette, Calif.; M. and Mrs. Joe Bicek, jr., and Beverly of Omaha and Mrs. C. W. Kraupa of St. Paul, Minn. There was only one member of the family absent, Clarence of Omaha.

It was also the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Burroughs. The birthday cake was baked by her mother. All returned to their homes Sunday evening.

On Wednesday, June 30, Holt countyans had the opportunity to view the most amazing celestial show to be seen in the Twentieth century. Scientists and astronomers all over the world had Holt county pinpointed on their maps and charts as the central point of the starting front of this spectacular eclipse of the sun.

The front, which extended from three miles west of the Cumminsville corner to a point 12 miles north of Bassett, was the beginning of the path of totality. The blackout moved from Holt county to Lake Superior, Greenland, Norway, Sweden, Russia and Pakistan, India. As the eclipse began, a pale purple covering spread over the landscape and rapidly moved northward moving at approximately 3,000mph. Just 2 hours and 45 minutes after the eclipse began in Holt county, a black sun set in Jodpur, India. The eclipse, however, did not bring total darkness. The sun's corona or halo appeared around the shadow of the moon, and around the rim of the sun were red, jet-like tongues of incandescent hydrogen gas which are usually invisible.

The eclipse, which was total only 90 seconds, was partial and clearly visible for much longer. Other parts of the nation got at least a partial glimpse of the eclipse - New York City saw 74 percent of the sun covered; Chicago, Ill., saw 85 percent; St. Louis, Mo., 82 percent, and Denver, Colo., 91 percent.

Many persons living in the western part of the nation missed the show completely. The sun had not yet risen when the eclipse began.

Other than being a beautiful and awe inspiring sight to watch, the eclipse was of great scientific value. By coincidence, the attention of the scientific world is being focused on Holt county for the second time within a year. During late July, August and early September, 1953, the Cambridge, Mass., air force research center in cooperation with 14 universities, colleges, weather units and other government agencies, conducted a minute study of air turbulence on a prairie site six miles northeast of here.

The Cambridge personnel, some of whom were here last year, were working on the eclipse. One important project is to use the eclipse to learn more accurately distances between North America and Europe. The exact instant of totality will be timed at sites established in North America, Europe and the East. Since the speed of the moon's shadow is known, distances between the continents can be measured with great accuracy.

Here in O'Neill and surrounding territories residents gave the rising sun a good audience. Spectators were on hand at the O'Neill airport to view the spectacle, and a number of persons traveled to a hilltop located seven miles north of O'Neill. Both sites gave a good and unobstructed view. Many people who didn't journey to a hilltop to watch viewed the eclipse from their bedroom window or lawn.

The next total eclipse in Nebraska will take place during the year 2048 and will be visible in Omaha.

The Frontier's portable generator and tape recorder were on hand to bring the "Voice of The Frontier" listeners an on-the-scene description of the event. The recording was broadcast on the Wednesday morning program at 9:45 o'clock.

Receives Degree

On June 14, Miss Lorraine G. Ernst (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ernst, received a bachelor of arts degree in education from Wheaton college, Wheaton, Ill., at the 95th annual commencement held there. Lorraine was a member of the Elementary Teachers club and worked in activities of the Word of Life Sunday-school. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ernst and family and Lorraine's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker, attended the graduation exercises.



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