

\$85,000 Headquarters for REA Is Planned

Mrs. Kaiser, 77, Burial at Chambers

Lifelong Resident of County

AMELIA — Funeral rites for Mrs. Richard Kaiser, 77, were conducted Sunday, October 3, at the Amelia Methodist church. Rev. Carlisle Hodgkin was in charge of the service.

Mrs. Orland Fryrear and Miss Florence Lindsey sang three numbers, "What Friend We Have in Jesus," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Beyond the Sunset."

Pallbearers, all nephews of the deceased, were Asa Watson, Claude Lierman, Stanley Thompson, Carl Schatz, Leon Thompson and Ronald Watson.

The late Mrs. Kaiser had been in failing health about 32 years and had been seriously ill about three years. She died Thursday, September 30, at the Coleman nursing home in Burwell where she had been bedfast seven days.

Myrtle May Kaiser was born November 11, 1877, at Cherokee, Ia., the daughter of Charles Nathaniel Thompson and Sarah Elizabeth Haskins Thompson. When she was 3-years-old she moved with her parents to Ne- high, later locating at Inman. In 1885 the family moved onto a homestead near Amelia.

While a young girl she received Christian baptism.

On December 24, 1902, she married Mr. Kaiser. They became the parents of six children.

The late Mrs. Kaiser was a longtime resident of the Amelia community. She and her husband, Richard Kaiser, made their home on their ranch near Swan Lake until the past few years when they went to Burwell to retire due to failing health.

They spent 48 years on that place, located one mile northeast of Swan Lake.

Survivors include: Widower, sons—Chester and Vern of Hardin, Mont.; Lewie of Beatrice; Arthur of Amelia; daughter—Mrs. Thompson (Helen) Whitcomb of Amelia; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six sisters, three brothers.

She was buried in the Chambers cemetery.

In 1952 the Kaisers celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Lloyd, who died September 23, 1934. The late Mrs. Kaiser was noted for opening her home to unfortunate children.

Rosetta Fridley Burial at Ewing

EWING — Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Rosetta Fridley, 78, at the Ewing Methodist church Thursday afternoon, September 30, with Rev. E. L. Bridgen officiating. Mrs. Fridley died Saturday, September 25, in Portland, Ore., at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Harriet Welke and Mrs. Vera Anson sang hymns at the funeral rites with Mrs. Wilbur Spangler as accompanist. Pallbearers were Gail Boies, James Boies, Gordon Stamp, Dewitt Hoke, Clifford Hahlbeck and Lester Bergstrom. Burial was made in the Ewing cemetery beside the grave of her late husband.

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Preceding her in death was her husband, who died in 1937, also her parents, eight brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. Fridley was a wheelchair invalid for the past four years due to fracturing of her hip in a fall while in Ewing. The past year and a half she spent in Portland.

Large Hay Barn Destroyed by Fire

A large hay barn belonging to Charles Fox of O'Neill and located half a mile east of Emmet, was destroyed by fire Monday. The barn was nearly full of hay, and a pile of bales near the barn also burned.

Mr. Fox was out of town and could not be reached to learn the amount of hay lost. The barn was insured.

O'Neill firemen were called, but were unable to get there in time to save the barn or hay.

O'Neill Band Going to Lincoln

Sixty-eight Nebraska high school bands, including the combined O'Neill high school-St. Mary's academy band, will participate in band day activities at the University of Nebraska on Saturday, October 16. Over 3,770 musicians will participate.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers will entertain the Oregon State football team that day in Memorial stadium. There will be a massed concert at intermission.

Many failures have occurred because a man hesitated to put his best foot forward for fear of stubbing his toe.

Bavarian Concludes Visit in U.S.

Sebastian Pongratz, 62-year-old Bavarian, took leave of Holt county Sunday, having completed a three-months' visit with his brother, George Pongratz, who resides northeast of Emmet. Sebastian is to sail today (Thursday), from New York City and will return to his 40-acre farm in southeastern Germany near the village at Geratzkirchen, not far distant from Austria.

During his stay in the U.S., he also visited his sisters, Mrs. Michael Hausland of Plattsmouth and Sister M. Gerona of St. Francis hospital, Grand Island.

At the rail station in O'Neill, Sebastian said he would enjoy staying in America and making his home if he were 40 years younger.

The German farmer was dumbfounded to learn how much land is "wasted" in the United States. He cannot understand why land is idle at the ends of the fields, why so much space is devoted to farmyard, and he feels Nebraska soil would produce more.

Mr. Pongratz keeps 15 head of cattle, two horses and feeds about 20 hogs per year on his tiny farm in Germany.

"If we didn't use a lot of fertilizer we couldn't keep three cows on my place in Bavaria," he explains.

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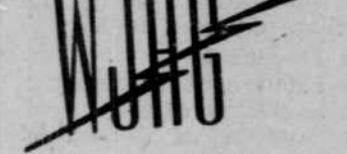
WE BEG YOUR PARDON

The Frontier's "Future Subscriber" column last issue and the Wednesday, September 29, "Voice of the Frontier" program stated a son, Scott Whitman, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson of Ft. Collins, Colo., in Atkinson Memorial hospital. The parents' correct names are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas. The mother is the former Marilyn McConnell of Atkinson.

PHYSICAL EXAMS

EWING—Two hundred thirty-three pupils in the Ewing public school were given annual physical examinations during the past week by Mrs. Wayne Peterson, R. N., Neligh. She was assisted by the freshmen FFA girls. Parents will receive the notices on those who need medical attention. A large percentage are in good health, the nurse said.

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Retired Fire Chief Dies at 72

Heuton Ill 2 Years; Rites Wednesday for Veteran Drayman

ATKINSON—Henry J. Heuton, 72, died about 10 p.m., Saturday, October 2, in Atkinson Memorial hospital following a two-year illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, October 6, from the Methodist church.

Rev. E. G. Hughes, church pastor, officiated and burial was in Wood Lawn cemetery.

Pallbearers were Percy Mentzer, George Enbody, Milo Hupp, Richard Knowles, Edwin Krugman and Fred Roberts—all members of the Atkinson volunteer fire department, which the late Mr. Heuton headed as chief for many years. He was a member of the fire department 42 years. Honorary pallbearers also were firemen.

A male quartet, including Henry Heiser, Gene Tooker, Earl Collins and Rev. Charles Phipps, sang.

The late Mr. Heuton was born July 11, 1882, at Glidden, Ia., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Heuton.

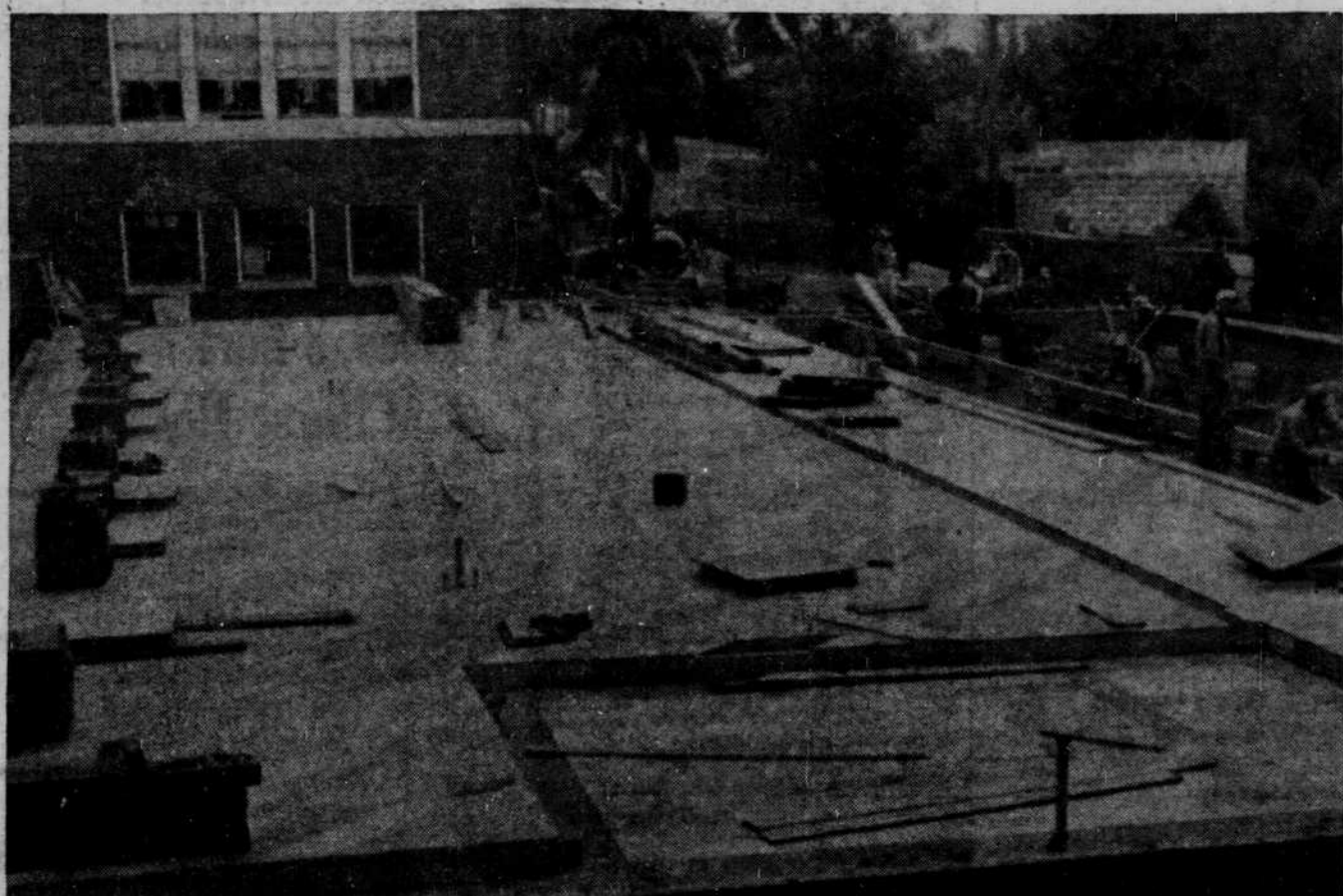
He came to Holt county at the age of 10, and has been a resident of the Atkinson community nearly 62 years.

Mr. Heuton operated the city dray line until about two years ago, when failing health forced him to retire.

Mr. Heuton and the former Emma F. Enbody were married in August, 1905.

Survivors include: Widow—Emma; son—Russell of Atkinson; daughters—Mrs. Frank (Crystal) Enbody of Atkinson, Mrs. E. (Delores) Johnson of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Emil (Eloretta) Kotes of Spencer; brother—Frank of Atkinson; sister—Mrs. Gertrude Zanky of Seattle, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

The body was taken to the Heuton residence Sunday evening where it lay in state until the funeral hour.



Workmen are racing against the weather on the new elementary grade school building on the O'Neill public school campus.—The Frontier Photo.



Members of the O'Neill city schools board of education, watching the progress at Tuesday's bond sale. Seated—F. N. Cronin, H. L. Lindberg, President H. L. Lohaus, Mrs. Loretta Hynes; standing—Secretary Ira H. Moss and Supt. D. E. Nelson. (One board member, Elgin Ray, was absent when photo was taken.—The Frontier Photo.)

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Leonard Heiss Dies Suddenly

PAGE—Leonard Heiss, who is in his 80's, dropped dead about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, October 6, in the bar at his home, located three-fourths of a mile east of the bank corner. Death was attributed to a heart attack. The body was taken to Biglin's in O'Neill pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Twice married, the late Mr. Heiss is survived by the widow; sons—Raymond, Harold and Ivan, all of Page; daughters—Mrs. Merwyn (Florence) French, sr., of Page, Mrs. Gertrude Deaver of Des Moines, Ia., and Miss Marie of Hastings.

Don Becker will visit his sister, Miss Barbara, Friday and Saturday. She is enrolled in an X-ray technicians' course in Kansas City, Mo. He will spend Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Becker.

O'Neill High FFA Team Is Winner

Gains Most Points Among 10 Schools

Judging teams from 10 Future Farmers of America chapters, representing that many north-central Nebraska high schools, competed Tuesday at Valentine in conjunction with the Nebraska Hereford show held there. O'Neill high's team, taught by Pat Gallup, finished with the most points.

The Bassett chapter rated second; Valentine, third; Springview and Ainsworth, tied for fourth and fifth; Atkinson high, sixth.

High individual of the livestock judging contest was Frank Parmelky of Harrison with a total score of 265. Charles Strelow of Bassett was in second place with a total score of 264.

The top livestock team was Valentine with a score of 756. Bassett placed second with 742; Crawford, third with 740, and Harrison, fourth with 721. Bartlett, Atkinson, O'Neill, Springview and Rushville finished in that order.

In the crops judging contest, O'Neill placed first, and Bassett was in second place; Springview, third, and Ainsworth, fourth. Eddie Krugman of O'Neill was the high-point individual with a total score of 142. Robert Burival, Elmore Blaine and David Page ranked second, third and fourth, respectively.

The tractor maintenance contest was won by O'Neill. Ainsworth placed second; Bassett, third, and Springview, fourth.

High individual in the tractor maintenance contest was Jim Frericks of O'Neill. Don Naiborb of Ainsworth was second; Jim White of Bassett, third, and Duane Boelter of O'Neill, fourth.

The O'Neill FFA held its second meeting this week. Chapter topics included swine enterprises, freshman initiation and fund raising. Eddie Ritts and Robert Burival presided.

O'Neill Banks Buy School Bonds

At the public sale of 80-thousand-dollar worth of bonds, which will be used to finance O'Neill's new four-room, single-story elementary school building, the two O'Neill banks were successful bidders.

The purchase price was \$7,500 for the 10-year bonds. This figure is 1.5625 percent interest.

The First National bank and O'Neill National bank will share the purchase. Four outstate investment firms were active. Three dropped out when the figure was lowered to \$8,800.

Already construction is underway on the 92x64 foot building.

Water Tower Gets Emergency Repair

Welding and Painting to Cost \$4,100

Extensive repairing is underway on O'Neill's municipal water tower. A contract has been let to the Pittsburg Tank & Tower company of Pittsburg, Kans., to weld all rivet heads, repair one badly rusted leg of the tower, paint and general overall maintenance. Total expense will be in the neighborhood of \$4,100.

The contract was formally signed at Tuesday evening's city council meeting but the workmen have been on the job for about a week. Pressure is maintained in the system by continuous pumping and by placing a pressure regulator on a fire hydrant.

It is the first major repair on the tower since it was erected (Continued on page 6.)

Entertain at Supper

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walter entertained at a supper Thursday, September 30, in honor of the 88th birthday anniversary of his father, John Walter. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Al Dierking, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walter and Mrs. C. V. Robertson.

Mrs. Judge Loses Sight in Left Eye

Mrs. Jane Judge, 60, O'Neill woman, fell early Tuesday at her home here. Her face struck the corner of a table. The accident cost her the sight of her left eye.

Mrs. Judge got out of bed in the night and it has not been determined whether she fainted or stumbled in the dark.

She was taken to a Norfolk hospital Tuesday afternoon by her sister-in-law, Miss Ann Judge, R.N., and by her brother, Richard Minton. Her attending eye specialist said the strike against the table corner caused Mrs. Judge's eye to "explode."

Her condition Wednesday was described as satisfactory. Surgery was planned for today (Thursday) but late Wednesday physicians decided to delay the operation.

4-H Club Calves Average 28 Cents

82 Sold in District Show, Sale

Eighty-two head of 4-H club calves sold Wednesday afternoon at a district show and sale sponsored by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the extension service. The average price was \$28.62 per cwt.

There were 34 head of commercial cattle sold, consigned by farmers and ranchers in the region. The commercials averaged \$23.71.

The grand champion stock-feeder 4-H steer was an Angus shown by Karen Garwood of Amelia, member of the Sandhill Billies' club.

The champion sold for 64 cents per pound to H. G. Norland of Winona, Minn. The reserve 4-H stock-feeder honors went to Kenneth Backhaus, who exhibited a Hereford heifer which was not offered at auction.

The reserve 4-H steer was shown by Jeannene Backhaus of O'Neill, member of the 212 South Fork club. Her entry was a heavyweight Hereford and so to Gene Hansen of Hastings, who purchased the reserve champion last year.

There were a total of one hundred 4-H calves shown, 18 of which were not put on the auction block.

Champion group of three went to the Sandhill Billies' club of Amelia, while runnerup honors went to the Prairie Wranglers of Chambers. The Martha club finished third.

Don Petersen, president of the Chamber, awarded the show ribbons.

Top commercial calf was shown by Oswald Druke of O'Neill. He swept the commercial class by also showing the second- and third-best individuals, the best pen of five and the runnerup pen of five. The Druke entries were Herefords.

Vernie Johnson of O'Neill entered the top pen of five Angus. Best commercial calf price was 48 cents. A Druke Hereford entry, it was purchased by James Roskens of Milford, Ia.

Showmanship honors were awarded as follows: Dale Pullerton of Amelia, first; Shirley Green of Chambers, second; Nick Hammerlin of O'Neill, third.

Basin Unit Here Friday for Meeting

Rep. Miller, Governor to Be Heard During All-Day Session

The annual meeting of the Niobrara River Basin Development association will be held in O'Neill on Friday, October 8. There will be a noon luncheon at the Town House.

The association's business meeting will be held at the American Legion hall at 1:15 p.m. The group will be welcomed by Don Petersen, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Among the guests present will be: Congressman A. L. Miller and Gov. Robert Crosby.

After noon speakers will be: Clyde Burdick of Ainsworth, area engineer for the bureau of reclamation; Rudolph Walters of Denver, Colo., regional director for the bureau of reclamation, and James Smith of Omaha, manager of the Missouri river division of the Mississippi Valley association.

Various committees will make reports. Directors and officers will be elected. The directors will meet to organize for the coming year.

A dinner meeting will be held at the American Legion hall at 6:30 p.m. Raymond Lund, agricultural agent for the Chicago & North Western railroad, with headquarters in Rapid City, S.D., will be the banquet speaker. Mr. Lund has been active in irrigation affairs in South Dakota and Nebraska. He has the reputation of being a very able speaker.

All association members, farmers and business men are invited to attend the afternoon session. Banquet tickets are available by reservation by calling 162-J.

Car Thief Taken by Michigan Patrol

William John Bierman, formerly of Madison and a penal parolee, recently was arrested by Michigan state police near Monroe, Mich., and is now in custody of Scottsbluff County Sheriff Steve Warrick.

Warrick said Bierman admitted stealing a vehicle at Scottsbluff and abandoning it in Cheyenne, Wyo. Bierman told Warrick he later at O'Neill helped himself to a machine belonging to E. W. Nelson of Sarles, N.D. Nelson had been visiting at the Woodson Melena home and the car was stolen from in front of the Melena residence.

Warrick told Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjask that Bierman had been using two aliases—Earl Roberts and Hugo Weinweber.

The night the Nelson machine was stolen, State Game Conservationist Fred Salak of O'Neill gave chase to a motorist between Atkinson and O'Neill with speeds mounting up to one hundred miles per hour. The fleeing driver abandoned the vehicle in West O'Neill and disappeared into tall weeds.

Later that night the Nelson vehicle was taken.

Warrick said Bierman has been arraigned in county court and bound over to Scottsbluff county district court.

Melton Rated One of America's Most Popular Artists

More group captains for the O'Neill Community Concerts association membership drive, to be staged the week of October 18-23, have been named, according to President F. E. Parkins.

The new captains are: Miss Alvira Ramm of Stuart, Lyle Dierks of Ewing, Mrs. Merwyn French, jr., of Page, Mrs. John Lamason of Page and Mrs. Helen Finch of Page.

Mrs. Pauline Walston, mid-western representative for Community Concert Services, Inc., will be in O'Neill Tuesday, October 12, for a preliminary meeting with association officials.

James Melton has been tentatively booked to open the concert season Friday, November 5. Mr. Melton has a repertoire consisting of over 3,000 songs. He has had great success as a featured tenor soloist on "Voice of Firestone" hour, as a concert and operatic soloist and as a recording artist. Mr. Melton is regarded as one of the most popular singers in America today.

The O'Neill association is seeking one thousand memberships to insure Mr. Melton's appearance and the scheduling of two or three additional concerts during the winter.

PANCAKE PLANNING

Plans for O'Neill's pancake day, to be held Tuesday, October 19, are rapidly progressing.



Members of Brownie troop I visited The Frontier newspaper and commercial printing plant and also the "Voice of the Frontier" studios Tuesday afternoon, escorted by Mrs. Don Douglas, assistant leader. Leonard Bazelman of The Frontier's mechanical staff is explaining linotype slugs to Mary Jo Walker, Suzanne Stewart, Marilyn Donohoe (white headscarf), Verna Butterfield, Donna Lee Hopkins, Sharon Hartman and Kathy Bohn. One member, Jean Lohaus, was not present. George Hammond conducted tape-recorded interviews with the Brownies and the playback will be heard on the Saturday "Voice of the Frontier" program, (WJAG, 780 k.c., 9:45 a.m.)—The Frontier Photo.