

Raitt Becomes an 'Admiral'

Roy D. Raitt (left) receives a commission as "admiral" in the "Great Navy of Nebraska" from Gov. Robert Crosby during an interlude here Friday in connection with the annual meeting of the Niobrara Basin Development association. Raitt, an Ainsworth realtor, had been reelected president of the association. Governor Crosby said the "admiral" award is a traditional method in Nebraska of recognizing citizens for "meritorious achievement." The award came as a complete surprise to Raitt. Crosby flew to O'Neill to speak to the association and to make the presentation. - The

'Congress Authority' Big Accomplishment

have accomplished during the

congress of the United States the

authorization by which the Nio-

brara river basin development

becomes a part of the overall

Missouri river (Pick - Sloan)

Thus spoke President Roy D.

Raitt lauded Rep. A. L. Miller

(R) of Nebraska for introducing

HR 8520 and pushing the bill

through a series of hearings. The bill technically enables the

secretary of the interior to in-

clude the Niobrara in the bud-

get and provide for construc-

tion of the Ainsworth, Lavaca Flats, Mirage Flats and O'Neill

tion's gratitude to Representative

Miller, who was present; Nebras-

ka Gov. Robert Crosby, also

present; South Dakota Gov. Sig-

urd Aderson; C. Petrus Peterson

of Lincoln, president of the Na-

tional Reclamation association;

Everett Winters of St. Louis, Mo.,

executive vice-president of the

Mississippi Valley association;

welch, secretary-manager of

the National Reclamation associa-

personnel, including Area Engi-

irrigable land.

Other speakers included

James Smith of Omaha, man-

ager of the Missouri river divi-

sion of the Mississippi associa-

Smith urged the Niobrara group

Tonight as Head

Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill at-

retire as president of the Nebras-

ka State Bar association which

has been in session this week in

Omaha. He has been president

John Daly, distinguished Am-

alyst, will speak at the dinner.

during the past year.

the association.

irrigation developments.

Raitt of Ainsworth, head of the

Niobrara Basin Development as-

Native of Germany Helps Build Page

Leonard Heiss, 78, Helps Found Church

PAGE - Funeral services for sociation at the group's annual Leonard Heiss, 78, were conduct- meeting held Friday in the Amered at 2 p.m., Friday, October 8, ican Legion auditorium here. from the Methodist church at President Raitt retraced the Page. Rev. Lisle E. Mewmaw, irony that cropped up at the outchurch pastor, officiated with set of the 83d congress when it Biglin's in charge of arrange- was ruled the Niobrara was not ments. Mr. Heiss died suddenly formally incorporated in the Pickabout 5 p.m., Wednesday, October | Sloan plan and, therefore, could 6, in the barn at the Heiss farm. not qualify for funds. He suffered a stroke.

Active pallbearers were grandsons who represented the fami-They were Karl Kattmeier, Merwyn French, jr., Carroll French, Richard Heiss, Kenneth Heiss, Larry Heiss and Lyle Heiss. Honpallbearers were Rollie Edwin Braddock, Dave Bowen, Dr. E. J. Bild, Frank Snyder and J. I. Gray.

and Mrs. Dale Stauffer and Marvin Stauffer sang "Face to Face." "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," with Mrs. Mrs. Bertha Reed and Mrs. J I. Gray had charge of the floral

The late Leonard Heiss, son of the late Leonhardt and Caroline Graulich Heiss, was born

at Baden, Germany, November When he was 6-years-old, he neer Clyde Burdick of Ainsworth; came to America with his parents John Kiemig of Denver, Colo., reand his sisters. The family resid- gional planning engineer; N. B.

ed in Omaha for one year before Eennett, jr., chief of the project coming to Holt county in 1883. development division, and others. They settled on a homestead one On August 20 President Dwight mile east of the present site of D. Eisenhower, at his summer Page, where Mr. Heiss continued white house in Denver, signed thereafter to make his home. HR 8520 into public law 612 of Through his 71 years of resi- the 83d congress dence in Holt county, Mr. Heiss Raitt said he hoped one thouwitnessed the transformation of sand members could be signed in

the countryside from a barren the association during the new prairie to a prosperous agricultur- year-1955. al community. For many years Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Ome Mr. Heiss devoted considerable been spurring the interior depart- ha; one grandchild; brother the said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan, poin of Congressman Miller said he had garet Sullivan he had time and effort to improving the soil and planting trees. In his later years he turned and also has been vigorously the farming responsibility over to pressing for an acceleration of

On March 7, 1899, he was married to Miss Dollie Reed, To this union six children were born, Mrs. Heiss died November 25, 1918, during the influenza epidemic. Mr. Heiss was married on June 20, 1923, to Miss Louise French.

The late Mr. Heiss helped establish the original Methodist church at Page. He was a mem- to join actively with the Missisber of the church at the time of sippi and national associations. his death. For many years he Rudolph Walters of Denver, retaught an adult Bible class in the gion bureau of reclamation, was Sunday-school. He was a mem- a principal speaker during the afber of the Ben Hur lodge.

Survivors include: Widow Louise; sons - Raymond, Harold ture" for the Niobrara basin. and Ivan, all of Page; daughters Mrs. Gertrude Deaver of Des ed the group for its "wonderful Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Merwyn (Flor- progress. ence) French of Page, and Miss Marie Heiss of Hastings; 18 grandchildren, 24 great - grandchildren, several nephews and banquet speaker.

Relatives from out-of-town Cronin Retires who came for the funeral were Mrs. Gertrude Deaver, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kattmeier and family, all of Des Moines, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Asher and family of Powell, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fink and daughter of Wichita, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Heiss and daughter of Bolton, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Murphy of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Miss Marie Heiss of Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Heiss and Larry Heiss, all of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sorensen and daughter of Creighton; E. E. Reed, Mrs. C. F. Storm, ficial, commentator and news an-Mrs. Dale Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Elort Blackmore, all of Royal; Dr. and Mrs. O. W. French, Miss Alice French, Mrs. Gordon Harper and address the noon luncheon today. Mrs. Laurence Haynes, all of O'- A Lincoln attorney, John J. Neill. Wilson, is the new president of

OIL PROGRESS WEEK

Emmett Crabb, chairman of the O'Neill city council, has proclaimed of grain and potatoes in the social afternoon of the Woman's October 10-16 as oil progress week United States declined about 40 Society of Christian Service of

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NIOBRARA RIVER BASIN

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PAGES

PatSullivan, Ill 2 Years, Dies at 72

Rites Tuesday Morn for Lifetime Holt County Resident

Patrick C. Sullivan, 72, died at 7:25 a.m., Sunday, October 10, at his home following a two years' illness. He was a retired farmer.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Tuesday, October 12, from St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Calvary ceme-

Pallbearers were Norbert Uhl, James Kelly, P. C. Donohoe, Leo Tomjack, Dennis M. Murphy and Clyde Bowden. Biglin's were in past year was securing from the charge.

A rosary rite was held at 8 Monday at the Sullivan residence in the southwest part of

The late Mr. Sullivan was born



Sullivan . . . 'admiral' in Nebraska's 'navy.'

July 26, 1882, at O'Neill, a son of tion, and bureau of reclamation James and Joanna Dunn Sullivan.

> he married Miss Anna Barrett. They became the parents of five children. One son, Daniel, is deceased. The family resided many years on a farm four miles northeast of O'Neill. Mr. Sullivan retired from the farm in April, 1944.

Survivors include: Widow Anna; sons-Raymond of Wayne and Eugene of O'Neill; daughters -the Misses Gertrude and Margaret Sullivan, both of Omament's budget people in order to Joseph of Laramie, Wyo.; sisters -Miss Mary Sullivan and Mrs. speed up Niobrara development, William Hanley, both of O'Neill. He was preceded in death by the final surveys and plans. The basin development will cost about eryn Noonan of Butte, Mont., and 100-million-dollars. The O'Neill brothers—James, Daniel, Michael, Dennis and John, all originally of unit includes about 56,000 acres of

> On November 19, 1948, the late Mr. Sullivan was made an honorary "admiral" in the "great navy of Nebraska." The award was conferred by Gov. Val Peterson.

Throngs Expected for Pancake Day

ternoon session and pointed to "hard work" and a "bright fu-An influx of several thousand visitors is expected here Tuesday, Governor Crosby congratulat-October 19-the date of the third annual Pillsbury pancake day sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The affair will be Raymond Lund, agricultural agent for the Chicago & North held in the Knights of Columbus hall and serving will commence Western railroad, was evening

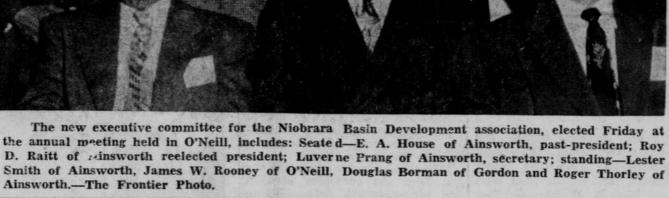
O'Neill businessmen will bake the cakes, wash dishes and do the serving. There will be entertainment, 900 free prizes, and music ty the Municipal band. (Consult advertisement on page 4 for deof Nebraska Bar

orney, tonight (Thursday) will Leave Today for Physical Exams

The following Holt county selective service registrants have been ordered to report in Omaha erican Broadcasting company of- today (Thursday) for preinduction physical examinations: Harold J. Johnson of O'Neill. Forrest Storm and Mr. and Mrs. Hon. Harold M. Stephens, chief Gordon R. Lorenz of O'Neill,

To Be Hostess-

EWING- Mrs. Andrew Olson will be hostess at her home on Per capita human consumption Wednesday, October 20, for the percent between 1909 and 1952. the Methodist church.



Funeral at Page for Mrs. Crumly

Comes to State in 1917 from Texas

eld at 2 p.m., Sunday, October 9, at the Methodist church in Page fix. or Mrs. Josie Crumly, 82, who died Thursday, October 7. She had suffered a heart ailnent and had been ill about six

Rev. Lisle Mewmaw had charge of the services and burial was in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers were George Clasey, Jesse Kelly, Ronald Grass, Jerome Allen, Arthur Grass and Emmitt Thompson A quartet, including Mrs. Alton

Braddock, Mrs. Lorenze Riege, Mrs. Ray Snell and Mrs. Gerald Lamason, sang hymns with Mrs. John Lamason as pianist. Mrs. Hester Edmisten, Mrs. Ed

ere in charge of the flowers. Mo., the daughter of Daniel and order, Father Burke said. Alse Lewellyn Dielman.

The family moved to Nebraska in 1917 from Blessing, Tex., and

west of Page. She was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1939. The late Mrs. Crumly was the last remaining member of her family. The body was taken to the Alfred T. Crumly reesidence at 10:30 a.m., Sunday where it his parents, one sister, Mrs. Kath- lay in state until the funeral hour. She is survived by her three sons and 12 grandchildren.

Child Escapes Drowning at Page

PAGE—Bruce, 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wettlaufer, escaped drowning when he was found floating in the stock tank at his farm home north of Page Sunday morning. The child had been playing

around the barn where his brother and father were working and had wandered back to the tank. His mother, looking from the window, missed the boy and called to Mr. Wettlauf-

The tank was the first place they looked as the lad liked to play there. Mr. Wettlaufer administered artificial respiration which revived the child. Other than extreme exhaustion, he seemingly suffered no bad ef-

Redecorate Church; Open-House Planned

EWING-Open-house will be observed between 3 and 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, October 17, at St Peter's Catholic church. A public inviation has been issued by the pastor, Rev. Peter F. Burke.

The altar has been modeled with scrolls of wheat and grapes PAGE—Funeral services were symbolizing the Eucharist. The seroll work surrounds a new cruci-

Red velvet drapes hang from the top of the table of the altar. Recessed lights illuminate the scroll and drapes and provide light for the priest when artificial light is need-Blenoing shades of gray and oak

brown predominate the body of the church since the redecoration project has been completed by a Carroll, Ia., church decorating firm. Scrolls adorn the ceiling througout the church. Floral designs on a light blue background cover the

ceiling above the altar. There is a new communion rail and six statutes at the front of the church have been redecorated. The Sterner and Mrs. Arnold Stewart confessional has been shifted to the baptistry affording a "crying Mildred Josephine Crumly was room" for babies. Six new furniture born August 7, 1872, at Osceola, pieces for the sanctuary are on

February 14, 1906, to Albian Thomas Crumly. To this union three sons were born— Lyndley, R. V. and Alfred, all of Page. The family moved to Nake. **Expires in Hospital**

made their home on a farm north- Holt County Resident Since 1884

A Holt county farmer, Clyde O. Johnson, 81, who had been a resident here since 1884, died about 1:40 p.m., Saturday, October 9, in St. Anthony's hospital. He had suffered a stroke and had been seriously ill since September 22.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, October 11, from the Methodist church with Rev. W. B. Smith, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. Pallbearers were Henward Hood, Henry Vequist, Levi Yantzie and John Grutsch, all

January 23, 1873, at Peoria, Ill., a son of Francis Marion and Mary On July 26, 1900, he married

Emma Ernst at O'Neill. For many years the Johnsons resided near the Eagle creek, about 20 miles northwest of O'-Neill. In later years he continued to reside on the place with his

His wife died October 29, 1929. Survivors include: Sons-Francis M. and Elvin Raymond, both of O'Neill; daughters-Mrs. Charles M. (Hazel) Saide of Sioux City and Mrs. Dominic (Elva) All states in the United States McDermott of O'Neill; stepson - have compulsory education laws. Vernie L. Winn of Butte, Mont:

Concert Kickoff to Be Held Monday

James Melton May Launch Series

Mrs. Pauline Walston, field representative of Community Concerts Services, Inc., met with the officers and members of the board of directors on Tuesday evening advise the local association on plans and procedure for a oneweek membership campaign to be held Monday, October 18, to Saturday, October 23, inclusive. Preliminary plans for the campaign include the establishment

of an organization comprising approximately 125 officers and ampaign workers. This organization will be under the direction of Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka and John H. McCarville, membership cochairmen of the association. On Monday night, October 18, the entire organization will hold

a dinner meeting at the American Legion auditorium which will serve as the send-off for the campaign. John C. Watson, vice-president, will preside at this meeting, at which the campaign workers will receive final instructions and equipment for enrolling an expected 1,000 members, the maximum seating capacity of the bigh school auditorium, where the concerts will be held.

No tickets will be sold to individual concerts. By restricting the membership campaign to one week and by prohibiting the sale of single admissions to the concerts, the association will be enabled to close its books and select its concerts within the limits of an established fund and thereby incur no financial risk.

A campaign headquarters will be established at the Golden hotel lobby, in which a special phone will be installed for the week. Workers will enroll members throughout the week and on Saturday, October 23, the camry Murray, Thomas Murray, Ed- paign will be closed and no more members will be accepted.

Under the "organized audience" plan memberships cost \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. One membership entitles holder to attend all concerts booked as a result of the campaign. The actual choice of the concerts is the responsibility of the executive board which is representative of the entire region and can be relied known tastes of the majority they upon to choose according to the

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WEATHER			SUMMARY:		
			Hi	Lo	Prec.
October	7		60	38	.35
October	8		79	49	
October	9		72	50	.01
October	10		68	54	.01
October	11		74	42	
October	12		67	48	
October	13		58	41	.17

Rhine River Drive 'Lovely'

Harley, who left here by plane on August 28 for Munich, Germany, to visit her husband, S/Sgt. Richard Harley, arrived home on Sunday, October 3.

Sergeant and Mrs. Harley had an apartment in the home of a German family during her visit. toured Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg and France, as well as Germany and parts of Switzer-

Mrs. Harley reports Germany is a "very beautiful and prosperous country" with a climate very similar to Nebraska's. The trip up the Rhine river valley cause of the scenery, including the ancient castles and estates. The Alps mountains were especially enjoyed.

Returning to New York on September 29, she was met by friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lurlin Collins, formerly of Chambers, tho entertained her for four days. She saw Radie City, Madison Square Garden, statue of liberty and other places of in-

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis tives.

one son, Wayne, who stayed with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bly while his mother was in Europe.

Visits Kin Here-Leo Carney drove to Grand Is- Grace Briggs. land last Thursday where he met his brother, A. J. Carney of San Diego, Calif., who had arrived ATKINSON—A large number of railway commissioner, and Ralph

Tom Donlin Dies at Wheel

First White Child at Orchard Dies

Charles E. Grim, 80, Rites Sunday

ORCHARD — Funeral services vere conducted at 2 p.m., Sunday, October 10, in the United Brethren church here for Charles Edward Grim, 80, who held the disinction of being the first white child born in this locality.

Mr. Grim, a lifelong resident here, died Friday, Ocober 8, at his home. He had been ill five years and had been bedfast 21/2

Burial was in the Grimton cemtery. Pallbearers were Irven Miller, Max LeMasters, Lloyd Butterfield, Eldon Butterfield of O'Neill, William Grosse and Cari Grosse. Honorary pallbearers were Carl Nelson, F. E. Butterfield, Dr. D. L. Fletcher, Buy Wanser, George Colman and Eler Hinshaw. The officiating minister was Rev. W. G. Millett. enurch pastor.

Those in charge of the flowers vene Mrs. Jay LeMasters, Mrs. loyd Butterfield, Mrs. Eldon Butterfield and Mrs. Carl Grosse. Singers were Mrs. Vernon Munger, Ed Hoag and Bernard Strope, accompanied by Mrs. Harvey



'Charley' Grim . . . spends lifetime in Orchard vicinity.

The late Mr. Grim was born September 20, 1874, near Venus. He was the fourth child in a family of eight children born to the late David and Sarah Ellen Grim.

On November 20, 1898, he was united in marriage to Laura Eliza Dougherty at Middlebranch and one son and two daughters were born to this union.

The Grims celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1948. M.r Grim was best-known among his friends as "Charley." Survivors include: Widow Laura; son - Elmer of Ewing;

daughters-Mrs. Albert Pospeshil of Venus and Mrs. Harry Butterfield of Orchard; grandsons Harold Pospeshil of Sioux City; Gerald Grim of Port Angeles. Wash.; Pfc. Telford Grim in service in Germany; granddaughter --Shirley Butterfield of Orchard; great-grandchildren- Janet Lou and Jerry John Pospeshil, both of Sioux City; brother - Ira of Idaho; sisters-Ella Clyde of Wycming and Maude Yount of Om-

Air Crash Fatal to Victor Briggs

EWING-Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 6, 2 o'clock. Mrs. Guy Cole of O'-at Oklahoma City, Okla., for Vic- Neill, Holt GOP chairman, is in tor Briggs, son of Mrs. Grace Eriggs of Ewing. Briggs and a companion were instantly killed in a small aircraft accident. Briggs, the pilot, was giving a friend an airplane ride when the mishap occurred. Details are lacking.

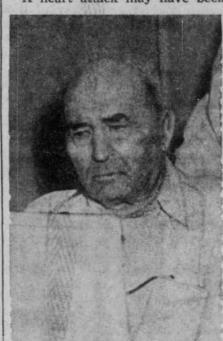
Burial was made at Oklahoma Survivors include: Widow; daughter-Cindy; mother- Mrs.

by plane. He will return home guests gathered at the home of Mr. W. Hill, for state treasurer. today (Thursday). Mr. Carney is and Mrs. Gus Wallen here Sunday Wallens' wedding anniversary. Backhaus.

Holt Pioneer Driving Alone When Auto Goes into Ravine

Thomas Donlin, 85, a retired rancher, died about 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning, October 10, while driving alone in his car about two miles southeast of Spencer on U.S. highway 281.

He had been hospitalized here at O'Neill and released on Friday. A heart attack may have been



from hospital.-Frontier Photo.

of control. Boyd County Sheriff Claude Collins of Butte, who investigated the accident, said it hasn't been determined yet whether the death will be classified as a highway fatality or whether death was due to natural causes. The car left the highway and came to a stop in a narrow ravine about 150 feet from the road.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, October 13, from St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiating. Burial was under the direction of Biglin's at

The late Mr. Donlin was born May 6, 1869, at Pottsville, Pa. His parents were natives of Ireland. They were the late John and Margaret Donlin.

The family settled about 20 miles north of O'Neill near Eagle creek and endured all the privations of early days, drouths grasshoppers and Indian scares. He came to Holt county in 1876, and by virtue of that early arrival here he was considered one of the early pioneers in Holt

Mr. Donlin married Catherine Cassidy at Sidney. She died in 1909. Later, at O'Neill, he married Anna Harrington.

The late Mr. Donlin had considerable land holdings in Holt county and in the vicinity of Ft.

Survivors include: Widow -Anna; sons - James of Staples Minn.; Thomas of Bristow; Edward of Bancroft; daughters -Mrs. Thomas Regan of Omaha, Mrs. M. E. Simonson of O'Neill Mrs. Thomas Greene of Spencer, Mrs. Arlen Kirk of Spencer and Mrs. Vernal Koenig of Redbluff,

GOP Caravan Will Visit Holt Friday

Nebraska's 1954 republican caravan, featuring three senatorial candidates, on e congressional candidate and seven state candidates, will be in this region on Friday of this week. The caravan will spend tonight

(Thursday) at Ainsworth and make Friday forenoon stops at Bassett, Stuart and Atkinson, arriving in O'Neill at 11:45. There will be a luncheon at the M&M cafe, followed about 1 o'clock by a street meeting. The republican delegates will leave O'Neill about charge of reception arrangements. Aboard the caravan will be: Carl T. Curtis, Roman L. Hruska and Mrs. George P. Abel, all candidates for the U.S. senate; Victor E. Anderson, candidate for governor; A. L. Miller, candidate for congress from the Fourth district; and the following candidates for state offices: Charles J. Warfor lieutenant - governor; Clarence S. Beck, for attorneygeneral; Frank Marsh, for secretary of state; Ray C. Johnson, for

berty and other places of inerest.

a retired navy officer, having served over 26 years in the navy.

Mrs. Harley is the daughter

today (Indisday). In Carry is to honor the couple. The event honored the recent retirement of the is visiting his brothers, Leo Mr. Wallen, after 40 years as a second from St. Anthony's hospital of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bly and Edmund, and his sister, Mrs. tion foreman for the Chicago & are Mrs. Carl Lambert, Mrs. of Amelia. Sergeant Harley is Catherine Craig, and other rela- North Western railroad, and the Mark Gribble and Mrs. Roy