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Diane Faye, who said "hello world" at 12:10 a.m., on new year's day, is pictured with her mother, Mrs. Henry Scripser of Atkinson. (Story below.)—The Frontier Photo.

'55 Is 10-Minutes-Old as Diane Faye Arrives

Gov. Crosby Okays Ainsworth Project

Objections to Plan Aired Last Week

The controversial Ainsworth Irrigation project, a part of the overall Niobrara river basin development plan, Tuesday was given the approval of Gov. Robert Crosby during the final hours of his term of office.

The governor, who today (Thursday) turns the reins of state government over to Gov.-Elect Victor Anderson, disclosed his approval in a letter to E. J. Walter, Jr., regional director of the bureau of reclamation. The bureau's plans for impounding water in the Snake river in Cherry county and delivering it through a 50-odd mile canal to the Ainsworth locality (in Brown county) had been criticized by a group of Cherry county ranchers.

Only last week the final hearing in a series was held. Their opposition was based on these grounds:

Possible damage from seepage from the reservoir and canal; division of land by the canal; possible loss of cattle that might drift into the canal during blizzards; and a claim that the project would not be economically feasible.

Crosby's okay generally approved the reclamation bureau's plans, which also include development of 66-thousand-acres of irrigable land in the O'Neill area. The controversy between Ainsworth county objectors has been flaring for several years. The overall Niobrara basin development, which is a part of the Missouri river plan, will cost an estimated 96-million-dollars.

5 Enlistments in Army Announced

The army recruiting office at O'Neill has announced the following recent enlistments from this area:

Fred E. Schafer of Stuart, for signal corps; Edwin E. Burger of Bristow, for ordnance corps; Elmer L. Kraft of Bristow, for ordnance corps; Wesley W. Woods of Winnetoon, for medical corps; Joseph F. Howard, regular army, unassigned.

These men went to Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Tex., for further processing, training and reassignment. They will take eight weeks of basic training and then be reassigned to their chosen branches.

George Collins Heads Redistricting Unit

George Collins of Atkinson was elected chairman of the Holt county school redistricting committee in session Thursday, December 30, at the courthouse assembly room. Lyle Dierks of Ewing was named vice-president.

Other committee members present were Ira H. Moss of O'Neill, Frank Schmidt of Page and Miss Alice French of O'Neill.

WEATHER SUMMARY table with columns for date, Hi, and Lo.

NELSON TO LINCOLN

State Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill was on hand Tuesday noon when the Nebraska unicameral legislature convened for the 1955 session. Nelson represents the Twenty-eighth district, consisting of Holt, Boyd, Rock and Keya Paha counties.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Contois and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Conroy and Barbara spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Taylor in Lincoln.

Mrs. Wrede Dies at 82; Ill 3 Months

Settles on Homestead in Holt in 1875; Rites on Wednesday

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, January 5, from the Methodist church here for Mrs. Addie Wrede, 82, widow of the late Charles Wrede, jr. She died at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, January 2, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Martin, in O'Neill.

Dr. N. P. McKee, veteran Atkinson physician, presided at the birth. Mr. Scripser is a painter. Diane Faye's parents will be making a trip to O'Neill soon to cash in on a shower of gifts which leading merchants have provided for the derby winner in cooperation with The Frontier.

The contest marked the ninth annual first baby derby to be sponsored by The Frontier.

Mrs. Gus Daniels Burial at Ewing

DELOIT — Funeral services were held for Mrs. Gus Daniels at the Methodist church in Ewing on Thursday afternoon, December 30.

Mrs. Daniels, 61, died in the Neilgh hospital, Tuesday, December 28. She suffered a stroke about three weeks before her death.

Rev. E. L. Bridgion officiated. Burial was in the Ewing cemetery.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Henry (Vivian) Martin of O'Neill and Mrs. Gertrude Easton of Greeley, Colo.; son—Earl of Bronson, Mo.; sister—Mrs. Isa Brundage of Norfolk; half-sisters—Mrs. Clara Van Hove of Bristow; Mae Kerns of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Ella Manson of O'Neill; Mrs. Goldie Liddy of Lincoln; Mrs. Carl (Pearl) Widfield of O'Neill; Mrs. Nellie Boshart of Norfolk; half-brothers—John and Harry Lansworth, both of O'Neill; Peter Lansworth of Silver Dale, Wis.; and Robert Lansworth of Kearney.

There are eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hugh Anderson, Clearwater, Dies

CLEARWATER—Hugh Anderson, 74, bachelor farmer, died Sunday morning at his home two miles north of Clearwater.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Methodist church in Clearwater.

Native of Creighton Dies in Dakota

BRISTOW—Robert Allen of Presho, S.D., died Tuesday, December 28. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, at Presho.

The late Mr. Allen was born at Creighton. His wife is the former Neve Alford of Monowi. Survivors include: Widow, six children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Elvin Allen of Bristow is a son.

ENTER COURTHOUSE

BARTLETT — Thieves who broke into the Wheeler county courthouse here early last Thursday morning escaped with about five hundred dollars in cash, including money in the polo fund. Money was taken from the offices of the county clerk and county treasurer.

John R. Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen, arrived home last Thursday for a 10-day furlough, after completing his basic training at Ft. Bliss, Tex. He expects to be sent to Ft. Ord, Calif., and will be assigned to an army band after eight weeks of additional training at Ft. Ord.

St. Anthony's hospital auxiliary will meet Monday, January 10, at the hospital at 8 p.m.

Ewing Visitor, 10, Stricken by Polio

EWING—Richard Arlen Finwall, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Finwall of Ft. Jones, Calif., was stricken Friday night with infantile paralysis. He was taken to Antelope Memorial hospital, Neilgh, and later removed to Children's Memorial hospital, Omaha, where he was placed in an iron lung.

The paralysis has affected the boy's throat and surgeons had to create an opening in order for the boy to breathe.

Frank Straka, 63, Burial at Atkinson

ATKINSON — Frank Straka, 63, retired Atkinson farmer, died about 8 o'clock new year's morning—January 1, 1955—in Atkinson Memorial hospital following major surgery. He had entered the hospital the previous day.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, from St. Joseph's Catholic church with Rev. Willom Kelliger officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The late Mr. Straka, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Straka, was born in Stuart township about six miles southwest of Atkinson on December 6, 1891. He married Mary Schmit.

They farmed for many years on the Straka home place now occupied by Edward Jensen, sr. Survivors include only the widow—Mary. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Matthew and John, both of Atkinson.

'Doc' Sorey, Wife Married 61 Years

ATKINSON — Mr. and Mrs. Bennett A. ("Doc") Sorey of Atkinson on Sunday, December 26, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

Bennett Sorey and Miss Lula Mae Courtney were married at Imperial, Chase county, in southwestern Nebraska. They moved to a farm near Logan, Ia., and 43 years ago came to Holt county.

The Soreys have four children: Guy of Los Angeles, Calif.; Jess of Bassett; Mrs. Henry (Jewel) Swensen of Washougal, Wash., and Mrs. Earl (Opal) Miller of Atkinson; also an adopted daughter, Mrs. Burnell (Helen) Kull of Fremont.

There are 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

CDAs in Business Meet

The Catholic Daughters of America held a business session Tuesday evening at the K of C hall. Cards were played for entertainment. Winners were Mrs. Grover Shaw and Mrs. Hattie Kindlund.

Mrs. Shaw also won the door prize. Mrs. John Pribil was chairman of the committee in charge. Refreshments were served.

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Five generations... Lynda Jo Soukup, age 6-months; Mrs. Duane Sukup, the mother; Mrs. Anna Taylor of Chandler, Ariz., the great-great-grandmother; Mrs. Ray Siders of Inman, the great-grandmother; Mrs. Charles Russell of Harvard, the grandmother. (Story below.)—The Frontier Photo.

Railroad Meeting Set January 17

Another public meeting in behalf of those enthusiastic about keeping Chicago & North Western railroad trains number 13 and 14 in operation on the 447-mile Omaha-to-Chadron line will be held in O'Neill Monday, January 17. The meeting has been set for the Golden hotel dining room, starting at 8 o'clock.

Invitations are being forwarded to civic groups between Battle Creek and Ainsworth who attended a similar meeting here in early November when the C&NW originally announced it was considering taking necessary steps to abandon the last two passenger-mail-express trains serving most of northeast, northcentral and much of northwest Nebraska.

Meanwhile, the C&NW has arranged for a special instruction car to be at O'Neill Friday afternoon and evening. Rail agents, relief agents and operators who deal with the public will listen to lectures and slides which are designed to increase efficiency and build goodwill.

Alex McConnell, Wife Wed 50 Years

EMMET—Mr. and Mrs. Alex McConnell, on Tuesday, December 28, marked their golden wedding anniversary.

Alex McConnell and Hattie Wheeler were married December 28, 1904, at Dunlap, Ia., their childhood home.

Six children were born to them: Mrs. Walter (Lenora) Puckett of Atkinson, Eli of Atkinson, twins—Howard of O'Neill and Mrs. Harry (Harriet) Liddle of Omaha and Mrs. Fred (Maxine) Saunto of O'Neill.

The McConnells moved into Emmet in 1943.

The first Brownie group met at the library Tuesday, January 4. Verna Butterfield was hostess. Hostess next will be Dona Lee Hopkins, January 18.—By Sharon Hartman, scribe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry Lofflin and family spent the weekend in St. Joseph, Mo., visiting his parents.

Johnsons Hosts

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth and family of Atkinson, Me. and Mrs. Russell Yuster and Mr. and Mrs. James Banks and family. Albert Gieid Junior Gieid and Delores Gieid of Wagner, S.D., were afternoon guests at the Johnson home.

Plan Meeting

Mrs. Nora Mullen entertained the members of St. Rita's guild Monday evening at her home. Plans were made for the January 20 meeting of St. Patrick's Altar society at which time St. Rita's guild will be hosts.

Mrs. Skulborstad Hostess

Following a dinner Tuesday evening, Mrs. Palmer Skulborstad entertained her bridge club at her home. Mrs. Richard Nelson was a guest and won the high bridge score. Mrs. Leigh Reynoldson had the low score.

Return to Colorado

RIVERSIDE—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conway returned Monday to Denver, Colo., after spending a two-weeks' vacation with the Carl Christon family. Tom Christon returned the same day to Tarkio college.

Yustens Entertain

New year's day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yustens were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Henning, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henning and family, all of Atkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson and family.

Lynda Jo Counts 13 Grandparents

INMAN—Five generations were represented Sunday at a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siders at the south edge of Inman.

Mrs. Anna Taylor, 86, of Chandler, Ariz., who is spending the winter at the Siders home, heads the five-generation group. Others are: Mrs. Ray Siders of Inman, Mrs. Taylor's daughter; Mrs. Charles Russell of Harvard, Mrs. Siders' daughter; Mrs. Duane Sukup of Salina, Kans., Mrs. Russell's daughter; and little Lynda Jo Sukup, 6-months-old daughter of Mrs. Sukup.

Mrs. Sukup is the former Jacqueline Russell.

Lynda Jo has 13 grandparents. These include two great-grandmothers and a great-grandfather on the paternal side and two sets of great-grandparents on the maternal side—Mr. and Mrs. Siders and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell of Page.

Mrs. Taylor, who is 86, is the mother of 11 children, nine of whom are living. She counts 56 grandchildren and 96 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Taylor and her husband, the late C. J. Taylor, resided north of O'Neill for many years. About a quarter of a century ago the couple moved to Colorado, later to Chandler, Ariz., where Mr. Taylor died nine years ago.

Other guests at the dinner, besides those pictured, were: Charles Russell, Carolyn and Debbie of Harvard; Mr. and Mrs. Gerold Snyder and daughters of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Juracek and daughters of Orchard; Duane Sukup of Salina, Kans.

Those calling in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hibbs, Kay, Roddy and Mike of Star and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell.

Mrs. Audrey Benash of Beatrice, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Siders, was unable to be present.

HUSKERS PUNISHED

The University of Nebraska Cornhuskers were dull and lifeless Saturday in Miami's Orange bowl while 70 thousand holidayers—plus a nationwide television audience—looked on Duke Blue Devils won, 34-7. The Huskers turned in one of the worst grid performances of all time.

SERVICEMEN RETURN

STUART—Sgt. Harvey Nicalaus of Naper and Cpl. Fred Mitchell of Stuart arrived Saturday to spend new year's at home. They had reached the U.S., Wednesday, December 29, having been in Korea.

RIVERSIDE

Lee Fink underwent surgery at the O'Neill hospital Tuesday morning.

Berigan Is Squadron Officer

2/Lt. Robert Berigan (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. James Berigan of Atkinson and a former St. Joseph's hall basketball great, is serving as squadron communications officer with the air force at a base in Japan. Lieutenant Berigan's wife, the former Nancy Froelich, is residing in O'Neill with their daughter, Kittie, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich.—U.S. Air Force Photo.

Falling Tree Kills Father of 3 Children

Ralph Nelson Farmed Near Here 4 Years; Recently to Newport

NEWPORT—Ralph Nelson, 45, Rock county rancher who moved to this community from O'Neill in November, 1954, was killed instantly about 11:15 a.m., Tuesday when struck by a falling tree on the Louis Hall place in Keya Paha county.

The accident occurred while Nelson and two other men, Leonard Foxworthy and Roy Rodgers, both of the Newport community, were felling a large cottonwood near the Niobrara river. The tree had failed to yield and Nelson set out for a wedge. The tree crashed in his path.

County Attorney Thomas Weddell of Keya Paha county investigated and said the death was accidental.

The Nelson family resided 1 1/2 miles east of O'Neill on the Parker farm, west of the Chicago & North Western railroad tracks, prior to moving onto a ranch 16 miles northwest of Newport. Survivors include: Widow; sons—Gary, 13; Kenneth, 11; daughter—Marlene, 2 1/2.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m., Friday from the Divide Central church at Lyons. Burial will be in the Lyons cemetery.

Atkinson Pair Wedded 54 Years

ATKINSON — Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny observed open-house Sunday, January 2, in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

They were married December 24, 1900, at Albion, moved to north of Amelia in 1907 onto a place known as the George Meals ranch. The Kennys later moved to the MacLachlan farm, southwest of Atkinson. They retired about 10 years ago.

The Kennys have four children, 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. The children are Raymond, Dwight and Mrs. Gertrude Carr, all of Atkinson, and Mrs. John O'Connell of Emmet.

FHA's Kept Busy During December

During December the O'Neill chapter of Future Homemakers of America was busily engaged in various Christmas projects. One was the collecting of gifts to be sent to children in foreign countries.

The FHA also purchased and decorated a large Christmas tree which was placed in the downstairs hall of the school building. A caroling party was held Monday, December 13. After singing carols at the hospital and several homes the FHA members and their guests returned to the school where games were played and refreshments served.

Mrs. A. W. Tibbetts and Miss LaVone Thorin drove Army Pfc. Larry Tibbetts to Omaha Saturday from where he left Sunday for Ft. Campbell, Ky. He had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tibbetts, for the past two weeks. Mrs. Tibbetts and Miss Thorin returned to O'Neill Sunday.



Winners in 4-H Pie-Baking Contest

Two girls in the center of this photo were winners in the 4-H club cherry pie baking contest. Melba Dobrovoly (third from left) was judged champion and Mary Clair Gilg rated runner-up. Judges were H. W. Herford of the M&M Bakery & Cafe and Marie Salisbury, home economist for Consumers Public Power district. Miss Dobrovoly will represent the county in state competition January 26 at Lincoln. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dobrovoly of O'Neill and is a member of the Up-and-At-It club. Miss Gilg is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilg of Atkinson.—The Frontier Photo.



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