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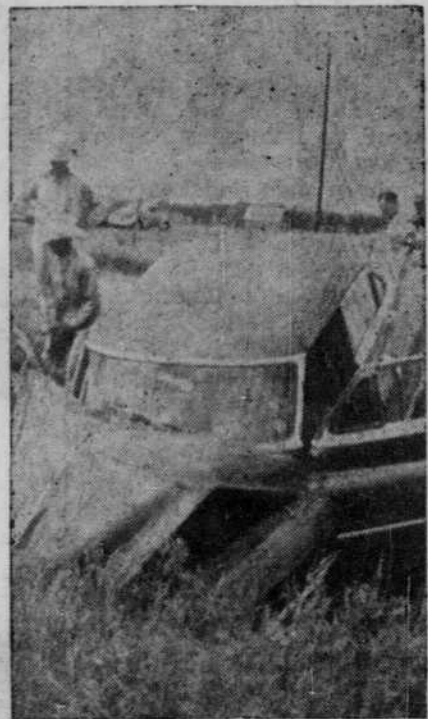


Mrs. Ernest Cofield, 70, had just been removed from the wreckage (right) and placed in an ambulance when this picture was taken.—The Frontier Photo.

Woman, 70, Injured in Crash Dies

Expires Unexpectedly After Air Transfer to Indiana Hospital

A 70-year-old Rushville, Ind., woman, who was badly injured in a one-car automobile accident near here about 10 o'clock Friday morning, died early Monday in an Indianapolis, Ind., hospital.



This closeup of the Cofield car reveals extensive damage to the front of the machine. The passenger died later.—The Frontier Photo.

940 Pupils Enroll in City's Two Schools

The O'Neill city schools reported a total enrollment of 940 students for the 1955-'56 term, which started this week. Supt. Milton Baack said there are 170 high school students with several more on vacation yet to be registered.

Enrollment by grades: Kindergarten 42, First 38, Second 38, Third 37, Fourth 25, Fifth and sixth 29, Seventh 23, Eighth 53, Ninth 45, Tenth 33, Eleventh 41, Twelfth 42, Total 426

8-County Clinic for Children September 8

The next extension clinic to be held in this area for crippled children will be at the O'Neill public school on Saturday, September 10. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. Because eight counties are served by this clinic, Holt county children should register early as a courtesy to those arriving from the more distant towns.

Bell, Tower Come Down as Remodeling Begins on Church

INMAN—Extensive remodeling of the Methodist church here, which was rebuilt in 1906, was begun this week. The bell, which called the congregation to worship for nearly a half-century, was torn down, also the tower.

Hurricane Disaster Quota for Holt \$300

Holt countyans have been asked to contribute \$300 to the disaster fund of the American Red Cross to help relieve suffering in the wake of the recent hurricane, which claimed many lives and made thousands homeless in the Eastern states.

'BARNYARD CHRISTINE' Egg-Laying Hen Becomes Rooster

By a Staff Writer Nearly everyone will recall "Christine," the one-time male soldier who, after submitting to surgery, emerged as a woman. That physiological phenomena is known the world over.

This "Barnyard Christine" (or "Christopher") was not unlike the 149 other hens in the flock of chickens at the Clyde Streeter farm, 10 miles north of O'Neill.

Streeter prize is a cross between a white leghorn and an Australorp. Unaccustomed to listening to an animated alarm clock between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, the Streeters have a notion to keep "Chris" around for a little while longer and then turn "him" over to somebody who has a hankering for studying such a specimen.

Mr. Streeter is wondering if "Christine" (aw shucks, "Christopher") will grow spurs and thereby finish the course. A few weeks ago a farmer at Bennington reported a similar transformation in his poultry flock—the only other incident of this kind they'd heard about. The



At the close of Tuesday's dedicatory rites in Atkinson's new St. Joseph's Catholic church, Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan (left foreground, wearing distinctive head dress) and 60 clergymen file up the aisle. More than 600 persons attended.—The Frontier Photo.

Bergan: 'Beyond Fondest Hope'

By a Staff Writer ATKINSON—Six hundred persons overflowed the new St. Joseph's Catholic church Tuesday morning, August 30, for the dedicatory rites, formally opening the new 200-thousand-dollar Gothic-type structure.

Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, archbishop of the Omaha diocese of the Roman Catholic church, officiated in a pontifical high mass and, in a sermon, praised the church pastor and the parishioners for the "wonderful church—far beyond my fondest hopes in grandeur and beauty."

Two former parishioners who are now ordained priests were present: Rev. Francis Kubart of Omaha and Rev. Francis Nightengale of San Diego, Calif. Two others were unable to attend: Rev. James Barnabas, Berigan of San Francisco, Calif., and Rev. John McNally of Omaha.

The occasion served as a homecoming for scores of former parishioners. Visitors were highly impressed with the twin-towered edifice which faces east and presides at the west end of Atkinson's State street. The church had been under construction for 18 months.

The cornerstone was laid June 28, 1954, with Archbishop Bergan officiating. One of the most distinctive features of the building is the altar of Belgian marble designed by the pastor, Rev. Richard Parr. The stained glass windows (only two of which were in position on dedication day) will depict the seven joys and sorrows of St. Joseph.

The windows are designed by Richard A. Leader, assistant professor of art at Notre Dame university. Archbishop Bergan told the audience: "Worthy of solemn ceremony is this dedication of this new fortress for better living. Worthy, too, of the sincere congratulations is your energetic pastor, his talented assistant (Rev. William Kelligar) and you—His dearly devoted children."

"The dream of many years comes to a reality today. The dream has come through rare prudence in judgment. Always fearful that perhaps a financial burden might be placed upon his flock, your good shepherd quietly, modestly and courageously, with your generous help, prepared for this crowning event of his life and yours."

"Your archbishop wishes to express publicly that which is deep in his heart—his profound gratitude for the sacrifices which your pastor and you have made these many, many years."

"To each and everyone, I offer my most prayerful thanks. Each one has been generous, otherwise we should not be here this morning. Thank God for your practical faith and your gracious charity."

"You, too, can exclaim, and so honestly: 'I, too, have loved the beauty of Thy house and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.'"

"I had hoped on my first trip on my first visit here six or seven years ago that I might drive

down this main street and see a new church with one spire, or, better yet, two, mounting toward Heaven. Last evening, as the sun was setting, here I saw this magnificent house of God. "I hope my dear people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, that when you hear this lovely clarion three times each day that in your own way you will offer a prayer of thanksgiving to Almighty God, and a little prayer for his blessing for Atkinson and for all of its citizens."

275 Attend Larson Golden Wedding

Ewing Couple Counts 36 Descendants

EWING—Mr. and Mrs. Casper Larson of Ewing celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, August 28, at the home of their son and daughter-in-law with 275 relatives and friends in attendance.

Doctor Cofield received the news of his wife's death from hemorrhaging early Monday but learned no details. It was not known here whether she died from internal injuries relating to the accident or from a brain hemorrhage.

Doctor Cofield homesteaded in South Dakota and earned money to attend dental college. The childless couple had been married 46 years. They were en route to Doctor Cofield's former Dakota home to participate in a community celebration.

The accident occurred on the U.S. highway 281 detour near the Blake Benson school, about 16 miles north of O'Neill and one mile west. The northbound, late-model car failed to negotiate the right-hand turn, went beyond the intersection and nosed into a deep ditch. The impact of Mrs. Cofield's head broke the windshield.

The front of the car was so badly smashed, Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack said, there was difficulty in removing the injured woman from the car.

A passerby summoned Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson, who reside about a half-mile from the intersection, and a doctor and an ambulance were called.

The death may be recorded as Nebraska's 194th fatality on the highways this year compared to 109 at this time last year.

College Set Leaves for Various Campuses

Among those from O'Neill who will be attending various universities and colleges are:

- University of Nebraska—Janet Seger, Jeanne Cole, Elizabeth Schaffer, Ted Lindberg and Duane Booth. Wayne State Teachers college—Patricia DeBolt and Mildred Crabb. Duchesne (Omaha)—Mary Ellen Froelich.

Twin Calves, 'Porky' at Ira Lange Farm

CELIA — It can be said there was a lot of activity at the Ira O. Lange farm Sunday morning. Twin Hereford calves were born—a bull and a heifer. Mr. Lange says the new arrivals are "doing nicely."

For variety a porcupine pulled into the place, whereupon Mr. Lange proceeded to kill that visitor. Frontier for printing!



Archbishop Bergan... "the altar—none finer in the Midwest."—The Frontier Photo.

PURSE STOLEN

Mrs. George Weingartner, who is a clerk at an O'Neill store, reported the theft of her pocketbook at the store. A stranger had been seen in the back room of the store near the place where the clerks keep their personal effects while on duty.

Man Hurt as Car Overtakes Near Here

Raymond L. Beers, about 45, was injured about 4:45 p.m., Wednesday when his northbound car, U.S. highway 281, at a point 1 1/2 miles south of O'Neill, and overturned two or three times.

3 Stuart Girls in Omaha Hospital

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Escapes from 2d Floor Thru Window

ATKINSON — One of five children in a family escaped from a second-floor window Tuesday morning as the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Braun was destroyed by fire. No one was injured.

Most of the home's furnishings were saved, but much of the family's clothing was lost. The farm is about four miles northeast of Atkinson. Origin of the fire had not been determined.

Stork Winner in Automobile Race

INMAN—The stork won the decision in the wee hours Wednesday, August 24, in an automobile race to the Neigh hospital. In fact, the long-legged maternity transport bird was the victor.

O'Neill Housewife Assailed Near Home

A middle-aged O'Neill housewife, who had taken a walk near her home about 1:30 a.m., Friday, was attacked by an unknown male assailant wearing a white tee-shirt.

The woman, who had been unable to sleep because of the intense heat, took the walk to get fresh air. She had gone a little more than a block from home when she realized a man was following her. She turned a corner and accelerated her steps. Suddenly the man thrust his arms about her and clenched her mouth. She said she managed to bite his hand and scream several times.

He hit her behind her knees to knock her down. Finally, when neighborhood lights began to come on, the man fled past a neighbor's house and disappeared down an alley.

O'Neill police have questioned several regarding the incident, and fingerprints are being checked. The woman suffered only from shock.

Trio Makes Tour of Three Airports

Three O'Neillites—Mayor Alva Marcellus, Councilman L. M. Merriman and President G. E. Miles of the Chamber of Commerce—were flown to Ainsworth, Valentine and Merriman last Thursday on a tour of modern airports. The flight was arranged by James Ramsey, director of the Nebraska department of aeronautics.

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All are in a hospital suffering from cuts and abrasions. Three male companions, all of Omaha, are in more serious condition. Frontier for printing!



Clyde Streeter and "Chris"... feathered friend laid eggs until a month ago, now crows.—The Frontier Photo.