



Hansen, Kelly Catch Greased Porker

Roland Hansen (left) and Ned Kelly, both of Inman, cuddle a greased pig at Inman fall festival. The slippery prize subsequently slipped away while Hansen and Kelly were loading the porker onto a truck. The result of the escape was that they were obliged to share the proceeds with a third party. The annual festival, sponsored by the Methodist church, drew a large crowd and was acclaimed a big success.—The Frontier Photo.

Youth, 16, Drowns in Pursuit of Boat

First-Born White Child in Holt Dies

'Herb' Bitney Rites Held Saturday

ATKINSON—Funeral services were conducted from Wesleyan Methodist church in Atkinson on Saturday, October 8, for Frank H. Bitney, 81, better known as "Herb" Bitney, one of the most colorful men of the Atkinson community. He was the first white child born in Holt county.

Mr. Bitney died suddenly about noon on Thursday, October 6. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Mr. Bitney was born May 22, 1874. His parents were Frank Bitney and Clara Dickerson Bitney. He was reared in the Atkinson community and was one of the few pioneers who remembered the building of the Atkinson community.

On April 9, 1898, he married Lucy Irene Russell. They became the parents of two daughters.

The late Mr. Bitney worked in his father's store for many years. Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Lewis (Esther) Kemp of Pasco, Wash., and Mrs. Adolph (Clarissa) Milner of Atkinson; brother—Fred of Grass Valley, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Frontier Publisher Heads Press Group

Carroll W. ("Cal") Stewart, editor-publisher of The Frontier, Friday was elected president of the Interstate Editorial Association at the organization's 34th annual convention in Sioux City, Iowa.

Stewart succeeds G. W. Hubin, publisher of the Buffalo Lake (Minn.) News, who became vice-president. W. S. Gibson of the Vermillion (S.D.) Plain Talk was named secretary and Robert B. Lyon of the Schleswig (Ia.) Leader, treasurer.

Wilbur Barnes, publisher of the Sleepy Eye (Minn.) Herald-Dispatch, was elected a new member of the board of directors.

About 175 editors and publishers from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska attended the convention which opened Thursday.

O'Neill High Plans First Homecoming

The O'Neill high school student council has scheduled a homecoming celebration on Friday, October 21.

The Nellig Warriors, a traditional gridiron foe, will face the Eagles in an evening football game in Carney park. The game will be followed at 10 o'clock by a homecoming prom at the American Legion ballroom.



City's Oldest Resident Is Dead

'Grandma' Summers, 95, died Sunday, October 9, at 2:45 p.m., at the home of her son, Frank Summers, at the southeast edge of O'Neill. She had been making her home there for the past eight years, and had been seriously ill about five months.

'Grandma' Summers, as she was best-known, was O'Neill's oldest resident.

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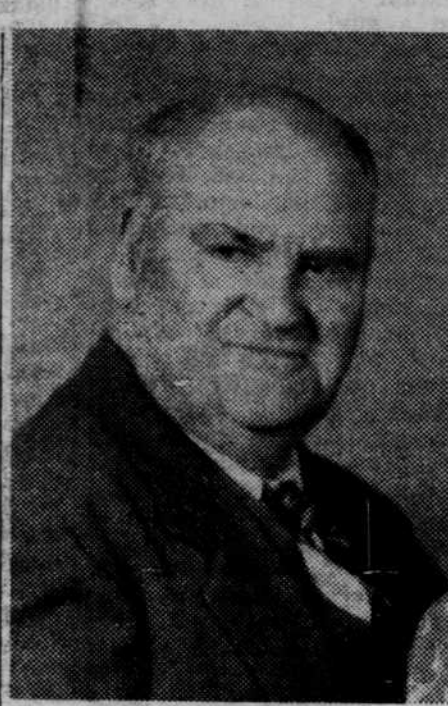
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Back in 1907 . . .

Improves Farm for \$1,200

By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR. The Frontier's Feature Writer PAGE—No special observance was made Wednesday, September 21, when Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder of Page quietly noted their 57th wedding anniversary.



Mrs. Snyder was born June 24, 1878, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry of Tecumseh. Of a family of four, she and a brother, Lloyd Henry of Cole-ridge, survive.

Mr. Snyder was born October 5, 1875, at Galva, Ill. He was nine-years-old when he came to Nebraska with his parents. He has three brothers—Walter of Ainsworth, Harry of Inman and Elmer of Page, and one sister—Mrs. Clifton Jacka of Tecumseh.

Mrs. Snyder's first dress purchased after their marriage came in the form of 10 yards of calico costing 30 cents. The material was a brown background with green leaves. She made it floor-length, complete with a ruffle around the bottom.

Her wedding dress (which some critics had considered "entirely too short") was pinkish brown and wasn't the duster type (it barely cleared the floor).

The Spanish-American war came along and Mr. Snyder was offered \$400 for three horses—\$380 more than he had paid. They were well matched, all broken, good saddlers, and, according to the owner,

corn belonged to him, but 196 loads were shelled (that meant quite a crowd). It was a horse-powered sheller. The driver stood in the center of the circle, changing feet as the tumbler came around. He had to crack the whip to keep the team moving fast enough so the sheller wouldn't become plugged.

The Snyder's came to Holt county in 1907 and purchased a forlorn and empty quarter-section of land near Page for \$2,000. The financial panic of 1907 enabled Mr. Snyder to put improvements on the place for about \$1,200.

167 Stocker-Feeders Average \$25.55 Cwt.

Buyers from Iowa, Michigan, Indiana and numerous Nebraska points were on hand Wednesday for the annual 4-H and commercial stocker-feeder sale held at the O'Neill Livestock Market.

60th Anniversary DELOIT—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sisson will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, October 16.

Both enjoy "fairly good health."

O'Neill, Burwell Hottest in Nation

O'Neill and Burwell had the distinction of being the hottest towns in the nation Sunday when the mercury registered 90 degrees, officially, at both points.

Druke Entry Tops at 62c

Best price on commercial calves was paid to Oswald Druke of O'Neill—65 cents a pound. He had another entry that brought second high—62 cents. A Michigan buyer paid the top figure.

56 Children in First Communion Class

A class of 56 children, members of St. Patrick's Catholic church, received their first communion Sunday morning.

Mercury Climbs to 90 on Sunday

Week's weather summary: October 6 66 49 October 7 57 34 October 8 79 33 October 9 90 49 October 10 85 47 October 11 84 53 October 12 64 40

Horse Killed When Hit by Truck

Walter Zahradnick of Stuart suffered the loss of a horse Friday when a 1954 truck-tractor outfit, operated by C. H. Koerber of Alliance, struck the horse on U.S. highway 20 about seven miles west of Atkinson.

Page Methodists Vote Unanimously

PAGE—By a unanimous vote of the membership of the Page Methodist church at a meeting Tuesday night at the church, the decision was made to make badly needed repairs.

Movie Date Changed

ATKINSON—Date for showing of the "homegrown" movie, "4-H Story," produced by Charles Skoppec, jr., was changed from Wednesday, October 12, to Wednesday, October 19, at 9 p.m., in the Atkinson school auditorium.

Driver Training To Be Discussed

Drivers training for high school students is to be the theme of the Public safety program Monday, October 17, at the American Legion.

Frank Benash, Wife Plan Open-House

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benash will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Monday, October 17, at their home in West O'Neill.

Depart for Home in California

Mr. and Mrs. Ken McDonald left Wednesday morning for their home in Mission Beach, Calif.

Retail Trade Group Plans Special Events

The retail trade committee of the Chamber of Commerce, in session Monday morning, named C. C. DeBacker chairman of a series of Fall and early Winter trade events.

November 19: Turkey day. Each merchant will exhibit a live turkey in front of the place of business. Persons will be invited to guess the weight and register. Turkeys will be awarded to the best guessers; but only one turkey will be allowed to a person.

December 1: Pre-Christmas window unveiling. A non-related item will be shown in each display window. Persons compiling the most complete list of non-related items first will win prizes.

December 8-9-10: Bogus dollars will be issued. On Saturday night, December 10 (after store-closing), a number of prizes will be "auctioned" and prizes may be purchased with bogus dollars.

December 19: Traditional visit of Santa Claus with treats for the kiddies.

Norfolk Firm Gets Electric Contract

Krueger Electric of Norfolk was low bidder on the project of rewiring the main (old) school building, it was announced Wednesday by the board of education.

Afternoon Rodeo Performances Set

Afternoon rodeos will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30, at the new rodeo grounds in O'Neill's Carney park.

World War I Vet Dies at Iowa City

EWING—Rubin Elston, a veteran of World War I, died Monday, October 10, at Iowa City, Ia., after a long illness. He had been cared for in Veterans hospitals for many years.

Auction Calendar

Saturday, October 15: Mrs. Loertta Hynes, 833 rd of Here-fords, at John Sullivan farm near O'Neill; Col. Ed Thorin, O'Neill, auctioneer.

Retired Rail Man Dies at 68

Simon Bosh Rites to Be Conducted Saturday Morning

Simon Bosh, 68, a retired section foreman for the Chicago & North Western railroad, died about 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, October 12, in St. Anthony's hospital here. He had been ill several years and had been hospitalized on several occasions in Lincoln and at O'Neill.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Saturday, October 15, from St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

The Bosh family came to O'Neill from Brainard in 1941. Mr. Bosh retired as section chief here in 1953 due to ill health.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Knights of Columbus, C&NW Old Timers' club, and had been made an "admiral" in the Nebraska "navy" by Gov. Val Peterson.

Survivors include: Widow—Mary; sons—Ray, George, Al and Donald, all of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Frank (Margaret) Cook of Grand Island; Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Blomstrom of Winner, S.D.; Mrs. James (Marion) Hardy of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. John (Bessie) Gallagher of Fredricksburg, Va.; Miss Jeanne of Denver, Colo., and Miss Theresa of O'Neill.

Rural Fire District Planned at Page

PAGE—A meeting was held at the Page school auditorium Monday evening, October 3, in the interest of securing rural fire-fighting equipment. A decision was reached to circulate petitions to secure signers for that purpose, funds to be raised by taxation.

Auxiliary to Serve School Group

The American Legion auxiliary met Wednesday evening, October 5, at the Legion club. Reports were given by the rehabilitation chairman, Maxine Urban, and by the membership chairman, Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka.

New Native Ducks Greet Hunt Army

Only a few native ducks greeted an army of hunters which took to the lakes and rivers at sunrise Saturday.

Miss Jeanne Head of Omaha spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Head.

Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan (left) and Rev. Thomas Hitch pose with a class of 56 children who received their first communion Sunday, October 6, at St. Patrick's Catholic church.—O'Neill Photo Co.