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Father, Son Killed in Plane Crash

Ryshna . . . started piano at age of 7.

Young Pianist Opens New Concert Season

Blonde and beautiful, Natalie Ryshna, brilliant young American pianist, will appear here on Wednesday, November 30, at the O'Neill public school auditorium under the auspices of the O'Neill Community Concert association. This will be the first concert of the 1955-'56 season—the second season for the group.

Miss Ryshna embarked on her current seasons tour with the praise of the New York critics still ringing in her ears. Last April, at the close of a very busy season, she gave her second New York recital. The result was unanimous applause from the metropolitan music critics.

"Blonde, personable, poised and gifted with dramatic projection power, she adds numerous assets to her obviously exceptional talents as a musician,' said the New York Post.

Delighting the New York critics is no new experience to Natalie Ryshna. The gifts which her recent recital confirmed were immediately recognized at her Town Hall debut three seasons ago. This successful introduction plunged the young artist into a busy professional life. She has performed as soloist with many orchestras among them the Minneapolis Symphony. She has appeared at summer music festivals and her winter schedule has been crowded with recital engagements.

Miss Ryshna was born in Philadelphia, Pa. Her parents are American of Polish - Ukranian heritage Although neither of her parents had any musical training, the home environment was congenial to music, literature and the arts in general. Natalie began to study the piano at the age of seven. When she was 12-years-old, she was heard by Allison R. Drake, dean of the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music. He immediately recognized her great natural talents and began to dis-

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Mrs. Alma Thorell Rites Wednesday

Boyd Teacher Dies in Hospital

BRISTOW—Mrs. Alma Thorell, 67, of Bristow died Sunday afternoon, November 20, at a Lynch hospital after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, November 23, at Rosedale Lutheran church.

Mrs. Thorell had been cared for at her home by her daughters and daughters-in-law until she became suddenly worse Saturday afternoon and was taken to the hospital.

She was the widow of Charles Thorell. For several years she taught school in Boyd county, and until the past year had been the primary room teacher at Lynch.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Grace Ruda of Bristow, Mrs. Eunice Fuhr of Beatrice, Mrs. Florence Burnette of Independence, Kans., Mrs. Bernice Thorell of Rockwell City, Ia., and Mrs. Helen McDaniel of Redwood, Calif.; sons—Conrad of Bristow and Julian, Wayne State Teachers college student; 11 grandchildren.

150 Attend County Legion, Aux Meeting

STUART — Members of Holt county American Legion and auxiliary posts met for a general business session at Stuart Monday evening. All units and posts of Holt county were represented with 150 persons in attendance.

Speakers at the joint meeting were: Stanley Huffman of Ewing, department commander; R. J. Patterson of Lincoln, department adjutant; Charles E. Chace of Atkinson, district commander, and Jerome Henn of Petersberg, past Jerome Henn of Petersburg, past

There was also a film on flag history and etiquette. Entertainment was furnished by a group of young Stuart girls who tap danced.

At a seperate auxiliary meeting, Miss Milnar of Atkinson spoke on education scolarships; Mrs. C. C. Becker, district two president, gave a report on district memberships.

At the close, the Stuart auxiliary furnished a lunch for the group.

Next Holt county meeting will be in O'Neill on January 16 with the Page unit presenting a program on civil defense.

Patton's Father Killed by Truck

Percy Patton, 79, father of A. L. ("Pat") Patton of O'Neill, was fatally injured last week when struck by the rear end of a livestock truck at a street intersection in Parsons, Kans.

The aged man was dragged some distance by the vehicle, which was operated by an acquaintance. Mr. Patton had gone into the street to visit with the driver.

The son, who lives at O'Neill and owns and operates the Patton Ben Franklin store, departed immediately for Kansas to attend the funeral. Survivors include the widow, four daughters and one son.

Plan Open-House at Spencer—

LYNCH — Mr. and Mrs. John Cassidy will observe their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, November 27. They will hold open-house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Spencer Community hall.

They are pioneer residents in the Ft. Randall community.

At Pierson Home—

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lamb will spend Thanksgiving day in the Merritt Pierson home. Merritt is a nephew of Mr. Lamb.

Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan left Monday, November 14, for Chicago, Ill. He plans to be gone three weeks.

Longtime Resident Dies at 87

Mrs. P. J. Biglin Came in Covered Wagon; Rites Set Friday

Mrs. P J. Biglin, 87, a former O'Neill resident, died Monday evening, November 21, in a Wichita, Kans., hospital. She had been hospitalized several months.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m., Friday, November 25, from St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Thomas Hitch will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery near the grave of her late husband.

A rosary will be offered at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) at Biglin's funeral chapel.

The late Mrs. Biglin, whose maiden name was Catherine Dailey, was born November 4, 1868, at Silver Brook, Pa.

She came to Nebraska with her parents in 1880 when she was 12-years-old. The family traveled as far as Tilden by railroad. During that period Tilden was the western rail terminus. The family made the journey to the O'Neill communtiy in a covered wagon.

Her parents were John and Ellen Dailey, who were Irish immigrants. They settled on a homestead nine miles northwest of O'Neill, spending the early years in a sodhouse. There were nine children in the family, two of whom died in infancy.

She married Patrick J. Biglin in St. Patrick's church in 1893. The rite was performed by the late Father Cassidy.

Her husband was a coal dealer in O'Neill for many years before he retired. He died in 1945.

The late Mrs. Biglin made her home many years with her daughter, Helen, in O'Neill. In 1950 Mrs. Biglin accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Edward (Helen) O'Donnell, and Mr. O'Donnell to Salina, Kans., where they resided five years. About a year ago the family moved from Salina to Wichita.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Edward L. O'Donnell of Wichita; Miss Marie Biglin of Salt Lake City, Utah; brother—W. P. Dailey of O'Neill.

Spencer Biggest? 'It Ain't So!'

BUTTE—A lead story in the November 17 issue of The Frontier pertained to the town of Spencer slowly working itself out from under bonded indebtedness, which dates back 34 years.

Butte residents were pleased to learn their Boyd county compatriots living in Spencer are making commendable progress against the ancient debt.

But several of them took high offense at the reference in the story that Spencer is the largest town in Boyd county.

One Butte merchant grabbed the nearest telephone to point out the error in the story to The Frontier edtior.

"It simply isn't true," he declared. "The biggest town is Butte."

Time was when Spencer had the greatest population. But the 1950 census shows: Butte—614; Spencer—540.

"Please print those correct figures in big, bold type," asked N. C. Anderson, one of Butte's leading trumpeters.

Pearl Christensen Dies at Atkinson

ATKINSON—Pearl May Christensen, 61, died Thursday, November 10, at the Atkinson Memorial hospital in Atkinson.

Pearl May Vargason was born February 14, 1894, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. and Allie A. Vargason at Kirkwood. On March 11, 1912, she married Hans Peter Christensen at Bassett. They became the parents of seven children.

They made their home in Newport until 1918, when they moved to Missouri, where they lived for 12 years. They returned to Newport in 1930 and lived on a farm until 1944.

From 1944 until 1947 she lived in O'Neill and Alda, where she had employment. In 1947 she moved to Newport and made her home with her son, Raymond.

She was a member of the Methodist church and took active part in the War Mothers and American Legion auxiliary groups.

Survivors included: Sons—Raymond, Elmer and John of Newport, Ervin of Aurora; daughters—Esther Bartlett of Riverview and Emigene Bartlett of Aurora; 16 grandchildren; two brothers;13 nieces and nephews.

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This is a view of the plane wreckage in wh ch the two Garwoods were fatally injured. The 43-year-old father died instantly; the 20-year-old son died a few minutes after being removed from the wreckage.—The Frontier Photo by Bruce Rehberg.

A strange set of campus circumstances featu red the St. Mary's senior class play. Left-to-right: Max Bohn, Barbara McCarthy, Ray Donohoe, Jo in Lansworth and James Hoffman.

10 Die in State's Worst Accident

At least two O'Neillites viewed the scene of Nebraska's worst highway accident a short time after it happened Sunday afternoon near Waterbury. Ten persons lost their lives when an eastbound car containing six young boys collided with a westbound machine carrying four members of an orchestra. The musicians' machine caught afire and the bodies were burned beyond recoginition.

The flames had not died out when Lorance Edmisten, a clerk in Gilligan's Rexall drug, came to the wreckage. John Wallen of O'Neill, who had been in Sioux City, was at the scene a short time after the accident.

He described it as the "most gruesome site imagineable.

Unauthorized Cage Practice Banned

City School Supt. Milton J. Baack said this week a number of school students have entered the public school gymnasium and conducted unauthorized basketball sessions.

In some instances, he said, it was a matter of breaking and entering.

"The unauthorized entry must stop," he declared, "or disciplinary action will be taken."

The infractions do not pertain to organized groups which practice and play basketball on a fixed schedule. The organized groups using the court are the O'Neill high school and grade school teams, St. Mary's academy high school and grade school teams, national guard team and town team.

The auditorium schedule is so crowded that Saturdays are the only open dates.

O'Neill public school will be dismissed Wednesday at 3 p.m., for the Thanksgiving holidays. St. Mary's academy will begin its Thanksgiving vacation Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. Both schools will resume on Monday.

Substitutes Enable Show to Carry On

"Good Night, Ladies," a three-act farce, presented Friday, November 18, and Sunday, November 20, by the St. Mary's seniors, was acclaimed a "gerat success." Both nights found the SMA auditorium packed to overflowing with appreciative audiences.

Due to the sudden illness of Thomas Head, roles were changed. Max Bohn and Ray Donohoe were applauded for learning new parts overnight. The show went on as scheduled.

The play was an explosive mixture of a dormitory full of college youngsters, two male "spinster aunts," a fearsome dean of women, and a professor who was an expert on frogs. Planning to save his sisters' home from mortgage disaster by converting it into a dormitory, Sam and his friend, "Jug" Brown, arrive as the girls' "aunts" to take over as chaperones. The dean eventually stumbles onto the masquerade, only after everyone else has discovered the hoax. Only the interference of Professor Dexter, recently appointed as college president, saves the culprits.

The play was under the direction of Sister M. Emilia and Mrs. F. F. Kubitschek.

Janice Turner sang "Nursery Rhymes" and Karen Mahoney sang "The Hand of You" during the first interlude. "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet" was sung by the senior ensemble after act two.

GRANDFATHER DIES

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loflin and daughter, Jolee, Thursday attended the funeral for Mrs. Loflin's grandfather, Grant DeHart, 92, who died Monday, November 14, in Lincoln. Survivors include four sons, one daughter, a number of nieces and nephews.

Harvest Ball—

Tuesday evening the junior class at St. Mary's sponsored the annual harvest ball. The king, Matt Hynes, and the queen, Karen Mahoney, were crowned by their attendants, Larry Johnson and Mary Jo Donlin, on a stage decorated with autumn leaves.

Dean Lambert to Speak Here

The annual meeting of the Holt county extension service and the Holt Soil Conservation district will feature Dean W. V. Lambert from the University of Nebraska college of agriculture at Lincoln. He was in charge of the delegation that visited Russia during the past summer.

The meeting will be held in O'Neill during the afternoon. "This promises to be a very interesting meeting with information on family life and agriculture in Russia," according to Holt County Agent A. Neil Dawes.

Start Construction of Recreational Building

EWING—The Hoesing Brothers contractors of Hartington arrived in Ewing on Friday to begin construction on the recreation building for St. Peter's Catholic church. The building will be erected on the land north of the church.

Mrs. R. J. McGinnis Dies in California

Mrs. R. J. McGinnis of Los Angeles, Calif., died Friday, November 18.

Mrs. McGinnis was the former Mary Hurley of O'Neill.

Mrs. Thomas H. Hopkins of Los Angeles is now the sole survivor of the Hurley family.

Rural Teachers Hear Book Review—

The Holt county rural teachers and their guests met Wednesday evening, November 16. After the dinner a short business meeting was held.

Following the business session Mrs. Henry Connenberg of Bassett presented a book review entitled "Good Morning, Miss Dove."

March 21 has been set as the tentative date for the next meeting.

Double Rite Held for Garwoods

Low - Flying Aircraft Strikes Hill During Hunt for Coyotes

AMELIA—A prominent Amelia rancher and his son were killed about 2:15 p.m., on Sunday when their low - flying plane crashed into a hill in Garfield county, near the Holt - Garfield county line.

Dead are:

RAYMOND GARWOOD, 43.

DALE R. GARWOOD, 20.

Witnesses said their late-model Super Cup 135, flying northward upwind during a coyote hunt, appeared to stall at an altitude of about 350 to 400 feet. The plane made a half-spin about the time it struck the ground.

Mr. Garwood was believed to have died instantly. Dale lived several minutes after being removed from the wreckage. First person to reach the wreckage was Gerald DeGroff, who, with a half-dozen others, was participating in the coyote hunt on the ground.

The crash occurred about three miles northwest of the Kelley store, which is situated in Garfield county.

James Boettcher, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boettcher of Atkinson, was flying in another plane about a quarter of a mile ahead and to one side of the Garwood plane, which was being piloted by the father. The Garwood plane had been aloft more than a half-hour, Boettcher said.

Boettcher, who was accompanied by Roy Harrington, said he was making a banking turn and he saw the Garwood plane stall and go down. Boettcher said his aircraft was about one hundred feet lower than the ill - fated plane.

The ground party hurried to the wreckage, which was about a mile from the road. In the surface party were Mr. DeGroff and son, Kenneth Mitchell, Ira Lierman and several others. The ground party drove pickup trucks and employed four hounds. One coyote had already been bagged. The hunt began about 1:30.

Boettcher said the terrain was rolling, visibility was "very good" and weather "fine." The accident occurred in the Donald Benton pasture, which is located about 20 miles north of Burwell.

Garfield Sheriff Ross Abernathy of Burwell investigated. He said both Garwoods held private pilot's licenses and had done considerable flying. The two were Holt county residents.

The Garwoods, whose ranch is located about 35 miles north of Burwell, had had the plane about a year.

The younger Garwood and his bride of five months resided on the same ranch with his parents. The son was associated with his father.

Double funeral services for the victims were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 23, from the Methodist church in Atkinson. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery at Atkinson.

The late Raymond Garwood was born February 24, 1912, at Atkinson, the son of Mrs. Bert Garwood and the late Mr. Garwood. His father died as the result of a fall from a haystack.

He was married to Miss Dorothy Smith of Atkinson October 19, 1934. The couple resided on a ranch in the Swan lake vicinity most of their married life.

Mr. Garwood was known as a raiser of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. He was a member of the Atkinson Methodist church.

Mr. Garwood's survivors include: Widow—Dorothy; son—Charles, 2; daughters—Faye, 11; Marlene, 9, and Janice, 7; mother—Mrs. Bert (Cecelia) Garwood of Atkinson; sister—Mrs. Dean Rowse; brothers — Glenn, Ford, Blaine, Ralph and Evan, all of Atkinson.

The late Dale Raymond Garwood was born September 21, 1935. He was graduated from Atkinson high school in 1954, and was active a number of years in 4-H club activities in southwest Holt county.

He was married to Miss Marvelene Cuatt on June 3, 1955.

Dale's survivors include: Widow—Marvelene; his mother, sisters, brother; grandmothers — Mrs. Garwood and Mrs. Charles Smith, both of Atkinson.

Mrs. Alice Axtell of Stuart on Friday, November 24, will quietly observe her 104th birthday.

The Jiraks . . . married here in 1905.—The Frontier Photo.

Accordian Aids Celebration

By a Staff Writer

More than 146 guests called on Mr. and Mrs. Anton Jirak on Sunday, November 20, at their farm home seven miles northwest of here. The Jiraks were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their golden wedding day included a dinner at noon served to members of the immediate family and Rev. Karl Kucera. The dinner was prepared by Mrs. Charles Kalina, jr., and Mrs. Rudolph Brockman.

A silk tablecloth, brought from Okinawa by their grandson, Frank Soukup, highlighted the guest table for the reception which was held between 2 and 5 p.m. Large bowls of chrysanthemums served as decorations. The wedding cake was baked and decorated by Mr. Jirak's only sister, Mrs. Agnes Brockman, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Rudolph Brockman.

Mrs. Fred McCart, Mrs. Donald Marcellus and Miss Joann Soukup, all granddaughters, served. The following grandsons acted as ushers: Frank Soukup, Francis, Leonard and Donald Havranek.

Mrs. Frank Soukup was in charge of the gifts, assisted by Miss Joann Soukup.

Others assisting with the reception were Mrs. Joseph Kalina, Mary Fiala, Mrs. Stanley Peters, Mary Brockman and Lillian Kalina.

Only relatives from a distance attending were Mrs. Vince Prokepec and family of Clarkson.

Mr. Jirak, 71, was born in Bohemia. At the age of 16½ years he immigrated alone to the United States. He came directly to Nebraska.

Mrs. Jirak, 68, whose maiden name was Mary Musil, was born eight miles south of O'Neill.

The couple was married in St. Patrick's Catholic church at O'Neill (in the original church building) by Father Dolan, the assistant pastor, on November 20, 1905.

They became the parents of two daughters, Frances and Mary.

The Jiraks lived for a time south of O'Neill. They have resided on their present 160-acre farm more than a score of years. Earlier they lived on several different farms.

The Jiraks entertain no plans for retiring. Mr. Jirak had been doing all his own farm work until last year when he took on an additional 160 acres and hired a man.

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