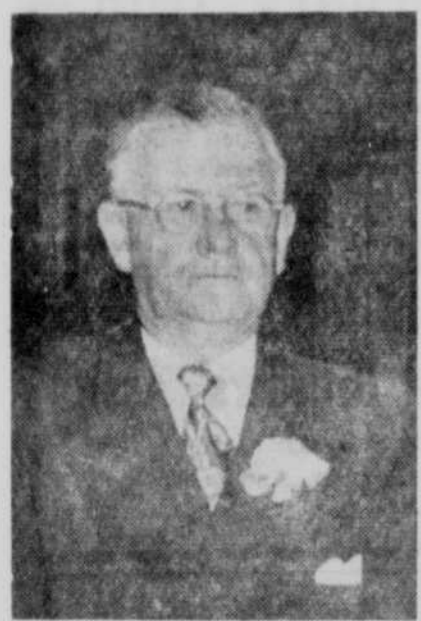




Mr. and Mrs. Will Walter... they met at a country school south of Ewing, married in Iowa.—The Frontier Photo.

Cheap Dollar Worries the Mister— Will Walter, Wife Are Honored at Clearwater



Leg Amputated

Hugh J. Birmingham (above), prominent O'Neill resident; and livestock grower and president of the First National bank of Atkinson, submitted to the amputation of his left leg in St. Mary's hospital, Rochester, Minn. A blood clot had developed here; he was transferred by air ambulance from St. Anthony's hospital here to Rochester. Members of his family were near him at the time of the operation, including his wife, DeMaris; daughters—Miss Mary Louise, who has been stationed at Nancy, France with the American Red Cross; the Misses Barbara and Marde, both of Denver, Colo. Miss Mary Louise flew from France to Rochester. His condition is "good."—The Frontier Photo.

Scouts Will Head for Big Jamboree

The following Boy Scouts in the area have registered for the 1957 national jamboree to be held at Valley Forge, Pa.: Duane Garwood and Edwin Hall, both of Bassett; Thomas Brewster and Douglas Cobb, both of Stuart; Danny Pursell and Lanny Weddel, both of Springview; Rodney Pearson and John Cummings, both of Spencer. Rev. E. E. Cummings, Spencer scoutmaster, will be in charge of the group.

Chambers '57 Reunion Plans

CHAMBERS — Officers of the Chambers High School Alumni association furthered plans for the 1957 reunion at a recent meeting. The reunion banquet will be held in the school auditorium May 30. Glen Grimes is president; Edwin Hubbard, vice-president; James Platt, treasurer; Mrs. Willard Thomson, secretary. By-laws for the organization have been drawn and will be presented at the annual reunion.

Sheets Sentenced to Year in Pen

Virtus Sheets, 25, Saturday was sentenced to one year in the Nebraska state penitentiary in a hearing before District Judge D. R. Mounds. Earlier he had admitted forging a \$70 check. He was taken to Lincoln by Sheriff Leo Tomjack. Previously Sheets had been held in detention by the army and previously had served in the reformatory.

CARS COLLIDE

O'Neill police Friday morning investigated the collision of two cars at the corner of Fourth and Everett streets. An eastbound machine driven by Mrs. Danny Helmer was in collision with a northbound car driven by Miss Bernice Kallhoff. No one was hurt. Property damage was estimated at about one hundred dollars.

UNDER SURGERY

EWING — Thomas Eacker, thirty-five year old Ewing farmer who was critically injured nearly two months ago, underwent surgery Wednesday in St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha. Mr. Eacker was hurt while riding on the fender of a car in Ewing. The surgery, required three hours to perform and he was given several blood transfusions.

Ewing Pair Wedded for 50 Years

Frank Slizeski, Wife Receive 160 Friends, Kin at Open House

EWING—Married 50 years. Fifteen children. The man—strong and healthy at 71 and in no mood to retire; the woman—in excellent health and not a gray hair in her head! That the brief story of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slizeski (popularly but erroneously spelled Slizowski). They lived on a 320-acre farm 11 miles southwest of Ewing on the Ewing-Chambers road. Saturday, February 9, was their golden wedding day and blue skies and mild temperatures provided the setting for a day that won't soon be forgotten. Festivities began with a 9 a.m. mass at St. Peter's Catholic church, conducted by Rev. P. F. Burke. Hymns were sung by Mrs. Kermit Jefferies, her daughter, Miss Judy Jeffries of Omaha, and A. E. Spittler who also was organist. The altar was decorated with golden gladioli and chrysanthemums, gifts of the children of the couple. Mass was followed by a family breakfast at the farm home. Father Burke was a guest. Present were nine of their children and their families; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Slizowski, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Slizowski, Mrs. Rose Synowski, Mr. and Mrs. William Latzel, the Misses Esther and Suzanne Slizowski, all of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Slizowski and Mrs. Eddie Slizowski, all of Fullerton; Mr. and Mrs. John Slizowski of Ewing. Two sons were unable to attend: Leo of Denver, Colo., because of illness in his family, and Ted, who is stationed in South Carolina with the armed forces. Another son, Charles, died about one year ago. Charles was the oldest in the family and had been in fragile health for a number of years. Other guests were Mrs. Mary Biblas of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Leona Cuba of Ogallala, both sisters of Mrs. Slizowski, and Mr. and Mrs. John Zilja of Fullerton, old friends of the family. This honored couple counts 35 (Continued on Page 12.)

But when they were about to be married, the C. P. Nelson family had moved back to Castana, Ia. Because Celia was a minor, she established residence at the parental home at Castana and the marriage took place February 7, 1907.

For a time Mr. Walter worked on the rails for the Great Western (Omaha-Chicago) railroad. A few months of that was enough for Mr. Walter, who was not of the robust type. Besides, he wanted to get back to Nebraska farming.

The Walters farmed southwest of Ewing continuously until 1944, when they moved into town. Today they live in a small frame home one half block off Ewing's main street.

On Sunday, February 10, they were formally honored at a reception at St. Theresa's hall at Clearwater. More than 60 friends and relatives signed the guestbook during the 1 to 4 p.m. affair, which was arranged by their son, Arthur Walter of Clearwater, and his wife and family.

Carl Walter had charge of the guestbook; Roy Walter, giftbook. Both are grandsons. The luncheon table, decorated in a golden theme, was centered with the wedding cake made by their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alfred Walter and decorated by Maizie Phillips. The cake was flanked by gold candles.

Assisting with the serving were Laura and Joyce Walter, granddaughters, Mabel Miller and Maizie Phillips. Numerous gifts were presented the guests-of-honor.

Mr. Walter wore a blue-grey silk dress. Her corsage was of yellow carnations. Mr. Walter wore a dark suit and yellow carnation boutonniere.

Near relatives in attendance included: his brothers, George of Clearwater, Charles of Chambers; his sisters, Mrs. Ed Dewey of Chambers, Mrs. Mary Daniels of Ewing, Mrs. Emmet Dewey of Tilden, and A. T. Nelson of Norfolk, a step-brother of Mrs. Walter. They were accompanied by their families.

Other relatives were present from Orchard, Clearwater and Winnetoon. The Walters became the parents of two children. Besides Alfred, there is a daughter, Mrs. Centra (Washine) Canaday of Centralia, Wash. Mrs. Canaday, who has been on the West coast 17 years, was unable to be present.

The Ewing pair counts 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Recalls Big Blizzard Mr. Walter's father was from Switzerland; his mother from Germany. Mr. Walter vividly recalls the famous blizzard of January 12, 1888. He stayed close at home that fateful day when several Holt countyans perished. Mr. and Mrs. Walter are faithful members of St. Peter's Catholic church at Ewing. They are republicans. They live modestly in their small home. Mr. Walter is hard of hearing; otherwise their health is good. (Continued on page 4.)



Pianist Freeman, Violinist Jarlo and Streeter... barber shop fiddle gets a professional tuning.—(Story on page 4.)—The Frontier Photo.

Nebraska's Honey Queen

Denied National Title

Nebraska's honey queen, Miss Laurine Schmitz of O'Neill, missed an odds-on bet of being America's honey queen in Long Beach, Calif., chiefly because a hunk of mountains, desert and cornfields separated many of the state queens from the site of competition. In other words, Miss Schmitz, a St. Mary's academy junior, was one of two contestants who appeared at Long Beach. Officers of the American Honey Producers association, in convention there, decided to cancel the national queen contest rather than choose between the two beauties on hand. Miss Schmitz's wellwishers here (they are legion in number) reasoned the administrative ruling simply denied O'Neill from being the home of a national queen. Crowded in 1955 Laurine was a crowned Holt county's first honey queen in 1955 at the fair. Rules provided that the entries had to be active in 4-H club work and carry a food preservation project. Exhibits were judged and points totaled and the girl with the most points, naturally, won. The 1956 competition was along the same lines. Repeat winner: Miss Schmitz! And, if the judging were along pulchritude lines, it'd be the same story—Queen Schmitz! Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bellin, O'Neill honeyproducers who are active in state beekeeping circles, took Miss Schmitz to Lincoln in October to compete for state honors. The trick was to bake a chocolate cake and apply the frosting. At the banquet, she was crowned and presented Gov. Victor Anderson a honey pack. On January 20, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Schmitz, who live 11 miles north of O'Neill and three miles east, Queen Schmitz set out for greater laurels—and Long Beach—under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Disappointment Came the thud of disappointment: No contest. Undaunted, Miss Schmitz made several appearances and plugged her hometown and home state. From her hotel room facing the ocean, she could see large vessels plying the harbor and had close-range views of ships at anchor. She met queenless representatives from most of the 48 states, toured Knott's berry farm, and enjoyed Ghost Town and Disneyland. There was a night out, too—at the 500 club. A brunch one morning took up several hours. Several dozen flashbulbs were spent on the two queens who were present. The Nebraska Beekeepers association presented Miss Schmitz an orchid corsage for the banquet,



O'Neill's Miss Laurine Schmitz... odds-on national winner but there was no contest.—The Frontier Photo.

which climaxed the Long Beach stay. Visits Canyon Enroute home, Laurine and her parents visited Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, Painted Desert and historical points. Laurine says it's "hard to say" what the future will hold for her beyond her graduation in the spring of 1958. "Right now I'm so busy making up school work I can't even think about it." She is studying American history, Latin II, chemistry, English III. Laurine has brown hair, dark eyes and fair skin. She has a soft voice, a sweet smile, and a wholesome as honey personality.

O'Neill Faces Nellig in Class B Tourney

The O'Neill high Eagles will go against the Nellig Warriors in the east half of the class B high school cage tourney to be held at O'Neill February 25-26. In the first game—Monday, February 25—Ainsworth will face Bassett, 7 p.m.; O'Neill-Nellig, 8:45 p.m. Winners will meet Tuesday, February 26, 8 p.m. Winner of that game will play in the finals at Valentine Friday, March 1. West half games will be played at Chadron. Teams competing there will be Chadron high, Crawford, Gordon and Hemingford.

Wickersham, 73, Expires at Lynch

LYNCH—Harvey Wickersham, 73, died Monday in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch where he had been a patient. He was a Lynch resident.

Van Every Leaves Highway Position

Mr. Van Every's duties officially ended December 1. By in January the fellow employees showed him with luggage and an engraved billfold. On Saturday he received a certificate of appreciation which had been signed by Gov. Victor Anderson, State Highway Engineer L. N. Rees, and others. It was presented by John D. Osenbaugh, who is resident engineer here.

Moved Lots of Dirt with Horses

"Sometimes I think we could build road grades cheaper—and as good—with the teams and fresnos we used 30 years ago." Those were the words of George Van Every, 68, who has just retired as an employee of the Nebraska department of roads and irrigation. Mr. Van Every is the first 30-year-man to retire at O'Neill. The highway department is a relatively young branch of state government.

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When Mr. Van Every signed up with the department, he rented his own services plus a team for hauling gravel. He was born in Antelope county. He and his wife moved to O'Neill in March, 1920. Asked about what he thought about the super-duper four-lane highway planned to cross Nebraska, he had a ready answer: "I don't think much of it. I can't see everybody having to help pay for something that will benefit only a few."

"Shucks," he continued, "we'd better improve and take care of the other roads we've got before getting into that. I think they've gone to extremes with a four-lane business across Nebraska." During the depression years help was plentiful, he remembers. "I remember when we got our first road blade pulled by a tractor. I operated it," he declared.

Area Bigger Time was when the O'Neill road office administered a bigger area than it does today—including all Knox, Holt and Boyd counties. But during most of Mr. Van Every's stretch he has been classified as a patrol foreman. He has done extensive maintenance work on the equipment. "When spring comes the missus and I are going to do some vacationing," he declared as he tenderly caressed the handsome luggage.

Tenor Crain to Be Heard Here Tonite

Personable and handsome Jon Crain is the young American tenor who will appear here tonight (Thursday) in the third of the 1956-57 series of concerts sponsored by the O'Neill Community Concert association. Doors open at 7:30 at the O'Neill public school auditorium.

Mr. Crain is recognized as one of America's busiest tenors. He has been a leading tenor of the New York City Opera association the past four seasons. In addition he has been heard in recital all over the country and recently has been soloing with the Minneapolis, Chicago and Los Angeles symphony orchestras. He has been a top personality on radio and television both in the United States and Canada.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Crain made his operatic debut at the age of 17. His career was interrupted by the war. While in the special service section of the army, his stirring, dramatic voice and superb artistry were heard in camp shows and in war bond rallies everywhere.

Following the war, Crain continued his training at the Julliard School of Music, New York City. For a time he became a featured singer with the Xavier Cugat orchestra. His wife also had been featured.

Later, he joined the New York Center Opera and has been a leading tenor there since.

Follows a description of Mr. Crain from one of the metropolitan newspaper critics: "Wherever he sings. Whatever he sings, Jon Crain proves to be a tenor who has all the attributes that could be desired; an extensive repertoire. Ingratulating stage personality. Superior musicianship and a really beautiful voice."

Monday, February 18: Glenn White administrator, estate of the late E. H. and Pearl White, 760-acre southwest Holt ranch; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer-real estate broker. (Details on page 7.)

Tuesday, February 19: Holt County Hereford Breeders' association, annual spring sale, 33 lots; O'Neill, Keith Abart of O'Neill, secretary and sale manager. (Details on page 7.)

Wednesday, February 20: Lorne and Lorraine Hickok, north of Emmet; 160-acre farm, livestock, machinery; Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer; Col. Vern Reynolds of O'Neill, auctioneer-broker; Gene Hickok of Atkinson, clerk. (Details on page 8.)

Friday, February 22: Max and Marie Farrier, five miles east of Chambers, two miles south, two miles east, one-half mile north; herd of Holstein dairy cows; complete line farm machinery; feed; some household goods; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Chambers State Bank, clerk. (Details on page 9.)

Friday, February 22: James and Iris Millard, south of Spencer; full line of farm machinery; household goods; Col. Lester Pearson of Spencer, auctioneer; Nebraska State bank of Bristow, clerk. (Details on page 4.)

Saturday, February 23: North-Central Nebraska Hereford association, annual spring sale, Bassett, 35 bulls; Pug Phillips of Bassett, secretary and sale manager.

Monday, February 25: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Potts and sons, residing 7 1/2 miles south of Chambers; livestock, machinery, household goods; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer. (Details in next issue.)

Wednesday, February 27: Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tenborg, sale of 800-acre grain and stock ranch near Atkinson; 80 head of cattle, full line of new and near new machinery; Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer; Col. Vern Reynolds of O'Neill, auctioneer-real estate broker; Keith A. Abart of O'Neill, clerk. (Details on page 6.)

Wednesday, February 27: B. W. Waldo & Sons, eight miles west of Chambers on highway 95; 190 head of Hereford cattle; ranch and haying equipment; dissolving partnership; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Chambers State Bank, clerk. (Details in next issue.)



The Slizeskis... met at a Genoa dance.—The Frontier Photo.

Mrs. Loren Nelson Dies at Fremont

Mrs. Loren Nelson, who was an O'Neill resident for many years and moved to Fremont in January, died at 3:45 a.m., Wednesday, February 13, at her home in Fremont, 320 East Military ave.

Mrs. Nelson had been in ill health for some time. Last year she submitted to surgery on several occasions in Omaha hospitals and had been hospitalized most of the year.

Her husband, night operator at the Chicago & North Western railroad, was transferred to Arlington January 1. They established their residence at Fremont and Mr. Nelson has been commuting.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, February 15, at the Bader funeral home in Fremont. Survivors include: Widower, mother, two sisters and one brother.



Van Every... moved lots of dirt.—The Frontier Photo.