



Wettlaufer Joins Force

Gerald Wettlaufer, who has been farming near Page, Monday joined the O'Neill police force. He is shown (above) receiving congratulations from his father, Andrew Wettlaufer of O'Neill, who retired from the force three years ago.

A. L. Hynes Dies at 60; Rites Today

Retired Rancher Is Victim of Heart Attack at Home

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m., today (Thursday) at St. Patrick's Catholic church for Austin L. Hynes, 60, retired rancher and a lifelong resident of Holt county.



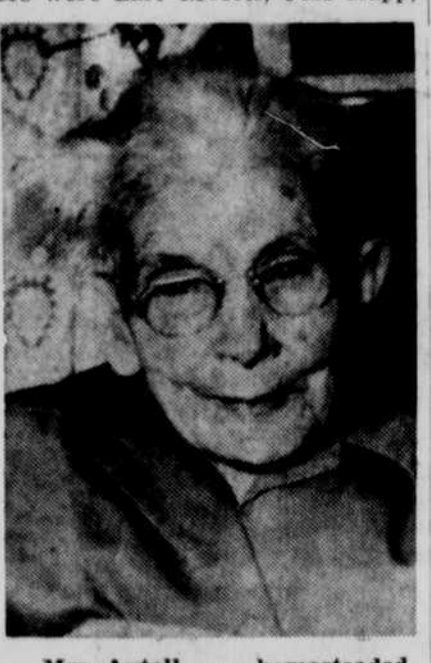
Mr. Hynes... lifelong resident. (Story at right.)

State's 2d Oldest Is Dead at 105

Alice Axtell Fragile as Child; Urged to Go West for Health

STUART — Mrs. Alice Axtell, 105, believed to be Nebraska's second oldest resident, died early Saturday, May 18, in an ambulance enroute to the Atkinson hospital.

She had been confined to a wheel chair for a number of months, but managed to receive guests on each of her birthday anniversaries.



Mrs. Axtell... homesteaded in Keya Paha... Holt counties.

Frank Fundus, Walter Quart, Fred Zink and Charles Moses. Mrs. Robert Nelson sang a solo, "Eastern Gate", and a male quartet sang two numbers.

Born in New York The late Mrs. Axtell, whose maiden name was Alice Butterfield, was born in Canton, N. Y., November 25, 1851, and moved to Waverly, Ia., with her parents in 1886.

In 1880 the Butterfields came to Holt county in covered wagons. The father drove one team the 400 miles; daughter, Alice, the other.

She was married to Joseph Axtell in February, 1887, and they made their home in the South Side neighborhood, near the Niobrara river, six miles northeast of Dustin, where they experienced droughts, blizzards, prairie fires and other pioneer hardships.

Even after her 100th birthday Mrs. Axtell remained active in the Wesleyan Methodist missionary group, pieced quilts, and did housework.

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Bernice Murphy, 57, Succumbs in Omaha

Nurse Suffers Stroke; Rites Held

Miss Bernice Murphy, RN, 57, receptionist-nurse in the offices of Drs. Brown and French for the past six years, died at 7:50 a. m., Friday, May 17, in St. Anthony's hospital. She had suffered a stroke. Death was unexpected.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a. m., Monday, May 20, at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating.

Rosary was recited Sunday evening at the Ed Murphy home. The late Catherine Bernice Murphy was born November 11, 1899, at O'Neill, a daughter of Daniel D. and Bridget Dwyer Murphy. Both of her parents



Miss Murphy... member of pioneer family.

were natives of County Cork, Ireland.

Her parents were early homesteaders in the "Michigan settlement" northeast of O'Neill.

She attended rural school and St. Mary's academy. Upon graduation from St. Catherine's hospital school of nursing at Omaha in 1930, she practiced nursing for a short time at Omaha. Later she practiced in Amarillo, Tex., for five years.

Survivors include: Brother—D. F. Murphy of O'Neill; sisters—Miss Bridget A. Murphy of O'Neill and Mrs. Walter (Lynus) Brennan of Omaha.

Among those from a distance here for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. O'Loughlin, Mrs. Mary Higgins and Mrs. C. J. McDonald, all of Omaha.

William P. Carroll Dies Unexpectedly

ATKINSON — Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning, May 25, at St. Joseph's Catholic church for William P. Carroll, about 60, who died at 2:10 p. m., Wednesday, May 22, in an Omaha hospital.

He had been working in Omaha and entered the hospital after becoming suddenly ill on Sunday.

Seger's funeral home will be in charge of arrangements and burial is tentatively scheduled at Fullerton near the grave of his daughter, Margaret.

The late Mr. Carroll came to Holt county from Fullerton about 20 years ago, and lived on the John Aifs farm north of Emmet. Later the family moved into town.

Survivors include: Widow—Helen.

Mr. Carroll assisted with the Hebron tornado cleanup several years ago; recently had been working at Omaha while maintaining his residence here. His wife was near him when he died. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

FORCED ENTRY George Morland, owner of the Ideal Cleaners, early Saturday reported to authorities that his firm was entered during the night by burglars and \$15 cash was taken from the cash register.

The intruders gained entry through a back window. Footprints and fingerprints have been taken. No garments were missing.

PARENTS TO COURT BUTTE—Five Boyd county juveniles and their parents appeared Monday in court before District Judge D. R. Mounts. The youths were charged in vandalism. Judge Mounts issued a bench order to the sheriff to bring one of the fathers to the courtroom. The judge did not pass sentence.

O'Neill police Monday apprehended Raymond Nickel, 16, of St. Paul, Minn., an escapee from the Nebraska industrial school at Kearney. He was held here until Tuesday when Kearney authorities claimed Nickel.



O'Neill firemen were summoned at 1:30 p. m., Sunday to the Gateway motel where a gas heater caused an electrical short and a fire resulted.

Fireman James Holsclaw is pictured preparing to attack the blaze. Vincent Streeter, who was working at Corkle's farm, discovered an outage of power and saw smoke emerging from the rear of one of the Gateway rooms. Damage was not extensive.

'Voluntary Checkoff Needed by Cattlemen'

Larry Schaffer, O'Neill rancher, was one of 12 new directors elected last week at the annual meeting of the Sandhills Cattle association in Gordon.

Other new directors are: Vernon Chicoine, of Chadron; Bill O'Kief of Wood Lake; Laurence Hagood of Broken Bow; Watson W. Foster of Imperial; Alfred Spangler of Gordon; Richard Lackoff of Bassett; Glen Forgy of Springfield; Kenneth Anderson of Halsey; Robert Moreland of Merriman; Otto Michael of Ainsworth, and Robert Hanna of Brownlee.

Members of the board whose terms expired included M. F. Griddle of O'Neill, Edd Kinney of Ainsworth, F. E. Titus of Springfield, and Frank Cosgrove of Long Pine.

L. Gov. Roy Houck of South Dakota urged the Nebraska stockmen to press their congressmen for support of bills now in congress which would permit a voluntary checkoff to build a meat promotion fund.

Houck said the problems of marketing beef are such that cattlemen must conduct a vigorous campaign to get their share of the market.



This is the full cast of the song-play "When I Grow Up", presented Tuesday evening by the O'Neill public school kindergarten. (Additional pictures and details on page 3).—O'Neill Photo Co.

Dies 11 Days After Leg Amputation

'Beck' Wallen Funeral to Be Held Friday

Elwood E. ("Beck") Wallen, 76, who retired several years ago after operating a farm produce buying station here for 10 years, died at 4:30 p. m., Tuesday, May 21, in a hospital at Omaha.

He had been making his home at the Hofmeister funeral home at Genoa, and was taken to the Omaha hospital because of a hardening of the arteries condition. He entered the hospital May 7.

On Friday, May 10, he submitted to the amputation of his right leg after gangrene had set in. At the time of his death the affliction was troubling his left leg, but his deteriorating physical condition would not permit additional surgery.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a. m., Friday, May 24, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Thomas Hitch will officiate. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery near the grave of his wife, Ethel, who died October 7, 1947.

Rosary will be held at 8 o'clock this evening (Thursday) at Biglin's chapel.

Pallbearers chosen are Merle Hickey, Norbert Uhl, Richard Minton, Clarence Farr, and Fred Grace, all of O'Neill, and John Obert of Omaha.

The late Mr. Wallen was born February 20, 1881, at Bennington; a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Wallen.

He came to Holt county in 1915 from Edgar.

His wife was the former Ethel Curry. They were married in 1908 at New Virginia, Ia.

The late Mr. Wallen farmed near Emmet for many years and was known as an auctioneer.

He went to Genoa in August, 1956, to make his home.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Rudy Keith of Odessa, Tex.; son—John E. ("Jack") of O'Neill; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild brother—Emmanuel of Lincoln.

4 Hospitalized as Plane Crash Lands

CHAMBERS — A four-seater private plane, piloted by Pat Heaton, jr., Cheyenne county attorney, crashlanded 13 miles southwest of Chambers Monday, injuring four occupants.

Passengers were Richard Blair, Shirley Smith and Pat Henry, all of Sidney. The injured were taken to the Burwell hospital.

Bad weather had forced a change of flight plans. Blair told Garfield County Sheriff Ross Abernathy that the plane lost manifold pressure in bad weather and the crashlanding was necessary.

The group was headed from Kearney to Sidney and got about one hundred miles off course.

Heaton and Blair were dismissed Wednesday, and the two girls will be dismissed today (Thursday).

Chamber Votes Boost for Rodeo

The Chamber of Commerce, in a special session Monday evening, voted to back the O'Neill Saddle club's big two-day rodeo June 15-16 by earmarking \$250 for a special entertainment act, and an additional \$100 for prize money to be expended as the rodeo management sees fit.

The Chamber also authorized a \$125 expenditure for American Legion midjet baseball. The Legion will match that amount for purchase of uniforms and equipment.

Next meeting of the Chamber will be the election of officers. Joe Stutz is chairman of the nominating committee.

Meanwhile, plans are progressing for the big rodeo, which is expected to rival all others in the history of Holt county.

Atkinson's Iris Show Set June 1

ATKINSON — "Iris Melodies", the Atkinson Iris society's 11th annual show, will be staged in the high school auditorium here Saturday, June 1. Doors will be open from 2 to 10:30 p. m. Admission is free.

The Atkinson show is rated one of the top iris shows in region 21 of the American Iris society. The regional president, J. Arthur Nelson of Omaha, recently said: "The fabulous Atkinson show is one worth going many miles to see."

Grenier Now in Mediterranean

Carroll F. Grenier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grenier, is stationed on the USS Salem now docked in France. He is with the supply office. His address: Carroll F. Grenier, S. K. 3, S-1 Division, USS Salem, CA-139, c/o FPO, New York, N. Y.

Widman to Head School Group

Local Control Urged in Resolutions

GRAND ISLAND—Clyde Widman of Amelia Monday was elected president of the Nebraska School Improvement association, succeeding Lloyd Waldo, also of Amelia.

The group formerly was known as the Nebraska Small Schools association. Leo Clinch of Burwell was reelected secretary-treasurer.

New directors elected are: Benton Marshall of Crawford; Barbara McDonnell of Blue Springs; Victor Mares of Schuyler; Mrs. Fritz Krause of Alliance; and Mr. Waldo.

Spokee at Monday's second annual statewide meeting was Mrs. Wallace DeVries of Belvidere, S. D., editor of the South Dakota School News.

The association adopted these resolutions:

A. To provide a common ground for the promotion of mutual understanding, consultation and cooperation in the interest of the best possible education for the children of Nebraska.

B. To encourage the strengthening of school districts through well-planned reorganization to eliminate weak, inefficient districts to the end that our schools may have modern facilities, good teachers, and provide the best possible in education.

C. To bring to the attention of the public in general and to the members of the legislature in particular, a better understanding of the problems confronting our schools and to seek their cooperation in meeting the needs and goals of local schools in achieving the most desirable end.

D. To retain local control of schools in local communities.

E. To promote free discussion and cooperation among schools of the state to the end that better education under local control in local communities may be promoted.

F. To oppose federal aid to education.

G. That the educational interests of the children of Nebraska would be best served under the direction of an elective board of the department of education.

Memorial Day to Be Observed

Memorial day will be observed here next Thursday and Simonson post 93 of the American Legion is making plans for the event.

Legionnaires will assemble at the club and march at 9:45 a. m. to the cemeteries for brief service.

A speaker will be announced in the next few days. Commander H. D. Gildersleeve said.

Ag Outlook Excellent in Late May

Up to 5 Inches of Rain Recorded in May in This Area

"It's been a long, long time since the agricultural conditions have looked better than they do today."

Those were the words of J. G. Walker of O'Neill, who travels extensively in Holt and Boyd counties and is a qualified observer of conditions.

"Alfalfa, pastures, meadow and small grain prospects never looked better at this time of the year," he added.

Mr. Walker was referring to the bounteous rains which have visited the O'Neill region. The official rainfall at O'Neill thus far in May is 3 1/2 inches, but outlying communities have exceeded five inches.

"Next week will determine the bluegrass prospects," according to Robert ("Bob") Cole of the Emmet Hay company. "The bluegrass is starting to head and bluegrass buyers are busily readying their strippers."

Scurry to Fields The sun shone brightly Tuesday morning and sent farmers scurrying to the fields to plant corn.

"Planting has been delayed by the prolonged rain and cold," Assistant County Agent Warren Peden said. "But everyone agrees the moisture has been worth the wait."

Some farmers who planted early may be obliged to replant because of seed rotting in the ground—but there has been no grumbling on the subject.

The Elkhorn river has been running bank full—or better—at the highest level in about five years. There has been some lowland flooding in the upper reaches of the valley, but not serious.

F. H. Strait, living southwest of Bonesteel, reported "wash over" four inches of rain at his place; Harold Tarr, living north of Charles, "in excess of five inches."

County Line Gets Rain Lyle Dierks, who owns a ranch on the Holt-Wheeler county line, said precipitation there thus far in May has exceeded five inches.

Rainfall last Thursday: Neligh, 1 inch; Clearwater, 2 1/2; Ewing, 85; Inman, 1 inch; O'Neill, 63; Atkinson 1.40; Stuart, 1.70; Newport, 1.10; Bassett, 1.10.

On Monday O'Neill received 22 of an inch. Eastern portions of Holt received two inches of rain Monday morning, and Gene Halsey of near Chambers reported a half-inch.

Week's weather summary:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Hi, Lo. Rows for May 16-22.

Chambers Receives 3.98 Inches—CHAMBERS—May precipitation here thus far amounts to 3.98 inches. Total for the year is 7.51. Normal for May in this area is 3.51.

NEWS, PICTURES OMITTED

Picture stories of the Marilyn K. DeLosh - Glenn Sorensen and Marilyn Smith - Carroll Lenz weddings, also several late summer and fall engagements, have been necessarily omitted in this issue because of space limitations. These picture stories as well as several term-end school pictures will appear next issue.—PUBLISHERS.

Rockford Given 2-Year Sentence

Victor Leroy Rockford, 28, formerly of Butte, Friday was sentenced to two years in the state reformatory at Lincoln. He was charged in Holt county district court with violation of parole.

Sheriff Leo Tomjack expects to enter Rockford at the reformatory this weekend.

School Census to Be Taken Next Month

The annual school census will be taken during the first week of June, it was announced Wednesday by City School Supt. M. J. Baack.

"If for any reason you will not be at home, please leave the following information on your front door knob: Name of parents, names of all children up to 21-years-old, dates of birth of the children, giving month, day and year."



St. Mary's academy seniors, class of 1957. (Story on page 8).—O'Neill Photo Co.