

Hail Levels Oats Fields Near Page

Beneficial rains fell Monday evening in the O'Neill area, accompanied by considerable wind and some hail.

Some oats fields were punished, including an irrigated tract owned by Kenneth Wettlaufer in the Page locality. Other farmers in that area suffering hail damage were William Buxton, Roy Hansen, Harry Thompson and Lyndley Crumly.

At O'Neill the downpour set in during the supper hour and the runoff immediately filled the storm sewers and inundated the low ground. Official precipitation here was .84 of an inch.

Joe Pritchett, living northeast of town, reported about an inch of rain Monday night. He said he noted several oats fields damaged by wind—at the Catherine Turay and Bill Murray places.

Emmett McGaffery, at Emmet, said trees and vines showed storm damage. A half-inch rain fell there.

"The storm came up in a hurry and for a time I thought there was more than rain involved," he declared.

Three miles west of Emmet at the Henry Werner place the rainfall totaled only .14 and Atkinson was dry. No rain fell Monday evening at Amelia.

Other Monday night rainfall reports: Anoka, 1.80; Bristow, .25; Lynch, .50; Burke, S. D., 2.50; Norfolk, .35.

Meanwhile, the bluegrass seed harvest is practically wrapped up. United Seed company has been operating a big drying yard here, also Neil Ryan.

The Emmet Hay Co. (Guy Cole & Sons) report the most seed on hand in history, but much has come from Boyd county where there was a record production.

Drying yards also are operating at Chambers, Amelia, Atkinson, Stuart and Ewing. Many of the ranchers are drying their own seed.

Many of the transient strippers and buyers have set out for South Dakota and North Dakota. Prevailing price here was 4 cents per pound, although Charley Peterson of Atkinson was reportedly paying 8 cents delivered to his ranch.

The hay crop—although not a bumper—is good. It is estimated twice as good—or better—than a year ago, an off season. A lot of sweet clover is found in the hay.

Don Martin of O'Neill, who recently ranged from the Canadian line one thousand miles south in his trucking, reported "an abundance of hay" throughout the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Quality of Holt hay is not the best.

Meanwhile, early Monday little more than a trace of moisture fell at O'Neill. Hartington received 1.50. Allen, 2 inches; Wamegan, 1 inch; Creighton and Atkinson reported wind and sprinkles; Lynch, a light shower.

Weather summary:

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
June 27	78	54	
28	83	53	T
29	88	53	
30	92	59	
July 1	89	64	.02
2	93	62	.84

Bluegrass Scarce at Deloit

DELOIT—Ranchers in Wheeler and Garfield counties, west of here, have begun their big job of haying. The hay crop looks good, also the pastures, after having the nice rains.

Bluegrass seed was scarce here. Corn is slow but is growing rapidly, and the oats fields look good.

Not much moisture has been received here the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer visited Hastings during the weekend. They saw lots of water in the Harvard and Minden localities, also tornado damage.

Celia Gets Good Weekend Soaker

CELIA—This community reported up to two inches of rain in places late Sunday and early Monday.

Several of the neighborhoods had about a half-inch.

Record-Setting Kids in Reunion

July 3, 1954, was a record production day at St. Anthony's hospital. Six babies were born in a 24-hour period—and the record still stands!

The babies and their mothers held a reunion when the infants were one-year-old.

Sunday, in Ford's park, there was another reunion, complete with dotting dads, brothers and sisters.

The children are: Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Childers of Elgin, formerly of Chambers; Marsha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stauffer of Page; Vicki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holtz of O'Neill; Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane C. Miller of Emmet; Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hibbs of Star, and Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wiley of Omaha, formerly of O'Neill.

Kathryn was absent when the first picture was taken; Warren was absent for the reunion on the children's third birthday.

Terminates Vacation—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson and Jimmy returned June 24 after vacationing in the Yellowstone, Salt Lake City and Denver areas.

Plunge Fatal to Dr. Roland Brady

Dies from Injuries in 3-Story Drop

ATKINSON—Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, July 1, at Ainsworth for Dr. Roland R. Brady, 54, who was reared here and was graduated in 1923 from Atkinson high school.

Doctor Brady was found by a member of the hospital staff at 3 p. m., Friday, lying in a flower bed in front of the hospital. Death was due to internal hemorrhages and two broken legs, hospital authorities said.

Doctor Brady had been a patient intermittently at Methodist hospital in Omaha and at Rochester, Minn., during the past two years.

A hospital spokesman said Doctor Brady was clad in summer sport clothes. He had removed four heavy metal clamps from a screen on a small window.

A civic leader, Doctor Brady took one year away from his medical practice to head a community effort for irrigation in the Ainsworth area.

The funeral services were held at the Congregational church. He was graduated from the Creighton university college of medicine, and practiced at Valentine before going to Ainsworth.

Survivors include: Widow—Helen; sons—John, 19, and Robert 14; brother—Frank J. Brady of Atkinson; and one sister, who lives in Denver, Colo.



Mr. Grass . . . lifelong resident.



First reunion: Warren Wiley, Marsha Stauffer, Vicki Holz, Scott Miller and Michael Hibbs.—The Frontier Photo.



Second reunion: Kathryn and her mother, Mrs. Lyle Childers; Marsha and Mrs. Marvin Stauffer; Vicki and Mrs. Francis Holtz; Scott and Mrs. Duane C. Miller; Michael and Mrs. Arthur Hibbs.

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Dee Grass Stricken Fatally

Page Man, 47, Dies After Heart Attack on Steps at Home

PAGE—Gilbert Dee Grass, 47, Page farmer died about 6:15 p. m., Monday, July 1, on the steps of his farm home. His doctor said the man had suffered a heart attack, fell against the cement steps and suffered a broken neck.

He had been rounding up young chickens in the yard as a storm was approaching.

Mr. Grass had been ill the preceding day. He had been under a doctor's care.

Funeral services were to be conducted at 2 p. m., Wednesday, July 3, at the Methodist church in Page with Rev. Lisle Mewman, church pastor, officiating. The remains were to lie in state at the church between 10:30 a. m. and the funeral hour.

Vocal music at the funeral was to be provided by Mrs. Neven Ickes, jr., Mrs. Norman Trowbridge, Dale and Marvin Stauffer.

Lifelong Resident

Pallbearers chosen were R. V. Crumly, Alfred Crumly, Emmett Thompson, Charles Wiseman, George Clasey and Jerome Allen. Burial was to be in Prospect Hill cemetery in O'Neill under direction of Biglin's.

The late Mr. Grass was born at Page May 30, 1910. He was born, reared and spent all of his life on the same farm, located 9 1/2 miles east of O'Neill.

His parents were Charles Arthur Grass, a native of Wisconsin, and Adah Myrtle Sarchet Grass, a native of Kansas.

On May 24, 1945, he was married to Fern Louise Robinson at O'Neill.

His grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Grass, homesteaded the place. His grandparents and parents preceded him in death.

Township Officer

The late Mr. Grass had been an Antelope township officer until this year and active in community affairs. He was a republican.

Survivors include: Widow—Fern; brother, Ronald of Page; sisters—Mrs. Kathryn Crumly of Page and Miss Lura Eleta Grass of Page.



Doctor O'Neill (far right) urged the Chamber of Commerce to perpetuate the General O'Neill legend. His listeners in an after-dinner-conference were: William W. McIntosh, State Sen. Frank Nelson, C of C President C. E. Jones.—The Frontier Photo.

New England Doctor Speaks

'General O'Neill Great American'

A New Bedford, Mass., physician and surgeon by the name of O'Neill this week paid a return visit here.

Dr. Walter O'Neill first visited O'Neill a year ago and, in the intervening months, has continued his painstaking hobby of tracing the genealogy and historical background of Gen. John C. O'Neill, founder of the city that bears his name.

Doctor O'Neill appeared at Monday evening's July meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and urged the civic group to take public cognizance of the "wealth of historical lore, romance and color" which General O'Neill took to his obscure grave in Holy Sepulchre cemetery in Omaha.

General O'Neill, who brought the first Irish immigrants here as colonists in 1874, died broke four years later.

The illustrious general was born in Ireland, the speaker said, and even the exact birthplace is in dispute. He was an Irish rebel at heart, came to the United States, and joined the army. He fought in the Mormon skirmishes under Gen. Robert E. Lee (of later Civil war fame) and on saving the life of Andrew Johnson, who later became president one occasion was credited with of the United States.

The jovial 46-year-old medic, who has spent considerable time and money in his hobby, said John C. O'Neill was a sergeant-major in the Union army during the Civil war and received a battlefield commission (one of the first) for heroism. Later, he volunteered to command an all-Negro company and was promoted to captain.

After the Civil war, the soldier of fortune became active in the Fenian movement in New York state and New England. The group's object was to wrest Canada from the British and make it a haven for Irish under the Irish national flag.

There were several tries that were abortive, chiefly due to lack of finances, the doctor explained. The O'Neill family history goes back uninterrupted 26 generations, the speaker told the group.

The Fenian effort at one point had 900 men under arms in Canada and might have succeeded if the backing, financial and material, hadn't dried up.

The common-soldier-turned-officer wound up as inspector-general of the Fenian army (where the title of general was acquired) and later as president of the Fenian senate—a group of die-hard Irish who hated the British crown.

About that time he turned his interests to more peaceful pursuits and began colonizing immigrants in the Seranton, Pa., coal fields and the northern Michigan copper country. And from those places came O'Neill's first settlers.

Doctor O'Neill's research includes studying of contracts between the general and the families he transplanted.

He said the contracts provided for a percentage of income to go to the Catholic church, and guaranteed railroad employment if agricultural pursuits failed.

"The general's personal fees were very small—apparently expense money."

"General O'Neill died at the age of 44. I am certain," the speaker declared, "if the Lord had spared him another 10 or 15 years he would have been a very famous American. Even now time has vindicated many of his actions and some people along the way who felt ill toward him for one reason or another now feel more kindly."

Story Not Yet Told

"I can tell you, members of the Chamber of Commerce, General O'Neill's story is yet to be told, and when it is fully told it will be one of the stirring, colorful, challenging stories of America."

"Even now his name is revived from time-to-time—articles in Cornucopia and True magazines in recent months—and in his story the city that bears his name is accorded nationwide recognition."

"I think General O'Neill's name and the O'Neill family crest should be emblazoned in neon at the entrance to your city. I think his remains should be transferred from Omaha to O'Neill and his grave should be appropriately marked. I would like to have a part in that project."

Doctor O'Neill assured his listeners the general's story, properly told and a point of interest properly managed, would draw a great many tourists—"certainly all the red-blooded Irish who are crossing the country."

Doctor O'Neill is dismayed that more O'Neill people are not aware of the story of the founder of the city.

"In fact, I think somewhere

Ralph P. Phillips Expires in Oregon

Ralph Peter Phillips, 67, of route 2, box 383D, Medford, Ore., died last week at his home in Medford. He had been living there the past year and a half. He died of cancer.

Private funeral services were held at 10 a. m., Friday, June 28, at the Perl funeral home in Medford. Rev. George Trough of First Methodist church officiated, and interment was in Memory Gardens Memorial park.

The late Mr. Phillips was born March 29, 1890, at Star, in north-eastern Holt county.

Survivors include: Widow—Mildred, route 2, Medford; sons—Bryce and Frank, both of Medford; daughter—Mrs. L. E. Franke of Medford; brothers—Walter of Lincoln; Robert of Eagle; Byron of Omaha; Lyle of Aberdeen, Wash., and Volney of Alberta, Can.; sisters—Miss Bernice Phillips of Medford and Mrs. Elma Grady of Berkeley, Calif., five grandchildren.

Senator Hruska Speaks at Stuart

Family and community gatherings will be commonplace in the O'Neill region on the Fourth, and outdoor lovers will be flocking to lakes and other recreational areas.

U. S. Senator Roman Hruska (R-Nebr.) will speak at Stuart's formal Independence day celebration in the afternoon.

Community picnics are scheduled at Hipke's grove on Eagle creek and at Pibel lake.

The Stuart celebration is heralded as an "old-fashioned" Fourth, with picnics, fireworks, games.

No Charges Filed Against Official

No charges had been filed until 5 p. m., Tuesday in the matter of the accounting practices of Alphonse M. Batenhorst, Holt county supervisor, whose book-keeping methods have been under examination.

A conference between Batenhorst, his attorney and the county attorney was scheduled Monday afternoon and was rescheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

Batenhorst has been asked by the Holt board to pay the county approximately \$3,000 to adjust the state auditor's report.

Mrs. Louis Tomjack Dies in Hospital

EWING—Requiem high mass was celebrated at 9:30 a. m., Monday, July 1, at Ewing for Mrs. Louis Tomjack, 47, of Rock Springs, Wyo. Rev. Peter F. Burke officiated at St. Peter's Catholic church here.

She died Friday, June 28, in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk. She had suffered a lingering illness.

Margaret Louise Tikalsky was born at Herford, S. D., May 17, 1910.

She spent most of her life at Verdigre.

She married Mr. Tomjack in 1940 and has lived in recent years at Scottsbluff and Rock Springs, Wyo.

Mrs. Tomjack was preceded in death by one sister, Ione.

Survivors include: Widower—Louis; daughters—Mrs. Kenneth (Peggy) Stolp of Verdigre, Carol and Kay of Rock Springs; son—Harold of Rock Springs; parents—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tikalsky of Verdigre; brothers—Chester of Verdigre, Arnold of Page and Gerald of Detroit, Mich.; two grandchildren.

Resident of 3 Continents Dies At 88

Johanna Ackermann Once Missionary in South Africa

STUART—Mrs. Johanna Ackermann, 88, a colorful longtime resident who spent portions of her life on three continents, died at 4:30 a. m., Saturday morning, June 29, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been hospitalized three days.

Rosary service was held at 9 p. m., Sunday, June 3, at Seger's funeral chapel in Atkinson.

Requiem high mass was held at 9 a. m., Monday, July 1, at St. Boniface Catholic church in Stuart with Rev. Robert Goodenow officiating.

Pallbearers were Clem Oberdilling, Edward Coufal, Frank Hamik, Frank Wewel, Joseph Kaup and John Shaak.

Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery.

Born in Germany The late Mrs. Ackermann was born November 29, 1868, at Ludwigshafen, Westphalia, Germany, a daughter of Clemens Kohle and Elizabeth Stracke Kohle.

She was educated in Germany and learned several languages. When she was 21-years-old, she went to the Union of South Africa as a lay Catholic missionary among the natives there.

She met and married Pius Ackermann. Their marriage took place October 5, 1897, at Pietermaritzburg, in South Africa. Her husband did architectural work for a German-owned construction company there.

One son, Frank, was born in South Africa.

To U. S. in 1898 In 1898 the family came to the United States, living on farms in the Newport, Atkinson and Stuart communities.

Mr. Ackermann suffered a stroke and died December 17, 1919.

For the past eight years Mrs. Ackermann made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Anna Ramm.

Survivors include: Sons—Frank of Midwest, Wyo.; Pius of Casper, Wyo.; and Clem of Norfolk; daughters—Mrs. Anna Ramm of Stuart, Mrs. Leroy (Johanna) Davis of Camerillo, Calif.; Mrs. H. C. (Clara) Fredinburg of Apple Gate, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister—Mrs. Elizabeth Plasser of Germany.

School Group to Oppose Federal Aid

BURWELL—A meeting of the Nebraska School Improvement association board of directors was held Monday in Burwell with eight of the nine directors present.

Two delegates—Mrs. Fritz Krause of Alliance and Mrs. Barbara McDonnell of Blue Springs—will go to Colorado Springs, Colo., in late July to attend a 10-state meeting of similar groups. Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin and other states will be represented.

If federal aid to education legislation clears the house of representation in Washington and goes to the senate, the Nebraska organization will send two delegates to the nation's capitol to testify against the proposal in senate hearings.

The Nebraska directors will meet again August 3 at Burwell.

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'Copters Stop Here to Refuel Two army helicopters from Ft. Carson, Colo., enroute back to base after a training flight to Sioux Falls, S. D., stopped off at Municipal airport here early Friday to refuel. Manning the whirlbirds were Lt. Billy S. Stebbins, Lt. Peter F. Rice and Sp3 Richard J. Bushell.